



# Kindred Spirits

*respect, grace, compassion and love for  
the animals who share our journey*

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## OUR MISSION

To provide shelter and compassionate care for animals who are lost, abandoned or homeless; to ensure that animals who come into our care are nurtured in a loving space while healing from fear, physical or emotional trauma, mistreatment or loss of a caregiver; to place animals into appropriate and loving homes through adoptions; to improve the lives of animals through education and example; to promote spay and neuter of companion animals.

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## BENEFIT FOR THE BEST OF THE BEST



A sold out crowd of animal lovers enjoyed an afternoon in the pines at the “Country Wine, Jazz, Cheese and Chocolate Festival” a fund-raiser to benefit the animals served by HSCAZ. The benefit was hosted by the Rusty Lyon family at beautiful La Cienega Ranch.

Lyon son, Mark Lyon, winemaker for Sebastiani Vineyards in Sonoma, Calif., furnished the wines and was on hand to pour the wines and discuss the winemaking process.

Funds were raised through ticket sales and a raffle for a trip to a Sonoma resort and spa along with other special items. HSCAZ supporters Cathy and Chuck Buckisch won the raffle and are planning their trip to Sonoma wine country in the fall.

A \$40,000 challenge gift was announced from a Valley donor who asked that festival attendees and the community at large step up to make a new shelter a reality.

That challenge generated and additional \$55,000 in pledges from the generosity of attendees who stepped forward at the event or sent generous gifts as a response to the challenge, bringing the funds raised from the event to more than \$114,000.

The money raised will be directed toward completing critically needed new facilities which are necessary to carry on the Humane Society mission to rescue, shelter, and seek appropriate and loving homes for the animals served by HSCAZ.

## SHELTER FROM THE STORMS

The number of abandoned and homeless animals has continued to rise and there are times when we must turn animals away due to overcrowding and lack of space. Our mission and intention is to support and help as many animals as possible and the means we use must be creative at times, especially in our current circumstances. When we are bursting at the seams with cats, kittens, dogs and puppies and have no additional space options we contact shelters with whom we are familiar and if space is available we transfer



animals to their care. Likewise, we sometimes accept animals from organizations who find themselves in similar circumstances. We are very grateful for the collaborative effort and compassionate intentions of the rescue organizations with whom we work. After all is said and done, it is always about the animals and what we can do for them.

Although our facilities are primitive and decrepit we take great pride in our ability and efforts to compassionately provide shelter and loving care for the lost, abandoned or homeless animals who we are able to accept. We are inspired by the unconditional love we receive from the animals in our care and are amazed at their grace and ability to live life as it is.

## WHAT'S NEW, PUSSYCAT?



The Humane Society of Central Arizona continues to improve on the “old” and create the “new” with our efforts focused on compassionate care and improving the lives of the many wonderful animals who share our journey. Among the “new” is a beautiful, reconstructed, up to date and user friendly web-site. The site is filled with all the latest and greatest adoptable animals, information about volunteering, how to become a foster parent for kittens

and puppies and adult cats or dogs with special needs, as well as many other ways to make a difference. Each issue of **“Kindred Spirits”** will now be permanently posted on the website which allows for easy access and significant cost savings versus mailing, making more resources available for the direct care of the animals we serve. See the website at [www.humanesocietycentralaz.org](http://www.humanesocietycentralaz.org). The current “old” building has been superficially spruced up and is also more user friendly for staff, volunteers and visitors, during the

interim until new facilities are completed.

A “new” and improved doggie play yard has been created which provides a very exciting place for frolicking canines to get some rays, roll in the snow, play in the rain and enjoy the moment.

The “old” volunteer program has been revamped and provides for many fabulous and fun “new” ways to serve the animals while reaping the rewards of their gratitude. Each “new” volunteer attends scheduled orientations and shelter tours which are held monthly.

## RESCUED ANIMALS and THEIR PEOPLE



### Hoppy and Jodi

Hoppy arrived at the Humane Society of Central Arizona from a hoarding situation that the shelter helped bring to an

end. When he arrived he was very frightened and his coat was matted, smelly and very dirty. Because of his timidity, staff was slow and careful in their efforts to remove mats and bathe the little dog. One quick bath was all he could handle but it made such a difference in his appearance and he smelled fresh and sweet. Clearly, the one bath prior to his adoption was not quite enough.....

Jodi adopted a blonde 40 pound ball of fur but when she got him home and bathed him she realized that her blonde fur ball was actually white with some blonde mixed in! Jodi said “I really didn't need a show dog and thought I was getting a little mutt.”

Hoppy is truly more than Jodi expected in every wonderful way. “I am so happy to have him and to see his real personality emerging. He

was so timid the first day, tail down, with a completely lost look in his eyes.”

Hoppy is a “new dog” with tail up and curled over his back, he curiously sniffs and explores his *600-acre ranch*. He has been introduced to the three other family dogs -- a Papillion, a Lab mix, and a Pointer mix – in addition to horses and cats.

Hoppy told Jodi to thank everyone at HSCAZ for taking care of him until she came along to adopt him. “He misses his two-and four-legged friends at the shelter but knows he is in his forever home now. He especially enjoys his naps in the multiple comfy dog beds!” Jodi adds, “Thank you again for Hoppy! He is such a love and so very handsome!....truly a sight to see! Who knew?”

