

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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ADMINISTRATION

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



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



HUMANE SOCIETY
CENTRAL ARIZONA

FALL/WINTER 2025

KINDRED SPIRITS NEWSLETTER

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

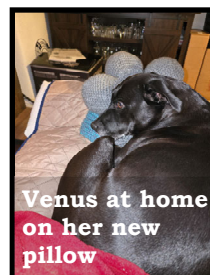
I'M NOT CRYING, YOU ARE...

Our sweet girl Venus carried the title of our longest resident for far too long... 1,341 days. That's how long she waited, hoping someone would finally see her as the perfect companion she truly is.

Venus first came to us as a young, 1-year-old stray, never reclaimed by her family. From that day forward, our staff and volunteers poured their love into her every single day. She joined us at adoption events, wagging her tail and showing the world her gentle spirit—but time and time again, she was overlooked. Days turned into months, and months into years, yet no one came for her.

But then... her miracle happened. After all that waiting, Venus finally found her forever home! The day she left the shelter was filled with tears of joy, hugs, and heartfelt goodbyes. She walked out with her head held high, stepping into the life she always deserved—a life filled with love, adventure, and a family to call her own.

Venus's story reminds us that every animal's perfect match is out there, no matter how long it takes.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 16 - Lanterns on the Lake @ Green Valley Park
- October 18 - Payson Aero Fair @ the Payson Airport
- October 25 - Monster Mash @ Green Valley Park
- October 31 - Halloween Kitten Yoga @ Yoga in the Pines
- November 8 - 4th Annual Chili Dinner Fundraiser
- December 13 - Payson's Electric Light Parade

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.

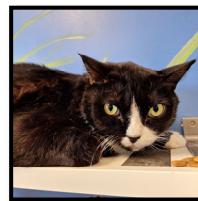
SUCCESS STORIES



Rocky was adopted 2/21/2025. He was at HSCAZ for 577 days.



Chip was adopted 3/4/2025. She was at HSCAZ for 237 days.



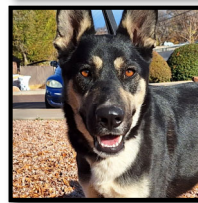
Sylvester was adopted 3/29/2025. He was at HSCAZ for 284 days.



Felix was adopted 3/29/2025. He was at HSCAZ for 284 days.



Luna was adopted 4/1/2025. She was at HSCAZ for 261 days.



JJ was adopted 4/8/2025. She was at HSCAZ for 375 days.



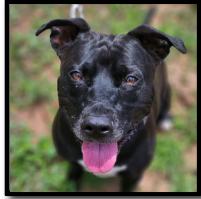
Ginger was adopted 4/12/2025. She was at HSCAZ for 213 days.



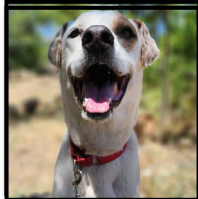
Piddy was adopted 5/21/2025. He was at HSCAZ for 192 days.



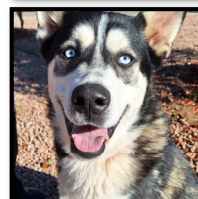
Logan was adopted 6/4/2025. He was at HSCAZ for 282 days.



Venus was adopted 7/26/2025. She was at HSCAZ for 1,341 days.



Dot was adopted 8/1/2025. She was at HSCAZ for 304 days.



Milo was adopted 8/9/2025. He was at HSCAZ for 321 days.



Copper was adopted 8/13/2025. He was at HSCAZ for 338 days.



Eve was adopted 8/13/2025. She was at HSCAZ for 270 days.

Help our homeless cats and dogs find their forever homes.

Your perfect companion could be waiting at our shelter. Give a homeless pet the loving home they've been dreaming of.

MEMORIAL ROCK GARDEN

In September 2023, we began a heartwarming project to help animal lovers honor their beloved pets who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Losing a pet is something many of us have faced, and the Memorial Rock Garden is our way of keeping those cherished memories alive.

With a donation of any amount, you can create a memorial rock in honor of your pet. Share their name, favorite activities, or special colors, and we'll design a rock that reflects their spirit. Prefer to paint one yourself? You're welcome to bring your own rock or choose one from our collection.

The Rim Country Garden Club helped create the Memorial Rock Garden at the front of our shelter. Not only will the garden display these heartfelt tributes, but it will also offer a peaceful place to sit, reflect, and remember the love we've shared with our pets.

How to participate:

- Stop by the shelter: 605 W Wilson Ct, Payson, AZ
- Call us at: 928-474-5590
- Or donate online through the Memorial Rock Garden form on our website

Together, we can create a beautiful space filled with love, memories, and the pawprints that forever remain on our hearts.



COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

As the weather gets colder, don't forget your furry family members—keep them cozy, safe, and warm!

