

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
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Stray Intake/Pickup and Donations

Sunday through Saturday
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



SPRING/SUMMER 2025

KINDRED SPIRITS NEWSLETTER

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

IT'S KITTEN SEASON

Spring signals the start of kitten season here, which typically lasts until October due to our local climate. During this time, HSCAZ often sees an influx of cats and adorable kittens.

A common query we receive is, 'I found a litter of kittens, what should I do?' If you encounter stray kittens, our advice is to resist the urge to immediately intervene. Most often, the best course of action is to leave them be. Mother cats are usually nearby, out hunting for food. It's crucial to give her the opportunity to return to her litter, as kittens have the highest chance of survival when raised by their mother.

If you believe the kittens have been orphaned (mom hasn't returned for about 8 hours), then it may be appropriate to step in and provide care until they reach about 8 weeks old. At that point, you can bring them to the shelter. If the kittens are weaned and independent from their mother, bringing them into the shelter is also a good option.



By following these guidelines, you can help ensure the well-being of stray kittens while supporting their chances for a bright future.

Donations needed for kitten season: kitten wet food, KMR milk replacement, bottles, nipples, small blankets, etc. HSCAZ has a wish list for the upcoming kitten season (https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18HDVMKK2IR75?ref_=wl_share). Any donations are much appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 15 - St. Paddy's Day at Old County Inn, 11am
- March 29 - PetSmart Adoption Event, 11am-2pm
- April 12 - Microchip Clinic, 12pm-2pm
- April 26 - Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic, 8am-12pm
- May 10 - Microchip Clinic, 10am-12pm
- May 31 - Pups in the Pines

Have questions? Would you like to invite us to an event?
Call HSCAZ at (928) 474-5590 or visit our website,
humanesocietycentralaz.org, for more information.

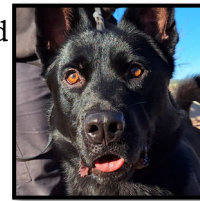
SUCCESS STORIES



Caesar was adopted 8/1/2024. He was at HSCAZ for 181 days.



Honu was adopted 8/13/2024. He was at HSCAZ for 175 days.



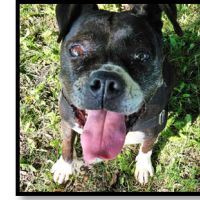
Roman was adopted 9/14/2024. He was at HSCAZ for 289 days.



Mater was adopted 9/24/2024. He was at HSCAZ for 320 days.



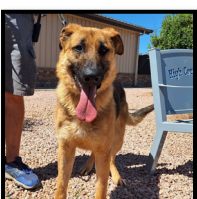
Rowena was adopted 9/28/2024. She was at HSCAZ for 469 days.



Coco Puff was adopted 10/4/2024. She was at HSCAZ for 520 days.



Capone was adopted 10/4/2024. He was at HSCAZ for 328 days.



West was adopted 10/5/2024. He was at HSCAZ for 152 days.



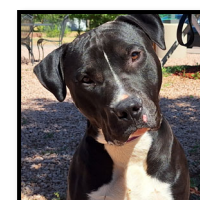
Jake was adopted 10/17/2024. He was at HSCAZ for 231 days.



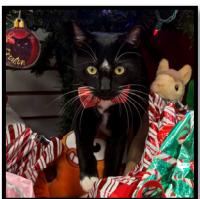
Eclipse was adopted 11/14/2024. He was at HSCAZ for 175 days.



Ace was adopted 11/16/2024. He was at HSCAZ for 241 days.



Deuce was adopted 12/19/2024. He was at HSCAZ for 218 days.



Sketch was adopted 1/3/2025. He was at HSCAZ for 157 days.

Help our homeless cats and dogs find their forever homes.

Come to our shelter and see if your new best friend is waiting for you! You'll give a homeless pet a home they've been longing for.

SOCIAL MEDIA

If you have social media, please consider following us to see all of our new developments.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/humanesocietycentralaz>

TikTok

<https://www.tiktok.com/@hscaz3>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/humanesocietycentralaz/>

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@humanesocietyofcentralaz388>

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Temperatures will be rising before we know it! Let's make sure you and your pet are ready to handle the heat like pros. Stay hydrated, stick to the shade, and keep those paws off hot pavement!

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

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



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

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



PET DISASTER KIT

Don't risk it...get prepared today!



Are you prepared for an emergency with your pet? Wildfires, like the recent Horton Fire, can happen any time of year. Having a plan in place costs nothing but can make all the difference in keeping you and your family safe. Use this simple guide to create an effective emergency plan for your pet.

