

MARCH 2013

# 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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## ARIZONA GIVES DAY MARCH 20

Arizona Gives Day is a day for Arizonans to come together to make donations to non-profits they care about. All of Payson is invited to join other Arizonans in this day of giving.



Donations can be made online and are tax deductible. Your donations stay local and help support non-profits in the Payson area. We invite all residents of the Rim Country to take this opportunity to support their local non-profit organizations.

March 20, 2013 you may donate online from your home or office at <http://azgives.org>. Donations may also be made in person at the Senior Center, from 4 pm and 7 pm. Complimentary appetizers and beverages will be served.

The Senior Center is located at 514 West Main Street, Payson.

## THRIFT SHOP & BOUTIQUE

The HSCAZ Thrift Shop & Boutique will be celebrating the one-year anniversary of their new location mid-April. Be on the look out for special sales and promotions.

## ADOPT BILLBOARD

HSCAZ is beyond grateful to American Outdoor Advertising for donating a billboard to the shelter for one year. The 9' by 34' board is currently located along highway 260 in Star Valley.



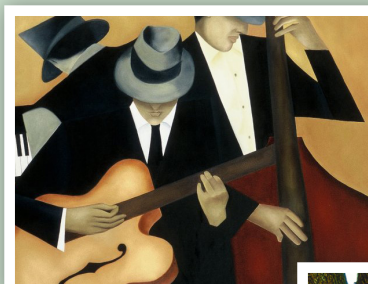
## SUNSET JAZZ & WINE AUCTION FRIDAY, MAY 10

Mark your calendar for HSCAZ's annual fundraiser to benefit the animals. The Sunset Jazz & Wine Auction is scheduled for Friday, May 10. The Humane Society of Central Arizona promises guests a fun and lovely early evening of events in a spectacular outdoor setting. The location is Falcon Crest Bed and Breakfast which overlooks the town of Payson.

There will be live music featuring the Payson Jazz Trio. A special menu of sweet and savory

hors d'oeuvres has been designed and will be paired with wine tastings. Additional activities include a photo booth, poker for paws, spa package raffle items, wine auction and a magical Arizona sunset.

The event will take place from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$75 per person. For more information visit [www.humanesocietycentralaz.org](http://www.humanesocietycentralaz.org) or call 928.474.5590.



Payson Jazz Trio



## WHAT'S NEW PUSSY CAT?



The Humane Society of Central Arizona continually strives to implement new programs and services for our community and the animals we serve. Our mission is *"Because They Matter ... respect, grace, compassion and love for the animals who share our journey."*

### Current programs and services include:

- Shelter, care and adoption for lost and unwanted animals. We welcome every animal that we can legally accept and properly care for. HSCAZ is an open admission shelter. We also contract with the town of Payson and Gila County to provide animal control intake facilities.
- Reuniting lost companion animals with their families.
- Provide Humanitarian Hold services to house animals whose owners are temporarily unable to care for them due to life altering circumstances such as illness, being homeless, domestic violence, etc.

- A Senior to Senior program that matches older animals with seniors.
- Microchips are available through the shelter and a tool often used to identify a lost dog or cat.
- Spay and neuter voucher programs to assist those who lack funds to spay or neuter their dog or cat. We work vigilantly to secure funds to enable us to continue with this program and by partnering with low-cost mobile clinics and local clinics.
- Animal Companion Transportation to Rescue Program - The Humane Society of Central Arizona makes every effort to improve the adoption rate and quality of life for companion animals and the people that need them. Developing and cultivating relationships with reputable high adoption rate facilities, service dog training organizations and breed specific rescue groups within Arizona and surrounding states.

We are able to provide these services to our community only with you as our partner.

With gratitude,

Sarah Hock, Executive Director

## HELPING HANDS HEALING HEART

### Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Rita. She is a bit of a renaissance woman when it comes to volunteering here at HSCAZ. For a little over three years she has done everything from answering phones and cleaning kennels, to walking dogs and helping transport animals to rescues around the southwest. When asked about her favorite part about volunteering? "It's a different aspect every day, today it was leash training a puppy. Tomorrow it will be something else and equally as wonderful!" One of Rita's most rewarding experiences is helping to transport animals to other rescue agencies. "You get so attached to the animals you are transporting and it's so rewarding to follow their progress on shelter websites until they get adopted."

Rita is just one of many volunteers whose



Rita and Maddie

dedication helps us care for all the animals who land at HSCAZ. If you are interested in volunteering, you can visit our website [www.humanesocietycentralaz.org](http://www.humanesocietycentralaz.org) or call 928.474.5590.

### Staff Spotlight

Angie Freeze has been an Animal Caregiver at HSCAZ for over two years. She has a warm heart and a generous spirit that all animals feel the moment they come into our care. "I love my job! The best thing about working here is the animals. When you are having a bad day, they make everything better." The animals all know her as "Mama". In the morning when she comes in, she lets them all know that "Mama is here" in a sing song voice. When she leaves for the day, each animal is tucked in and given a kiss good night. Angie is notorious for singing while she works. She is always in a good mood and puts a smile on everyone's face.



Angie and Chewy



## OUR NEEDS ARE GROWING

The staff and volunteers at the Humane Society of Central Arizona are working tirelessly to meet the needs of the animals despite hours being temporary cut and staff positions eliminated. Your generous donations have kept us going for the past 40 years - and we believe the future is bright now that we are housed in a safer and more efficient environment. Unfortunately, operational and supply costs are rising and we are humbly struggling to meet our responsibilities. Your ongoing support is met with enormous gratitude and we encourage you to keep spreading the good word about this temporary home to helpless animals in need of our care.