❄️ how cold is too cold?						
°C	°F				KEY	OTHER FACTORS
15°	60°	1	1	1	1. No evidence of risk: Have fun outside!	+2 If wet weather is present
12°	55°	1	1	1		-1 If Northern breed or heavy coat
10°	50°	1	1	1		-1 If dog is acclimated to cold
7°	45°	2	2	1	2. Risk is unlikely: Have fun outside, but be careful!	
4°	40°	3	3	2		
1°	35°	3	3	3		
-1°	30°	3	3	3	3. Unsafe potential, depending on breed. Keep an eye on your pet outdoors.	
-4°	25°	4	4	3		
-6°	20°	5	4	3		
-9°	15°	5	4	4	4. Dangerous weather developing. Use caution.	
-12°	10°	5	5	5		
-15°	5°	5	5	5		
-17°	0°	5	5	5	5. Potentially life-threatening cold. Avoid prolonged outdoor activity.	

Source: adapted from The Tufts Animal Care and Condition (TACC) scales

Petplan
pet insurance



HOLIDAY SAFETY

The holidays are full of joy, but they can also bring hidden dangers for our pets. Please remember to keep your furry loved ones safe this season!

SAFE FOODS

- Apples
- Bananas
- Blueberries
- Carrots
- coconut Water
- Eggs
- Green Beans
- Pumpkin
- Rice
- Skin-on Sweet Potatoes and Squash
- Turkey

HARMFUL FOODS

- Avocados
- Baking Powder and Baking Soda
- Cherries
- Chocolate
- Cooked Bones
- Garlic and Onions
- Grapes and Raisins
- Nutmeg
- Stuffing
- Tables Scraps
- Walnuts and Macadamia Nuts

In addition to foods, holiday plants and decorations need to be taken into consideration too.

- **Plants:** Poinsettias, holly, and mistletoe can be harmful if ingested.
- **Decorations:** Tinsel, ribbons, and ornaments may look fun to play with but can cause serious health issues if swallowed.

WE NEED FOSTERS

We don't always need fosters, but when we do, we ask. This is one of those times.

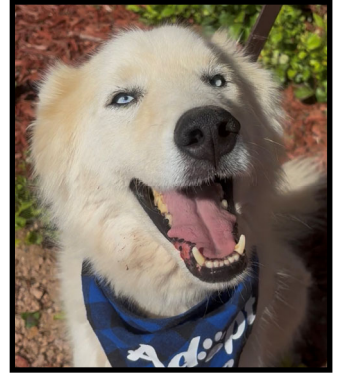
Our first dog needing foster is our lovable Loki.

ABOUT LOKI:

- Breed: Husky/mix
- Age: 9 years old
- Weight: 48.8 lbs

FOSTER NEEDS:

We have recently discovered Loki has cutaneous epitheliotropic lymphoma (form of skin cancer that can form nodules around lips, eyelids and nose). He is looking for an end of life foster that will monitor his food and water intake, take him on short walks with no excessive activity, and give him medication twice a day for his Valley Fever. He will also be needing to be transported to the shelter for check ups when needed.



Second and third, are a bonded pair; Clancy and Suzi Q.

ABOUT CLANCY:

- Breed: Australian Cattle dog/mix
- Age: 5 years old
- Weight: 75.4 lbs

FOSTER NEEDS:

Clancy has an ACL injury on his right hind leg and is looking for a foster home that will help him with monitored care, love, and limit his activity. He will be needing surgery and will need his foster home help him recover from that surgery, administer medications, and assist with physical therapy.



ABOUT SUZI Q:

- Breed: Pointer/mix
- Age: 7 years old
- Weight: 57 lbs

FOSTER NEEDS:

Suzi and Clancy came in together and have been inseparable ever since. They're a bonded pair and will need to be fostered together. When they're apart, they both struggle without their other half. It's clear their hearts are happiest when they're side by side.

If you think you are a good fit for either one of these, please call (928) 474-5590 and let us know.

CAN RECYCLING AND DOG BANKS

An update on our can recycling and dog bank revenue. Both programs are doing wonderful and we thank everyone for their participation.

For our fiscal year (July 2024-June 2025) earnings:

- **Can recycling:** \$19,864.60
- **Dog banks:** \$3,359.73

Keep up the good work Payson!! Keep those aluminum cans coming in and help the dogs with your pocket change—every penny counts!

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Got empty cans?

Whether it's soda, energy drinks, or beer, don't toss them—recycle them with HSCAZ! Our recycling program helps the environment and supports the homeless animals in our care. You can drop off your aluminum cans—crushed or uncrushed—any time at our open-air collection site right across the street from the shelter. Please note: this is the only drop-off location that benefits HSCAZ - (We no longer have drop-off bins in Pine or Strawberry).

Last fiscal year (July 2024 - June 2025), our can recycling program brought in \$19,864.60 to help support the cats and dogs we care for in the shelter.

Keep up the great work and bring in those empty cans!



RESALE STORE AND VINTAGE BOUTIQUE

Welcome to the Resale Store and Vintage Boutique located at 510 West Main Street in Payson, AZ. We offer over 4000 square feet of hand picked high quality goods at excellent prices, and all proceeds go towards supporting the homeless animals at the HSCAZ Shelter. Unlike other stores and chains, our mission and all proceeds go directly to the care and housing of animals in need. Last year the Resale Store funded 37% of the operational costs for the organization. Your continued donations and patronage will only continue to increase our financial support and dedication to our animals in need. Our very small staff of highly trained and experienced retail experts working hand in hand with over 30 volunteers provide a one of a kind unique shopping experience that is second to none in this beautiful and supportive community.

