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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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SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER

Because of your generosity, we are celebrating two full years in the new facilities! Our gratitude is overflowing this month as we wrap up our first quarter. The board, staff and volunteers are working overtime to meet our goals and to improve the lives of the animals we serve.

Longtime president of HSCAZ's board of directors, Bill Enlund, has officially retired. We are beyond grateful to Bill for his dedication to upholding our mission to highest of standards, while presiding over the board and fundraising. Bill hand-groomed the recently completed front play area filled with fine pebbles for the dogs. Thanks, Bill!

The first on-site low cost spay/neuter clinic took place on August 23rd. Monthly clinics will take place through 2014 and we are striving to better



meet the low cost vet needs of the community through weekly clinics beginning next year.

The mobile vet clinic is in the process of being wrapped with HSCAZ's own branding materials, which will assist us in getting the low cost message out. This was made possible through a gift from Gregg and Kathryn Tanner.

Raising money to secure the future of the Humane Society of Arizona is still difficult and we ask that you consider supporting one of three fund raising events scheduled over the next 60 days. Pins for Paws, the Thrift Shop Benefit (see page 2 for information) and the Wall of Hope all offer a fun and creative way to be involved with our cause. Your heartfelt support makes a difference in saving lives, gives warmth, and helps us create a better future for the animals.

*With gratitude,
Sarah Hock, Executive Director*



PINS FOR PAWS



The fourth annual Pins for Paws bowling event sponsored by residents of Chaparral Pines, neighbors and friends is Friday, September 19th. Pins for Paws will be held at Rim Country Lanes located at 1109 N. Beeline Hwy, Payson. Bowlers are asked to arrive by 3:30 pm to register. A buffet dinner at Chaparral Pines will immediately follow the bowling event. The cost to bowl is \$6.50 per

person (including shoes). The cost to attend the buffet dinner is \$20 per person. Patrons of HSCAZ may attend one or hopefully both events. There will be a silent auction and raffle for golf, dining, a flight over the rim country, gift certificates and more.

Bowling reservations are limited. Contact Cathy Buckisch at 928.478.6945 for early registration and information.

2014 WALL OF HOPE HSCAZ

HSCAZ will be hosting a community open house on Saturday, November 8th to share 2014's Wall of Hope. Students from classes at Julia Randall Elementary are lending their tiny hands and tall talent to artistically design 200 envelopes with special messages on behalf of the dogs and cats. Envelopes will be marked with a dollar amount from \$1 to \$200 and maybe purchased for that amount. All proceeds benefit HSCAZ.



WHAT'S NEW PUSSY CAT?

Cat(s) Calling all Artists to the "Rescue our Rooms" Design Project

We would like to invite you to assist us in the Catification of our living areas here at the Humane Society of Central Arizona. We appreciate the cat corrals and a place to call home, but we want cool. With your creative inspiration, we are hoping to turn our temporary digs into the cat's meow! Us Cats are built for comfort, a somewhat purr-snicky rap we have been dealt, and we would like to show potential *furrever* families how beautiful we are as individuals in a small space shared with at times ... many.

Help us by submitting a creative plan with *purrfect* slumber and play spaces. The rooms are 12' x 12'. Please submit sketches on 11" x 17" paper with the ultimate temporary cat space design.

Or suggest creative individuals we may reach out to for assistance.



HSCAZ's Board of Directors will pick the top three designs that meet set criteria and use them as inspiration for the final layout for the updated cat corrals. The chosen three designs will be recognized through all HSCAZ media resources. Best of all, the designer name or business will be permanently displayed in a room for hundreds of adopters, guests and cats to enjoy for years. Additional information will be posted to humanesocietycentralaz.org by October 1, 2014.



Sept. 27 is the next spay/neuter clinic. By appointment only. \$25 to reserve space and by appointment only.



