



The Paw Print

The monthly newsletter of Paw Placement of Northern Arizona (PPNAZ)

Keeping people and pets together



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Dear Friends,

It has been brought home to me recently how our use of language can make a difference in the impression we create. For example, last month I reported that the Coconino Humane Association (CHA) reported an all-time low euthanasia rate of 13 percent. Even as we “went to press” I was uncomfortable using what is usually perceived as a negative term to report a positive outcome. What we should have been saying is that CHA reported an **all-time high save rate of 87 percent for 2015 and a save rate of 92 per cent for the first half of 2016!** To me, it makes all the difference in the world to turn those numbers around and put the focus on the pets saved.

Part of the focus on pets saved is an effort to keep pets and their people together in the first place so the pets don’t become a shelter statistic. With that in mind, over the past month we have been partnering with CHA to collect data to determine why pets are surrendered to the shelter and what programs might be developed to prevent those surrenders. The results of our survey were disappointing in that in the majority of cases, there were no programs that we could offer that would have prevented the surrender of the animal. Only two or three people said they might have been able to keep their dog with deposit assistance or temporary housing. However, we did identify the need for more access to low- or no-cost vaccines and spay/neuter surgeries. While

this data doesn't meet the criteria for the ASPCA grant, it will be valuable for other grants especially the Pets For Life program.

On July 23rd, Paw Placement participated in the tenth annual Rescue Roundup in Wheeler Park. This was another opportunity to tell a lot of people about our programs for spay/neuter, community cats, and Pets For Life.

Diane Jarvis, President

Vouchers for Spay/Neuter Surgeries

This ongoing program continues to help prevent unwanted litters of puppies and kittens. In addition to decreasing pet overpopulation, other advantages of spaying and neutering include reducing spraying and marking (cats), reducing roaming and aggression (dogs), reducing the risk of cancer in dogs, and increasing the pet's lifespan up to three to five years.



Pebbles and Seth

Paw Placement gave us a chance to save our puppy when all other resources were exhausted. They were there every step of the way and allowed us to save Pebbles when she needed it most! We couldn't have saved Pebbles without Paw Placement and for that we are forever grateful. Meagan & Seth

Financial Assistance for Emergency Veterinary Care

An additional nine pets and their families have been helped through this program in the last month, including the little puppy named Pebbles who was fighting for her life against Parvo at the time of our last newsletter. After all the cases in the last month, the fund is very low. We have applied for a new grant but it will be a month before we know the results. We have found that this emergency medical fund is a critical piece in helping owners keep their beloved pets rather than surrender them to the shelter or have them euthanized in the event of a catastrophic injury.

Community Cats

Since the last newsletter five more Working Cats have moved from The Ark Cat Sanctuary to their new homes. Most recently a trio of



cats found a new home in Jerome, AZ, two male cats, Rainer and Marbles, pictured left, along with an unnamed black female. Rainer was rescued from the Reservation and wound up at The Ark where he met Marbles and they became fast friends. The black female, now named Abbo, is very skittish but visited with Rainer and Marbles from time to time and at least accepts them as acquaintances, if not exactly friends. The trio will be keeping the rodent population in check on a property with a vineyard and fruit trees, rocks and flowers.

If you are interested in “hiring” a working cat or know someone who may be, go to our website for more information: <http://www.ppnaz.org/communitycats>.

Pet Food Bank

Paw Placement volunteers distributed pet food to 37 families in the month of July. This made a difference for 143 pets (84 dogs and 59 cats). The Coconino Humane Association’s Pet Food Bank provides pet food as a temporary resource to eligible Coconino County residents to supplement their pet’s food supply. Food is donated by Purina and distributed on the third Saturday of the month at the Coconino Humane Association.

The Flagstaff Animal Welfare Task Force

Task Force member Ken Lamm brought Cindy Brown from the NAU Advancement Office to the meeting. Cindy is an adviser to a student service organization, the Chain Gang. The Chain Gang is interested in animal welfare, specifically in reducing the incidence of surrender or abandonment of animals by NAU students and recent graduates.

Cindy asked if the Task Force were interested in working with them in a program to educate students about the responsibilities of having a pet and offer alternatives to adoption while at the university. Alternatives could include volunteering at one of the local shelters, fostering, and campus events. Task Force members were very interested in this project and agreed to provide materials

SAVE THE DATE

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Planning is under way for the 2016 *Paws for the Perfect Taste* to be held at the 1899 Bar & Grill.

Call 928-699-7586 with ideas for silent auction items.

for the NAU Student Information Fair on August 29 where the Chain Gang will be recruiting students and distributing animal welfare information. In addition, the Task Force agreed to host a booth and participate in the NAU Welcome Week Community Fair on September 7. This will be another opportunity to share information and talk to students about how they can be a part of the animal welfare community.

Progress has been made on the pet resource line. A budget has been developed, a job description has been written for the person answering the resource line on a part-time basis, a phone line has been identified and a phone purchased, and several general issues have been identified as the foundation for the resource line. These include programs already in place such as the spay/neuter voucher program and the emergency veterinary medical fund. Other issues to be addressed include behavior modification, temporary housing, and pet deposits for rental property.

Other Ways to Give

Shop at AmazonSmile

Shop at Fry's Foods and participate in the Community Rewards Program

Shop online through adoptashelter.com

Visit ppnaz.org/othergiving for details to sign up for these programs.

You Can Help Us Maintain These Programs

Giving to Paw Placement of Northern Arizona is easy. You can go online to ppnaz.org/donate to make a tax-deductible one-time donation or you can sign up (subscribe) to make a monthly donation in an amount that works for you. You also can mail a donation to P.O. Box 942, Flagstaff, AZ 86002. We appreciate your support as do the pets and their families.

Pets for Life - Partner Profile

Veterinary Emergency & Speciality Center of Northern Arizona (VESCONA)

VESCONA is the newest veterinary service in Flagstaff and provides affordable after-hours care for pets including dogs, cats, reptiles (lizards and snakes) and common pocket pets (hamsters, mice, guinea pigs). It is a cooperative venture of the Coconino County Veterinary Community, as well as associated veterinary specialists. The hospital is a dedicated emergency, urgent care, and specialty facility serving Flagstaff and the surrounding areas.

**Veterinary Emergency &
Specialty Center of
Northern Arizona**

1359 E. Butler Ave.
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

928-779-5522

Hours of Operation

Weekends

Friday 5 p.m. - Monday
8:30 a.m.

Holidays - 24 hours

nazpetemergency.com

Participating veterinarians/specialists/groups include Agassiz Animal Clinic, Alpine Animal Hospital, Animal Speciality Group of Scottsdale, Coconino Veterinary Clinic, Continental Animal Wellness Center, Dr. Chris Bertch-Mumaw, Highland House Calls, Kaibab Veterinary Clinic, Ponderosa Pet Crematory, Spay Neuter Clinic, Veterinary Specialists of Northern Arizona, Westside Veterinary Clinic, and Williams Veterinary Clinic.

The Rehab Nook, also located in Veterinary Emergency and Specialty Center, is northern Arizona's new pet rehabilitation clinic. Established by Dr. Monet Martin, the clinic treats animals with injury, dysfunction, pain or physical abnormalities through the application of biomechanics, anatomy, physiology, and psychology. Treatment techniques include ice, heat, electrical stimulation, ultrasound, joint mobilization, soft tissue mobilization and massage, therapeutic exercise, hydrotherapy, acupuncture, and more. For more information, visit www.therehabnook.com.

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