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# KINDRED *Spirits*



*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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## PLANNED GIVING

It's hard to believe we are close to finishing up the first quarter of the new year ... and it has been a busy one. Writing grants, planning events, conducting spay/neuter clinics, and working with each and every animal to give them the best chance at being ready for their forever families. More importantly, in addition to our love for the animals we serve, we are in a constant state of gratitude for all the volunteers and donors that make this journey possible.

Over the past 43 years, the Humane Society of Central Arizona has provided compassionate care and shelter for countless animals in crowded conditions. Under those difficult conditions, thousands of animals have been saved through dedication and diligence. We are continually exploring measures to ensure the shelter's ongoing operational costs are met and simultaneously planning for a long-term, sound future.

In addition to the thousands of donations over the years that have ranged from one dollar and beyond - our giving wall framing the walkway going into the shelter acknowledges bequests made to HSCAZ

and fulfilled years ago. Have you or your family considered including HSCAZ in your estate planning by leaving a bequest?

A bequest to HSCAZ costs nothing now, yet gives you the satisfaction of knowing you have provided for HSCAZ in the future. When leaving a bequest, throughout your lifetime you retain control and use of your assets. You may modify your bequest if circumstances in your life change. There are so many ways to bequest and identify HSCAZ as a beneficiary on appreciated securities, retirement plans, insurance policies or real estate.

When you are looking into your options for creating a legacy, we hope you will consider HSCAZ and support the cause you care about by continuing to share in our mission. Help us to know the future of this shelter is secure. HSCAZ has weathered many storms and remains a force through hard work and so much love.



*With gratitude,  
Sarah Hock, Executive Director*

## ARIZONA GIVES DAY

The Alliance for Arizona nonprofits will be holding the third annual Arizona Gives Day on Tuesday, April 7th, 2015. Arizona Gives Day provides non profits with a way to share their story and engage the community through a unique online giving platform. To make an early donation visit <http://clickandpledge.com>.

## 2015 PINS FOR PAWS

The fifth annual Pins for Paws bowling event sponsored by residents of Chaparral Pines, neighbors and friends is Saturday, September 19th. Pins for Paws will be held at Rim Country Lanes located at 1109 N. Beeline Hwy, Payson. Contact Cathy Buckisch at 928.478.6945 for early registration and information.

## MUSIC, MUTTS & MEOWGARITAS



Join us for HSCAZ's annual fundraising event at the Rim Country Museum/ Zane Grey Cabin on Friday, May 30th. Music, Mutts & Meowgaritas is set to take place from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. You will enjoy refreshments ~ with Roger Clynch's Mexican Moonshine Tequila, tapas, tacos and tastes, spirits and more. \$75 per person.

Pinatas for paws and a raffle for a three-night stay at The Grand Del Mar valued at \$3,000. For more information visit [humanesocietycentralaz.org](http://humanesocietycentralaz.org) or call 928.474.5590.



## WHAT'S NEW PUSSY CAT?

### New online store

We now have an eBay store to promote and sell a few of our fabulous finds at our Humane Society of Central Arizona Resale Store & Vintage Boutique!

The items may be purchased or bid on through eBay to benefit homeless cats and dogs. Our store supports the Humane Society of Central Arizona by selling items that our supporters have generously donated.



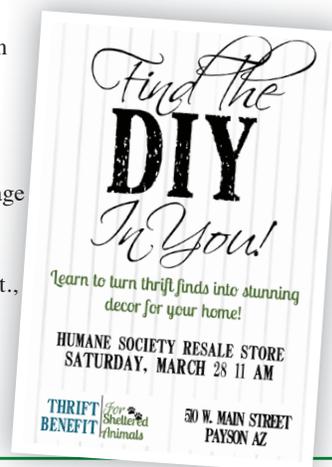
### Partnership with KRIM

Listen in every Thursday at 10:10 AM to hear about the HSCAZ and KRIM Pet Of The Week!



The Humane Society's Thrift Shop and Vintage Boutique is proud to offer a second "Do It Yourself" exhibition. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 28th, 11am and plan to shop the Humane Society's Resale Store and Vintage Boutique. Learn to turn thrift finds into stunning decor for your home. Jeanette, a local "Do It Yourself" blogger, will be on hand to help you "find the DIY in you." This hour long event is sponsored by Country Design Style.

The Humane Society Thrift Shop and Vintage Boutique is located at 510 W. Main St., Payson, AZ.



## HELPING HANDS HEALING HEART

**Staff Profile** - Raelene Ramirez started off as a volunteer for the Humane Society of Central Arizona, back when we were in the old building. She would help staff clean the cat houses and then she would go walk dogs. She was very dedicated and always showed up every Wednesday to help out. Because of her hard work and dedication, we wanted to scoop her up as an employee when a position opened up. Raelene was just 17 at the time and a few weeks away from her 18th birthday. Three days after she turned 18, she worked her first day as an employee. Raelene started in cats and then worked her way up learning the other areas like puppies and dogs. After 2 1/2 years as kennel staff, a position for a behavior assistant opened up and Raelene earned the job. A few weeks later a part time medical position opened up and Raelene filled that, earning herself a dual title as Behavior Assistant/Vet Tech Assistant. Raelene has shown how hard work and



Raelene serving at an event



Raelene Ramirez

dedication pays off. Her knowledge and her dedication are admired by all, and she is a joy to have around.

Congratulations Raelene on your promotions – you deserve them!

