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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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Payson, AZ 85541

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

SMALL CHANGES, BIG RESULTS

HSCAZ recently made a decision to shut down our adoptable dog area from public access. The decision to do so was studied, debated, and thoroughly planned and we are proud to say it has been a tremendous success. The idea came about when studying the well-being of our animals. It was concluded the biggest stress to our dog population was the constant in and out of new people visiting their kennels (their only safe space). The stress brought on significant problems from weight loss to severe gastrointestinal issues that cost large amounts of money and time for the medical staff to correct.

The kennels that our dogs stay in are all indoor, so when the dogs get "riled up", it creates a noise that can be almost unbearable. A dog hears about four times that of a human. Studies showed that an average animal shelter will regularly exceed 100 dB (sound is measured in decibels dB). To put that into context, 95 dB is comparable to a subway train, 110 dB a jackhammer, and 120 dB a propeller aircraft. Any sound in the 90 to 120 dB range can be felt, as well as heard. Noise at this level has been found to be a physical stressor on animals that can lead to be-

havioral, physiological, and anatomical (body structure) responses. Noise-induced cortisol (stress hormone) increases can cause a weakened immune system, insulin resistance, cardiovascular disease, and intestinal problems. This decision was made to lessen the exposure of stimuli to

the animals by not allowing the public to enter the kennel area. Within just two months, it was evident that our idea was actually a solution for the dogs housed at HSCAZ. Staff reports that dogs are actually nap-



ping during the day, playgroups are more successful, dogs are enjoying more time outdoors, medication costs are down, and the "mood" of the shelter is all around better. Dogs that have spent considerable amounts of time at our shelter are being adopted because they no longer need to defend their kennels (their only safe place) from public viewing and create an image that they are aggressive.

Staff now spends their day being personal "match makers" and giving a potential adopter a one-on-one experience to find the perfect companion to suit their family. Adoptable dogs are pictured on a board in our lobby and can be viewed on our new kiosk system that shows all adoptable dogs in our facility. If the time feels right and you are ready to add a new companion, we invite you to come and visit us at 605 W. Wilson Court and let us pair you with the best companion you could ever ask for.

TRAPPER

Often we are faced with tragic stories of animals that are lost, abandoned, abused, or injured, but one dog, against all odds, was able to change his sad story into a new beginning. It was a cold day in November, and a local Trap and Skeet Club came across something unusual, a dog hiding in some bushes along Highway 87, scared, confused, and severely injured. They managed to gain his trust and brought him to our shelter where many were surprised by his condition. After a trip to a local veterinarian where radiographs were done to assess the damage, the views were that of a horror scene. Trapper's right hind leg contained a fracture that looked as if a tree had been struck by lightning, and to even further the problem, his left hip was out of place and had been for too long to reset. Through all of this pain, Trapper (named in honor of the Trap and Skeet Club that saved him) remained calm, friendly and even smiling and wagging his tail. There was much discussion about what was best for Trapper moving forward and whether we could make him comfortable enough in a shelter environment to recover from these horrendous injuries. He laid his head in our laps, licked our faces and we got to work.... His shattered leg splinted, heavy pain medications and antibiotics administered, and lots of staff and volunteer training on how to handle injuries so severe. In a shelter environment, it was crucial to replace Trapper's splint every week to prevent too much moisture in his splint that could cause further infection (he already had an infection in his shattered leg). At each splint change Trapper would be carried in, tail wagging, licking his human chariot's face, knowing what



was coming next. He was sedated while his dressings and splint were changed; this continued for months to come. Radiographs monitored progress each month and, slowly but surely, his leg was healing.

Through the months in our care, Trapper became a fan favorite amongst the staff, volunteers and the club members that rescued him. His splint was finally removed in February and we are happy to report that his shattered leg has almost fully healed. However, the journey for Trapper to live a pain free life was only just beginning. After months of healing, he still had a dislocated hip that could not be put back into place without a surgical procedure. Trapper's next obstacle was a FHO (femoral head ostectomy) repair. Trapper's last surgery (FHO) was on May 16. He is using his "good leg" to get around while he recovers and he is doing well, better than we have ever seen! Staff helps Trapper with his physical therapy three times a day. When not in physical therapy, Trapper enjoys his time sun bathing and getting affection from the staff and volunteers. We are optimistic that he will be fully recovered soon and start the next chapter of his life.