HELPING HANDS HEALING HEART

Staff Profile - The Humane Society of Central Arizona has created a new Behavior Department to address issues before they arise. Dogs and cats targeted for this program have shown signs of stress, kennel reactivity, undesirable behaviors, animals that are having difficulty coping with the shelter environment, or dog and cats under-socialized that need extra attention to help them develop coping skills. This in turn will help increase the adoptability of these furry friends by teaching them desirable behaviors, lowering their kennel frustration (making them more appealing to adopters), helping increase their social skills with other



Jason Carey

at the shelter more tolerable. Jason Carey has taken a new role of Behavior Programs Manager and will head the new department comprising of staff and volunteers. This department will be responsible for performing behavioral evaluations

animals, and making their overall stay

before animals are put up for adoption as well as develop protocols and behavior modification programs for the animals in our care to make their stay at the shelter less stressful and to hopefully get them adopted quicker.

Volunteer Spotlight Rory and Donna Hansen

Donna Hansen began as a volunteer more than four years ago. A regular dog walker, she put many hours into getting our dogs out of the shelter for a while. But dog walking was not enough. Seeing a need for help at offsite events, Donna began volunteering as an adoption counselor. She eventually took a leadership role in putting together adoption teams to work, coordinating the HSCAZ presence at regular weekends in Fountain Hills and recruiting volunteers to work other locations.

One of her recruits was her husband, Rory. A busy pilot for Southwest Airlines, Rory did not have as much time to devote to shelter activities. What he did have was a love for animals and photography. So when Donna heard that the shelter needed quality photos to better market adoptable animals, the solution was close at hand. In early 2013, Rory joined Donna at the shelter, volunteering his photographic talents to the immediate benefit



Rory & Donna

of our animals. At roughly the same time, Donna began helping out our behavior team, assisting with dog introductions and play groups. With a graduate degree in animal behavior and a calm demeanor with the animals, she was a natural fit for this role. And when Rory added his camera to the mix, we suddenly had a whole new way to showcase our animals, written articles for the paper, and photographed Humane Society events.

We are so grateful to Donna and Rory Hansen. They have been instrumental to the success of our work, and the shelter would not be the same without their contributions.



Mark your calendars for October 4th and plan to shop the Humane Society's Thrift Shop and Vintage Boutique. It's the second annual Thrift Benefit for Sheltered Animals. Last year, a group of HomeTalk "Do It Yourself" home bloggers shopped their local thrift shops nationally that benefit sheltered animals. They shared their thrift shop projects and stories of their animals on HomeTalk and their websites. This event is to bring awareness to thrift shops that benefit sheltered animals.

This event is sponsored by HomeTalk and Country Design Style.



RESCUED PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE

Chief on the Run

On July 25th, we had a stray dog come in from the Pine area. When staff scanned for a microchip, a PetLink chip showed up. When I called the chip company, the owners had not registered the chip (something that happens fairly often actually). The customer service rep gave me the information for the veterinary clinic that microchipped the dog and to my surprise it was a clinic in New Mexico. I called the vet clinic and the actual vet answered the phone. She was shocked as well to find out that the dog was here in Payson because she knew the owners and that they lived in Albuquerque. She gave me the information of the owners and told me the dogs name was Chief. I called and had to leave a message.

On Sunday, Ka Trina called and got a hold of his owner. She told Ka Trina that he had been missing for about a month. He had been microchipped the month before he went missing. She and her husband went on a camping trip to some national park in New Mexico and that during the trip, Chief had jumped out of their car and took off.

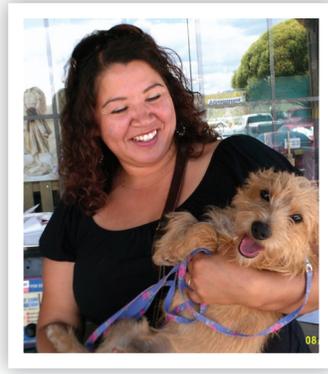
They looked for him for a long time, but couldn't find a trace of him. At that point, since the search was unsuccessful, they had just assumed he had gotten attacked by a bigger animal since he would be ideal prey for a coyote or hawk or something. How he managed to end up with people in Pine is still a mystery, but she was happy to hear that he was okay. Ka Trina told her we would be in touch and that we could work something out to reunite them.



capture some of the happiness in a few photos.



