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



Humane
Society
of
Central Arizona

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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OUR SHELTER IS BLESSED

As the weather started to cool off and the summer faded away, we have been busy at the Humane Society of Central Arizona with our shelter bustling with lost and abandoned animals, daily challenges and loads of events aimed at both fundraising and spreading awareness of our needs. There was no down time this year as everyone worked diligently to help raise enough money to keep the animals warm, full and happy this winter. In fact, we eagerly took in 17 animals due to the Canal Apartment Fire, most of which will likely be housed at our shelter until the end of the year. Every penny and minute donated goes towards helping the animals in the shelter have a safe winter.

To all of the volunteers that donated countless hours of their time to put on or attend events such as Pins for Paws, Sunset Sounds Wine Auction, Thrift Store Blogging Event, Payson Wolves MC events, or the donations to the Wall of Hope envelope program, we are so appreciative. There is no better way to help these animals than by spending time in this wonderful community while we work. A volunteer Rob Parmenter assisted us in revamping the HSCAZ website for easier navigation and animals are now automatically uploaded to the site as they become adoptable. To the day in and day out volunteers that



work directly with the staff to keep operations running smoothly – we couldn't do it without your compassion and time.

The Humane Society of Central Arizona is also incredibly thankful for the wonderful individuals and families who chose to adopt their new furry family member. We believe rescue animals are pure love.

Special recognition deserves to be given to Banfield Charitable Trust, PetSmart Charities and Arizona Community Foundation for awarding grants to the Humane Society of Central Arizona. These grants have enabled the shelter to increase spay/neuter services, kick-start low-cost mobile clinic services and offset costs associated with the Humanitarian Hold program.

To the individuals and businesses who donate to support the ongoing shelter operational needs, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude.

On behalf of the board of directors, staff and residents, we cannot thank everyone enough for their dedication and love for voiceless animals. To see the many ways your donations help the animals, to review our mission statement or to make an end of year donation, visit our website at www.humanesocietycentralaz.org.

*With gratitude,
Sarah Hock*



HUMANITARIAN HOLD

Wednesday, November 5th dozens of seniors were startled as the fire alarm sounded throughout the Canal Senior Apartments. In the early morning a small fire had started in one of the rooms and sprinklers quickly put it out. As the Rim County Fire Department arrived, all residents were escorted outside, many still in their home robes and slippers. Some were holding their beloved pets, while some still worried where their best friends were hiding inside.

While volunteers were rushing to find shelter and food for the displaced residents in homes and hotels, at the Humane Society of Central Arizona we were

scrambling to make space for their pets at the shelter through our Humanitarian Hold Program.

Many of the residents were not able to take their animals with them to their temporary homes, so we invited every single one of the residents' pets to come stay with us until the apartment building is back in order, which might not be until the end of the year. This is to ensure every animal is being given a warm place to sleep, food and water. We also give each owner the opportunity to vaccinate his or her pet.

While we are excited to have 17 temporary residents keeping us company, we hope they can be reunited with their beloved owners soon.



WHAT'S NEW PUSSY CAT?

Thanks to the generosity of Kathym and Gregg Tanner, the Humane Society of Central Arizona's low-cost Mobile Clinic underwent a whimsical wrap and now works overtime as a mobile billboard. The Mobile Clinic has been a miracle to have on-site. The animals are less traumatized by not having to travel outside of the shelter for their basic medical needs. The Mobile Clinic also offers low-cost vaccine and spay/neuter services one day per month to the community. Visit our website for upcoming events.



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We are so excited to announce the new website is up and running! It is now more easily updated and as animals are ready for adoption they are automatically uploaded to the site from PetPoint the minute they are available for a new home.

If you haven't already signed up to receive emails from HSCAZ so you are always informed on events and special stories - you may go to humanesocietycentralaz.org and enter your information or call 928-474-5590.



NEW SHELTER HOURS

Monday ~ Saturday 10 am to 3 pm
Closed Sunday

HELPING HANDS HEALING HEART

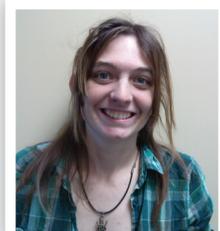
In Memory of Frani Cook

One of the most kind-hearted and dedicated volunteers at the Arizona Humane Society of Central Arizona passed away this past October. Frani Cook will always be remembered throughout the shelter for her cheerful personality, her motivation to save and help each animal and most of all, her sense of humor.



