

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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HSCAZ SHELTER

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

SHELTER HOURS

Adoptions

Tuesday through Saturday
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Stray Intake/Pickup and Donations

Monday through Sunday
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

HSCAZ RESALE STORE

928-468-6419
510 W. Main Street
Payson, AZ 85541

RESALE STORE HOURS

Monday through Saturday
9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Donations accepted

Monday through Friday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



HUMANE SOCIETY
CENTRAL ARIZONA

SPRING/SUMMER 2024

KINDRED SPIRITS NEWSLETTER

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

BEST OF THE RIM 2024

THANK YOU PAYSON!! HSCAZ has been voted Best Non-Profit Organization four years in a row!

It is an honor to serve Payson and be recognized for our hard work and dedication to the community. We cannot thank you enough for taking time and voting for HSCAZ.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 5 - Adoption Event at the Payson Golf Course
- April 13 - Microchip Clinic at HSCAZ
- May 18 - Paws for Celebration (a HSCAZ event)
- Sept 21 - Running with the Pups in the Park
- Oct 5 - Gone to the Dogs
- Oct 19 - Payson Aerofair
- Nov 16 - 3rd Annual Wags n Whiskers Chili Dinner

Have more questions?

Call HSCAZ at (928) 474-5590 or visit our website,
humanesocietycentralaz.org, for more information.

SECOND CHANCE FUND

We currently have a dog (we named him Honu) that came into our care with a severe skin infection. At first we were thinking mange, but fortunately, his skin scrapes came back negative for any parasites. Although he doesn't have mange, his treatment will still be lengthy and he will need special medication and skin treatments. Any donations made to the Second Chance Fund will help Honu on his road to healing.



SPARK GOOD CHARITIES

HSCAZ is now part of Walmart's Spark Good Charity registry. Essentially, your Walmart purchase will be rounded up to the nearest dollar and the change will be given to us as a donation.

Are you asking how you can do this? Please follow the directions below or you can call the shelter at 928-474-5590 for help.

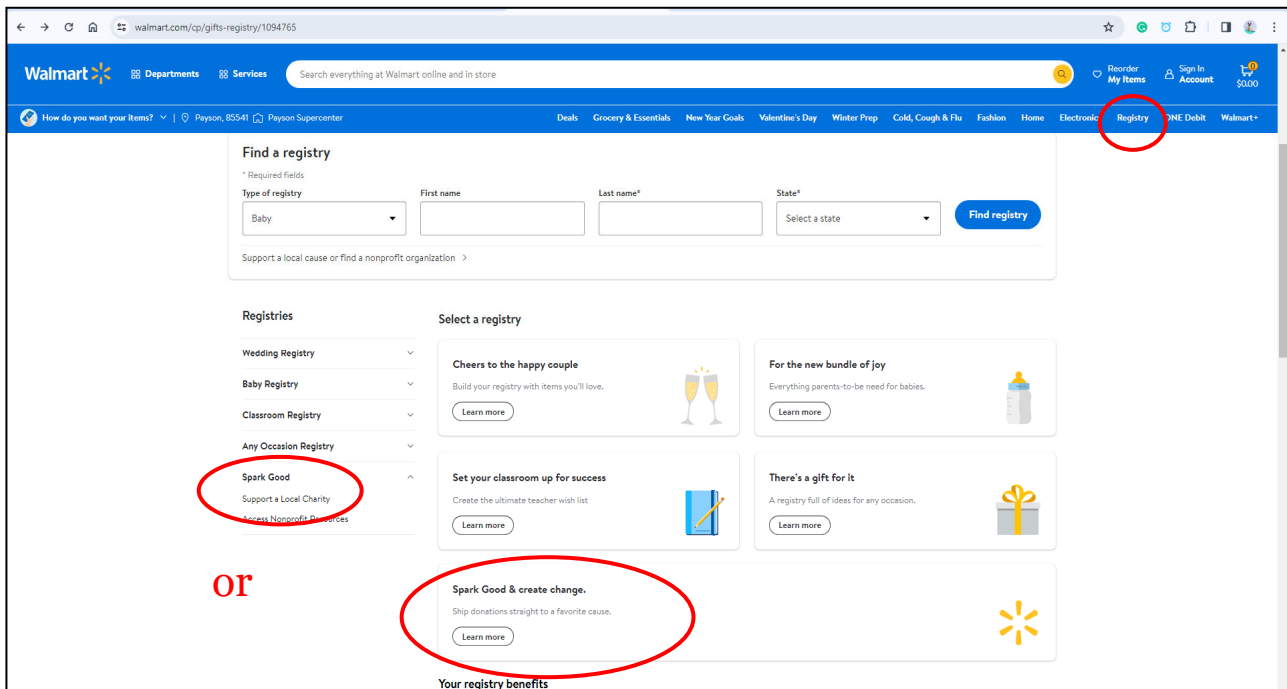
From your desktop/laptop computer:

