

PIMA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE newsletter

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We rocked the ASPCA Challenge thanks to YOU!

The official ASPCA \$100K Challenge rankings are in, and PACC was a winner in more ways than one! We ended the competition ranked 1st overall in Arizona and 6th nationwide out of a field of 50 stiff competitors. The contest helped to show that not only are we our community's only open-admission shelter, we're our #1 adoption agency, too! Because of our success, we will be receiving \$5,000 in prize money from the ASPCA.

We broke records, too: Between June 1 and Aug. 31, we adopted out more pets than ever, and we shattered our live-release record in August. We adopted out 3,015 dogs and cats during those three months – and that's 835 more adoptions than last year. And during August, our live-release rate hit an all-time high of 84 percent!

We also sent 459 dogs and cats out to our rescue partners and returned 483 lost pets to their grateful families. We also exceeded the number of adoptions done during a single

weekend when we sent 230 pets home during the Cat's Pajamas Adoption Party on Aug. 29-31, and we tripled our number of foster families from 50 to 200 during the three-month period, too! Thanks to all our volunteers, community partners and supporters who helped make our summer of lifesaving a smashing success.

We couldn't have done it without you!



We finished with a pancake party thanks to Southern Arizona Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Centers and Central Pet!



At our Cat's Pajamas Party, children read stories to our shelter cats.

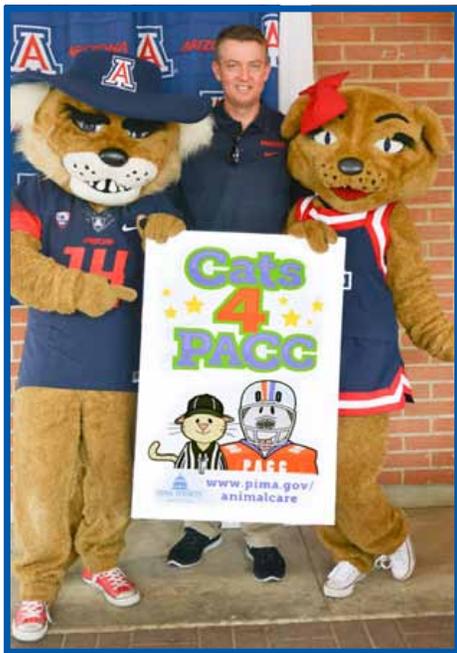


Thousands of dogs found homes over the summer!



Building a better community for people and pets!





Greg Byrne poses with Wilbur and Wilma Wildcat

Cats 4 PACC Event Places Over 100 Animals!

With Wilbur, Wilma and the UA's VP of Athletics Greg Byrne in attendance, PACC's cats and dogs were bound to have a WILD time! Cats 4 PACC on Sept. 6th was a "tail-gate" party to remember. UA and PACC fans enjoyed a morning of pictures and autographs with our friends from UA Athletics, free adoptions, amazing prize giveaways and more.

More than 100 of PACC's shelter animals found forever homes during the Wildcat-themed weekend, including the kittens named in honor of Wilbur and Wilma! Take a look at photos of all the fun on our Facebook page.

A huge THANK YOU to The University of Arizona, UA Athletics, Wilbur, Wilma, and VP Byrne for supporting PACC's commitment to saving lives!

<https://www.facebook.com/PimaAnimalCare>

Enrichment Program Improves Dog's Chances for Adoption

PACC's Enrichment and Training Program initially began four months ago as a way to make the longest stay dogs more adoptable by teaching them basic obedience training and leash skills.

The success rate has been impressive, with many finding their forever homes. As we grow, we are able to help more dogs, including hard-to-place behavior issue dogs.

Kennel enrichment includes regular distribution of frozen treats made by a dedicated group of volunteers, stuffed Kongs and scent therapy to positively engage the dogs in their kennels. Near the tent there are recently re-configured fencing panel play yards used as meet and greet areas and off-leash training and play areas for dogs who have virtually no off-leash experience during their stay at PACC.

