



## FROM THE PARK PATROL....THE K-9 KREW

The park patrol would like to thank everyone; it's been a good "no Poop" month. We need some more people to help out during the summer on either Thursday or Sunday, so email and we will pass it on to Laura Day who is in charge of the Park Patrol, and thanks to her did you see those neat K-9 Krew shirts?...a very exclusive club our Krew with their own shirt thanks to Laura. Also a new small dog park agility set has arrived we will put it up soon and the big dog park will get an all new one also.. Keep up the good work Krew and let's have another good Poop month.



Please remember we recycle!! Bring your soda & Beer cans to the park. Deposit them in the cute cans in the parking lot. They are picked up weekly!!!

Membership renewals will be going out at the end of June and are Due the end of JULY. Everyone needs to send copies of shot records. Memberships are \$35.00 per dog and non-dog memberships are also \$35.00. ALL codes will be deactivated the end of July. Members will get new tags and new codes. This is also a good time to add a few extra dollars to help pay for all the extras the group helps provide. [Click here for an application.](#)

# EVENTS

**June 27<sup>th</sup>** CHIPS AND DIPS EVENT. Pete and Macs Resort @ Happy Valley. Flyer to follow. We appreciate being invited.

**AUG 30<sup>th</sup>** GOLF EVENT AT TROON NORTH. AUGUST 30 great hole sponsorships are available, and we are offering a cute package for Father's Day if you want to get Dad something he REALLY wants. Register now...pay in August.

**NOV.21<sup>st</sup>** Mark your calendars Its VEGAS COMES TO ANTHEM. Our yearly November Fundraiser will be a true Vegas night at the entire Ironwood Clubhouse. REAL Vegas equipment from Vegas Resorts that were torn down in earlier years. Not the toy stuff. The equipment will be brought in by Firecat Gaming. With a Live auction at the end...and tons of great Raffles and Prizes, Music..Fun fun fun. More to follow in the months ahead.

COMMITTEE HELP. Both events the Golf Tourney and the Vegas Night are going to need several Volunteers if you can help send us an email. [anthe pets@yahoo.com](mailto:anthe pets@yahoo.com)



**Large Dog Crates....got one sitting around? We are putting one in each Daisy Mountain Fire Station as dogs often are taken there and then they call us. While waiting to be picked up the animal needs to be in a safe place. Often the department is called out before we are able to pick the animal up. The Firemen have helped return and adopt six does in the last month.**

We have several great animals up for adoption!!!



We are available!  
Won't **YOU** consider  
giving us a home?

See us on:

[www.AnthemPets.com](http://www.AnthemPets.com)



Fostering, Rescuing and Adoption sponsoring are some of the many services provided by your local non-profit, all volunteer, animal advocacy group, Anthem Pets. (a 501-3c organization)

<http://www.anthempets.com/>



*Even if you are not interested please pass the flyer on to anyone you can. As always thanks to everyone who stops to pick up a lost and found pet and those who foster. Many times lost and found never makes it to the website and the problem is taken care of in a few minutes or hours. We just need to keep the pet safe until we can get all the info*

checked or posted on websites.

## **SUMMER NOTE;**

*While the park is feels cool under the trees in the summer, and with temps above 105 you really need to be careful when you go to the park. Please consider the temperature of the rocks that your dogs are playing on. Safety First!*

## **HAPPY ENDINGS!!!**

*Early in May we had a 13 year old Keeshound surrendered to us. We all could not imagine this with a dog they had since a 6 weeks old pup...but....Beth Weston came forward to foster this sad dog...She and her family decided this dog needed to live out its life in a happy home and adopted it two days later..It has adjusted to their active dog and they are running and playing together. Thanks to this wonderful family for probably the happiest adoption yet.*

## **LUCKY'S JOURNEY**

*I have written a lengthy note if it's ok for your newsletter or Lucky's Link on your website. If you need to edit it, please do, but I wanted to publicly express my gratitude to several people and perhaps share with your readers what I call, Lucky's Journey. I will be condensing this some to send to the newspaper that "broke" his story and also ABC-TV. I am guessing it will be edited on one of their links. I will ask. I hope this is ok.*

*I will be checking my laptop at home over the weekend if it works. Somebody, who shall remain nameless, kinda chewed my cable wire from the laptop to the modum!!!! (I was always in the habit of keeping it unplugged). I have it replaced but I haven't checked to see if everything is working ok. I'm sure it is!*

*The beginning of February '09, I received an email of the first videotape interview of a woman explaining the horrible ordeal of a very young and adorable puppy. That woman is Karen Brunette, foster mom to my Lucky. As I listened to Karen's description of this innocent puppy being thrown from a car window on a highway outside Phoenix, I was in absolute disbelief of what I was watching. A beautiful blonde puppy, tail wagging, jumping around with a little hobble. I could not believe this puppy not only survived, but seemed quite happy with the world around him. For me, it was truly love at first sight. I had to find him, I had to have him. There was no other thought process.*

*Through Karen's first interview, I located the veterinary hospital, Desert Hills Animal Clinic. I phoned them and they were kind enough to refer me to Anthem Pets. I went online to locate an organization chart so I could write directly to the President, Ms. Barbara Ward-Windgassen. I wrote Barbara a note asking my name be considered for Lucky's adoption and why. I wrote back 2 weeks later to inquire about Lucky's progress and I kindly asked her if I could write on a regular basis and promised not to be a pest! Barbara always responded to every note. Every one. Without bias.*

