



The Paw Print

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

Keeping people and pets together



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Dear Friends,

We are all enjoying the cooler days of early fall, and all of the shelters and rescues are hoping that the summer rush of puppies and kittens is nearly over. This was one of the busiest summers in the last few years; it has been raining cats and dogs since June! Everyone made a Herculean effort to save all the precious lives they could (many fosters had several litters of kittens at once) but it drove home the **continued** need for spay and neuter programs and education. While many were adopted, there are still many in shelters and foster care waiting for their furever families. What does this mean for Paw Placement and our supporters?

First, we want to give out more spay/neuter vouchers. To do that we must find funds – and luckily we just got another grant from the Arizona Community Foundation (Flagstaff) for spay/neuter and vaccines. We will keep searching for other grants to add to this, as well as private donations.

Second, we need some volunteers to help us staff information booths at events and reach out to the pet owners that haven't gotten the message about the importance of "fixing" their pets. Volunteers can also help with the Trap-Neuter-Return of community/feral cats.

These are a few of the vital components if we are to be a **Pets for Life** community! This holistic approach to our ultimate goal of reducing the shelter intake and euthanasia rates means that we take care of cats and dogs in the greater Flagstaff area as well as

helping the people who love them. If you'd like to be a part of this please call us at 928-699-7586 or email info@ppnaz.org.

Diane Jarvis, President

Vouchers for Spay/Neuter Surgeries

This ongoing program continues to help prevent unwanted litters of puppies and kittens. So far in this grant year 305 vouchers have been redeemed. While this is impressive, there is still much to be done. Therefore, we were pleased to receive a grant from the Arizona Community Foundation Flagstaff for this voucher program and for much-needed vaccines.

Did you know that 50 percent of all pets born are accidents? Cats and dogs can get pregnant much sooner than you think. Spay or neuter your pet at four months of age to help prevent those accidents and save millions from being killed in shelters each year.



"Thanks so much for helping Sati, he is part of our family!"

Joe & Nova

Financial Assistance for Emergency Veterinary Care

This program continues to help pets and their families with veterinary medical emergencies, including Sati who had a bad experience with a car fan and he lost the skin on his leg as well as a toe. 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.

We have just received a grant that will be used for emergency veterinary bill assistance as well as spay/neuter.

Community Cats

White Foot and Rosie moved to their "place of employment" as Working Cats in July. According to Joe, their new "boss," "the cats



Rosie & friend

are doing well. Both have warmed up tremendously toward people, to the point where I am being rubbed on/meowed at/ forced to pet them every time I go out there.” In addition, Joe says they have killed three mice that he has seen and the mice are not nearly as bold about coming in that building. “The cats are exactly what we needed: killing machines that are nice to little children. Thanks for them. They are wonderful cats.”

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 31 families in the month of August. This made a difference for 130 pets (80 dogs and 50 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 reported that significant progress has been made with the Arizona Community Foundation - Flagstaff to establish an endowed account designated for animal welfare. This presents a greater opportunity to attract significant gifts. The larger the endowment, the greater the earnings, and more money available to benefit the animals. Ken’s hard work on this is greatly appreciated.



Michelle reported that progress has been made on the barn for feral cats at CHA and she expects the facility to be completed by the end of this month. In order to get a handle on community needs to start an active Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) program, Diane believes it is necessary to hold a community meeting to identify the neighborhoods with the greatest need. This will be on the drawing board for the near future.

Ken and Sean reported that the two events on the NAU campus with our new partner, the Chain Gang, were very successful. About 15 students signed up for the Chain Gang at the August event and the president of the organization said the animal welfare materials and photos definitely attracted attention. Michelle reported that CHA even had several adoptions at the event this month. A lot of information was given out and there was a lot of student interest in volunteering. The biggest challenge is transportation from campus to any of the shelters, since most of the students said they did not have cars.

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 click on 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

BISSELL Pet Foundation - Partners for Pets

PPNAZ is now a member of the Partners for Pets Program of the BISSELL Pet Foundation. The mission of the BISSELL Pet Foundation is to help reduce reduce the number of animals in shelters and to support organizations dedicated to the humane care and treatment of animals through pet adoption, spay neuter programs, microchipping, and foster care.

The foundation was established in 2011 by Cathy Bissell, a lifelong pet lover and advocate. She and her sister are responsible for creating LostPetUSA.net, a free website providing tools for reuniting lost pets with their families. She also spearheads BISSELL's Partners for Pets, a program developed to assist animal welfare organizations with their fundraising efforts.



bissell.com/partnersforpets

SAVE THE DATE**NOV. 13**

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.

As a member of the Partners for Pets program, PPNAZ will be eligible to apply for grants through the BISSELL Pet Foundation and be eligible to win money through giveaways and sweepstakes. In addition, if you purchase any pet product on bissell.com, a portion of your purchase will be donated through the BISSELL Pet Foundation to Paw Placement of Northern Arizona. As a bonus, BISSELL Inc., has donated a product for our Paws for the Perfect Taste silent auction.

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