

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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605 W. Wilson Court
Payson, AZ 85541



HSCAZ SHELTER

928-474-5590
605 W. Wilson Court
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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 Saturday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



HUMANE SOCIETY
CENTRAL ARIZONA

SPRING/SUMMER 2026

KINDRED SPIRITS NEWSLETTER

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

THE KITTENS ARE COMING

Spring is here, and with it comes the start of kitten season. Thanks to the unseasonably warm weather, we're already seeing litters arrive earlier than expected.

With kitten comes an increase in newborn and young kittens entering the shelter. While it may be tempting to scoop up kittens you find outdoors, it's important to make sure they have truly been abandoned before bringing them in. Mother cats will often leave their kittens temporarily while they search for food and typically return within a few hours. If the kittens appear clean, quiet, and tucked away, their mom is likely nearby caring for them. When in doubt, monitoring from a distance can help ensure kittens stay with their best chance at survival—their mother.

If you are certain the kittens have been abandoned, you may bring them into the shelter.

However, if you are able to step in and care for them until the kittens are approximately 6-8 weeks old, we would very much appreciate the assistance. If you can, please give us a call to let us know about the kittens.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- KMR - Kitten Milk Replacement
- Kitten wet food
- Small blankets



DID YOU FIND KITTENS? Don't kit-nap them!

Kittens have the best chance of survival with their mothers. They require around-the-clock care and are at-risk for illness in a shelter environment.



What should you do if you find kittens?

STOP! Don't remove them immediately!

If they are critically ill or injured, take them to a local vet.

If they appear healthy, estimate their age:



1-2 WEEKS
Eyes still closed or barely beginning to open.

2-4 WEEKS
Eyes open and alert, starting to move around.

4-6 WEEKS
Very mobile and talkative, can eat food.

6-8 WEEKS
Very active and playful, weighs 1-2lbs.

8+ WEEKS
Very active and playful, weighs 2lbs or more.

Don't handle the kittens yet. Wait to see if their mother returns, and if she does, leave them alone.

If she doesn't return after 6 hours, take action.

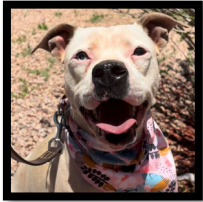
Take Action!

Call the Humane Society of Central Arizona at 928-474-5590. HSCAZ will be able to care for them properly and make sure they are seen by a veterinarian, vaccinated, and spayed or neutered before they are placed for adoption to find their forever homes.

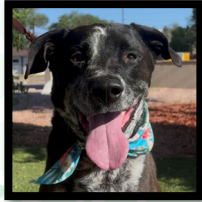
Taking underage kittens to a shelter should be the last resort.

SUCCESS STORIES

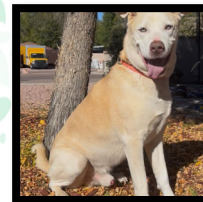
Although adoptions have been a little slow these last few months, here are some “Happy Tails” we would like to share with you.



Heidi was adopted 9/5/2025. She was at HSCAZ for 871 days.



Link was adopted 12/16/2025 He was at HSCAZ for 157 days.



Loki was adopted 2/21/2026. He was at HSCAZ for 109 days.



Forrest was adopted 4/11/2026. He was at HSCAZ for 989 days.

Help our homeless cats and dogs find their forever homes.

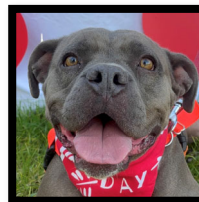
Your perfect companion could be waiting at our shelter. Give a homeless pet the loving home they've been dreaming of.

OUR LONG-TIMERS

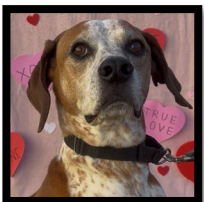
As a no-kill shelter, we will house animals until they find their forever homes. Some animals take a little longer than others. Below are some of them. If you can't take one home, please help us spread the word about these sweet animals that are in need of their forever home.



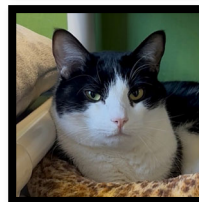
Dojo is a 7 year old American Bulldog mix who has been at HSCAZ for more than 1298 days.



Truffles is a 6 year old Bull-dog mix who has been at HSCAZ for more than 867 days.



