

DECEMBER 2012

# KINDRED *Spirits*



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



## 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.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## A YEAR TO BE GRATEFUL

December marks the start of winter, a harsh season with cold winds and weather settling into the Rim Country. Thankfully this winter our animals will be protected in our new facility. While we are beyond grateful to be in our new efficient building, the costs to operate are increasing due to the unprecedented demand for shelter space. Currently we have 125 animals under our care and their needs must be met on a daily basis. Caring for these animals who have lost their way takes time and resources. Before they leave us, we do everything to ensure they are healthy, happy and ready to be adopted.



This is such a wonderful and charitable community which astounds me at every turn. It was your generosity that built our new facility, and it is your generosity that will enable us to continue taking in these beautiful souls and help them on their way again. Please consider donating an end of year gift to the Humane Society of Central Arizona. Your heartfelt gift truly makes a difference in saving lives, gives warmth, and helps us create a better future for the animals we serve this holiday season and beyond. Go to our website at [www.humanesocietycentralaz.org](http://www.humanesocietycentralaz.org) to view our Giving Catalogue and see the many ways your donations help the animals.

*With gratitude,  
Sarah Hock, Executive Director*

*HSCAZ is not part of or affiliated with the Arizona Humane Society, the Humane Society of the United States 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.*

## IT WAS A CELEBRATION

On October 19th and 20th, over 350 friends of the Humane Society of Central Arizona visited the shelter. There were many tears of joy as the weekend celebration honored hundreds of caring individuals and businesses that made this new building possible.



*Sarah Hock and Barbara Brenke made it official by cutting the grand opening ribbon presented by the Rim Country Regional Chamber of Commerce.*



## SPRING EVENT

The first annual Sunset Jazz and Wine Auction will take place spring 2013. Look for details on HSCAZ's website in January. It promises to be fun with proceeds benefiting the animals temporarily waiting for their forever homes.





## WHAT'S NEW PUSSY CAT?

We would like to introduce two new members of our HSCAZ family. Jason Carey is our new Animal Services Manager. He comes to us with a wide range of animal welfare experience including dog behavior, assisting with spay/neuter clinics in Mexico, community outreach and education, locally and internationally. Jason was also the cofounder of a very successful assessment program at Maricopa County Animal Care and Control which held a 90% success rate in positive placement of animals otherwise destined for euthanasia. We are excited to have Jason join our team here at HSCAZ and look forward to the coming year.



Mel Hebel is our new Veterinary Technician. She has been working in the field of veterinary medicine since 1994 assisting veterinarians and focusing on improving the quality of life for



*Welcoming staff at HSCAZ*

all living creatures. Mel embodies compassion, understanding, experience and offers the highest quality of veterinary assistance. Mel brings with her a wide range of experience including specializing in feline care.



*Board of Directors and volunteers*

## HELPING HANDS HEALING HEARTS

Close to 70 volunteers filled the white canopy tents on the morning of October 20th for the annual volunteer appreciation breakfast. The air was filled with sweet aromas of breakfast goodies and coffee. Each volunteer was honored with a certificate of appreciation. Max, one of the shelter dogs, along with some of his friends helped out at the event by choosing raffle winners. It was a morning of celebration in the shadow of the new building and recognition of all volunteers who contributed their time to the organization.

Everyday - every cat and dog is touched in a special way. Volunteers walk the dogs and spend special time socializing and interacting with them in their play yards. Cats are cared for in their kitty condos where they receive love and compassion from the special volunteers.



### Black Friday at HSCAZ

13 adorable black lab puppies were recently abandoned in a Payson yard. They are currently being treated for kennel cough and are in foster care until they are healthy and ready for adoption. Their foster family has lots of open space for them to romp around and release that pent up puppy energy.



## THRIFT SHOP & BOUTIQUE JINGLE

Wanted to share a little song Bobby Stephens, manager of the Thrift Shop, recently sang to HSCAZ volunteers - using the theme song melody from *Facts of Life*

*They drop it off, we sort it out  
We hang it up, we run about  
It's where we stop... at the Thrift Shop*

*We take the bad, we take the good  
We clean it up, it's understood  
It's where we work... at the Thrift shop*

*We say "hello", we ring them up  
Some will talk and never hush up  
But it's where we serve...  
at the Thrift Shop*

*It's hard, it's fun, it's for the cause  
The animals eat, so we applause  
The Volunteers... at the Thrift Shop  
Yes we all applaud... the volunteers...  
At the Thrift Shop!*



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Are you passionate about animals? Do you have experience in business, construction, education, engineering, finance, or law? HSCAZ is seeking such individuals for positions on the board of directors. Members will help us move forward in continuing our efforts to ensure compassionate care for the animals we serve, provide education and outreach for the community, participate in fundraising efforts and begin planning for future expansion of our facilities.