- Go to www.walmart.com
- Select Registry from the top menu on the home page
- Scroll down and select Spark Good from the left side menu or on the main screen
- Select Humane Society of Central Arizona as your charity of choice

From your mobile app:

- Select Registry from the top menu
- Scroll down the page and select Spark Good. It will redirect you to your phone's web browser to complete the process.
- Search by organization - Humane Society of Central Arizona - or type in our zip code - 85541
- Select Humane Society of Central Arizona to complete the process

We sincerely thank everyone for signing up with Spark Good and selecting us, Humane Society of Central Arizona, as your charity of choice. We couldn't do what we do without your support!



Or from either device, you can go into your account and

- Scroll down and select Giving & Impact.
- Click on Select Local Charity
- And select Humane Society of Central Arizona

FLEAS AND TICKS

Flea and tick season is right around the corner. It doesn't hurt to get a little more familiar with these pests to help keep your pets safe and flea/tick free. Ask your veterinarian about preventative treatment to protect your pets.



No Fleas, Please!

FLEA PREVENTION

Fleas are small insects that are parasitic; they feed on blood from animals and/or people.

There are different forms of medication (oral, topical) to help treat and prevent fleas from becoming a problem for your pet(s).

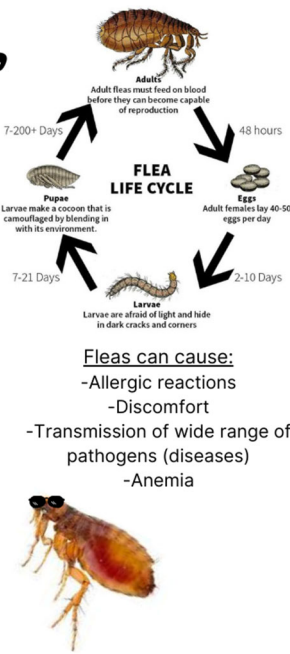
Routinely check your pet(s) around their: eyes, ears, abdomen, scruff, and back for fleas or flea dirt (black pepper-like specks).

Flea preventatives can be purchased from your local Veterinarian after a visit or retail store.

Environment prevention:

Clean and wash your pet's bed/bedding
Vacuum/sweep your home

Rake debris/mow frequently to avoid overgrowth;
Fleas enjoy shady, moist, and humid environments.



TICKS

Ticks are a type of arachnid (like mites) that are also parasitic.

They feed on the blood of their host (animal or human) and can carry/transmit diseases. Brown dog ticks are most common in Arizona.

Check the "Tick Trail" and feel for bumps head to tail: Eyes, Ears (inside/out), under the collar, under legs, between toes, groin area and under the tail.

If ticks are unattached- A lint roller can remove them from the hair.

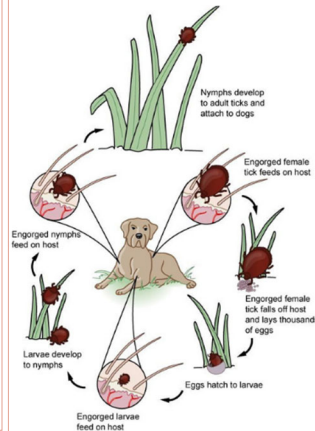
Attached ticks require removal or a Vet visit to receive tick medication. Medication comes in oral, topical and spray forms, please ensure it is safe for your dog or cat.

Environment Prevention:

Reduce tick habitat in your yard, routinely check your pet if they stay outdoors. Ticks enjoy warm and moist areas to hide in.

Ticks can cause:

- Ehrlichiosis
- Lyme Disease
- Anaplasmosis
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever



WEATHER CHANGE IS COMING

As temperatures rise, make sure you take the heat index into account when traveling with your pets. Leaving your pets in the vehicle while running your errands can become deadly in a short amount of time.

Don't let your pet become a statistic!

HOW LONG BEFORE YOUR CAR IS HOT ENOUGH TO KILL?



IF YOU LOVE THEM, LEAVE THEM AT HOME.

Just 15 minutes can be enough for a pet's body temperature to climb from a normal 102.5 to deadly levels that will damage the nervous and cardiovascular systems, often leaving the animal comatose, dehydrated and at risk of permanent impairment or death.

