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



Humane
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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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SECOND ANNUAL *PINS FOR PAWS*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

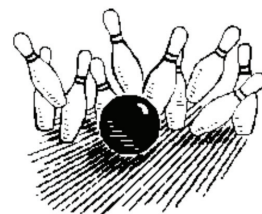
Animal lovers at Chaparral Pines, neighbors and friends are holding their second annual *Pins for Paws* bowling event to raise money for the Humane Society of Central Arizona.

The event is Friday, September 21st - 4pm at Rim Country Lanes. A buffet dinner will follow at Chaparral Pines.

Bowling reservations are limited. Contact **Cathy Buckisch at 928.478.6945** for more information.

Participate in this fun event in many ways:

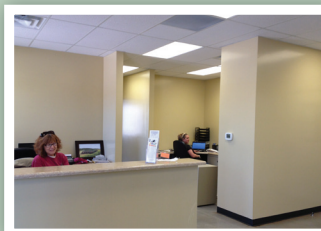
- *Bowlers may donate cash per pin in any amount*
- *Sponsor a bowler by pledging a cash amount per pin*
- *Attend the buffet*
- *Purchase raffle tickets for golf, dinners and more*
- *Make a donation*



NEW SHELTER CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 19 & 20

Everyone at the Humane Society of Central Arizona is filled with joy and gratitude to have the animals in new facilities built through the efforts, dedication and generosity of the many citizens, businesses, organizations and volunteers of



Payson, surrounding communities, the state of Arizona and beyond. Although less spacious than the original design, the

facilities are very adequate for the animal population we serve and much thoughtful planning has resulted in a well-functioning, healthy environment which is both animal and people friendly. We are planning a two-day Grand Opening festival to thank all who helped make the new shelter a reality. During the festival the many wonders of animals will be celebrated through tours, demonstrations, music and more.





WHAT'S NEW PUSSY CAT?

The move to the new shelter is complete and remnants of the old building were recently hauled away to make room for the entrance and roadway into our facility. Companion animals in our care are waiting for their forever homes in a new and efficient environment. Dogs are frolicking with their friends in spacious play yards outside and are now secure and protected from the inclement weather when they are inside. Kittens and cats are snuggled together either catching naps or perched in windowsills watching birds and getting the first look at potential adopters walking through our front door. The animals are in remarkably better conditions, happy and safe and staff and volunteers smile as they work diligently to care for them.

On a less positive note, since the completion of the building there has been a decline in

operations donations which are necessary to do the work that is the essence of our mission, to provide the care and support for the animals we serve. Among the many costs incurred each day are those for dog food, cat food, kitty litter, cleaning and disinfecting supplies, medication, medical procedures, veterinary assistance, training, behavior assessments, adoption procedures and the staff who care for the animals seven days a week. Each year we strive to care for over 1,250 abandoned animals that have found their way to us.

I encourage each and every one of you to visit the new shelter and see first hand how residents of the rim country have tirelessly worked together to build this amazing home for those with no voice. We ask for your continued commitment of time and resources to help us care for these special animals we consider angels.

HELPING HANDS HEALING HEART

Made in the Shade

A big shout out to both our friends and supporters at Paws in the Park and a group of energetic Humane Society of Central Arizona volunteers. PAWS partnered with Costco to secure shade sails for the outdoor play areas, in addition to PAWS generous donation of new swimming pools now cooling off the canine play yards. A group of strong volunteers - Bob D'Amico, Bob Rick, Jack Raveling, Terry Learmont and Rob Ingram - spent two days in sweltering heat installing the shade structures. According to the dogs now taking breaks undercover while getting exercise and fresh air, this was a job well done!



Volunteers Who Became Adopters

Not all volunteers become adopters.

Many volunteers donate their time at the shelter because of their love for animals. However timing often brings volunteers and special buddies together when least expected.

Rose and Tiggy

Rose recently moved to Payson. She decided to volunteer her time and join our team at the Thrift Shop. While her home was cozy, it was lonely. Rose's grandson Steven volunteers at the shelter cleaning kennels. One day he met Tiggy, a seven year old white Maltese mix that would be perfect for grandma. Grandma Rose opened her loving arms for Tiggy. Together they share a home filled with love and companionship.



