



# The Paw Print

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

Keeping people and pets together

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Dear Friends,

Before I tell you about the Paws for the Perfect Taste and the winner of the Best Doggone Dessert in Flagstaff, I want to tell you about another important piece in our efforts to make Flagstaff a Pets for Life community with a focus on owner retention and surrender prevention.

We know that many times pets are surrendered to a shelter because of a problem or issue with the pet when the owners don't know where to turn to get help. Therefore, we are pleased to announce the **Findlay Toyota Pet Resource Line**. Although the line will not be staffed 24/7, all messages will be answered within one business day. If we don't have the answer, we will find it. Some of the issues we expect to come up include providing information about where to get low-cost or no-cost pet spay/neuter surgeries, dog or cat behavioral issues, finding pet-friendly housing, etc. There will be a Launch Party at Findlay Toyota on November 26 from 11 to 1. We'll have cool raffles and free food, so come join us to celebrate this awesome community resource!

Paws for the Perfect Taste 2016 was a huge success!!! We'll have final numbers soon but we sold more than one hundred tickets, had nearly a hundred people attend, and grossed about \$15,000! We had so many compliments on the terrific grab bags and silent auction items. And of course the desserts were awesome! The 1899

**Findlay Toyota Pet  
Resource Line**

**928-300-4510**

Launch Party  
Findlay Auto Group  
Nov. 26, 2016

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

In the Auto Park behind  
the Flagstaff Mall

Bar & Grill did a great job and Frank, the manager, said he is in for next year.

And speaking of desserts, the winner of the the 2016 Best Doggone Dessert in Flagstaff title went to **Horsemen Lodge/ Northern Pine Restaurant** and their Fried Pineapple and Coconut with house-made Vanilla Bean Ice Cream dessert. Thank you Chef Richard!

*Diane Jarvis, President*

## Vouchers for Spay/Neuter Surgeries

Increasing the numbers of dogs and cats who are spayed or neutered is an important element in the Pets for Life program, not only for the health of our community but also to prevent the birth of unwanted litters of puppies and kittens. We believe that distributing food at the Pet Food Bank offers a great opportunity to encourage those receiving food to have their pets spayed or neutered, if they aren't already. In cooperation with Coconino Humane Association we will begin to give out vouchers as needed and follow up when the families return for food again.

## Financial Assistance for Emergency Veterinary Care



A young dog, Puppy, became very ill and had to be taken to the vet on the weekend. At first it was thought it might be Parvo. After much testing, it proved not to be Parvo and Puppy responded well to antibiotics and special food. Now he is back home with his best buddy.

“I didn't have the money to be able to pay the whole bill up front. Your program saved his life and helped me keep these best friends together. We can't thank you enough! It it obvious that you all work from the heart!”

*Amanda, Randy, and Puppy*

## Community Cats



There have been two more placements of Working Cats, bringing the total Working Cats placed to 22.

Spaz and Belle, left, were placed at the Flagstaff-U-Pick-It on Leupp Road. Based on recent reports they are doing their job using their mousing skills in a large storage building and protecting the merchandise housed there. According to their “boss,” Clarynn, “they are great!”

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

## Pet Food Bank

Paw Placement volunteers distributed pet food to 32 families in the month of October. This made a difference for 118 pets (88 dogs and 30 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.

**Volunteers are needed** to help distribute the food from noon to 3 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month. To help, contact Sarah Farris at [sarah.farris@deckers.com](mailto:sarah.farris@deckers.com).

## The Flagstaff Animal Welfare Task Force

Diane and Ken reported that the Chain Gang students have been successful in working with the university’s Computer Science Department to identify a group of computer science students to create a website or computer application to help students who want to get a pet. The idea is to help students understand the responsibilities of owning a pet, how to choose the right pet, and what options are available, such as fostering or volunteering at a shelter, if they determine that now is not the right time to get a

pet. This year-long project is in the early stages but is very exciting and has great promise for helping students and animals.

Sean (Second Chance Center for Animals) reported that he, Michelle (Coconino Humane Association), and Pam (The Ark Cat Sanctuary), working on behalf of their respective organizations, have come up with a working document of guidelines/definitions to help them determine adoptable and unadoptable animals. This is another example of cooperation among our animal agencies that will benefit the community as well as animals.

Michelle said that the Cat Barn to house feral cats at CHA will be completed as soon as the floor is installed. She also reported that CHA had received a \$5,000 grant for a trap/neuter/return program that will run through August of next year.

Dr. Barnes mentioned the need to educate people about indoor cat and wild animal encounters and the resulting need to have indoor cats vaccinated against rabies. She shared cases where bats have gotten into houses with cats and the long quarantine period required for the cats to insure they did not contract rabies.

## You Can Help Us Maintain These Programs

Giving to Paw Placement of Northern Arizona is easy. You can click on [ppnaz.org/donate](http://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.

As the holidays approach we are all starting to think of gifts to buy friends and loved ones. For those who don't seem to need another pair of socks or impersonal gift card, how about making a donation in their name to Paw Placement? When you donate online just designate it as a gift and provide the recipient's mailing address, and we will send a card to notify them of the gift. It is a great present for animal lovers AND for the animals!

Another great way to help the animals during the holiday season (and all year) is to sign up for the Community Rewards Program at

### Other Ways to Give

Shop at AmazonSmile

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

Shop online through [adoptashelter.com](http://adoptashelter.com)

Visit [ppnaz.org/othergiving](http://ppnaz.org/othergiving) for details to sign up for these programs.

Fry's. It only takes a few minutes using the instructions found at [ppnaz.org/frysrewards](http://ppnaz.org/frysrewards) and a percentage of your purchases will be donated to PPNAZ every time you shop at Fry's.

## Pets for Life - Partner Profile

### Canyon Pet Hospital



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Canyon Pet Hospital has been part of the Flagstaff community for more than twenty years. It offers a full range of services for pets. Services include preventive care, health maintenance, diagnostic services, acupuncture and laser therapy, emergency services, and boarding. It has a team of seven veterinarians and two veterinary technicians.

Canyon Pet Hospital is equipped with the most advanced, state-of-the-art technology available. The doctors and staff meet high standards when it comes to their professional credentials. They are expected to continually expand their medical knowledge through regular continuing education and keeping abreast of the latest advancements in the veterinary field.

Canyon Pet Hospital prides itself on working with local, non-profit animal organizations. These organizations provide much needed care for homeless and unwanted animals. Canyon Pet Hospital is very proud of its contributions—both in volunteer hours and financial—to the community helping to sustain and make where we live a better place.



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