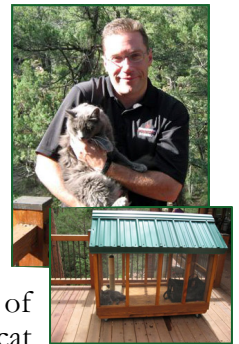
### Feather, Mark and Tracy

Feather, an adult cat, was at HSCAZ for eight months waiting, waiting, waiting for the purrrrrfect people to arrive and take her home. And her wonderful home and purrrrrfect people, Mark and Tracy, were so worth the wait!

Feather's Dad, Mark, reports that a typical day for Feather begins when she wakes the family at 6am for a spoonful of yummy soft cat food, her “liquid love for the day”. After breakfast she insists on play time and although Feather is an older feline she amazes the family jumping chasing and leaping like a kitten to catch her favorite toy, a “feather” on a stick.

She is very grateful to be an indoor kitty but when the family goes outdoors to spend time on the deck she jumps into her carrier to be taken out to her “den” on the deck to be with the family and entertain herself watching the birds and squirrels.

“We are so happy that she is here with us” says Mark. Thanks to everyone who took such good care of her while she was at the shelter. And a very special thanks for rescuing her!” Feather is very much loved.



## DOGGIE DIGS AND KITTY KONDOS



### Facilities Update

During the past twelve months we have been successful in raising an additional \$175k towards construction of new facilities thanks to the incredible generosity of those who love animals and who support HSCAZ. Although that is a very significant amount, the total funds available in the building fund are approximately \$500k, far from the \$3mm necessary to complete the planned shelter which had been designed to incorporate projected space needs, equipment and furnishings for decades to come. When the plans were created

intentions and expectations were high that the funds for the \$4mm shelter would be forthcoming from individuals, foundations and corporations dedicated to animal welfare. Prior to the downturn in the economy significant funds were raised and were used for pre-construction requirements including architectural drawings, engineering, site preparation and groundbreaking. However, the unprecedented economic circumstances have made the task of raising the necessary funds for the “dream” shelter, a very slow and difficult process.

Unfortunately, the animals cannot wait and we must have new facilities now. The current facilities are terribly lacking in space, are literally crumbling and will not withstand more floods, windstorms or freezing blizzards. In order to move the

project forward with the funds at hand and some additional funding sources, the board of directors established an ad hoc committee of community leaders to investigate all means available to make it possible for a phased and simplified build out. After much consideration and review the board and staff committed to having new downsized facilities for the animals built and occupied within the next twelve months with a complete build out of the HSCAZ campus as funds become available over the next several years.

The planned facilities and programs will make our communities more humane places for all. Compassion, kindness, generosity of spirit and resources will make a new shelter a reality. It will happen “because they matter” to so many among us.

## HELPING HANDS & HEALING HEARTS



### All Star Volunteers

Lois McClymonds, a faithful volunteer for

more than 14 years is an extraordinary example of commitment to the animals we serve. When she began volunteering she assisted at the front desk but soon observed that there were huge loads of daily laundry to keep the animals comfortable and facilities clean. She moved from front desk to laundry volunteer and has since laundered literally tons of animals care “linens”.

The HSCAZ staff recently honored Lois in a special way. She arrived at the shelter for her laundry duty she and was greeted with a banner with her name and pictures of cats and dogs for whom she has provided fresh laundered “blankies”. She was also presented a framed certificate and as cake was served she received special gifts and messages of appreciation from the staff. Lois was glowing with smiles as she went to work at her laundry station.

The support of volunteers is of the

utmost importance in fulfilling our mission to provide compassionate care and loving space for the animals who share our journey and we are very grateful to have a growing and diverse volunteer corps who give their special gifts of time and energy.

### Special Needs Animals



Hundreds of animals come through our doors each year. They are homeless for a number of reasons ranging from a change in their owner's life, abandonment or simply being lost. Some are reclaimed but sadly, many are not. And some are injured or have a condition that requires veterinary treatment but due to costs they may be considered unadoptable.

Little Cherry a beautiful, 3 month old purebred Shar-pei, was brought to us as a stray. She had a condition common to her breed known as “Cherry Eye” which is turning in or prolapse of the third eye lid.

Animals with medical conditions are often considered a “toss out” by their owner, which may be why Cherry was picked up as a stray and brought to our door.

Through our “Second Chance” program funded by grants, special individual donors and the Payson *Paws in the Park* organization, animals such as Cherry are given the medical care that is needed to provide them with a second chance at life. *Paws in the Park* raises money for the program and donates it to HSCAZ.

Cherry had successful surgery and shortly thereafter was adopted by a couple from the Phoenix area who are Shar-pei lovers. They found her on our website, fell in love with her and made her a member of their family. We are so deeply grateful to the members of *Paws in the Park* for their dedication to providing much needed funds for care and rehabilitation of special needs animals. And on behalf of the animals whose lives have been saved, thank you *Paws in the Park* and all the individuals who make a difference.