Step 1: Documents

Gather important information. Store copies with this checklist in a safe place.

- ☐ Pet description(s): (breed, gender, color, weight)

- ☐ Microchip information

- ☐ Copies of all veterinary records:

- ☐ Rabies Certificate
- ☐ Vaccinations
- ☐ Medical Summary
- ☐ Prescriptions for medications
- ☐ Most recent
- ☐ Vaccinations

- ☐ Copies of town/county license

- ☐ Recent photographs of your pet(s)

- ☐ Emergency Contact Info:

- ☐ Waterproof container for all documents



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- ☐ Your contact information

Step 2: Water, Food, Medication

Build a kit (or a "go" bag) with these essential items. Have it ready to go in case you must evacuate quickly.

- ☐ 7-10 day supply of food for each pet, stored in a waterproof container

- ☐ 7-10 day supply of water for each pet

- ☐ Non-spill food and water dishes

- ☐ Manual can opener if your pet eats wet food

- ☐ Feeding instructions for each pet

- ☐ 10-day supply of any medications (if applicable)

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- ☐ 1-month supply of flea, tick, and heartworm preventative

Step 3: Other Supplies

- ☐ Leash, collar with ID, and harness

- ☐ Litter and litterbox (if applicable)

- ☐ Toys and comfort items

- ☐ Appropriately sized pet carrier with bedding, blanket, or towel

- ☐ Pet first aid kit

- ☐ Cleaning supplies (poop bags, poop scoops, paper towels, disinfectant, etc.)

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°
	75°	82°	88°	104°	122°
	70°	77°	83°	99°	117°
	TIME				
5 min		10 min	30 min	60 min	

SECOND CHANCE FUND

Second Chance Fund- Currently under medical care

This program provides an opportunity to support the animals that come through the doors of HSCAZ requiring additional care. It facilitates funding for various surgeries aimed at saving animal lives, including eye enucleations, laboratory testing, dental procedures, and orthopedic surgeries necessitating a specialist. Every contribution is valuable and plays a crucial role in improving the lives of these animals.

One such animal who will benefit from this program is Wilma. Wilma was brought in as a stray dog with a microchip. Unfortunately, the microchip did not have current owner information, so Wilma stayed at the shelter and went through the process of being placed for adoption after her 5-day hold period ended. A few weeks after being at the shelter, she started favoring her right hind leg, only bearing weight intermittently. After a vet examination, x-ray, and consulting with a specialist, it was confirmed she has a torn cranial cruciate ligament (CCL), due to her size it was determined she would need TPLO surgery to live a life free from pain.



Wilma, a sweet 5-year-old Pit Bull Terrier that came to HSCAZ as a stray and never reclaimed by her owners.

TPLO (Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy) is a surgical procedure used to level the tibia, which prevents the femur from sliding forward and stabilizes the joint. Before the surgery, instability can cause damage to the cartilage and bones of the knee joint.

Wilma is currently in a foster home until she can have her surgery and will be with her foster while she recovers. Funds donated toward this program help animals like Wilma that will require x-rays, medications, surgical procedure and follow-up visits post-surgery.

Second Chance Fund- Successfully recovered

Biscuit, Coco and 9 other Bulldog mixes that were seized off a property due to owner neglect received care from the Second Chance Program. These young pups were found starved and left to perish in a barn on the property with inadequate water, food and lack of medical care.

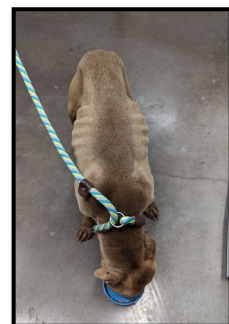
Upon receiving Biscuit and Coco from local Law enforcement, both dogs were dehydrated-needing fluids administered, hungry and had a sucked in appearance with ribcages bearing all to see. Wounds on their bodies and cherry eyes that would need medical attention. Biscuit had a severe infection that was causing swelling to her eye and her front leg. Both had fly strikes on their ears that had gone untreated.

A month later we received a litter of 9 puppies from the same property that Law Enforcement were able to bring in. All 9 were in the same medical condition as the first pair we received. Cherry eyes, dehydrated, underweight for their ages and underdeveloped due to the malnourishment. They required medical attention along with deworming due to the parasites that were found in their stool. The medical team fed them a special wet food called CN (Critical Nutrition) that is a formulation with high fat and protein that provides amino acids for tissue repair.