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## RESCUED PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE

Fawn was huddled in her kennel, wrapped in blankets and a little sweater. Her skin was patchy and dry. She tucked her tiny nose under her legs, kept a wary eye on the gate with ears cocked in anticipation of approaching strangers. She had been in the kennel for months and could distinguish between the day-to-day staff and strangers. She initially dismissed visitors with a squeaky growl, but became anxious if they stopped and tried to talk to her - barking and snapping. Repeatedly discouraging interested parties. It was all a show - we knew she loved to be held. After months of poking and prodding, she was just leery of hands reaching toward her.

It was mid December. Fawn had spent the last four months in that kennel. She came in at the end of August, a stray Chihuahua caught by animal control. She tested positive for a skin condition and was quarantined to keep the other animals safe. Fawn suffered multiple bouts of skin infections, was scraped, dipped, rubbed and given pills. Each treatment yielded brief success, followed by another infection. She was contagious, uncomfortable and not adoptable. Sadly, she was running out of time.

We made several attempts to find her a foster home where she could continue treatment without the stress of being in the shelter. Nobody was willing to expose themselves or their animals to her infection. She had nowhere to go. Her condition was treatable, but we also worried we might be putting other shelter animals at risk. After months of confinement she was mistrustful and withdrawn.

It was the holiday season and none of us were quite ready to give up on Fawn. She was in the middle of treatment and we decided to give it one more shot. If this one didn't work or if the infections came back, Fawn would have to be euthanized. And then something amazing happened. A day, a week and then two weeks went by and no skin infections. She was still itchy from allergies, a little crabby about leaving her kennel, but her tests came back negative. It was time for Fawn to be a dog again, instead of a patient. What she needed was interaction with people and dogs. There was another dog named Taco, a small Corgi mix, that didn't like to be touched. He began spending mornings in the lobby as we went about our jobs, learning to trust people. We figured Taco and Fawn were perfectly matched in the mistrust department, so

little Fawn was brought to the lobby to join him.

Taco didn't have time for other dogs and neither did Fawn. We worried Taco might pick on her, but they hit it off. Fawn darted around the lobby trying to get Taco to play. Within days, both dogs were vying for attention and would compete for time in our laps. Fawn loved being held and would paw at our legs to be picked up. But unfamiliar people were still a challenge, especially men. She was no longer sick, but needed more time and patience before she would be adoptable.

A couple of weeks later, a gentleman walked in the door looking for a dog. He was a biker and looked the part. His arms were covered in faded tattoos, heavy boots, face and hands rough and weather beaten and a long white beard hung over his leather jacket.

All sorts of stereotypes were running through my mind when I asked what kind of dog he was looking for. He said, "I'm looking for a Chihuahua". I began to tell him about our other Chihuahuas, but he had come in to

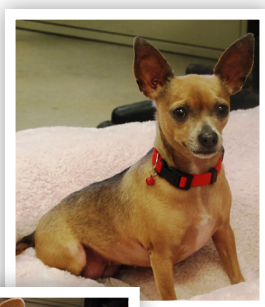
meet Fawn.

After a quick discussion about her fear of men, a suggestion to take things slowly and a warning to watch his fingers - they were introduced.

As expected, Fawn was frightened and no doubt wondered who is this scary man? What will he do to me? She barked, growled, nipped at his fingers and ran away. He remained patient and didn't raise his voice. He simply sat still and waited. I left them alone to get acquainted - a large man in a leather jacket and a tiny Chihuahua in a pink sweater.

Every so often I'd peek into the room and see no progress. She paced around the room with her tail tucked tight as he sat calmly. Two hours later I looked in and little Fawn was sitting happily in his lap as he petted her gently. When he stood up, she hopped down and followed him. I told him, "this makes me so happy and you are incredibly patient". It turned out he had recently lost his Chihuahua of 17 years and was ready for another dog. Fawn was the one. "Whatever it takes," he said.

His wife came to the shelter after work to make sure her and Fawn would hit it off as well. They did! We finished the adoption. "You are a lucky little dog," I said to Fawn as she pranced out the door. She didn't even look back. She had made it.



Fawn



Taco and Fawn

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND MUSINGS

**Q** Can the presence of a pet be good for your health?

**A** According to a study published in 2011 - coauthored by Allen McConnell, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Miami University in Ohio - pets foster self-esteem, calmness, soothing and a feeling of acceptance.

### FROSTY PAW TREAT RECIPE

32 oz. Plain Yogurt

1 ripe mashed banana

2 Tablespoons honey

2 Tablespoons creamy peanut butter

Mix together, put in ice cube trays or small individual cups.

Freeze for three hours.

Your companions will love this frosty treat!

Please make sure your pet is not allergic to any of the ingredients above.

## GOOD THINGS COME IN PAIRS - PROFILE

**Who:** Big Teddy & Stud Muffin  
aka Teddy & Muffy

**Age:** Two years old

**Weight:** 75 lbs each

**Model:** Pit bull



**Relationship:** Inseparable brothers

**Experience:** Currently assisting staff in the reception area at HSCAZ and greeting visitors.

**Characteristics:** These beautiful chocolate brown souls love fluffy toys and people companionship. They must stay together.

Please inquire about us at 928.474.5590

## SHELTER HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

10:00 am to 2 pm

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

Closed Sunday



**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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HSCAZ at PO Box 242

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