Taz is a 7 year old Hound/American Bulldog mix who has been at HSCAZ for more than 1172 days.



Choco is a 1 year old Domestic Shorthair mix who has been at HSCAZ for more than 284 days.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 15** HSCAZ Microchip Clinic, 11am-2pm
- May 22** Noley's Kids Club, 1pm-3pm
- May 30** Pups in the Pines, 8am-12pm
- June 6** Payson Farmer's Market @ Sawmill Theatre Parking Lot

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

HOT WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

Days are starting to get warmer. Here are some safety tips to keep your pets safe.

TOO HOT TO TROT?

HUMANE SOCIETY OF CENTRAL ARIZONA

..... 7 Second Rule

rest your hand on the pavement → wait seven seconds → too hot? wait to walk

outside °F	asphalt °F
77°	125°
86°	135°
87°	143°
102°	167°

Skin damage can occur in 1 minute!
125° → 1 MIN → paw print

It's HOT enough to fry an egg in 5 minutes!
135° → 5 MIN → frying pan

..... Healthy Tips

- avoid mid-day walks. Instead go during cooler hours
- invest in a good pair of dog booties
- walk in the grass

Leaving Your Pets in Cars



NO!
NO!
NO!

If you love them, leave them at home in hot weather!!
OVERHEATING KILLS! Don't put your pets in danger

LEAVING PETS IN A HOT VEHICLE IS A FORM OF CRUELTY. IF YOU SEE AN ANIMAL IN DISTRESS CALL THE POLICE/911

VEHICLE TEMPERATURE		
Outside	Inside	Time to Reach
75	100	10 minutes
75	120	30 minutes
85	90	5 minutes
85	100	7-10 minutes
85	120	30 minutes
100	140	15 minutes

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

HSCAZ staff want to thank every single volunteer for their hard work and continued support and dedication. We couldn't do what we do without you! From our dishwashers to dog walkers, your work does not go un-noticed. We appreciate YOU!

THANK YOU!!



SOCIAL MEDIA

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

Facebook

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

YouTube

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

Instagram

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

HOW YOUR DONATIONS HELP

Monetary donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated. If you choose to make a financial gift, you may designate it to a specific area such as the Second Chance Fund, Medical Fund, or another program, or contribute to the general fund, where it will be used wherever the need is greatest. There are several convenient ways to give: donate in person, online through our website, by mail, or simply by scanning the QR code.

- **\$15/month provides 20 meals**
- **\$25/month provides vaccines for 3 animals**
- **\$50/month provides 5 microchips**
- **\$100/month provides 4 spay/neuters**



If you have any questions about donating, please feel free to call us at 928-474-5590.

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

If you're unable to volunteer, there are still so many wonderful ways to support the Humane Society of Central Arizona (HSCAZ)! Every little bit helps us care for the animals who rely on us each day.

Here are a few easy ways to make a difference:

- **Amazon Wish List for HSCAZ**
 - General Supplies: www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2VZYT4QYTZ9IR?ref=wl_share.
 - Bottle Baby Supplies Wish List at www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18HDVMKK2IR75?ref=wl_share.
- **Chewy.com Wish List for HSCAZ**
 - 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). **Side note: we get more money per pound for crushed cans.**
- **Donate 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** (or somebody else's dog) and use the WoofTrax app. WoofTrax gives a donation for every walk logged. Learn more at <https://wooftrax.com/>.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Our volunteer program has recently undergone a few exciting changes. In addition to a shelter tour, new volunteers now participate in a classroom-style orientation. We've also streamlined our process by offering hands-on dog walker training on the same day, rather than scheduling a second visit. These improvements have made a significant difference in volunteer retention and overall preparedness.

New Volunteer Orientation and Hands-on Training classes will be held twice per month.

SHARE THE LOVE: DONATE PET FOOD

Do you have a picky eater at home? Or maybe you've recently switched diets and have leftover pet food? HSCAZ can help with that!

We gladly accept non-expired, opened or unopened cat and dog food, including both wet food and dry kibble. Any donations we're unable to use for our shelter pets will go toward supporting our Feeding Fido program.

As you tackle your Spring cleaning, consider bringing in those extra bags and cans to help pets in need. Every donation makes a difference!

