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Project Yellow Dog protects pets, people

The Humane Society of Southern Arizona is excited to take part in the international effort to increase the safety of pets and people by ensuring some special dogs gets the necessary space while out of their comfort zone.



Yellow Dogs, as they are called, are pets that should not be approached by other dogs or people when they are on a leash, for a variety of reasons. Yellow Dogs are not considered aggressive, but because they are in training, or because of fear, pain, age or medical conditions are uncomfortable in social situations.

Yellow Dogs are recognizable by their yellow leash or a yellow ribbon attached to their leash or collar. When you see a dog with a yellow ribbon or leash give the dog its space, or ask permission to pet or approach the dog.

Putting a yellow ribbon on your dog's leash is not a way to avoid proper training for your dog, nor does it absolve an owner of responsibility if they have an aggressive dog that causes harm to a person or another animal.

The Yellow Dog Project first began in Canada by a dog trainer, Tara Palardy. Palardy says, "I started to teach owners how to deal with their yellow dogs and that's where this whole thing started, locally. I had no idea thousands of people would join."

If you would like to learn more about our effort call HSSA's Community Liaison, Pat Hubbard, at 520.321.3704, ext. 138. For more information about the project, visit theyellowdogproject.com.



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