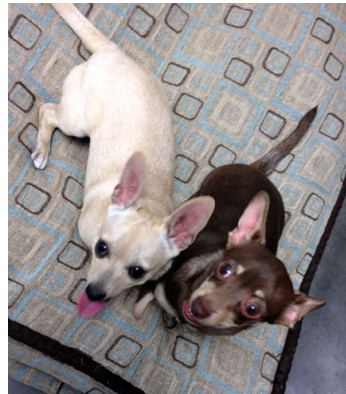


Special Dogs Need Good Home

TAMALE AND FLAUTA BEAT THE ODDS AGAINST THEM



Tamale and Flauta came to MCACC on July 25th when they were just two weeks old. They were turned in by their owner because they have deformities of the front limbs. The pups went to a foster home where they drank their bottles and soon began hopping all over! The pups are a favorite among staff when they come for a visit. Flauta (brown) has severe deformity of her right front leg. The upper and lower parts of the leg are fused at a right angle at the elbow with no paw. She doesn't use it to walk, but does put it down for support when she stops. Her left front leg and paw also have deformities, but she is able to use them. The paw and toes are missing many bones and is not completely formed.

Tamale's (tan) deformities are simpler, but more extreme. He just doesn't have any front legs! He has shoulders. He struggled to walk in the beginning because his brain thought there were four little legs. We tried several different types of carts, which he wanted NOTHING to do with. We started doing what we called his "bowling pin" exercises. We would hold him upright real low by his hips. He then had to steady himself to stay upright. One day his little brain figured out how to scoot his back legs together, at the same time! Tamale has been mobile ever since and keeping up with his sister.

They both have come a long way and have been through a lot. In October, despite being fully vaccinated, the pups came down with Parvo, a devastating and often deadly virus. Sadly we did lose their sister, Enchilada. Then they were promptly hit with kennel cough! They spent a few more months in foster care to get healthy, spayed and neutered. They are now ready for their forever home. We would like nothing better for these two to stay together as they are very close.

Potty training is in progress. They had a very big setback with the parvo. Both are doing well in their kennels as long as they are not in there for lengthy periods of time. They have just recently started going out the doggy door on their own.

Both pups are sweet as can be and have proven they are handy-capable! Do you want to be their new family? Email hollisa@mail.maricopa.gov and tell us why you think you should be their forever home.