Frani Cook

Staff Profile - Shenia Wolf has recently been promoted to Programs Assistant. This is a new position that covers many aspects of HSCAZ's mission.



Shenia Wolf

Shenia provides assistance for many of our programs such as PetSmart, Volunteering, Veterinary Care and Behavior. Shenia's duties include cleaning and caring for the adoptable cats housed at our local PetSmart, assisting the volunteer coordinator with volunteer trainings and interviews and helping the veterinary staff on surgery days. She also assists during public clinics for surgeries and vaccines, and with the Behavior Team with introductions, meet and greets and behavior

modifications. Shenia has been an employee with us since July 2011 and is well deserving of her new position. Not only does Shenia have a true passion and a love for animals, she brings laughter and smiles to the staff and volunteers here at HSCAZ everyday.



Volunteer Spotlight

One of the many reasons Deane Ware loves volunteering at HSCAZ is because she is able to have fun and provide comfort to others when he or she needs it most.



Deane Ware

Since February 2013, Deane spends one day a week at HSCAZ taking care of the cats/kittens by cleaning their cabins and socializing. She also devotes one day to covering the front desk, which can be hectic, but Deane handles it with a smile!

As far as being a volunteer, this isn't her first rodeo. She is a certified scuba diver and has been responsible in the past for feeding aquatic animals and maintained the tanks that the animals were kept in.

Deane is someone that is the first person to step up to whatever the task may be. She has a big heart with the capacity to share with others. She is willing to help with big events such as Pins

for Paws and other fundraising affairs. HSCAZ is lucky to have Deane as a dedicated volunteer.

Please contact Sarah Hock, Executive Director or Laura Hurd for an application to consider becoming a volunteer. They can be reached at 928-474-5590.

November 8th

Corey Johnson, co-owner of Journigan House on Main Street, shows a little love to a four month old labrador named Mitt.



Corey Johnson

Wall of Hope

Envelopes thoughtfully designed by students at Payson Elementary are on display at the shelter. The envelopes may be purchased with 100% of proceeds going to care for the animals at HSCAZ.



RESCUED PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE

Heath had been through a lot over the past two years, he had a checkered past, to no fault of his own and things were starting to look hopeless for him. After months of debate and seeing his chances of being adopted growing slimmer, this unfortunately meant we had a tough decision to make. He wasn't showing well in his kennel and time was running out. We decided that Heath had a month to be adopted or be put to sleep.

As days went by and turned into weeks, the gut-wrenching feeling that Heath wouldn't find a forever home became a reality. Shelter staff knew how great of a dog Heath was and were disappointed potential adopters couldn't see it as well.

Then one day our Vet Tech, Rebecca, came to us and asked what she needed to do to foster Heath. She said she told her parents about Heath's situation and decided to foster him if he couldn't find a permanent home to help avoid having him put down.

Eventually, it was decided Heath would go home with Rebecca and her family, but first, the family dog, Sadie, needed to meet Heath. Luckily the two got along perfectly and everyone felt comfortable letting Rebecca take him home.

Once Rebecca was back to work after the first week-end having Heath at home, everyone was curious to know how things were going. Rebecca said, "he was so excited to be leaving, he watched everything out the car windows the entire trip. The moment Heath walked through the front door, I think that's when he decided he was going to make this place his home."

As time went on and Heath remained with Rebecca we started to become hopeful that maybe her family would fall in love with Heath and would adopt him. The thought of him potentially coming back after being in foster was heart breaking. We knew if Rebecca and her family didn't want to keep Heath and he had to come back, that would be his last chance. However, Rebecca reassured us she was working on getting her family to adopt. She had even taken home an adoption application and put it on her Dad's desk, hoping he would fill it out.

