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## Students at Sonoran Trails Middle School Invite MinPinHaven Rescue to Their Classroom to Talk About Animal Rescue.

**Cave Creek, AZ, December 17, 2008** – Mrs. Jacoby’s class at Sonoran Trails Middle School will welcome some four-legged “guest speakers” from MinPinHaven Rescue, a no-kill, Miniature Pinscher rescue organization based in Phoenix. Patricia Daigle, Executive Director of MinPinHaven, will join Min Pins **Fendi, Gucci,** and **Penn E. Pinscher** at the head of the class to talk to students about animal rescue, the evils of puppy mills, and the importance of responsible pet ownership.

In the spirit of the holiday season, Mrs. Jacoby and her class were discussing the merits of *giving* versus *receiving*. They researched a variety of local charities and organizations for which they might like to fundraise. With so much attention on abandoned pets in the news, animal shelters quickly took the lead, Jacoby said. “We looked at all kinds of groups and causes, but the idea of helping homeless animals seemed to really touch every student.”

The class then began researching local animal rescues. During this process, Mrs. Jacoby discovered the MinPinHaven Rescue website, and she ended up adopting Penn E. Pinscher into her own family. When Jacoby submitted MinPinHaven to the class as her shelter nomination, the students were immediately taken with the look and spirit of this energetic little breed. They also reacted very strongly to the content about the puppy mill industry on the MPH website. “That settled it,” Jacoby said. “When they read about the puppy mills, they decided that they had to help Miss Daigle and MinPinHaven.”

Daigle is thrilled that Mrs. Jacoby's class has taken such an interest in animal rescue, and she hopes to carry this message to many more school children in the near future. "Education and community outreach are the primary missions of MinPinHaven," Daigle explained. "We can't talk enough about the importance of spaying and neutering; adopting homeless pets; and taking seriously the lifelong commitment of owning animals. When we reach children with these messages, we take one step closer to eradicating the epidemic of abused, neglected, and homeless pets in the next generation."

### **About MinPinHaven Rescue**

MinPinHaven, a non-profit, no kill rescue group located in the Phoenix area, is dedicated to caring for miniature pinschers and other small breed dogs that are searching for their new forever families. The rescues live at MinPinHaven until their forever homes are found.

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