STARTING INSIDE CAR TEMPERATURE	120°	127°	133°	149°	167°
115°	122°	128°	144°	162°	
110°	117°	123°	139°	157°	
105°	112°	118°	134°	152°	
100°	107°	113°	129°	147°	
95°	102°	108°	124°	142°	
90°	97°	103°	119°	137°	
85°	92°	98°	114°	132°	
80°	87°	93°	109°	127°	
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	5 min	10 min	30 min	60 min	

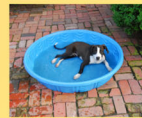
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If you love them, keep them home.

Your Pet and Heat Safety

IS IT TOO HOT TO WALK?

Test it...Hold your bare foot on the ground for 7 seconds
If it's too hot for bare feet, then it's too hot for bare paws.



SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

- Keep your pet indoors when possible
- Limit outdoor exercise to early morning or evening
- Avoid long walks, hikes and excessive play
- Provide pets with extra, cool water sources
- Consider dog booties for hot pavement
- Play in the sprinklers or a kiddie pool
- Never chain your pet

SIGNS OF HEAT STROKE

- Excessive thirst
- Loud, rapid panting
- Excessive/lack of drool
- Rapid pulse
- Vomiting/diarrhea
- Red gums and tongue
- Glazed eyes
- Weakness, collapse
- Seizures
- Unconsciousness
- Body temperature of 103°F or more



WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT HEAT STROKE

- Call your veterinarian
- Move your pet to a cool place
- Direct a fan to blow on your pet
- Place a cool, wet cloth on their bellies, ears, paws and neck

WHAT NOT TO DO

- Do NOT leave your pet alone
- Do NOT force your animal to drink water
- Do NOT use cold water to cool your pet to avoid shock

PET TRAPPED IN A HOT CAR

- Call 911
- If the animal is in distress and the vehicle is locked, you may break the window using no more force than is necessary
- Remain with the pet until Payson Police Dept arrives



NEVER LEAVE A PET IN THE CAR

If it's 100°F outside, the inside of your car can reach 129°F in just 20 minutes



TOWN OF PAYSON DOG LICENSING

According to the Town of Payson ordinance § 90.35, every dog residing in the Town of Payson that is 4 months old or older is required to have a valid dog license. To obtain a dog license, you can visit the Humane Society of Central Arizona on Tuesdays through Thursdays between 10am-3pm or submit an online request through our website, humanesocietycentralaz.org. All we need is proof of a current rabies vaccine and \$15 for dogs that have been spayed/neutered or \$40 for those that have not been spayed/neutered. Bringing your dog to HSCAZ is not required, just make sure you have your documentation.

HSCAZ won't come find you or charge a late fee, but that doesn't mean that the TOP CSO officers won't issue a fine for not having your dog licensed. So, to avoid a \$50 fine (for the first offense) and come get your dog licensed.

If you live outside of the Town of Payson town limits, you may get your dog licensing at the following locations:

- Town of Star Valley residents - Star Valley Town Hall, 3675 AZ Hwy 260, Star Valley, AZ, 928-472-7752
or
- Gila County residents (Mesa del Caballo, Round Valley, Oxbow Estates, etc.) - Gila County Health Department, 110 West Main St., Payson, AZ, 928-474-1210

BOTTLE BABIES

Kitten season usually runs from April to October, but sometimes it feels as though it's never ending. If you ever find a litter of kittens, please leave them where you found them. Most likely their mom is out looking for food or in the middle of transporting them to a safer place. If mom has not returned after several hours, you can step in and care for them until they are weaned (6-8 wks old) or you can give us a call at (928) 474-5590.

With kitten season, comes extra expenses that can put a strain on a shelter's budget. We would like to ask for your help stocking up on supplies for needed for incoming kittens.

Supplies needed for bottle baby kittens:

- KMR (milk replacement)
- Bottles
- Miracle nipples
- Bottle cleaners
- Small Blankets
- Kitten wet food
- K & H pet bed warmer
- Non-clumping litter

You can also find these and additional supplies needed on our Amazon Bottle Baby Supplies Wish List, https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18HDVMKK2IR75?ref=wl_share



DANGERS OF FOXTAILS

You may be asking yourself, what is a foxtail?

A foxtail is a grass-like weed that blooms every spring. Foxtail grass got its name because of its resemblance to a fox's tail and is commonly found in the western part of the United States.

Foxtail plants pose a risk to your dog's health. The barbed seed heads of the foxtail plant can enter any part of your dog's body, from the nose to between the toes, inside the ears, eyes, mouth and even the skin. The concern with foxtails is not limited to simple discomfort or irritation; the seeds do not decompose within the body and can lead to serious infection and, if left untreated, death. It can be also be challenging to find the seeds in your dog's fur.



If you suspect that your dog has a foxtail that is causing issues, it is crucial to know when to seek veterinary care.