## RESCUED PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE

### HAPPY

Happy became our resident when he was unexpectedly orphaned at 12 years old. He went on to spend two months at the shelter waiting for a new home. The first few weeks he was severely depressed so to cheer him up he was brought up to the front office to socialize with the staff and greet every visitor personally. It changed his attitude immensely -- and he branched out to working as a part time associate at the HSCAZ Thrift Shop.

Happy began to run and play and was able to express his gentle, mature but youthful personality to a loving family in Payson. Happy now happily lounges on the furniture, takes frequent naps and goes for walks at his new home.

### KINDRED SOULS AND SMILES

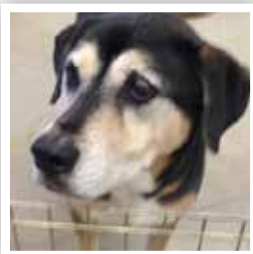
The little girl was quiet, her face withdrawn. She walked slowly, holding her mother's hand as they stopped at the desk to ask in a soft voice, "may we look at your puppies"? "Of course" was the response, and she was pointed down the hall to the puppy kennels. Some time later they returned to the desk and asked if they could adopt one of our new intakes. We answered, "sorry, they're not quite ready yet. They are undergoing their standard medical examinations tomorrow, and should be ready for adoption at the end of the week". "Which one are you interested in?" The little girl pointed to the shyest puppy of the litter, a small, fluffy dog that turned its face away and cowered when approached. Her mother smiled and said "they hit it off". I told her she could call and check the status of the pup in a couple of

If you are an energetic person who has interest in making a difference for animals, please contact Sarah Hock at 928 474-5590 ext. 105 for more information.

## CANVAS TOTE BAGS

The Humane Society of Central Arizona has attractive and reusable canvas tote bags available for purchase at the shelter. The cost is \$6.00 per tote and are perfect for gifts, books, shopping and more.

days. She thanked me and started to leave, then stopped and turned back and said "can I tell you something personal"? Her smile belied the pained look on her face. With tears in her eyes, she told us her daughter was deeply affected by a recent family tragedy and she hoped a new friend might help her little girl cope. When her daughter had seen the little dog, it was as if a light had switched on inside of her. A faint light perhaps, but a light nonetheless.



She was back a couple of days later and the little puppy was ready. Her hand shook slightly as she signed the adoption papers. The puppy was to be a surprise.

Two weeks later, they stopped in and we went for a walk together. What once had been a fearful, cowering puppy was now an energetic, happy little dog. And what had once been a sad, withdrawn little girl was now a bright, smiling child with a new best friend.

The holidays are a time for remembering the little things that mean so much, the love of a parent, the smile of a child, and of course, puppy breath. Happy Holidays!



Little girl and her puppy Amata

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND MUSINGS

**Q Can human medications be toxic to pets?**

**A Medications prescribed to humans need to be kept away from dogs and cats. Ten very common poisonous human medications include:**

***Pain relievers - anti inflammatories***

***Acetaminophen***

***ADD/ADHD medications***

***Antidepressants***

***Sleep aids***

***Birth control***

***Muscle relaxants***

***Heart Medications***

***Thyroid hormones***

***Cholesterol lowering agents***

***Always consult with a veterinarian before administering medications to your pet.***

## WITH GRATITUDE

A special thank you to Rob and Ginger Ingram for carefully removing the iconic mosaic that for decades graced the entrance to the old Humane Society of Central Arizona building. The crumbling mosaic was meticulously restored to its original condition by Rob, Ginger, Terry and Judy Learmont last winter. Prior to the grand opening, the beautifully refurbished mosaic with welcoming, whimsical cats and dogs was installed on the front of the new shelter and is keeping the spirit of the past alive.



Mosaic designed by Velma Tainsh



**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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