

UNDERDOG RESCUE AND REHAB

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Quarterly Newsletter



This quarter....

**98 DOGS
ADOPTED**

**42 DOGS
FOSTERED**

**108 HOURS OF
VOLUNTEERING**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER: OUTREACH ON THE RESERVATION DURING COVID19

Well, what a crazy year it's been so far! With COVID-19, Underdog has radically changed many of the ways we operate. Staff has been incredibly flexible and innovative, and our community has stepped up to meet the challenges in a big way. With all shelters in the Four Corners area closed, we have been getting dogs and puppies primarily through individuals on the reservations. The unexpected benefit of this diversion is the connections we have made with Native American communities. Getting puppies directly from the owner allows us to arrange

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ITS PUPPY SEASON

This quarter, Underdog rescued and re-homed over 15 litters of puppies. Our smallest pup weighed in at roughly 2 pounds and our largest litter had 11 puppies! In total, close to 80 puppies passed through our doors and into the homes of new families.

We affectionately call this time of year "puppy season". During the Spring and Summer, Underdog receives the most calls about pups needing help. People call us about litters found at the end of a road, under a bush in the desert, and litters Natives can no longer take care of due to space, finances, etc..

While we love puppies, we want the best for all animals, which means helping to curb the increasing number of strays on the reservations.

Underdog is **launching our independent spay and neuter clinics this upcoming quarter**. During these clinics, it costs just \$40 for Underdog to spay a dog. In conjunction, we are launching our **Sponsor a Spay program**, where our Pack can increase the reach of our work and sponsor a dog during our clinic to receive all medical care at no expense to their owners. Help us make a difference, sponsor a spay!



We have found that not many people know about the crisis of strays on the reservation.

FREE WAYS TO HELP UNDERDOG

Visit underdogrescuemoab.org/fundraising to learn more about these programs and how to sign up.





UNDERDOG OUTREACH ON THE RESERVATION CONT.

for their adult animals to be spayed, neutered, and vaccinated before more litters are conceived. We have never had anyone decline when we have made this offer, proving our theory that it's the lack of access and funds that keeps people from altering their animals. In fact, they usually ask if more of their animals, or those of their friends, neighbors, or family can also be altered. We are happy to oblige! These connections also open the door to finding out about the people's needs, so in addition to providing dog food by the ton to needy communities, we are now helping the people with non-perishable food and hygiene items that will be distributed at our upcoming vaccination and free spay/neuter clinics. We believe these relationships will continue after the pandemic has passed, and we will see less animals going into shelters in the first place, which translates to less disease and less killing of healthy, adoptable dogs. We also expect to have more people contacting us for help before they dump their dogs because they are overwhelmed and/or cannot afford to feed and care for them. In building these connections with Native Americans, we have found a silver lining in this challenging time!

- Katy Gullette
CEO and Founder of Underdog Rescue

UPCOMING FOR UNDERDOG:

- July 17: Puppy Yoga (every other Friday)
- July 24-26: Reservation vaccination clinic
- August 29-31: Reservation spay and neuter clinic
- September 26: Dog Paddle @ Kens Lake
- October 24: Strut Your Mutt and Underdog Open House @ Location TBD



MUTT OF THE QUARTER

Meet Thumbalina! This petite lady is so funny when she meets new people-her whole body wags and wiggles. She is such a lover and very enthusiastic! She does not do well with other dogs and would prefer an adult only household. She needs time to adjust to new settings, but overall is a wonderful companion. Call to meet her!