Sharon and the Twins

"Over a year ago, I lost my beloved doxie after 17 years. To say my heart was broken was an understatement. I vowed that I would not have another dog ever! It was just too hard. So, I thought

that by volunteering some time at the HSCAZ I would get my "doggie fix". I resisted many cute and adorable dogs that came through the shelter but on May 22nd, my life was about to change. Two Doxie brothers, one year old, had been surrendered. How could I resist them? The answer was I didn't, I couldn't. I was hooked all over again. Life with dogs feels normal. While we at times have our little challenges, we are a family and I wouldn't have it any other way."



(What's New Pussy Cat con't)

The Humane Society was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Holbrook-Pyle Foundation through the Arizona Community Foundation.



The relocation of the Thrift Shop & Boutique on Main street has been a success due to the long-hours and hard work of manager Bobby Stephens and his group of dedicated volunteers. Since the move, the Thrift Shop's



expanded display areas and sorting room have been blessed with fine quality donations. According to Bobby, "customers love the store because it's a friendly place, extremely clean, well-organized and offers great quality merchandise at reasonable prices. We see lots of new customers and know people are spreading the word." The need for gently used items continues – especially as we prepare for winter and the upcoming holiday season.

Sarah Hock, Executive Director

READY FOR A NEW HOME

My Name is Noah

On March 10th, I was brought into the Humane Society of Central Arizona as a stray and the staff named me Noah – they told me Noah means a new chapter in life. A few months later, a friend of mine stopped by and recognized me.

He told the staff my real name was Blade. My friend also said the guy who dropped me off as a stray was actually my owner. After that news we all agreed Noah is

my name. It didn't take long for me to win over volunteers with my charming personality. Who doesn't love a guy that wants to play fetch, tug-of-war and swim? However, my best quality is my loving, calm disposition. I know when to relax and take it easy too. I'm a low maintenance dog; just throw the ball to me, scratch behind my ears and let me cuddle with you on the couch. I like female dogs and older kids who are easygoing. As much as my friends at HSCAZ love me, and I love them, I am ready to have a forever home that I can call my own. Just look at my face; how can you not want to take me home?



Noah

RESCUED PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE

Our New Kitty!!

My family and I stop by every time we are in Payson. We live in Mesa, AZ and have a summer cabin in the Whispering Pines area. On June 30th we were heading to our cabin and again we just had to stop by - it was around 2:10 pm and although your location was closed, the door was open and the lady behind the desk was nice enough to allow my family to come in and peek at the cats and kittens up for adoption. There were so many cute cats and kittens, but we left because you were closed. The next day we came back and picked out the sweetest little calico kitten. Your staff was awesome and very patient with my four very loud boys. She is just great and we wanted to say thank you. We named her Payson, but her full name is Payson Chexmix Gentry and she fits our family well.

Heather and Jeremiah Gentry



Payson Gentry

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND MUSINGS

HSCAZ is not part of or affiliated with the Arizona Humane Society (AHS), the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) or any other shelter organization. We stand alone and depend on the generosity of individuals, grants, businesses, Thrift Shop sales and organizations, for the funds necessary to provide daily care for each animal who enters our shelter.

Q How many volunteers donate their time to HSCAZ?

A Today there are 133 volunteers. In-house needs include dog walking, feeding the animals, shelter maintenance and office tasks. Outside volunteer opportunities include the fund raising committee, alumni can collections, dog bank collections and assisting at the Thrift Shop.

On behalf of the board, staff, and especially the animals we extend our deepest gratitude for their commitment of time.

WITH GRATITUDE

A special thank you to George and Vickie Randall for again opening up there beautiful ranch home and property for the June 2nd - Reds, Whites, Bronzes and Bluegrass fundraiser. Beverage Place and Dennis Brosseau, Chaparral Pines, Chris Navarro, Kenwood Inn and Spa, Massage and Skin Care by Frances, Sue Pearson Massage, Roy Haught and Waste Matters, Safeway, Payson Senior Center, Wrangler Plumbing, Gila County Sheriff's Posse, KMOG, Kobe Parker, LipStory, Payson Round-up, Pine Ice, Gary Vohs and Payson Fire Department, Plant Fair Nursery, staff and volunteers all contributed to the overall success of this annual event.





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

**PLEASE SAY YES!
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