



# PIMA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE newsletter

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## A new year brings with it new opportunities.

In 2014, Pima Animal Care Center hopes to begin providing greater treatment for pets with treatable conditions.

*There are several key pieces falling into place:*

- We have contracted with Pima Paws for Life, which recently secured kennel property to take some of our pets with upper respiratory infections and restore them to health so they can be placed in homes faster.
- We are in the process of hiring a Fund Development Coordinator, who will help us identify additional resources for treatment, and we'll be adding a treatment donation line to the licensing renewal forms to allow the community to assist in saving more treatable animals.
- As resources allow, our shelter itself also is beginning to take on treating many pets that in the past were offered up for rescue rather than treated. We are conducting a national search for a Shelter Veterinarian who will work in partnership with our Shelter Manager to come up with creative ways to save far more of our savable pets.

Our live release rate was 73% for the first five months ending the fiscal year which is a huge increase from 58% in that same period the year previous. You can help us build a future in which there is enough awareness, resources and community support to meet the need that remains!



## January is "Walk Your Dog Month"

Start 2014 off on the right foot or paw! Exercise is certainly good for everyone, especially our furry companions. Not only does it keep us fit, it can also help prevent our dogs from acquiring behavioral problems. After all, a tired dog is a well behaved dog. So enjoy the beautiful winter weather and get outdoors with your dog for a walk.

## January 2nd is "Happy Mew Year Day for Cats"

This cat lover's holiday was started by Thomas and Ruth Roy as a way to give their cats their own day to celebrate....and there are plenty of cats in the United States to celebrate. *Did you know?*

- There are 86 million owned cats in the U.S. compared to 78 million owned dogs.
- More than half of cat owners own more than one cat.

Based on these figures you could say "Cats Rule!"



*"Building a better community for people and pets!"*



# FRIENDS OF THE FURRY

*Recognizing local citizens  
who help our animals*



*Michael's photos have helped to create interest among the public for adoptable animals.*



*Examples of recent photos by Michael Kloth*



Here's a big thank you to Michael Kloth for taking heart-touching photos of our pets to help them get new homes.

A teacher of photography and fine art related classes, Kloth found a way to marry his passion for photography and pets early on, when he was introduced to the public relations director of a Kentucky shelter and he started working with their animals. One thing led to another and when he enrolled in graduate school in 2006, he made adoptable animals the focus of his work.

Kloth, who has two books to his credit, moved to Tucson two years ago and began working with our pets over Labor Day weekend. Ever since, he's been working with our longer-term residents in the hopes they'll get a little more attention.

*Thanks, Michael, and to everyone else who joined him in helping our pets find the love and warmth they deserve.*



## **New Dog? Free Classes!**

*Wow!*

That is one cute dog that stole your heart at our adoption center.

And now that she's in your living room.....*now what?*

Adopting a new dog often spells all sorts of questions, for both new owners and those who already have dogs, since each and every one is an individual little bundle of fur with their own personalities and characteristics.

Pima Animal Care Center, in conjunction with Central Pet, is starting a free Dogs 101 class!

We'll talk everything from proper leash behavior to teeth brushing and food options.

We'll touch on some areas where folks could use some help: potty training, socializing your new pet with others in your home and curbing barking behaviors.

To learn more or to register for the next free class, call 520-882-7577.

# 7,200 Square Feet of New Housing Space at PACC

Our new tent arrived in mid-December, soaring 25 feet into the air and sharing with the community the critical need that exists to find new homes for the pets we care for now, and to stem the flow of homeless pets in the future through responsible pet ownership.

Although we are grateful to the Pima County Board of Supervisors for taking this step to help us address chronic overcrowding, ideally this will be a temporary solution that will allow us to reduce stress levels, the potential for fights and the transmission of illness.

Crews continue working on utilities, including addressing heating and cooling needs. Meanwhile, we're anxiously awaiting the arrival of our new kennels when we can move some of our larger dogs into the tent.



*The new tent, which was erected in December, will essentially double our kennel space, with 100 additional kennels. Providing more separation for our dogs will reduce stress and the transmission of illness.*



**Watch for our tent-warming event coming soon!**

## JANUARY ADOPTION SPECIALS!

The adoption fee for all of our pets is only **\$30**

Any Senior pet or pet that has been in the shelter for two weeks is **FREE!**



Standard licensing fees apply for adult dogs.

## Upcoming January Events

**Jan. 1, New Year's Day dog walk and cat cuddle,** from 10 a.m. to noon; adoption specials from noon to 3 p.m.

**Jan. 4 Adoption Event, La Encantada Shopping Center,** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Jan. 11 Adoption Event, Petco, at 22nd & Harrison, from** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Jan. 11 Adoption Event, Ace Hardware at Bear Canyon, from** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Jan. 18 Adoption Event, PetSmart Oro Valley, from** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Jan. 25 Adoption Event, Ace Hardware at Rita Ranch, from** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

