



## The Chew News Special Edition

September 12-18 Adopt A Less-Adoptable Pet Week

K9 Konnection

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Many dogs are euthanized every year because they are less than adoptable. They could be old, blind, deaf, physical ailments, breed discrimination, aggressive, untrained, abused ... the list goes on and on.

Puppies often are adopted quickly at shelters. The older dogs and special needs dogs are not so lucky. Some take years to find a furever home and some, sadly, are euthanized. Below are two success stories from K9 Konnection of Less-Adoptable dogs that found their furever home and the journey they took.

September 12-18 focuses on adopting the less-adoptable pets. We hope these stories inspire you to volunteer, give financially, or even adopt or foster.



Princess Abbie, a lab mix, came to us overweight, not knowing any commands, and had no socialization with other dogs.

She was put on a weight control diet with exercise and slowly began to learn some basic commands. Even with many hours of care and attention it was obvious she was strong and not happy with other 4 legged ones. She became K9 Konnection's morning news spokes dog and did a daily news update, thanks to some FB apps and Paul's creativity...but still no potential adopters.

After being a long term resident, a couple came from quite a distance to meet Abbie and decided she was the perfect pet. The couple was comfortable with some of Abbie's special needs and are giving her a "happy ever after", she even has a yard with a pool! Every dog deserves a chance... – Ellen Silber

**Luca** has been in and out of Shelters since he was 5 months old. He was abused, ignored, and given up on for his entire life. In September 2020 My son, Johnny, my mom, Linda, and I decided to help with his training. We had fostered 4 other dogs for K9 Konnection in Wickenburg and were ready to take on another. The process was very slow, walking him at the shelter with Mr Bob a few times a week graduated to day trips to our home. From there we had overnights which turned into weekend visitations. Little by little the aggression subsided.



We had a lot of setbacks, still do honestly, but he bounces back quicker each time. He is learning to trust Hoomans again. In January we had a tough decision to make. The board at the time decided they could no longer keep him for long term training. We made the decision to adopt Luca. He then started training with Dave, a retired Police Dog trainer. With that training we learned that Luca had more issues than we realized. An unexperienced person had partially trained him to be a protection dog. We now have a plan in place for his training. Adopting Luca also comes with special needs when people visit or if we go out of town. Only a select chosen hoomans are allowed to be around him. He won't be the dog that people can pet or that can go to the dog park and run with the other dogs. He won't be able to go to doggy daycare or take trips to public places.



He will have the best life possible and the best trainers available. I no longer foster, but I still run the K9 Konnection Newsletter and help out as much as I can. Luca has become a permanent resident in our home, and everyday he strives to be a little better than the last. - Carol Teasley

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY 50/50 RAFFLE

K9 Konnection is celebrating our 5 year anniversary by selling tickets for our raffle. 50% of all the money raised will go directly to pay veterinary bills for our dogs medical needs, the remaining 50% goes to the lucky ticket holder. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the kennel, The Twisted Dogwood, Old Livery Mercantile in Wickenburg, or from any board member, or call the shelter. Tickets are going fast. Winner will be announced on 9/30 and need not be present.

**SURPRISE PETSMART ADOPTIONS** Sunday September 12th and September 26th. 10a.m. to 1:00p.m.

**RATTLESNAKE AVOIDANCE TRAINING** -October 16th (November 20th) at Twisted Dogwood in Wickenburg. 8:00a.m. Presented by Viper Voidance.

Visit the Website at [Vipervoidance](http://Vipervoidance) for more information. Limited space. Reservations begin on 9/15 by calling 484-347-8836

Join **TEAM K9 KONNECTION** to help fight breast cancer **October 17th** at the Boot Breast Cancer - Wickenburg Annual Walk. Dogs are welcome. Visit our booth before or after the walk. Register at the shelter Monday -Friday 9-12 or online at [Wickenburgbootsbreastcancer.org](http://Wickenburgbootsbreastcancer.org)

**WICKENBURG ART CLUB HOLIDAY MARKET** - November 6th from 9 to 4

Get a head start on your pet's holiday shopping. K9 Konnection will have hand crafted gifts for your favorite pooches and other pet related items.

## Shelter Needs

**Medium to large collars**

**Leashes (4-6 ft) for medium/large dogs)**

**Slip lead leashes and collars**

**Unscented laundry detergent**

**Tall kitchen trash bags**

**Computer paper**

**Tractor Supply Retriever brand adult dog food**

**Disinfecting wipes**

**Nylabone dog chews**

**Paper towels**

We are now able to accept donations with debit or credit cards as well as PayPal tab from our website [www.k9konnectionrescue.org](http://www.k9konnectionrescue.org)

For information on donations, sponsorship or fundraisers, please call (928) 232-2611

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