Again, I asked her how things were going at home and she said, "In the following weeks that came, my family could not believe that no one wanted this dog! He had manners better than my own pets. He never got into anything, never guarded his food. There were a few instances where Sadie and Heath had gone at it, but the only bad habit that we noticed was that Heath would drag us around on the leash. So to correct this we invested in a Halti, which worked wonders. He no longer pulls." Rebecca added, "with him improving on leash skills, he's gone to visit his new friends out at the ranch; our 3 horses. Seeing them for the first time, he wasn't shy about saying hello and trying to play with them. Heath has relaxed so much in a home setting that

he acts like his size doesn't matter. He sleeps with me at night or lies on the couch with Sadie during the day. Sadie and Heath have become a pair; they eat together, walk together, and hopefully will play together in the future."

While Heath was doing incredibly well in foster care, the family started to think about what would happen if he were to go back to the shelter. So, they weighed the positives and negatives of adoption. Quickly, the family decided Heath is an incredible dog with a good temper. In addition, with Heath around, Sadie's health had actually improved and they finally decided to adopt.

On Tuesday, November 11th, 2014, Heath was officially adopted. He came and visited the shelter to say goodbye to the wonderful staff that had cared for him over the past months.

We couldn't be happier to congratulate Heath and his new family! This story shows that if you take your time and get to know an animal,

you just may end up finding the perfect match and saving a life.



Heath



Rowdy settles down.

Two dogs came to us out of a domestic violence situation. They were big, they had some issues, but they carried on. They spent nearly a year at the shelter, and they were better than we ever expected them to be.

Texas went home first, and we worried that Rowdy would break down without his buddy. We needn't have worried. And now he is home. Sometimes we are reminded that soldiering on is worth it. This was one of those times.

"To all the nice people who were pulling for the adoption of an amazing dog, Rowdy:

Truly, he is everything I was looking for in a dog. My husband and I were still in the talking stages of eventually getting a dog, but seeing Rowdy in Flagstaff last weekend I knew he was exactly what we were looking for. He turned out to be even more than that.

Rowdy is so well-behaved it's hard to believe he wasn't adopted already. We have a fenced acre of land in Catalina (north Tucson) for him to run around in and explore. I think he chased a couple of rabbits and some lizards but he's not that fast and gave up the chase pretty quickly. He does like to play ball, but mostly on the porch. The porch has become one of his favorite spots, so I call him my "porch potato." The rest of the time he's in the house, but he mostly just wants to be where we are.

I just wanted to let everyone know how much we love him and he's getting tons of attention and petting. Please share this with all those we met in Flagstaff."

Thank you,
Suzy and Ed

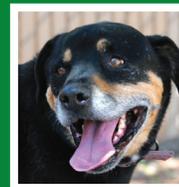
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND MUSINGS

Holiday Pet Safety

Spending the holidays with your furry friends can be exciting, but while you are wrapped up in gift shopping, cooking and visiting family, there are many dangerous things they can get into. Here are a few tips to keep your pets safe:

- **Holiday foods can be harmful** – We all know to keep our pets away from chocolate, but there are many other holiday food items such as fatty and spicy foods that may cause your pet to fall ill.
- **Decorations are not play toys** – Tinsel and holly are just a few of the items that may be dangerous to pets. If swallowed or even nibbled on, a pet can experience damage to their digestive tract or even require surgery.
- **Help your pet feel safe and relaxed** – New friends and family will be popping over this season and often times animals are not used to such commotion. Comfort them by petting or introducing them slowly to each guest.
- **Trees can be dangerous** – Secure your tree in a quality stand so it does not lean or tip over.
- **Don't give a pet as a surprise gift** – While a puppy or kitten might be the ideal gift for some, there are a lot of families and individuals that are not in a situation to properly care for an animal. It is important for each animal to find a permanent home that is ready for such responsibility.

LOOKING FOR LOVE & COMPANIONSHIP - PROFILE



Who: Rex
Age: 9 yrs, 3 mos

Size: Large

Model: Retriever Labrador/Rottweiler

Relationship: Prefers animal friends to be respectful and I need a little time to get to know you.

Characteristics: Calm gentleman with an easygoing demeanor. I'd make a great family dog and I love to go on walks. Have lots of energy for my age, but prefer laying in the pool over rowdy play.

Please inquire about me at 928.474.5590

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We ask for your support on behalf of the animals who share our journey.

PLEASE SAY YES! I WILL HELP... "BECAUSE THEY MATTER"

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