### Volunteer Spotlight Lori Bathke

Energetic and caring are two of the words I would use to describe volunteer Lori Bathke. Another description would be animal advocate.

There is not a dog that Lori has met here at the shelter that she does not embrace. It is her caring attitude that allows

her to be effective as a Yard Play volunteer. Lori is very passionate about the shelter animals she is in contact with, especially the dogs. She calls them her "babies" and is very attentive to their needs. Lori not only gives her time in allowing the dogs to play outside in the yards but is instrumental in keeping HSCAZ in the public eye on Facebook by highlighting available dogs at the shelter. Lori truly cares – Because they matter. If you are ready to make a difference... volunteer!

Contact Chandra Cushman, Animal Services Manager or Laura Hurd for an application at 928.474.5590.



Lori Bathke

### Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Saturday, February 28th, 65 volunteers and their spouses attended the annual Volunteer Appreciation breakfast. Please take a few minutes and watch the video tribute to the volunteers at [humanesocietycentralaz.org](http://humanesocietycentralaz.org)



# RESCUED PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE

## Elsa & Olaf

Two days before Halloween, two tiny kittens were surrendered to HSCAZ. They were part of an unwanted litter; something we see every year due to companion animals not being spayed and neutered. These little babies looked like twins, with only a few small markings on their faces to tell them apart. Staff named them Elsa and Olaf, after the movie Frozen. Day in and day out we cared for them. They had special food and frequent feeding times so that we could be sure they were gaining weight appropriately. As they days turned in to weeks, we really started to fall in love with these two. We watched as they grew and really started to form personalities. They were crazy, playful and most of all affectionate. If you were having a rough day or needed a laugh, all you had to do was spend a few minutes with those two and you'd be smiling and laughing in no time.

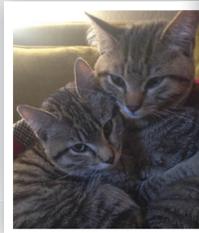
Seven weeks passed and it was finally time for the babies to be spayed and neutered. After recouping for a day, it was time to place them for adoption. Previous adopters of HSCAZ came in looking for a kitten to adopt for their daughter for Christmas and I knew exactly who to show them. They made it very clear to me that they only wanted one, even after I dropped some subtle hints. As they were leaving to go home and discuss which kitten they would take, I threw out one last attempt to get them to take both Elsa and Olaf. "I'll give you a really good deal if you take both" I yelled as they left the building. That next morning they were back and they had made a decision; Elsa and Olaf were going home together! They couldn't pass up such a great offer, plus their daughter LOVES Frozen so they couldn't just take Elsa and not Olaf. Their daughter knew she was getting a kitten, but she had no idea she was getting two, or what their names were. Come Christmas Day, they brought out the first kitten and their daughter was so happy. While she was distracted with her new kitty, they brought out the second kitty and boy was she surprised! Here is what they had to say about Elsa and Olaf:

"Mailey loves taking care of her kittens, and they were perfect for her. They love all her

snuggles and she only has a few scratches every week or so. We are so glad they got to stay together, and they play and entertain each other so well! We love having them a part of our family."



Mailey, Elsa & Olaf



## Other briefs

### Banfield Charitable Trust

In January, HSCAZ was awarded a \$10,000 grant for the Humanitarian Hold Program, which provides short-term care for companion animals of at-risk individuals/families, elderly, disabled, and children who must leave their home temporarily due to hospitalizations, rehabilitation, domestic violence, homelessness or other life altering circumstances.

### End of 2014 shelter stats

Total Intake of animals 1050  
Adoption 400  
Transferred to other rescues 78  
Returned to Family 338  
Humanitarian hold program 51  
Clinic serviced 126  
Euthanized 56  
We had a live release rate of 95%.  
This is our best yet!



Athletes in Action: Daisy and Dingo Starr play ball & Abbott loves to play fetch

## SHELTER HOURS

Monday through Saturday  
10:00 am to 3 pm  
Closed Sunday

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND MUSINGS

**Q** Do cats and dogs have allergies?

**A** Just like humans, pets can have various allergic reactions during the spring season. This is because an animal's immune system, just like humans, reacts to certain allergens in the air as dangerous and tries to protect the body from them. It is important to look out for symptoms of allergies in your pet because as their body tries to get rid of these allergies, various digestive and respiratory problems can appear.

*Itchy, red, moist scabbed skin*  
*Increased scratching*  
*Itchy and runny eyes*  
*Itchy back and base of tail*  
*Itchy ears and ear infections*  
*Sneezing*  
*Vomiting, diarrhea*  
*Snoring*  
*Paw chewing or swollen paws*  
*Constant licking*  
*Hair loss*

Pets can be allergic to many of the same things humans. Tree, grass and weed pollens, mold, dust, feathers, dander, cigarette smoke, certain food, prescription drugs, fleas and fabrics are all things commonly causing pet allergies.

There are many ways to help your pet cope with allergies such as bathing frequently, cleaning the home, medications and home-cooked meals. Be sure to consult with your veterinarian.

## LOOKING FOR LOVE & COMPANIONSHIP - PROFILE

**Who:** Abbott

**Age:** 5 years, 3 mos.

**Weight:** Medium

**Model:** Male - TARRIER, Pit Bull/Mix

**Relationship:** Prefer calm female friends.

**Characteristics:** Love to play fetch. Really good in the house and will sit at your feet. Very active guy and working diligently on pulling less when on a leash. Please inquire about me at 928.474.5590



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Humane Society of Central Arizona

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