

Kindred Spirits Newsletter

MARCH 2017

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

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



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

Upcoming Events

April 4- Arizona Gives Day

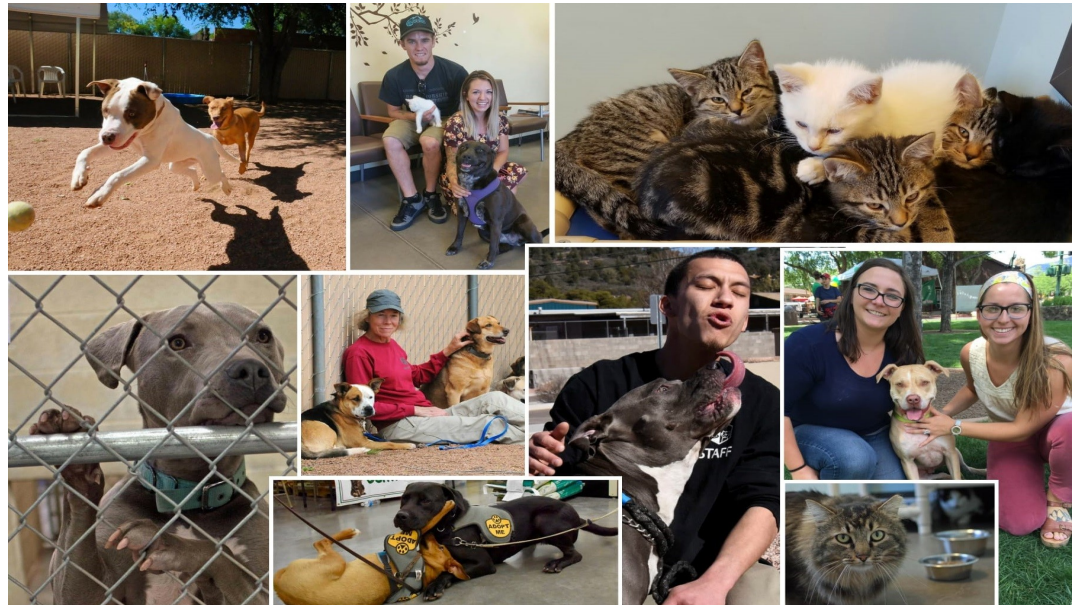
May 6- Up, Pup and Away, our Spring Fundraiser from 5-8 PM at the Payson Airport. Dinner, live music, silent auction/raffle and lots of fun all to benefit the shelter. More information to follow.

Celebrating Success in 2016

2016 was a great year for all of us at The Humane Society of Central Arizona thanks to our staff, volunteers, Board of Directors and donors.

- 411 adoptions
- Reunited 358 dogs and cats with their families
- Provided temporary care for 40 dogs and cats whose owners faced hardships throughout the year
- Spayed/Neutered over 500 community pets through our mobile clinic and a grant from PetSmart Charities
- Provided food year-round for over 30 families to help keep pets in their homes
- Started the Second Chance Fund to ensure homeless dogs and cats needing costly medical care and help with behavioral issues can still have a chance at a forever family
- Created our own TNR (trap, neuter and release) Program to help control the feral cat population

All of us at HSCAZ owe the success of 2016 to the amazing support we receive from our community. We look forward to saving even more lives and breaking more records in 2017.



For photos of current adoptable pets check out our website: www.humanesocietycentralaz.org

Second Chance Fund



Azula



Sadie

HSCAZ started the Second Chance Fund in 2016 out of necessity. While having numerous animals in our care needing costly medical treatments, we decided to reach out to our supporters for help. We currently have two dogs still needing their second chance.

Azula is a 7 year old pit bull that has been at our shelter since July of 2016. When this beautiful girl first came to us, we soon discovered that she suffered from seizures. Staff has worked hard to try to give Azula the most stress-free environment possible and we have thankfully seen a decrease in her seizure activity. Because of her condition, donations from the Second Chance Fund will help sponsor her ongoing medical needs once she finds her forever home.

Sadie is a one year old shepherd mix that was surrendered to HSCAZ in September of 2016 for “needing too much attention”. We immediately noticed that she had problems with her back legs. After a referral to The Animal Specialty Group, Dr. Lirtzman diagnosed Sadie with luxating patellas on both of her rear legs, a condition not common in larger dogs. She will be undergoing the first ever surgery of it’s kind in Arizona to repair both back legs. This procedure is costly but will be a permanent fix to help Sadie live a long, pain-free life. If you are able to donate to our Second Chance Fund, please call the shelter at 928-474-5590.