*Barbara wrote me a beautiful note April 23rd informing me I was chosen to be his new mom! I burst into tears! I couldn't believe I had been chosen over so many applicants. My puppy was finally coming home. I could now give him what every orphan dreams of, a last name and a home address.*

*Barbara then connected me to Karen. To email, talk and exchange information. It was at this moment I had realized the most unselfish act Karen was doing for my puppy.*

*I would like to thank several people on behalf of Lucky and myself. This has been a very emotional experience for me. I have written checks several times in my life to desperate animals in need, I have never been on the receiving end of the generosity and kindness of so many people. I am humbled and overwhelmed.*

*I would also like to close sharing something about myself and some goofy stories of my new puppy! This is the reason I have delayed writing to you. I just needed Lucky to settle in to his new home and new life.*

*I would like to begin thanking the good samaritan that rescued Lucky on that highway. You risked your own safety, for that I am grateful. I don't know your name, but God does.*

*I would like to thank Dr. Bryan Neidigh of Desert Hills Animal Clinic. You chose to save my puppy's life. How could I possibly thank you for this? I sincerely appreciate the generosity and sacrifices you made to give my puppy life. Thank you.*

*I would like to thank Ms. Barbara Ward-Windgassen, President and Executive Director of Anthem Pets and the Anthem Pet organization, for accepting Lucky as a cause to help and a life worth saving, and for concluding with Karen I was your best choice for Lucky. For having faith in me knowing what my heart can give his. For all of the daily sacrifices you make for the orphans you oversee and take in. For helping those that cannot speak for themselves. God bless you. Thank you for this most wonderful gift!*

*I would like to thank Karen Brunette, Lucky's foster mom or as we call her... Supermom #1! Karen is an extraordinary woman. It is Karen that taught my beautiful innocent puppy that humankind is good. It is Karen that gave my puppy life. I am so grateful for all of her sacrifices and generosity extended. All of the love she has given Lucky, is now being given to me. What an exceptional gift! The tenderness of a cheerful, happy puppy. How could I ever thank you Karen? Please know you are always in his heart.*

*I would like to thank Mrs. Mary Jones, former board member and current active participant to the Anthem Pets organization and family. Mary donated 75,000 miles for Karen to bring Lucky to me onboard US Air to JFK in New York. Mary assured Lucky there would be no fear. He would be with Karen onboard. How can I thank you enough Mary for this most giving gift?*

*I would like to thank everyone that donated to Lucky's expenses, especially the residents of Arizona. Thank you for your compassion and genuine kindness. God bless you.*

*I would like to thank The Foothills Focus newspaper. This paper was the first to "break" Lucky's story and print it, written by Marc Buckhout. Thank you to ABC-TV in Phoenix for airing Lucky's journey, twice, as reported by Steve Irvin. I am grateful to you both for finding value in this story.*

*Please know all of you we have thanked are in our hearts and prayers everyday. You will always be special in our home.*

*I would like to share a little about myself. When I was young, very young growing up, my mom would always get our pets through the Shelter. I can remember several occasions alone with my mother walking into shelters and my mom would ask for a dog good with children and perhaps maybe one with a rough beginning. It was a powerful lesson for a little girl. That gene was passed onto me! My mother is deceased now. I miss her very much. She had a tremendous soft spot for any animal, an abused animal in particular. My mother taught me young that sometimes beach glass is more brilliant than Waterford. That broken and glued back together is more valuable than shiny and new. To me, Lucky is perfect. He has no handicap or imperfection.*

*Lucky now lives on the north shore of Long Island, New York, two blocks from Long Island Sound! He lives with two darling cats, James and Josie. We are bonding as a very loving family, although James may disagree! Lucky will be spending lots of time chasing sea gulls, swimming in the Sound, picking up clam shells and barking at horseshoe crabs! In the fall, we plan on playing in the leaves together and next winter.....snowballs.....lots and lots of snowballs!*

*Lucky loves playing in his baby swimming pool and running through the hose! This is his all-time favorite thing to do! He also gets goofy barking at the wheels of the lawn mower! When I won't stop mowing he tugs at my jeans near my ankles and starts pulling me....backwards! It is hysterical to watch! He loves children! He loves it when kids approach him. I recently brought Lucky to my nephew's baseball game and almost every child there...and adult! gravitated to him! He loved it! He goes crazy over any toy that squeaks, milk bones, his blanket and kisses! Lucky is now a Yankee fan. He loves to snuggle with me watching Andy Pettitte and Joba Chamberlain. This fall we will be snuggling watching my new team with Kurt Warner and Beanie Wells! We walk three times every day right now. Every walk he must walk with a stick in his mouth! The entire walk! He is a precious joy.*

*In closing, I would like to address the person that abused my puppy. I pray that your life is better. If Lucky's face is the face of abuse, it's ok. He is also the face of rescue, gratitude and love. There is no bitterness in his heart. There's no room.*

*As I have told Barbara several times.....I fell for a blonde guy in the desert with gorgeous brown eyes! I know I refer to this as Lucky's Journey, but honestly it's..... My Love Story.*

*Thank you Anthem Pets! Thank you Arizona! You have blessed me and my new puppy.*

*With Love,  
Lucky and Gerette Verbanic  
Centerport, New York*

**THANKS AGAIN! ITS EVERYONES PARK SO TREAT IT LIKE IT'S YOUR OWN BACKYARD.**

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