



The Paw Print

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

Keeping people and pets together



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Dear Friends,

As I was preparing to write this month's message I received word that our long-time friend and supporter Melissa Dunstan of Tangled Lilac Photography raised more than \$2,000 with her "Valen-tails" pet photo sessions! How better to celebrate Valentine's Day than with the unconditional love of our cherished furkids? And how better to honor that love than by helping to raise funds for our programs that help cats and dogs and the people who love them? Melissa's brilliant photography was a win-win for everyone involved and we are so very grateful! By the way, she does lovely work for weddings, graduations, family photos, or any memorable occasion. See more of her work at www.tangledlilac.com.

Spring will be here before we know it, and with the warmer weather comes litters of kittens and puppies. If you have a pet (or if your friends or family members do) that isn't spayed or neutered, **please** contact us for a spay/neuter voucher by calling the Findlay Toyota Pet Resource Line, 928-300-4510. Prevention is the key to reducing the numbers of cats and dogs in our shelters.

Another way to keep cats out of shelters is Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) for unsocialized or feral community cats.

**Findlay Toyota Pet
Resource Line**

your local source for pet-
friendly information

928-300-4510

These cats form colonies where there are food sources like rodents or trash. Some people just trap these cats and take them to shelters where they may be destroyed if they can't be placed. But we now know that the problem doesn't end there; without cats the rodent population grows, and then more cats show up. The proven method for successfully dealing with this is TNR, where the cats are spayed or neutered and returned to the area. They control the rodents, and other cats stay away due to the hierarchy of the colony. Since no new kittens are being added, in a few years the size of the colony decreases.

We would like to start a conversation about community cats at a public meeting on Tuesday, March 7, at 6 pm at the East Flagstaff Community Library at 3000 N. Fourth Street. Whether you are caring for community cats, want to get involved in TNR to help the cats, or have questions about handling cats in your neighborhood, please come and we will find solutions together! Call us at 928-699-7586 with questions.

Thanks again to everyone for caring about the animals.

Diane Jarvis, President

Vouchers for Spay/Neuter Surgeries

FACT: A dog who is spayed before her first heat has virtually no chance of ending up with mammary cancer, but her risk rises significantly if spaying takes place after her first heat.

February is **Spay/Neuter Awareness Month** and a good time to remind everyone that one of the best ways to reduce the number of stray animals in our community and in our shelter is to have pets spayed or neutered. Spaying or neutering early, by the age of four months, helps prevent any accidental litters. Spaying and neutering also has significant health benefits for your pet. Please spread the word.

If you know of anyone who needs help with the cost of the surgery, please have them call the Pet Resource Line at 928-300-4510.



Financial Assistance for Emergency Veterinary Care

Nine-year-old Emjay was attacked in the face by another dog. When the cost to treat the wound near his eye turned out to be more than his family could afford at the time, they turned to Paw Placement for help.

"Having the help of the medical assistance fund was such an incredible experience and touched our hearts in a beautiful way. We will be forever grateful and lifelong supporters of this program. A million thank yous would simply not be enough." *Jamie*

Community Cats

Working cats Sofie and Sadie were settled in their new place of "employment" several months ago. However, Sadie had an infection that she had a tough time shaking. After two courses of treatment she now is on the mend. She and Sadie will continue to occupy their storeroom until the weather is a little more agreeable. According to Cliff, their 'boss', "they've pretty much taken over the storeroom and are more than "semi-friendly".

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

Join the conversation about community cats at the meeting on Tuesday, March 7, at 6 pm at the East Flagstaff Community Library at 3000 N Fourth Street.



Pet Food Bank

Paw Placement volunteers distributed pet food to 54 families in the month of January. This made a difference for 264 pets (127 dogs and 137 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.

The Flagstaff Animal Welfare Task Force

The January snow storm forced the postponement of the half-day planning session until the end of February. Barring another snow storm, you can expect an update on the Task Force plans for the future in next month's newsletter.

Other Ways to Give

Shop at AmazonSmile

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

Shop online through adoptshelter.com

Visit ppnaz.org/othergiving for how 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.

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.

LOW COST Spay/Neuter CLINIC

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Pets for Life - Partner Profile

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

The mission of the Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic is to provide spay/neuter options and AFFORDABLE Veterinary Care to the community. Their goal is to decrease euthanasia, decrease preventable diseases through vaccination, and to provide a better quality of life for small animals in the community.

The clinic serves all members of the public with no income qualification for spay/neuter or vaccination services. The clinic has full service capabilities including surgery, office exams, and in-house diagnostic labs. The Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic also partners with local humane agencies, rescue organizations, and participates in community subsidy services, voucher programs, and shelter spay/neuter.

The clinic holds a shot clinic from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Thursday of every month. Their regular business hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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