

SUCCESSSES

Pima Animal Care Center is committed to providing timely service to residents and compassionate care to animals while working to support public safety, find homes for homeless animals and educate the community about responsible pet ownership.



ANIMAL CARE

the **LARGEST** adoption agency in Southern Arizona

24,332

 animals taken in the past year

PACC is Pima County's only open admission shelter as it does not turn away any pet in need.



Live release rate **DOUBLED** in six years

Live Release Rate 2014 **76%**

Live Release Rate 2008 **38%**

Improvements have been achieved through:

- An improved adoption program
- More rescue partnerships
- A comprehensive foster program
- Expanded veterinary medical treatment and behavioral rehabilitation
- Increased adoptions for special need pets
- Engagement of community partners
- Veterinary Care
- A more robust veterinary treatment regimen, nursing sick and injured animals back to health and available for adoption.

Annual numbers for all figures are based on Pima County fiscal year (July 1 - June 30)



Pet intake has decreased over the past three years, due, in part, to increases in spay and neuter surgeries, outreach and awareness.

8,766

Number of spay and neuter surgeries performed

29,610

 volunteer hours in 2013

\$261,770

 in community donations

The Pima County community has shown its commitment to PACC through hundreds of volunteers and in donations this year.

PACC partners

PACC teams up with local welfare groups to provide low cost spay and neuter services to aggressively reduce the number of unwanted pets.



13,752

 lives saved at PACC

7,670 adoptions, 1,699 pets returned to owners, 4,383 to rescue groups

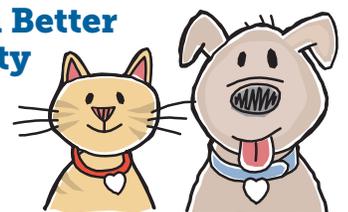


28,928

 RESPONSES TO CALLS

Enforcement officers responded last year to more than 28,928 calls for animal welfare and public safety throughout Pima County.

Building a Better Community for People and Pets



CHALLENGES

population INCREASE

When PACC opened in 1968, the year before Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, Pima County had half as many people as it does now.

The center has tried to keep up with the growth in population by adding a few more square feet about a decade ago and a number of modular buildings. Originally intended as a pound, where animals were euthanized if not claimed or adopted within a few days, PACC is now an animal care shelter that seeks to find homes for every adoptable animal brought through its doors.

our changing mission

Holding on to healthy animals until they are adopted and nursing sick or injured animals back to health so that as many animals as possible can find new homes has taxed the center's resources to the limit.

PACC is old, outdated and out of space yet is managing to serve the needs of the county's citizens and the change in attitude toward animal welfare.

The Association of Shelter Veterinarians has developed guidelines for the optimal operation of animal shelters. The guidelines outline standards of care and facility design requirements to provide ethical, responsible care for shelter animals.

Because of the growth in Pima County's population and the change in PACC's mission to animal welfare and adoption, PACC is not meeting many of the guidelines set by the association.



FACILITY CHALLENGES

Too many animals per kennel

Kennels designed for one or two dogs now hold up to four.

Too much noise

Noise raises the stress of the animals and modern kennels are designed to reduce noise. PACC was not built with noise abatement in mind and the noise from barking can be deafening.

Not enough quarantine space

Sick animals must be separated from healthy animals and PACC struggles to find adequate space to care for sick animals away from healthy ones.

Inadequate cat shelters

Cats require different care than dogs and need spaces to hide and elevated areas to perch upon to reduce their stress levels.

A lack of natural lighting

Studies show animals fare better with natural lighting.

Inadequate medical facilities

Caring for hundreds of animals requires lots of medical space, but PACC wasn't designed to provide medical care. Sick animals were euthanized in the past.

Other challenges

include not enough storage space, a need for separated intake and adoption areas and better cooling and heating systems.



Despite these challenges

PACC staff and its many volunteers work hard every day to provide the best care possible for Pima County's homeless pets until they finally find the new homes they deserve.