Second Chance Fund Success— Brandon

Brandon was originally brought to HSCAZ as a stray. Our medical team noticed that he was having complications with his mouth. Our Veterinarian referred Brandon to the Arizona Veterinary Dental Specialists where they diagnosed him with stomatitis. Stomatitis causes extreme pain and severe inflammation of the mouth that can lead to serious dental problems. The specialists at Arizona Veterinary Dental Specialists concluded that the only way to ensure Brandon a long, pain-free life would be to remove all of his teeth. He spent 4 days at their facility with around the clock treatment, including a feeding tube for the first few days. Brandon came back to

our shelter feeling like a whole new man. Thanks to our extremely generous donors, Brandon received his second chance. We are happy to report that Brandon has been adopted! We had a few people question our decision to spend the money on Brandon... had they met him, they never would have asked. Because of the Second Chance Fund, Brandon was able to have specialized care that will ensure he no longer suffers from painful dental disease and that his new adopters will not have to spend a fortune on his future medical needs. Everyone who has met Brandon is thankful he was brought to HSCAZ and given a second chance thanks to our donors.



Resale Store and Vintage Boutique

There's a new face at the Humane Society Resale Store, but to many it may be an old acquaintance. Liz Nordquist is the new manager, and serving in this capacity is her dream come true. Liz and her husband, Alan, have been supporters of HSCAZ since shortly after moving to Payson in 2005. They operated Loot Resale from 2008-2013. Liz started volunteering walking dogs and soon became a regular face at the shelter. Liz's devotion to the store only has one downside, she doesn't have as much time with the dogs at the shelter. She fits in all the time she can by bringing different dogs to the Resale Store and walking on weekends.

Liz has exciting plans for the future of our beautiful store, from transforming the boutique to giving a facelift to the furniture showroom. She welcomes those who haven't been in for a while to come see the changes, and she welcomes your comments and suggestions because that's how the store will grow and improve. Our Resale Store provides much-needed funds for our shelter. With Liz in charge, we are confident that her hard-work and dedication will bring continued success for the Humane Society of Central Arizona.

Please visit our Resale Store at 501 W. Main Street. Our hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 AM to 4 :30 PM. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a donation pick-up, give us a call at 928-468-6419.

Looking for a fun and active volunteer position that directly supports the animals in our care? The Resale Store is in desperate need of volunteers. If interested, please stop by the store and speak with Liz.



Success Story– Calvin

Calvin has found his forever family! Calvin and his brother Ace were found running in a remote area of the surrounding forest over a year ago. When they arrived at HSCAZ, they were emaciated and terrified, each weighing only 20 pounds. Our medical team got right to work on Calvin and Ace providing life-saving care. Then came the hard part, teaching these two brothers not to be so afraid and to trust us. Staff and volunteers spent countless hours, days and months working with Calvin and Ace. They spent over a year at HSCAZ learning simple things such as walking on leash, fetching a ball, being examined by our medical staff and learning to be around other dogs.

Gerry and Dee came to the shelter and fell in love with Calvin. Because of his past, the feeling was not 100% mutual right away. Gerry and Dee made repeated trips to the shelter to spend time with Calvin and gain his trust. They spent hours at a time working with him and letting him get to know them. They were extremely patient throughout the whole process. Once our behavior team thought the time was right, Calvin was brought to Gerry and Dee's home for a visit. Things went well and Calvin was going home!



Gerry, Dee and Calvin



Thanks to PetSmart Charities, HSCAZ currently has vouchers available that cover the cost of spay/neuter and core vaccines. They are available to anyone living in Northern Gila County with proof of residency and accepted at 5 different veterinary clinics (including our own). To receive a voucher, please come to the shelter at 605 W. Wilson Court.

Update from Gerry and Dee:

Calvin is doing great! The first few weeks he stuck closely to Dee but has since warmed up to Gerry. He no longer has accidents in the house and even sleeps in their bedroom now (he previously only liked one room of the house). He still gets frightened over loud noises, such as the trash truck, but is improving every single day. They report Calvin is extremely intelligent and has become a beloved companion. He is still a work in progress but Gerry and Dee look forward to doing everything they can for Calvin.

All of us at HSCAZ are so thankful for adopters like Gerry and Dee that saw the value of a dog like Calvin and worked so hard to make him theirs. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for giving this special dog a forever home!

Ace has also been adopted! More information coming soon.