Foxtails can travel and cause severe problems, such as perforation of the lung or migration to the brain. Embedded foxtails can cause discharge, abscesses, swelling, pain, and death. If you notice any of the following symptoms in your dog, check for foxtails or contact your veterinarian:

- **Feet:** Foxtails are drawn to dogs' feet and can become embedded between their tender toes. If you notice swelling or limping, or if your dog is constantly licking the area, check for foxtails.
- **Ears:** If your dog is shaking its head, tilting it to the side, or scratching excessively at an ear, it could indicate a foxtail lodged deep inside the ear canal. A veterinarian should examine the ear using a special scope.
- **Eyes:** Redness, discharge, swelling, squinting, and pawing may all indicate a foxtail lodged in your dog's eye. If you suspect this, seek veterinary care immediately.
- **Nose:** Discharge from the nose or frequent and intense sneezing can indicate a foxtail lodged in a nasal passage.
- **Genitals:** Foxtails can also enter these areas, so if you notice your dog persistently licking its genitals, foxtails could be the culprit.

RESALE STORE AND VINTAGE BOUTIQUE

Welcome to the Humane Society of Central Arizona Resale Store located at 510 West Main Street in Payson, Arizona. We provide a wide range of high-quality goods at affordable prices, and all proceeds go towards supporting the homeless animals at the HSCAZ Shelter.

Our store is open from Monday to Saturday, starting at 9:00 AM and closing at 4:30 PM. We accept donations from Monday to Friday between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, and on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Our team is happy to receive furniture, household goods, pet items, tools, clothing, shoes, purses, antiques, and much more. If you have any furniture you would like to donate, please give us a call at (928) 468-6419 to schedule a pick-up.

By shopping at our store, you are not only supporting a local business, but also making a difference in the lives of animals in need. Thank you for your support!

VOLUNTEERING

Looking to make a difference in your community? Why not consider volunteering at the Humane Society of Central Arizona? We welcome volunteers and have a variety of areas where you can help us out.

If you enjoy working with customers, consider volunteering at our Resale Store. You will sort through donations, price items, and take donations out to the sales floor or help at the cash register. Our assistant manager, Vicky, will contact you once you express interest in volunteering at the store.

For animal lovers, we have several opportunities available at the shelter. You can help with cat socialization, housekeeping (laundry/dishes), cat house cleaning, and/or dog walking.

To get started as a new volunteer, you'll need to attend a New Volunteer Orientation and a Hands-On Training (if working with dogs). We hold these sessions monthly and you can call us at (928) 474-5590 to find out when the next one is scheduled.

Ready to make a difference? Visit us at the shelter located at 605 W Wilson Court or at the resale store located at 510 W Main Street to get a Volunteer Application. We look forward to working with you!

FOSTERING

Foster applications are currently available at the HSCAZ shelter, which is located at 605 W Wilson Ct. Although we may not always require fosters, it would be great to have a friendly heart to rely on when the need arises.

Foster opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Bottle babies
- Pregnant cats and dogs
- Animals recovering from medical procedures
- Seniors

If you're interested in helping out, we would be delighted to meet you.

MORE WAYS TO GIVE

If you're unable to volunteer, there are still plenty of ways to support the Humane Society of Central Arizona (HSCAZ).

You can help by:

- HSCAZ's Amazon Wish List at www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2VZYT4QYTZ9IR?ref=wl_share.
- HSCAZ Bottle Baby Supplies Wish List at www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18HDVMMKK2IR75?ref=wl_share.
- Viewing HSCAZ's wish list on Chewy.com by going to www.chewy.com/g/humane-society-of-central-arizona_b74229870.
- Making a monetary donation, either as a one-time payment or by setting up recurring donations through www.humanesocietycentralaz.org/donate/. You can also donate in person, over the phone, or by mail.
- Donating everyday items like towels, sheets, blankets, and pillowcases. HSCAZ also accepts common cleaning supplies such as paper towels, hand soap, Dawn dish soap, laundry detergent, and more.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF CENTRAL ARIZONA DONATION FORM



DONATE TODAY!

We ask for your support on behalf of the animals who share our journey.

**PLEASE SAY YES!
I WILL HELP...
"BECAUSE THEY MATTER"**

Fill out the form and mail to
**HSCAZ at PO Box 242
Payson, AZ 85547
or donate online at
www.humanesocietycentralaz.org**

Like us on Facebook to follow our journey!
www.facebook.com/humanesocietycentralaz

Subscribe to our YouTube page!
Humane Society Of Central AZ or
[@humanesocietyofcentralaz388](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC388)

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Email Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

I am enclosing my tax deductible gift of:

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