PLANNED GIVING

Account beneficiary

The gift of a funded life insurance policy or retirement account may enable you to turn a moderate monthly premium into a substantial gift to the Humane Society of Central AZ.

By simply naming the Humane Society of Central AZ as the beneficiary of your paid life insurance policy, 401(k), IRA, TSA or other retirement account, you can make a substantial future gift to benefit homeless animals. Just contact the company that holds these policies or accounts, ask for a beneficiary form, and update it to reflect the Humane Society of Central AZ as the primary or contingent beneficiary. You may leave all or part of these policies or accounts to the Humane Society of Central AZ. Note that as a direct distribution at your passing, funds from retirement accounts will not be subject to estate tax or to income tax, making the entire balance benefit the Humane Society of Central AZ.

Will or Living Trust

Gifts by will or living trust for the benefit of the Humane Society of Central AZ may be for a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or the residual amount of your estate after other distributions are made and expenses are paid.

Charitable Remainder Trust

Charitable remainder trusts allow you to ensure the future fiscal health of the Humane Society of Central AZ while increasing your current income. They are particularly advantageous for appreciated assets and real estate. A uni-trust provides a variable income based on a percentage of the value of the trust assets as determined each year. Charitable remainder annuity trusts are excellent planning vehicles for older donors with appreciated stock. An annuity trust pays a fixed dollar amount each year to the income beneficiary, with the remainder benefiting the Humane Society of Central AZ.

You may name the Humane Society of Central AZ as the beneficiary of a Charitable Remainder Trust established with a bank, financial institution or investment firm. Unfortunately, the Humane Society of Central AZ cannot establish a Charitable Remainder Trust. Consult your estate planning attorney, financial advisor or tax advisor for more information.



FREQUENT Q & A

Q: Can you vaccinate my pet?

A: Unfortunately, no. HSCAZ does not have a vet on staff to vaccinate publicly owned pets. We have been referring pet owners to Tractor Supply, to their low-cost vaccination clinic that is held twice per month. You can check the Tractor Supply website for upcoming clinic dates and pricing. Also, you can follow us on Facebook, if we are able to hold any vaccine clinics they will be posted there.

Q: Are you able to spay/neuter my pet?

A: Again, no. Without a vet on staff we are limited in what we can do for the public. Also, unfortunately, Payson does not have a low-cost option for spay and neuters. However, if you are able to travel, Phoenix and the surrounding areas have several for low-cost options.

Q: I found a stray dog, can you come pick it up?

A: No. HSCAZ does not have the authority to pick up any animals. If the dog is found within the Payson town limits or in Star Valley, you can call Payson Police Department's non-emergency line at 928-474-5177. If the dog is found in any other area, you may call Gila County Animal Care and Control at 928-425-5882.

Q: I need to license my dog, where do I go?

A: Well, that's not a straightforward answer. If you reside within Payson town limits, you will get your dog licensing done at HSCAZ. If you reside in Star Valley, you will go to the Star Valley Town Hall for the dog license. For all other areas (Mesa del, Round Valley, Gisela, etc.), you will need to get your dog license from either Gila County Animal Care and Control in Globe or the Gila County Health Department in Payson.

Q: I found kittens, what do I do?

A: Don't move them just yet! If the kittens look clean and plump, their mom is likely nearby. We recommend waiting and watching from a distance for 4 to 8 hours. If mom returns, it's best to leave them with her until they are at least 8 weeks old. If the kittens are shivering, crying for long periods, or look sickly, they may be orphaned and in need of human intervention, please call us at 928-474-5590 to discuss intake availability and next steps before coming to the shelter.

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

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 resalestore@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 forever home for every animal that comes through our doors.

Shop local SHOP LOTS!!



Follow the HSCAZ Resale Store on Facebook.

MEMORIAL ROCK GARDEN

Honor Your Beloved Pet in Our Memorial Garden

Have you visited our Memorial Rock Garden? Located at the front of the shelter, this peaceful space was created alongside the High Country Garden Club to provide a beautiful resting place for memories of our pets who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

Add Your Tribute

We invite you to add a personalized memorial rock to the garden. Simply make a donation of any amount and provide your pet's details for our artists to use—or feel free to paint your own!

Join us in growing this garden of memories. You can donate in person at 605 W Wilson Ct, over the phone at 928-474-5590, or via the online, <https://humanesocietycentralaz.org/donate/memorial-rock-garden/>.



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!
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