Soon, we will incorporate small play groups to encourage positive interaction with fellow shelter dogs and to assist in making them



Heather works to make Binnie more adoptable

more adoptable and social with a wide variety of dogs.

This valuable program is entirely volunteer run and all of our supplies are generously donated by local businesses and individuals.

We still have a great need for item such as baking sheets, muffin tins, a large lockable storage cabinet with shelving, gift cards to local hardware stores (for items such as PVC pipe and fittings to create individual puzzle toys), plastic cups, granulated chicken bouillon, peanut butter, training treats, and three sturdy weather-friendly benches for the training yards.

This month's PACC Adoption Events

Empty the Shelter Adoption Event • October 17th & 18th

At our shelter at **4000 N. Silverbell Road** and **Four PetSmart locations:**

Broadway and Pantano
Grant and Swan
Orange Grove and I-10
Irvington and I-19

From 10 a.m to 4 p.m. See flyer on last page.



FRIENDS OF THE FURRY

Local 'catvocate' matching \$10K in donations to new TNR project

Funding will support new cat trailer

Local "catvocate" Bonnie Kay is pledging to match up to \$10,000 in donations to Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) so that the organization's new Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) project can have a trailer home of its own. "As our community's only open-admission shelter, we take in nearly 8,000 homeless cats each year," PACC's development director, Karen Hollish, said. "By making a fully tax-deductible gift to this matching campaign now, you can double your impact."

In August the Pima County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a nearly \$1.5 million partnership between PACC, Best Friends Animal Society and PetSmart Charities®.

Under the three-year project, Best Friends and PACC will trap free-roaming community cats in nine central Pima County ZIP codes, spay or neuter them, provide treatment if needed, and then return them to their outdoor homes. The program anticipates sterilizing 15,000 community cats over three years and reducing PACC's cat-euthanasia rate by 25 percent after the first year alone.

Best Friends staffers arrived at PACC at the beginning of September and have been working out of a cramped and crowded corner in the 46-year-old shelter. They have already altered and released more than 100 cats.

PACC intends to install a free-standing trailer so there is room for Best Friends to coordinate the project, store traps and house up to 40 cats pre-and post-surgery. Total project cost is \$55,000 and about \$20,000 still needs to be raised. The center hopes to close the gap soon so that the trailer can be fully funded and installed.

To make a tax-deductible gift online, visit www.tinyurl.com/HelpPimaPets. Please choose "General Fund" and write "Cat Match" in the text box.

You can write a check to "Pima Animal Care" and mail it to **4000 N. Silverbell Rd., Tucson, AZ 85745**.

Please write "Cat Match" in the memo line. You can also call PACC's Development Office at **(520) 243-5984** to make your gift.



Our Shelter Pet's

wish list

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, and you can help us keep them healthy and happy by donating:

- Canned cat, dog, puppy and kitten food (pâté style, please)
- Kitten and puppy milk replacer
- Home Depot gift cards (so that we can buy cabinets to hold our enrichment-program supplies)
- Small litter pans for tiny kittens, and non-clumping cat litter, too
- KONG toys for our dogs and smooth peanut butter to stuff them with
- Towels and blankets without stuffing

You can also shop on our Amazon Wishlist, and have products mailed right to us:

www.bit.ly/ShopForPACCPets.

If you have questions, call our Development Office at **243-5984** or email **karen.hollish@pima.gov**.



Pima Animal Care Center

Empty the Shelter!

adoption event



Find your new best friend!

PETSMART
Charities

We'll have adorable
adoptable dogs **FREE** at
four PetSmart locations

From 10 a.m to 4 p.m.

**Friday, October 17 and
Saturday, October 18**

**Broadway and Pantano
Grant and Swan
Orange Grove and I-10
Irvington and I-19**

There will be tons of adorable **CATS** and
KITTENS at our Silverbell Road shelter
with **FREE** adoption specials
all weekend long!

www.pima.gov/animalcare

Standard \$15 licensing fees apply to adult dogs.



4000 North Silverbell Road at Sweetwater • 243-5900