



The Paw Print

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

Keeping people and pets together



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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! With the new year comes resolutions, and Paw Placement is resolved to find more ways to prevent pets from entering shelters and more ways to help owners care for their beloved pets.

We will continue to strongly promote **spay and neuter** through public education and vouchers for no- or low-cost spay or neuter surgeries. Reducing the overall pet population is an obvious way to reduce the numbers in shelters. But other than the unwanted litters of puppies and kittens, older animals are also surrendered for a variety of reasons and we are working to identify those reasons and find solutions.

Behavior issues are at the top of the list so we are hoping to identify pet trainers and behaviorists to offer free consultations to owners thinking about surrendering their pet. **Housing issues** such as deposits and breed restrictions need our attention – we will be looking for grants to address help with deposits and trying to talk to rental managers about allowing any well-behaved dog into their property.

Community cats and Trap/Neuter/Return programs are high on the list also – time and again TNR programs

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have proven successful in cities and rural communities by managing the unowned cats. Future newsletters will focus on each of these topics in depth and give all of you an opportunity to get involved if you wish. Together we can help pets and their people, and create the Pets for Life community we all value.

On a sad note, we have lost two great volunteers. Judie Touchette was a fixture at our Paw Placement table at Art Walk, adoption events, and in the Rescue Me! Pet Adoption Center in the mall. Whenever we needed a hand she stepped up; she was dedicated to our mission and to helping cats and dogs in any way she could. Judie passed away Wednesday, January 4. Antonia (Sandoval) Gomez, who was a terrific dog foster who helped save many dogs by opening her heart and home, passed away on January 5. PPNAZ is grateful to both of them for years of volunteer commitment. Funeral arrangements for both are pending at this time.

Diane Jarvis, President

FACT: Neutering male dogs and cats can reduce urine marking in your house and reduce aggressions toward other dogs as well as territorial aggression.

It is important to note that these behaviors can become a habit and continue after neutering if the animal is not neutered at an early age.

Vouchers for Spay/Neuter Surgeries

Thirteen more vouchers were redeemed in December. Spay or neuter surgeries were performed on five cats, three kittens, one puppy, and four dogs. One of the cats was stray and the rest were pets. Thank you to those owners who took advantage of the vouchers to protect their pets and to the people who cared enough for strays to help them, too.

The Pet Resource Line is now taking the calls requesting vouchers. There normally is a time lag between the time the vouchers are sent out and when the surgeries can be scheduled.

Financial Assistance for Emergency Veterinary Care

In 2016, this program helped 70 pets (49 dogs and 21 cats) when they suffered an accident or illness and their family lacked the ability to pay for the needed medical care. Not all situations had happy endings, but the families received the support needed to do the best that was possible for their pet.

Community Cats

This month we introduce our first **Community Hero**. From time to time we will recognize the efforts of individuals who take the time and resources to reduce the number of stray or feral cats around their home or where they work.



Jutta moved to a neighborhood north of NAU in 2002. An old, skinny cat started hanging around whenever she was outside. She named him Old Soldier. She took him to the vet and had him neutered and vaccinated and started feeding him - he didn't want to come inside so she fixed him a bed outside. Soon she noticed other cats sneaking in to eat his food and realized there were lots of cats living under the old houses on her street. Some were friendly, others not; many looked related. Jutta called a local volunteer with the Animal Defense League of Arizona who helped trap a lot of the cats so they could be spayed or neutered. When they ran out of money, Jutta spent her own to spay or neuter and feed the cats. She created safe warm spaces for them during bad weather, caught many of the kittens and rehomed them at her own expense, and took the sick ones inside to nurse back to health.



When Jutta found PPNAZ in 2010 we started helping with the cost of spay/neuter and gave her donated food, and occasionally helped rehome some kittens. The colony, created by people who failed to spay and neuter their pets and then left them behind when they moved, has stabilized over the last four years and Jutta hasn't seen any new kittens for the last year.

We commend Jutta for seeing a problem and taking action to help hundreds of cats who would have suffered otherwise. Good job, Jutta!

Pet Food Bank

Paw Placement volunteers distributed pet food to 43 families in the month of December. This made a difference for 194 pets (111 dogs and 105 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 — that's this week. To help, contact Sarah Farris at sarah.farris@deckers.com.

The Flagstaff Animal Welfare Task Force

The Task Force is holding a half-day planning session later this month so you can expect an update on the Task Force plans for the future in next month's newsletter.

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.

If you shop at Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com and follow the easy steps to designate Paw Placement of Northern Arizona as the charitable organization of your choice to receive a donation from Amazon every time you shop on AmazonSmile.

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.

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Second Chance Center for Animals



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The mission of Second Chance Center for Animals (SCCA) is to save the lives of homeless cats and dogs across northern Arizona. Another part of this mission is to “rescue from the rescues.” SCCA partners with 38 organizations across Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah who transfer homeless dogs and cats to SCCA for adoption.

Since 2004, more than 10,000 dogs and cats have found forever homes through Second Chance. Through intervention programs such as behavior counseling and dog training, SCCA often provides assistance to families in need that allows them to keep their pet. Second Chance Center for Animals was created through the generosity of the Robert T. Wilson Foundation in 2004. The 20,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility houses an animal shelter, veterinary hospital, and education center and is located on 10 acres in north Flagstaff.

"Second Chance wants to set a new model for the role of an animal shelter in the community. We want to showcase positive human-animal interactions and become a destination for people who want to do good things for pets. Our partnership with Paw Placement is important because this collaboration promotes education and advocacy across the region, critical efforts that Second Chance cannot support on its own."

Sean Hawkins, Executive Director



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