



# The Paw Print

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

Keeping people and pets together



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Dear Friends,

Through the years, Paw Placement's overall goal has been to improve the lives of pets and their people. We have done this in a variety of ways, from taking the overflow and at risk animals from the shelter, fostering and then adopting them into loving homes, to spay/neuter/vaccination programs, veterinary bill assistance, and many other small but important programs that fill a gap in services to pets and their people.

We have decided to take a major step in light of the closure of Second Chance. With the help of a coalition of passionate animal advocates in our community we are working hard on a plan to to move animal welfare into the spotlight.

We envision a 21st Century animal shelter for Flagstaff and Coconino County. A shelter that consistently meets County and City animal control and welfare requirements while also meeting the needs of the community, with compassion and care...

- Quarantine areas to ensure appropriate medical care and safety,
- Lost pets reunited with their owners quickly and efficiently,
- Clear and meaningful metrics that gauge the shelter's effectiveness,
- On-site veterinary clinic,
- A welcoming lobby where animals and people feel understood and cared for,

- Separate areas for surrender, adoption, and pick up,
- Community outreach programs that:
  - increase adoption rates,
  - reduce surrender rates and help keep families and their pets together,
  - educate and make available resources for responsible pet ownership through spay and neuter,
  - educate and make available resources to effectively manage feral cat communities.

If you agree this is the type of animal shelter you would like to see for the animals and people in Flagstaff and Coconino County, go to [www.ppnaz.org](http://www.ppnaz.org) for more information and learn how you can help us achieve this vision.

Diane Jarvis, President

## Vouchers for Spay/Neuter Surgeries

**MYTH:** My dog/cat will get fat and lazy after being spayed or neutered.

**FACT:** Overweight cats and dogs are overweight because they are overfed. Keep you pet exercised and fed the appropriate amount to help your pet live a long and healthy life.

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

## Financial Assistance for Emergency Veterinary Care

We have no medical case to feature this month. Our medical assistance fund is all but depleted and we have had to turn away requests for help. In addition, we fear that some of our grant requests may be impacted by requests for help from the areas affected by the recent hurricanes. So, if you would like to help pet



owners in desperate need to care for their beloved pets, please go to our website at [www.ppnaz.org/donate](http://www.ppnaz.org/donate).

## Community Cats

This month we applaud Ryan as our **Community Hero** for his active support of his TNR efforts and his efforts to help feral cats suitable for adoption find a good home. When we noticed that Ryan had applied for 15 spay/neuter vouchers, it seemed out of the ordinary and we were curious what the situation was.

Ryan is doing TNR in the Red Lake area north of Williams. He says “We are close to 15 cats and they all have a home; they live on some acreage out there and their population got a little out of control.” He told the family that he would get all of their feral cats spayed or neutered because he hates to see animals suffer. When he contacted the Low Cost Spay Neuter Clinic and told them he was bringing in around 15 cats, they suggested he contact PPNAZ.

His work with feral cats started about 10 years ago when some feral cats and many kittens were dropped off and abandoned behind one of the gas stations he owns. That summer they caught about 22 cats, most of them kittens. He got every animal spayed or neutered and all found homes as well. He says they caught the cats with a raccoon strap and deli meat and threw a sheet over the trap so they didn’t get too scared on the way to the vet.

He urges everyone who adopts an animal to get it spayed or neutered as a part of responsible pet ownership. He thanks PPNAZ for helping him help the cats.

## 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. The August Food Bank distribution was delayed due to a lack of food at Coconino Humane, therefore we were able to help fewer families than usual. Paw Placement volunteers distributed pet food to 30 families in the month of August. This made a difference for 133 pets (84 dogs and 49 cats). The Coconino Humane

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

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.

## You Can Help Us Maintain These Programs

Giving to Paw Placement of Northern Arizona is easy. You can go online to [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. We appreciate your support as do the pets and their families.

You can also join us on October 7 in downtown Flagstaff for Canyon Pet Hospital's **Barks and Brews**, a craft brewery, dog-friendly, pub crawl from noon to 5 p.m.. There will be dog adoptions and local vendors in Heritage Square. All proceeds benefit Paw Placement of Northern Arizona and High Country Puppy Rescue. The cost is \$25 per ticket in advance or \$35 the day of the event. Tickets are available at [barksandbrews.brownpapertickets.com](http://barksandbrews.brownpapertickets.com).



## Pets for Life - Partner Profile

### Linton Real Estate

Linton Real Estate is owned by Susan Weitzman, an Arizona native and graduate of Northern Arizona University. Susan has spent her entire working life in real estate in Flagstaff, Sedona, and the Verde Valley. She holds the National Association of Realtors' GREEN designation and is a LEED Accredited Professional, intending to help clients create an environmentally friendly and healthy commercial work place. The expertise of Linton Realty covers the sales, purchase, marketing and leasing of homes, multi-family units, second homes, acreage, and commercial properties. Linton also has realtors who specialize in helping seniors 50+ buy or sell their home.



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Susan Weitzman and Linton Real Estate have been supporters of Paw Placement of Northern Arizona both financially and by allowing us the regular use of their conference room.

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