



The Paw Print

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

Keeping people and pets together



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Dear Friends,

In case you missed it, a recent column in the AZ Daily Sun, written by our own Pamela Tharp, was awfully good! Although with this newsletter we are sometimes preaching to the choir, it is always a good idea to ask ourselves this question: How can we all help improve the status of our companion animals in this community? Yes, we are busy people, but we really care about the thousands of dogs and cats turned into the shelter each year. Do we feel helpless watching yet another box of kittens carried into the shelter? Heck yes! Does it make us sick to read about another sweet family dog being rehomed because his family is moving? You betcha! But what can anyone do?

Pam's column has some great suggestions. You can read it at [Companion animals are meant to be for life | Columnists | azdailysun.com](http://www.azdailysun.com) I will add that each of us can take the small step of speaking up; talk to your neighbor that lets her cats roam and needs help getting them fixed, speak up when someone talks about moving and leaving their pets behind (a little planning and saving for deposits isn't hard), offer to give a friend a ride to get his dog vaccinated to protect from Parvo and other nasty diseases. **Be an advocate for the animals.** Together, we can make Flagstaff a humane, compassionate community..

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.

In July, 29 vouchers were redeemed. Eleven dogs and 18 cats are now on their way to healthier lives.

Financial Assistance for Emergency Veterinary Care



Corporal Lucky is a nine year old certified assistance dog for his dad, a disabled veteran. When Homer discovered a lump on Lucky, he took him to the vet but couldn't afford the cost of having it removed and biopsied. Both Homer and Lucky were very grateful for our help and they sent us a thank you card that Lucky signed! (FYI, our fund is at rock bottom and we won't know about a new grant until mid-September. If you'd like to donate to help pet owners in desperate need, go to our website at www.ppnaz.org/donate.)



Community Cats

If you are caring for stray cats in your neighborhood and are concerned about pet overpopulation, you can be part of the

solution. Paw Placement offers low-cost/no-cost spay/neuter vouchers for feral cats. Spaying and neutering will stabilize and even reduce the population of community cats, will improve public health and safety, and improve the health of cats, including owned cats. Call 928-300-4510 for more information.

Pet Food Bank

The Pet Food Bank is an important part of our mission to keep people and their pets together and the pets out of the shelter by providing supplemental food every month for people and pets in need. Paw Placement volunteers distributed pet food to 55 families in the month of July. This made a difference for 267 pets (143 dogs and 124 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.

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)



The Veterinary Emergency and Speciality Center of Northern Arizona welcomes its new medical director, Dr. Ayman Wassef. Born and raised in Cairo, Egypt, Dr. Wassef received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine



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Speciality Center of
Northern Arizona**

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Hours of Operation

Weekends

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

Holidays - 24 hours

nazpetemergency.com

degree from Cairo University and has been practicing veterinary medicine for more than 15 years. He recently completed a residency in Emergency and Critical Care at Fresno (CA) Veterinary Speciality and Emergency Center. Joining Dr. Wassef is his fiancé Sarah Woolley, former hospital administrator at Central Coast Pet Emergency Clinic and now VESCONA's new administrator.

Currently the center is open Friday evening through Monday morning and on holidays. Dr. Wassef and his team are eager to expand their practice to seven days a week to meet the growing need for emergency pet care in Flagstaff.

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