



# PIMA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE newsletter

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## Game on, Pima County!

As of June 1, we are officially competitors in the ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Summer Challenge!

We had 64 adoptions and celebrated with a Zumbathon, folklorico and mariachi entertainment, a community dog walk and the unveiling of our brand new promotional video.

To meet the challenge we must find homes for 5,000 pets by August 31! Stay posted for fun special adoption events through the summer!



*Building a better  
community for  
people and pets!*



## FRIENDS OF THE FURRY



Pima County's pets got a lot healthier on May 21, thanks to Banfield Charitable Trust and volunteers from Banfield Pet Hospital and PetSmart!

Grant funding guaranteed free vaccinations and wellness exams for the first 100 clients, but there was such a great turnout that more than 131 dogs and cats received \$200 worth of vaccines and exams for FREE!

Volunteers also put a fresh coat of paint on the Administration modular, built comfy beds for the dogs, and sudsed-up the animals so they'd be clean for their new homes.

We wore them out! But they were all smiles nonetheless.

*Thanks to all who do their part to help our community's pets, including these other generous corporate sponsors, individual philanthropists and charitable partners:*

ASPCA

Bashas' Supermarket at Cortaro and Thornydale

Best Friends Animal Society

Carrington College Veterinary Assisting Program

Community Foundation for Southern Arizona

Found Animals Registry

Hale Pet Door

Hilton El Conquistador Golf and Tennis Resort

i97.5 All The Hits Radio Station

Jane Nichols

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Loews Ventana Canyon Resort

Northwest Pet Clinic and Dr. Erin O'Donnell, DVM

No Kill Pima County

Southern Arizona Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center

Petfinder Foundation

Tucson Electric Power

Tucson Ruff Runners

Westin La Paloma



## PACC "Happy" adoption video debuts on the internet

The weeks of waiting are finally over! Our amazing \$100K Challenge adoption video is LIVE on the 'net! Get as "Happy" as we are about saving 5,000 lives this summer!

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGR1mh7K0EA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGR1mh7K0EA)

## PACC volunteers launch intake Help Desk to educate public

When volunteers launched an official "Help Desk" in the intake area of Pima Animal Care Center, it was all good news.

The Help Desk keeps more pets out of the shelter, by working with owners or people bringing in stray pets to give them other alternatives and other resources.

Big thanks to No Kill Pima County and our volunteers for continuing to make a difference for pets!

At the weekend launch in May and the subsequent four times volunteers staffed the desk during peak intake hours, eleven animals stayed out of the shelter!

And regardless of whether people leave a pet with us at the shelter, folks are leaving with information about alternatives for future reference, or that they might be able to share with friends, family and neighbors if they find themselves in a similar situation. Hooray for the Help Desk! Are you interested in joining the team? Contact [admin@nokillpimacounty.org](mailto:admin@nokillpimacounty.org)



## Tucson CARES donates cat housing!

Cats may be independent, but they can also be social animals.

And thanks to Tucson CARES, we now have five community cat enclosures in a room that used to house only single steel cages.

Not every cat is the perfect match for group housing, but for those that are, the kitty condos can reduce stress for our most sensitive pets, giving them an outlet for social interaction and access to climbing spaces.

Tucson CARES put their time, talents and nearly \$8,000 worth of treasure into the renovation that will allow our feline guests to better act out their natural instincts. Seeing happier, less stressed cats can only increase adoptions!

Purrs and chin scratches to you, Tucson CARES, and for everyone who opens their hearts to our cats.



## PACC June Events



- **June 21, Volunteer Open House,**  
4000 N. Silverbell Road, 2 p.m.
- **June 26, Volunteer Open House,**  
4000 N. Silverbell Road, 5 p.m.
- **June 28, Adoption Event,**  
**Oro Valley Ace Hardware,**  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



## PACC says thanks to Rhonda Bodfield

Good luck to our dear friend and tireless supporter Rhonda Bodfield!

Rhonda's marketing and communications work for Pima County played a key part in getting our live release rate from the 55 percent it was two years ago to the 76 percent it is today.

Rhonda worked on and off the clock to help us save more pets than ever before. When we needed something on short notice, Rhonda has never hesitated to reach into her own pocketbook to help.

