

# PELLETS

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## At the top the news:

April Showers are here. No, there are no clouds in the sky, no puddles on the streets, no umbrellas in view. Nevertheless, there's a shower happening at Liberty and they're all as cute as they can be! We're being showered with baby birds by the bucket full (or box, or basket, or upended nest full).

It's time to feature that enthusiastic, always up, ready to go team that partners in conducting the monthly orientation sessions for new volunteers. That would be the Saturday Team!

- Carol

## The Saturday Team

### The Hotline Saturday Team:

*Pam Kohnken, Dorothy Schildkret and Jo Schrepfer*

*Dorothy Schildkret* has been at Liberty for 3 years and came to Arizona 4 years ago via Brooklyn, NY, New Jersey, North Carolina and Virginia. Born in Brooklyn, she was the first student in Brooklyn allowed to attend the prestigious Bronx High School of Science. In addition to her hotline duties she's an annual volunteer in orphan care. Dorothy also volunteers

at Arizona Rescue. She is one of AZ Rescue's ambassadors and was a foster mom but failed in the job when the first dog she fostered never left! Now she has 3 small doggies instead of two! She keeps busy (though all the above sounds pretty busy!) taking



the dogs to the dog park, working in oils painting animals and landscapes, doing all kinds of needlework and keeping up with her son, daughter and 2 granddaughters. It looks like she may have a future opera singer and children's reparatory theater producer in the family!

### The Daily Care Saturday Team:

*Jessica Sehr (TL), Neil Schumman (TL), Alex Sehr, James Frazier, Tyffany Nidey, Nicole Camper, Will Steams, Justin Webb, Kayla Mann, Abby Nickerson.*

*Jessica Sehr*, team leader, was born in Larchwood, Iowa and arrived at Liberty in September 2006 along with hubby, *Neil Schumman* (also a team leader). In fact they both hail from Larchwood, a town of 700 people. Jessica has worked in



daily care, rescue and education while Neil has been happy doing daily care and rescue. They have "only" a cockatoo, 3 cockatiels and 1 German Sheppard dog at home. However, they will be adding their first child to the mix come September of

this year. Congratulations! *James Frazier* (Daily Care) has been at Liberty for 5 years along with his "lady-friend" *Kate McCloskey* (Med Services and Hand Feed on Saturdays). They discovered LWL when they found a little finch in their apartment hallway that landed on Kate's shoulder. They discovered it had an apparent wing injury and took it to VCA Paradise Valley Emergency Animal Hospital and told them about Liberty. James is a Phoenician by birth, while Kate hails from Cincinnati. When they met, Kate already had a growing family consisting of Angel the dog and Tinker Bell the cockatiel.



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The family now includes Nick, the beta fish and their 2 rescue rats, Wheezy and Flower. (Geez, Liberty people sure have great homecomings!) *Nicole Camper* decided to join Liberty

because she missed working with birds/animals as she had during various jobs and internships in college. When she isn't working on Saturday in Daily Care, she works for Enterprise Rent A Car. She and her boyfriend, Alex, come home to 1 Jack Russell, 2 cats, 2 fish and 3 hermit crabs.



When asked to mention something people wouldn't know about her, Nicole told of doing an internship in Colorado where she had the experience of working with otters and tigers. Nice!

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## The Medical Services Saturday Team:

*Tony Sola, Kate McCloskey, Ron Martin, Greg Martin, Kelsey Gardner, Michaele Thomas and Anna Pella.*

*Ron Martin* has been with Liberty for 11 years. He's pretty well run the gamut from Daily Care, Med. Services, Rescue/Transport and even took the Education course. Born in Lawton, OK, he came to Arizona after a stay in Florida. He served in the Marines as a line company corpsman in Vietnam. Ron has 3 sons and 1 daughter. *Greg Martin*, his son, is also a LWL volunteer on Saturdays and a wonderful contributor to Liberty's Nature News. Greg is a licensed falconer along with one of his brothers. The Martin home



boasts 2 dogs, 1 cat, 3 horses and a western red tail hawk! *Anna Pella* has a Med. Services shift on Saturday afternoons but she's at Liberty all day switching hats from being the all

day Orphan Care Coordinator starting at 7 AM right through to closing up shop at 7 PM adding the medical duties sometime in the late afternoon. Busy lady! She also helps with rescues and education. Every so often, she goes to her other job which is a TSO with the TSA. In other words, when you go through

security at the airport, Anna is there to "greet" you! Actually, she assures me that should she recognize someone coming through security, she has to step aside and let another security officer take over. Married 10 years with 2 daughters, Anna's family also includes 1 horse,



2 dogs, 1 cat and 2 parrots. Again, when asked to mention something people may not know about her, Anna said that she was a Military Police Officer in the US Army!

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## The Hand Feed and Maintenance Saturday Team:

*Judy Droz, Mary Schnuck, Max Bessler and Mike Akins.*

*Judy Droz* found a pigeon injured on the side of Scottsdale Road and her vet told her to take it to Liberty, .."and the rest is history". Judy grew up in West Bloomfield, Michigan and graduated from the University of Michigan, earned a Paralegal Certificate in International Trade Law and Business and then got her Masters degree in Special Ed from the University of Phoenix. Today, she teaches special needs preschool in Scottsdale. While the "love of my life" is her little dog, Misha, she writes that she's single, looking for a male nerd bird! On her last vacation she went to the coast of Oregon, She says, "In fact, I can still feel the breeze off the ocean.... no, wait, that's my dog's breath. Never mind. ☺"