

# Kindred Spirits Newsletter

**JUNE 2016**

## 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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## SHELTER ADMINISTRATION

928-474-5590  
605 W. Wilson Court  
Payson, AZ 85541

## SHELTER HOURS

Monday through Saturday  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Closed Sunday



**RESPECT, GRACE, COMPASSION AND LOVE  
FOR THE ANIMALS WHO SHARE OUR JOURNEY**

## Upcoming Events

June 25– Runnin' with the Pups, a benefit event for the shelter at The Spur Bar in Star Valley from 11-5. \$10 per person. Call 928-978-8110 for more information.

June 25– Kickin' it with the Kittens, an all kitten adoption event at Steve Coury Ford in Star Valley from 10-2. Call 928-474-5590 for more information.

## Celebrating Success

All of us at HSCAZ have been working diligently to get the word out to the community about the amazing grant we received last fall. PetSmart Charities granted our shelter over \$92,000, with all funds to be used to help the community. In just nine months, we have surpassed all of our goals. To date, this generous grant provided the following for members of our community:

- 475 spay/neuter surgeries– These are huge numbers for our community considering just one cat and her offspring can produce 370,000 kittens in just 7 years \*if not spayed\* and one dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 puppies in just 6 years \*if not spayed\*.
- 550 exams with local veterinarians and at HSCAZ's mobile clinic– This helped vast members of the community get their dogs or cats medical attention who otherwise may have not been able to afford their pet's care.
- 775 vaccines– The vaccination of over 700 local pets will make a major impact in the future of our community. This will help stop the spread of infectious and potentially fatal diseases to our furry friends.

The hard work of everyone at HSCAZ has certainly paid off. We are incredibly thankful to PetSmart Charities and local veterinarians Dr. Snyder, Dr. Hallman, Dr. Sorensen, Dr. Gonzales and HSCAZ's veterinarian Dr. Christensen. We hope this grant will drastically lower the amount of homeless, lost or abandoned animals in our community.



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Check out our website for upcoming Adoption Events

## STAFF PROFILE: HSCAZ's Behavior Team



*Some of HSCAZ's Behavior Team— Dan and Talulah , Josh and Tank , Rod and Kream and Rita and Lucky*

Our shelter is focusing it's energies on expanding the behavior work that has been so successful over the past years. Our behavior team consists of staff and dedicated volunteers that study our canine and feline inhabitants to get a better understanding of their specific needs. This helps increase adoptability and reduce the number of adopters returning their newly adopted pets. Animals that have come into the shelter timid and afraid are now striving thanks to our new program. Every new animal is evaluated upon their initial medical exam and then they are worked with to help them feel more comfortable and confident in their new surroundings. Since the inception of our behavior program, we have seen a record number of adoptions and a decrease in "failed" adoptions and returns. By having a better understanding of that particular animal and their needs, we are able to advise potential adopters better and find the best fit for each pet and adopter.

### Behavior Team Success Story- Lucky

Lucky came to HSCAZ as an owner surrender a few months ago. When he was brought to our shelter, he was aggressive to not only people but other dogs as well. After working with our behavior team, he is a whole new dog! He is excited to meet people, has a large group of canine friends around the shelter, goes on group walks with lots of other dogs and even attends off-site adoption events to meet new people. Our behavior team is still trying to teach Lucky how to love cats (he is a work in progress). Lucky's name suits him very well because had he been surrendered to a different shelter— he may not have been so lucky.



*Lucky showing off his smile*

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE: Joyce Karnes



*Joyce Karnes*

Joyce came aboard volunteering at the store back in 2012. She has been a strong asset for the store since she has experience working all departments, but she really enjoys volunteering in the Receiving Department. She has a great spirit and is always ready to assist customers shopping or working with the donors at the back door. She has been available

to help extra days and has worked hard to keep our huge pile of cardboard boxes flattened and hauled off to the recycling location. She comes in early to vacuum and see that the store is ready to open. She is always willing to assist in the training of new volunteers and when she is over-seeing the back room, we know the place is under

control and well taken care of. Thank you Joyce for being such a dedicated team-player!!

If you are interested in volunteering for either the shelter or the Resale Store on Main Street, please come into or call the shelter at 928-474-5590.

## Keller's Second Chance

Keller came into HSCAZ in extremely critical condition. He had been abandoned in a shed and a good samaritan brought him to our shelter. Both of his eyes were severely damaged. Our medical team got right to work and saved this beautiful kitten. Both of Keller's eyes had to be removed due to extreme infection. His health was touch and go for quite a while but with lots of attention and medical care, Keller has made a full recovery. He is still in our care and will be until our medical team is confident he is ready for his new family. Although it's obvious to anyone who sees him that he has a disability, he does not let it slow him down. Keller was able to be saved because of donations that help keep our shelter open. Please consider donating to our medical fund so we can continue to have the resources available to save lives.



*Keller's first day at the shelter*



*Keller after lifesaving medical treatment*

## The Lives You Save



*Opie*



*Tank*



*Baby*



*Missy*



*Callie*



*Kream*

Thanks to you, The Humane Society of Central Arizona cared for 1,150 cats and dogs last year. We found 351 pets a new family through adoption, reunited 323 pets with their owners, transferred 34 dogs and cats to other shelters for a second chance adoption, cared for 30 dogs and cats that were temporarily unable to stay in their homes due to hospitalizations, rehabilitation, domestic violence, etc. and cared for 326 pets at our mobile clinic. Your support is what helps HSCAZ care for the lost, abandoned and homeless animals of the 900 square miles we serve. Please consider helping us care for even more dogs and cats this year by making a donation to The Humane Society of Central Arizona. We deeply appreciate all that the support of this community has helped us to do over the years and hope to continue to serve you well.

## HUMANE SOCIETY OF CENTRAL ARIZONA DONATION FORM



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behalf of the animals  
who share our journey.**

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Payson, AZ 85547

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