On August 9th, Brad, a volunteer, drove to Gallup, NM to meet Chief's mom. It was a beautiful day for them! We were so happy to be able to reunite Chief and his mom and were able to



Chief & Ka Trina

Humanitarian Hold Program

The sad and heartbreaking fact is that without such a program in place many victims would remain in desperate, even unsafe situations, out of fear of leaving their animals behind or surrendering them to the Humane Society of Central Arizona for adoption. The Humanitarian Hold Program is the only alternative in our service area where individuals and families in crisis have an opportunity to set up a new life knowing their companion animal, in the meantime, is cared for. Over the past three years, there has been a 45% increase in the need for Humanitarian Hold Program services. Shelter space and occupancy has at times has been over capacity and resources are strained trying keep up with the demand. But HSCAZ is committed to being here for members of the community and assisting through events beyond their control.

Mojo and DJ

One of those animals served by the Humanitarian Hold program was a dog named Mojo. Mojo came to HSCAZ when a Gila County Sheriff's Officer drove Mojo and his mom, Teresa, to the shelter in the middle of the night to meet our Executive Director after a fire had ravaged and destroyed their house in Rye. Exhausted, emotionally drained, and worried about where she was going, Teresa needed a place for Mojo to stay while she figured out what would happen next. HSCAZ was happy to help! We sheltered and took care of Mojo for 10 days while

Teresa took care of the devastation and heartache that comes from losing your home. Without this program Teresa had nowhere to go, the emergency shelter set up does not allow pets and there wasn't a hotel she could afford that would take her dog as well.

Another wonderful story we would like to share is of a dog named DJ. DJ came to us after his owner was in a terrible car accident. DJ and his dad, Dick, had been thick as thieves since he was 8 weeks of age. We took care of DJ in our humanitarian hold program for 9 days while Dick recovered in the hospital. The day of Dick and DJ's reunion brought tears to our eyes! They were so happy to be together again.

We are grateful for the \$5,000 grant received for the Humanitarian Hold Program through the Banfield Charitable Trust. A program with heart; a program that feeds our mission.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND MUSINGS

Q What are the Signs of Dehydration in Dogs?

A In general, a healthy dog will drink enough water daily to stay well hydrated, but there are a few instances where dehydration can occur. Dogs suffering from illnesses like kidney disease, metabolic disorders (such as diabetes), cancer and pregnant/nursing animals are at risk of becoming dehydrated more readily.

To check your dog for dehydration, pick up a fold of loose skin over the top of the shoulder blades, pull it up gently and release it. Watch for the skin to fall back into place. Under normal circumstances, the skin should quickly return to place without any hesitation. If dehydration is present, the skin will slowly return or may even stay up for a time before falling back into place.

Another place to look for dehydration is in an dog's mouth. If the gums appear dry, sticky or pale, this is a sign of illness and dehydration. Dehydrated pets will also have dry, sunken eye balls and a dry nose and mouth.

If you are concerned that your dog is not getting enough water to maintain health, talk to your veterinarian.

From petMD

LOOKING FOR LOVE & COMPANIONSHIP - PROFILE

Who: Emily Lickensen

Age: 3 years old

Weight: Medium

Model: Female, domestic medium hair mix

Relationship: Prefers to be the exclusive animal in the house.

Characteristics: Loves being petted. Very shy and nervous in new environments and small children. Will warm up to you if you are patient. Please inquire about me at 928. 474.5590

FYI. Roxy, June's single domestic longhair feline, has not yet found true love.



SHELTER HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
10:00 am to 2 pm

Tuesday & Thursday
1:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Closed Sunday

HUMANE SOCIETY OF CENTRAL ARIZONA DONATION FORM



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