We wish Rhonda nothing but the very best in her new role at Tucson Medical Center!

## Vote for us in Tucson Weekly's "Best of Tucson"

TUCSON WEEKLY

We're one of the finalists in the Tucson Weekly's "Best of Tucson 2014" contest!

We're one of five choices in the "Best Place to Donate Your Time and/or Money" category. The competition is fierce and frankly, all of the organizations deserve your vote. But if you want to help us get the word out about the difference those extra resources can make for our pets, consider voting at <http://posting.tucson-weekly.com/tucson/Survey?survey=4136474>

Voting lasts until June 30 and you only get to vote once. There is a bit of a kicker: You have to vote in at least 30 categories on the ballot, but there are a lot of fun questions in there, so it's fairly light duty. *Winners will be in the October 2 Best of Tucson issue.*



## Rescued dog Mabel nurses abandoned kitten to health

It took several kind and creative people – and a dog who was willing to nurse a kitten – for little Lola to survive. When the stray kitten was brought to us, she still had her umbilical cord and was covered in fleas.

At about the same time, Animal Care Officer Debbie Windauer had rescued dog mom Mabel and her puppy, Badger, from a house where they'd been abandoned after their people moved away.

Needing milk to keep Lola alive, another Animal Care Officer and regular foster mom, Teresa Bowdon, decided to see if Mabel would nurse the orphaned kitten in addition to her own puppy. Mabel accepted Lola and allowed her to nurse.

Officer Bowdon continued to supplement Lola's diet with kitten formula and nutrients, and now, weeks later, this unlikely trio is a happy family.

They'll be available for adoption soon, and we'd sure love to see the three of them stay together!

If you'd like to help us keep saving lives like these, please consider a making a tax-deductible gift of supplies or money to Pima Animal Care at <http://bit.ly/HelpPimaPets>.

## Supervisor Sharon Bronson challenges community to purchase washer/dryer

Around-the-clock every single day of the year, the industrial washer and dryer at Pima Animal Care Center churns away, whittling down the mountain of bedding and towels that must be cleaned in a facility that houses an average of 600 animals a day.

The Center has not had sufficient funding – about \$15,000 with installation – for a second set. Pima County Supervisors Chair Sharon Bronson has generously offered to match the community's donations to purchase one.

"We are very grateful to Supervisor Bronson for her assistance, since this washer and dryer will help ensure all of our pets have clean, soft bedding on which to sleep," said Kristin Barney, chief of operations at Pima Animal Care Center.

Supervisor Bronson, a pet lover herself with three rescue cats at home, encouraged the community to help support the community's shelter, which takes every pet in need. "I challenge you to give now to double the impact for our homeless pets, so we can make their stay more comfortable while they're waiting for their new homes."



*There are several ways you can help:*

- Donate online at <http://bit.ly/HelpPimaPets>. Choose "general fund" and write "matching campaign" in the text box below.
- Donate by check. Please be sure to write "matching campaign" in the note field and mail your check to: 4000 N. Silverbell Rd., Tucson, AZ 85745.
- If you can't give money, we can always use gifts of canned pet food or puppy/kitten milk replacer.
- And if you can't donate at all, you can still be a great ambassador! Please let your family and friends know about the great pets we have for adoption and the great adoption specials we feature.

If you have questions, please contact our Development Office at **243-5984** or write [karen.hollish@pima.gov](mailto:karen.hollish@pima.gov).



## **Our Summer Shelter Wishlist**

On your next shopping trip, please think of our homeless pets! As our community's only open-admission shelter, we take in nearly 24,000 pets a year. You can help us save them by donating:

- Canned cat and dog food (pâté style, please)
- Kitten and puppy milk replacer
- Small litter pans for tiny kittens, and non-clumping cat litter
- Large crates for nursing mother pets and their babies
- Towels and blankets without stuffing

You can also shop on our Amazon Wishlist, and have products mailed right to us:  
<http://bit.ly/ShopForPACCPets>.

*Did you donate slip leads through our Amazon Wish List? Because of a problem with our vendor, we never got your name to thank you! Please know that our pets are extremely grateful for your support.*

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