All 11 of these dogs have since been adopted and are now in loving homes.



One of the 9 puppies seized by local Law Enforcement.



Coco



Biscuit

SECOND CHANCE FUND (continued)



Coco, before



Coco, after



Biscuit, before



Biscuit, after



Some of the pets in our care need a little extra help—whether it's medical treatment, special care, or extra time to heal. Your support makes all the difference. Please help us give them the second chance they deserve!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

We couldn't do what we do without our incredible volunteers! Your dedication, kindness, and hard work make a world of difference in the lives of our shelter animals.

Whether you're walking dogs, cuddling cats, helping at events, or lending a hand wherever needed, you are the heart of HSCAZ.



Thank you for your time, passion, and unwavering support—because of you, tails wag, purrs abound, and second chances happen every day!



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.

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!

Q & A

Q: What happens after I bring in a stray animal?

A: HSCAZ has a mandatory 72-hour stray hold for any stray without identification or microchip brought into our facility. If an animal *does* have identification/microchip, there is a 5-day hold. After the stray hold, HSCAZ medical staff will evaluate the animal, administer vaccinations, and ensure that they are spayed or neutered before being placed for adoption. Dogs will also undergo a behavior assessment before being placed for adoption. The entire process can take approximately one month, depending on the availability of our vet (for spay/neuter) and the circumstances around the animal.

Q: Do you have a spay/neuter clinic?

A: Unfortunately, we don't. HSCAZ no longer has a veterinarian that is able to provide services to the public which includes spay/neuters, vaccinations, etc.

Q: Do you microchip pets?

A: Yes we do. We offer microchipping Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 to 3:30pm for only \$25.00. We only ask that you call before coming in to make sure we have staff available to administer the microchip. Also, HSCAZ occasionally holds microchip clinics where we offer microchipping at a reduced rate. All microchips given by HSCAZ will also be registered in the pet owner's name.

Q: Are you able to search for adoptable animals at other humane society's or shelters?

A: No. We are not affiliated with any other shelter or humane society. Unfortunately, you will need to contact each shelter or take advantage of sites like petfinder.com or adoptapet.com.

Q: Do you get funding from other organizations such as the Arizona Humane Society or the Humane Society of the United States?

A: No we don't. HSCAZ is not affiliated with any other organization. We are funded primarily by donations from the community and proceeds from the HSCAZ Resale Store. Donations made to other organizations/humane societies does not get funneled to our shelter.

Q: What is your adoption process?

A: First, we would like you to come down and meet the pet(s) you are thinking about adopting - no appointment is necessary. If you don't have a specific pet in mind, we will be glad to help narrow down the options to get the right fit. Second, we will have you complete an adoption application for the pet. After review and you have been approved, then staff will start the paperwork so you can take your new pet home. If you would like time to think about the big decision you are about to make, a completed application will hold the pet for 24 hours. If you are looking to adopt a dog and already have a dog or dogs at home, we will need to do a "meet n greet" with your dog(s) and ours to make sure there are no major issues.

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/18HDVMKK2IR75?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.

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. One of the staff 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!

We always need more hands, more hearts, and more helping spirits. Join our volunteer family today!

MICROCHIP CAMPAIGN

We offer microchipping for \$25 to every owner that reclaims their animal that is not microchipped. Sometimes waiving fee's just so they will get it done if they can't afford it. We will also register the microchip with the owner's information.

If you would like to donate towards our microchip campaign to help owners that are in need to microchip their animals you can scan QR Code and it will take you directly to the donor page. Let's help keep these precious babies safe!



How Do Microchips Work?

Microchips for animals utilize something called radio frequency technology. Inside the rice-sized microchip is a tiny radio receiver and transponder. When the microchip reader triggers the microchip, it responds with a unique bit of data—the microchip number—that it sends back to the reader.

Animal shelters, veterinarians and other organizations that have the microchip reader scan stray or relinquished animals for a microchip. Once they get that chip number, they're able to use it to search one of several databases, depending on where the pet parent registered the microchip. The databases store information like the pet parent's name, telephone number, physical address, email address and pet's name.

So, if a pet is picked up as a stray, and the shelter worker is able to scan the chip, obtain a chip number and successfully track down the pet parent's contact information, the pet can then be reunited with their family! Remember, however, that the contact information needs to be kept up to date—so if you move or change your phone number, let the pet microchip registry know right away.

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:

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other

- OR -

Please charge my _____ Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Discover Card
in the amount of \$ _____ for a one time gift or a monthly gift of
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