As an incentive, we run a year round promotion in our store of 20% off an entire purchase when canned or bagged pet food is donated. It saves our customers even more and provides meals for our animals. Beneful or Iams products preferred but everything will go to good use. Shop, save and help the animals at the same time!

We are happy to receive in good condition household goods, pet items, tools, clothing, antiques and more! If you have furniture you would like to donate, we are happy to pick up as well. Please give us a call at 928-468-6419 or email us at resale-store@humanesocietycentralaz.com for more information and scheduling.

Our store is open from Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, and donations are accepted Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

By shopping our store, you are not only supporting local business, you are making a huge difference in the lives of animals in need. Our store and shelter work as one team with only one goal: provide care, support and ultimately a loving furrever home for every animal that comes through our doors.

Shop local SHOP LOTS!!



Follow the HSCAZ Resale Store on Facebook.

FREQUENT Q & A

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: Do you need volunteers?

A: Yes, we'd love your help! Volunteers are always welcome at both our shelter and resale store. Stop by either location to pick up an application. There are plenty of areas you can lend a hand in and make a difference!

Q: Can I complete my community service hours with HSCAZ?

A: Yes, however there are some offences that we will not accept. You may come into the shelter at 605 W Wilson Ct to pick up and application.

Q: I'm having a hard time feeding my pets. Are you able to help?

A: Yes! We can absolutely help. HSCAZ offers the following assistance:

- The Feeding Fido Program. This program provides a monthly supply of pet food to qualifying families. Feeding Fido applications are available at the HSCAZ shelter, located at 605 W. Wilson Ct. in Payson, Arizona. Applications are also available at the CAP office and at DES in Payson, AZ.
- One-time emergency food pick up. This program is perfect for those that are needing one-time assistance to get by until their next payday, etc. All you need to do is come in during business hours with a picture ID. Please note that the emergency pickup can only be used once per year.

Also please be aware that the food that is distributed for both the Feeding Fido Program or one-time assistance is 100% donated by the public and you will not be able to request a specific brand. HSCAZ office hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30am to 3:30pm.

Q: What kind of donations do you take?

A: HSCAZ will be happy to accept any animal related items such as; gently used leashes and collars, food and water bowls, pet carriers/crates, etc. HSCAZ will also be glad to accept old blankets, towels, sheets, pillowcases, etc. Pet food and treats of any kind will also be greatly appreciated, even open bags/containers are acceptable. If you have any questions about what to donate you may call us at (928) 474-5590.

MICROCHIPS

A microchip is one of the most reliable ways to ensure your pet can be returned to you if they ever become lost. Unlike collars or tags that can fall off, a microchip is a permanent form of identification that stays with your pet for life.

But here's the key: a microchip is only as effective as the information linked to it. If your phone number, address, or email changes, be sure to update your pet's microchip registration. Without current information, shelters and veterinary clinics may not be able to reach you when your pet is found.

Taking a few minutes to verify and update your pet's microchip details could be the difference between a quick reunion and a long, stressful search.

Take action today: Check your pet's microchip and make sure your information is up to date!

Don't have a microchip? HSCAZ offers microchipping for only \$25 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10am - 3pm as long as we have medical staff available.

If you would like to help get stray animals that come through our shelter a microchip, please consider donating to our microchip campaign. Scan the QR code to learn more about it and donate.



HSCAZ Microchip
Campaign

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Our volunteer program is undergoing some exciting updates, including the introduction of a dedicated Volunteer Coordinator. This means all volunteers will now have a single, go-to person for any questions or concerns.

Kaijana “Kai” Morris has stepped into the important role of Programs Coordinator (which includes her role as volunteer coordinator) and is already bringing positive changes. She’s updating the way our New Volunteer Orientations are offered and introducing volunteer mentors to help newcomers feel confident and supported as they begin their shelter journey.

We’re excited to see all the wonderful changes Kai will be bringing to our volunteer program.



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.
- Walmart's Spark Good *and* our gift registry at https://www.walmart.com/sparkgood?pov-id=OMNISRV_D_i GLOBAL Nav ServicesNav_EXT_RegistryForGood_SuperDepartment_SparkGood_SupportALocalCharity_1332399668&cause=&orgType=&location=85541&name=humane+society
- Donating everyday items like towels, sheets, blankets, and pillowcases. HSCAZ also accepts common cleaning supplies such as paper towels, hand soap, Dawn dish soap, powder laundry detergent, and more.
- Recycle your aluminum cans with HSCAZ. We have an open air drop off location right across the street from our shelter (605 W Wilson Ct in Payson)
- Give us your pocket change. HSCAZ has the sad dog banks around town, drop in your change and help the homeless pets that are in our care.
- Walk your dog a lot? Use the WoofTrax app. WoofTrax gives a donation for every walk logged. Learn more at <https://wooftrax.com/>.

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/@humanesocietyofcentralaz>

Instagram

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

YouTube

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

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

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Name _____

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