



A Word from Annie

Written by Annie of
Last Chance Ranch Sanctuary

We are a forever home for special needs animals to live out their lives happy and healthy!

Welcome to our new column! We're planning to bring you news from the Sanctuary every other month, and we are glad to see you. We couldn't do what we do without you.

This edition focuses on horses; future editions will rotate between dogs, cats, and horses.

Sixteen years ago I bought the property outside Kingman, Arizona, that in 2009 became the Last Chance Ranch Sanctuary. Over the years, I improved the property with the basics like a well, power, then added a barn, corrals, and a log home so that I could live here full-time and devote myself to the animals that really need me.

I've poured my heart, soul and life savings into making a forever home for these special needs and abused animals that weren't adoptable and had nowhere else to go. A home for horses like Pathos, who arrived weighing only 350 pounds at 2 1/2 years old. A home for cats like Radar, with no eyes. A home for dogs like Milo, who was used as a bait dog and was so badly beaten that at first he was afraid of any

human contact. His front leg was so damaged it had to be amputated. But he has learned to trust again, to come out of his shell, to help the other animals, and that's what makes it all worthwhile!

Now it's time to move the Sanctuary into its next phase - where it will become self-sustainable. I know I can't continue to do it all myself, and my savings are dwindling. This year we will be working hard to get the word out, get more volunteers, get more supporters and donors. I know we can do this! I'm hoping I can continue to count on you. Thank you so much! ■

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62. A saguaro cactus can store up to nine tons of water.

63. The Arizona towns of Adair and Alamo Crossing are now underwater, having been swallowed up by the formation of dams that created Fool Hollow Lake and Alamo Lake (respectively).

64. The State Motto is Ditat Deus, which means "God Enriches" in Latin.

65. From 1973 to 2007, Arizona was the only state with official state neckwear, the bola tie. In 2007, New Mexico also adopted the bola tie as the official State Tie.

66. The state of Massachusetts could fit inside Maricopa County (3,922 sq. miles).

67. The westernmost battle of the Civil War was fought at Picacho Pass on April 15, 1862 near Picacho Peak in Pinal County.

68. There are 11.2 million acres of National Forest in Arizona, and one-fourth of the state forested.

69. Tubac was the first European Settlement in Arizona (1752).

70. Turquoise is the official state gemstone. The blue-green stone has a somewhat waxy surface and can be found throughout the state.

71. World War II brought many military personnel to train at Luke and Thunderbird airbases in Glendale.

72. Two Arizonans have won their party's nomination for President: Barry Goldwater and John McCain.

73. Wyatt Earp was neither the town marshal nor the sheriff in Tombstone at the time of the shoot-out at the O.K. Corral. His brother Virgil was the town marshal.

74. The Navajo Nation Zoological and Botanical Park is the only tribally-owned zoo in the U.S.

75. The ringtail is the official state mammal. It is a fox-like, nocturnal animal that measures about two-and-a-half feet long.

76. The Center for Creative Photography at the University of Arizona holds more archives and individual works by 20th-century North American photographers than any other museum in the nation. Its archives contain an estimated 3.8 million items.

77. On June 6, 1936, the first barrel of tequila produced in the United States rolled off the production line in Nogales, Arizona.

78. The world's tallest Kachina doll, measuring 39 feet tall and fashioned of concrete, is located in Carefree, Arizona.

79. Once a rowdy copper mining town, Jerome's population dwindled to as few as 50

people after the mines closed in 1953.

80. The Sonoran Desert is the most biologically diverse desert in North America.

81. The Arizona tree frog is the state's official amphibian.

82. Bisbee is the Nation's southernmost mile-high city.

83. The two largest manmade lakes in the U.S. are Lake Mead and Lake Powell—both located in Arizona.

84. Arizona is the only state in the nation that elects a Mine Inspector.

85. The longest remaining intact section of Route 66 can be found in Arizona and runs from Seligman to Topock, a total of 157 unbroken miles.

86. The 13 stripes on the Arizona flag represent the 13 original colonies of the United States.

87. Thirteen species of rattlesnakes live in Arizona, more species than in any other state.

88. The University of Phoenix Stadium, home to the NFL Cardinals, retractable roof and rollout field combination is a first in North America.

89. The negotiations for Geronimo's final surrender took place in Skeleton Canyon, near present day Douglas, Arizona, in 1886.

90. Prescott, Arizona is home to the world's oldest rodeo, and Payson, Arizona is home to the world's oldest continuous rodeo—both of which date back to the 1880s.

91. Downtown Yuma, Arizona is one of only two designated National Heritage Areas west of the Mississippi.

92. Kartchner Caverns, near Benson, Arizona, is a massive limestone cave with 13,000 feet of passages, two rooms as long as football fields, and one of the world's longest soda straw stalactites: measuring 21 feet 3 inches.

93. The Litchfield Naval Air Facility (now called the Phoenix-Goodyear Airport) was the training base for the Navy Blue Angels aerial demonstration team until 1968.

94. At 221 miles long, Apache County is the longest county in the U.S., stretching from the Utah border to just south of Alpine, Arizona. ■

This list of facts was acquired from <http://www.az100years.org/az-experience/fun-facts/>
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