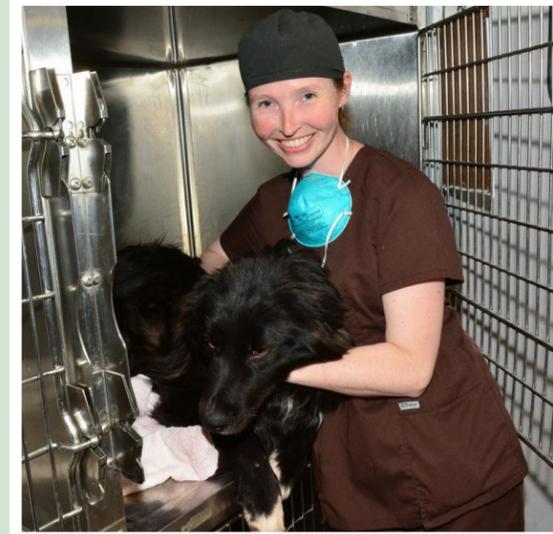
Donations to our Second Chance Fund make stories like this possible. Trapper and many others have been saved when all hope was lost thanks to our wonderful supporters and donors. We look forward to the day Trapper walks out of here pain free and into a new home.



IT'S KITTEN SEASON! HSCAZ is currently caring for over 60 kittens that will be looking for their forever homes over the next few months. As soon as they are old enough for their spay/neuter surgeries they will be listed on our website (www.humanesocietycentralaz.org) and moved into our community cat rooms. Even if you are not ready to add a new family member, they are a blast to come spend time with (it also helps us socialize all the babies).



Welcome Dr. Christianson



Last year we welcomed a new veterinarian to the Humane Society team. Dr. Kari Christianson is an Arizona native, but spent most of her childhood in the Midwest. After receiving a Bachelor of Science in Genetics from Iowa State University and her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine with a focus on mixed animal practice from the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, she practiced on the Oregon coast before returning to Arizona.

Dr. Christianson works at an animal hospital in Scottsdale where her days are full of emergencies and surgeries that save countless lives. When she is not working emergency, she travels from her ranch in the Prescott area to give a much-needed helping hand to all the animals we house here at HSCAZ. On a weekly basis, Dr. Christianson helps us spay/neuter an average of 15 animals, examines any new animal brought into our shelter, and will examine any animal in our care with medical concerns.

When not being a hero for the animals, she spends her free time enjoying various outdoor activities, training for search and rescue, and exploring her artistic side with, music, drawing, and painting. Her home life also consists of being a fur mama to her horse Ray, dog Sasha, and 2 cats Walley and Deianira.

Without Dr. Christianson, HSCAZ and the community would be overrun by unwanted litters and homeless animals. She is the one who heals all the homeless animals so that they may have a chance to live a life free from fear, sickness, and pain. We are thankful for the kindness and hard work we receive from Dr. Christianson, a true hero to our community and HSCAZ.

PREPARING FOR DISASTER



With so much worry about fire danger heading into our summer months, HSCAZ is taking a proactive step to help our beloved Rim Country residents. After planning sessions with The Town of Payson and Gila County, it has become evident that we will be a crucial resource in the event of an evacuation. HSCAZ is located in a prime location in town to keep pets and strays safe from fire

danger. Even if the shelter is at max capacity, we have enough crates, kennels, and a mobile surgical rig to house an additional 150 animals that may need to be sheltered due to an evacuation.

We are currently collecting supplies such as disposable bowls and litterboxes to help care for any animals in need if a threat arises. We have established an Emergency Response Team amongst our staff and volunteers to help with any preparations and care for evacuees. If our location becomes over capacity, The Arizona Humane Society has an emergency response team to set up an additional 300 kennels in a matter of hours.

We hope that we never have to face this type of an emergency, but if we do, rest assured HSCAZ will be ready to assist. If being a part of our Emergency Response Team interests you, please give us a call at 928-474-5590 for more information. Donations of disposable bowls and/or litterboxes are welcomed, as well as dog or cat kennels. We thank all of our supporters and we are proud to be able to serve our community. Respect, Grace, Compassion and Love for the Animals Who Share Our Journey, Because They Matter...