



# The Paw Print

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

Keeping people and pets  
together



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

The last few weeks have been a bit of a roller coaster in the Flagstaff Animal Welfare community. As many of you know, Second Chance Center for Animals has suspended operations. This is from their website:

“The Board of Directors of [Second Chance Center for Animals](#) unanimously made the fiscally responsible decision to pause shelter operations for the organization while new, community-wide, funded initiatives that will save the lives of more animals are pursued. We believe that this small mountain community cannot financially support two large animal shelter operations, each with budgets nearing \$1 million, through donor dollars alone. Our focus now is to welcome collaboration between all partners who seek to help animals in our region, including the [City of Flagstaff](#), Coconino County and [Coconino Humane Association](#).”

The Task Force members were aware of the difficulties SCCA was experiencing but the closure was very unexpected. We are looking for creative solutions that will keep our community move forward in a way that utilizes the best practices and resources to make sure homeless, stray, and at-risk pets are taken care of. Solutions to make sure we are a community where no animals are euthanized for time, space or treatable medical conditions. We hope that all of you will continue to be involved in whatever way you can – the animals need us now more than ever.

If you missed the article in Sunday's *Daily Sun*, you can find it [here](#).

*Diane Jarvis, President*

## Vouchers for Spay/Neuter Surgeries

**MYTH:** It's OK not to alter my pet because it's always indoors.

**FACT:** Indoors or out, pets not spayed or neutered lead a more stressful life. Indoor stresses include mating behaviors - marking territory on your furniture, howling when in heat, and trying to escape their safe home. Once spayed or neutered, you will see fewer or no mating behaviors.

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



Chloe had a condition called happy tail. Despite how pitbulls are portrayed as mean, she wiggled her butt a little too much with her happiness and injured her tail. Her people tried helping her by bandaging it at home but she kept re-injuring it. Her people had just moved out on their own in Flagstaff and had a new baby. They just didn't have the funds to get her tail amputated, which is what the vet said she needed.



*"Paw Placement came in and offered to help us and was an absolute blessing in our lives. Our Chloe girl is back to normal and no longer has a tail to re-injure. They saved my Chloe girl from a lot of pain that she would have kept enduring. Thank you so much Paw Placement. You have touched our lives and Chloe thanks you for caring."*

*Ashlee*



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

**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).

## Community Cats

Last month we mentioned that a goal of the Flagstaff Animal Welfare Task Force was to implement a Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) initiative for community cats. We are pleased to announce that PPNAZ has received a \$2,000 grant from the Athletes for Animals Foundation for a pilot TNR program targeting two Flagstaff communities. One community is located adjacent to the north end of the university campus. The second is a low-income area of predominately trailer parks. This grant will enable us to trap, spay or neuter, and vaccinate 25 cats before returning them to their communities.

We are very grateful to the Athletes for Animals Foundation for the funding to help us get this important community project under way.

If you think you would be interested in helping with this project or would like more information, call 928-699-7586.

## 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 49 families in the month of April. This made a difference for 263 pets (126 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.

## The Flagstaff Animal Welfare Task Force

At its last meeting, the Task Force reviewed a presentation and demonstration of the new student-created website called PetReady? aimed primarily at college students thinking about adopting a pet. It was obvious that the student team had given a

**Findlay Toyota Pet  
Resource Line**

your local source for pet-  
friendly information

**928-300-4510**

**Other Ways to Give**

Visit [ppnaz.org/othergiving](http://ppnaz.org/othergiving)  
for how to sign up for  
community support  
programs through  
**AmazonSmile, Fry's Food,**  
and **AdoptAShelter.com.**

lot of thought, care, and attention into developing this website. Hats off to Sean, Michelle, Diane, and Ken for their involvement, information, and advice in working with the students.

Ken gave the Task Force a 'sneak preview' of the marketing campaign to announce the launch of the website.

## 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.

When you #StartWithaSmile, Amazon donates 0.5 percent of the purchase price to Paw Placement of Northern Arizona. That doesn't sound like much, but it can add up! Bookmark the link [smile.amazon.com/ch/45-2912962](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-2912962) and support us every time you shop.

## Pets for Life - Partner Profile

### Tangled Lilac Photography

Melissa Dunstan has been a life-long animal lover. Her best friend growing up was a large long-haired tabby named Big Orange. He was her constant companion and loyal friend. Melissa truly believes that the unconditional love of pets deepens our lives and makes our hearts larger.

When Melissa became a photographer, she had a natural urge to use her talent to help animals in need. Knowing that every pet deserves a loving home, she decided to help rescue organizations by taking photos of pets in shelters and foster homes. She knew that a great photo, showing the personality of a pet, could really make a difference. It could help the potential adopter bond with the pet even before meeting the pet in person.



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When Melissa met Diane and learned more about Paw Placement, she wanted to help in any way she could. Over the years, she has done many photo fundraisers, taken photos of pets in foster care, and donated photo sessions to be raffled off to help better the lives of our companion animals. PPNAZ is very fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated animal lover who shares our concerns for the companion animals in our community.

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