

# PIMA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE newsletter

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## Board of Supervisors Approve "No-Kill" Community Cat Partnership

The Pima County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a nearly \$1.5 million partnership that will allow Pima Animal Care Center, Best Friends Animal Society, and PetSmart Charities to bring a life-saving Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) project to Pima County.

The intention of the project is for Best Friends and PACC to trap free-roaming community cats (sometimes called "feral" cats) in nine central Pima County zip codes, spay/neuter them, provide treatment if needed, and then return them to their outdoor homes.

The project will sterilize 5,000 community cats per year over the three-year grant period and will decrease the euthanasia of cats at Pima Animal Care Center by nearly 30 percent. "This program will be an absolute game-changer for homeless cats in our community," Kim Janes, PACC's Chief of External Affairs, said. "We are incredibly proud that Best Friends has chosen to partner with us."

This partnership could put PACC closer to being a "no kill" shelter since approximately 45 percent of its current cat euthanasia cases are feral cats found on the streets. As Pima County's only open-admission shelter, PACC never turns away a pet in need, and last year took in more than 24,000 pets.



Best Friends will be investing nearly \$1 million in Pima County for the three years of the program. The most notable of Best Friends' contributions will be three full-time staff members based at PACC, two vehicles; \$50,000 worth of TNR program supplies, and an approximate \$25,000 investment in training for PACC and program staff. The County will earmark \$600,000 to fund the spay/neuter surgeries performed by local partners including Santa Cruz Veterinary Clinic and the Humane Society of Southern Arizona.

PACC was one of just three shelters chosen this year by Best Friends and PetSmart Charities for this partnership opportunity.

### PACC PRIDE

**Adoption Event at  
Pima Animal Care Center  
Saturday, August 16th  
5pm - 10pm**



**Special hours! See page 5 for all the details!**



*Building a better  
community for  
people and pets!*



# FRIENDS OF THE FURRY

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends at KGUN 9 on Your Side for promoting three of our adorable adoptable pets every day since we started the \$100K Challenge on June 1.

They've also sent reporters out to cover our events, have posted our pets online, and have let Chief Meteorologist Erin Christiansen work her forecasting magic LIVE from PACC on several recent occasions.

*Thank you, KGUN 9!*



## **We send kitten kisses and puppy cuddles to the following businesses, charities and community groups for their support:**

ASPCA  
Bashas' Supermarket at Cortaro and Thornydale  
Best Friends Animal Society  
Carrington College Veterinary Assisting Program  
Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona  
Community Foundation for Southern Arizona  
Creative Costumes  
Hale Pet Door  
Holistic Animal Care  
No-Kill Pima County  
Northwest Pet Clinic (Dr. Erin O'Donnell, DVM)  
PACC Pets Need You and PACC Cats Need You  
Petfinder Foundation  
PetSmart Charities  
The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain  
Santa Cruz Veterinary Clinic (Dr. Karter Neal)  
Tucson Appliance  
Tucson Electric Power  
Tucson Medical Center  
Tucson Ruff Runners

# August Adoption Events



## **Aug. 16th: PACC Pride Adoption Party!**

5 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
4000 North Silverbell Road

Prizes, food trucks, drag shows and MORE!

*See flyer on the last page for complete information.*

## **August 16th Adoption Event at Oro Valley PetSmart**

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the  
Oro Valley PetSmart,  
10625 North Oracle Road at  
First Avenue

## **August 23rd Adoption Event at Foothills Mall**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
7401 North La Cholla Blvd.





*Performing dental surgery on a senior cat.*

## For Our Shelter Vet and Her Team, the Lifesaving Work Never Stops

Here at our community's only open-admission shelter, the life-saving work of our shelter vet and her team NEVER stops!

On a recent afternoon, Dr. Jennifer Wilcox's tiny 500-square-foot treatment room was transformed into a M.A.S.H.-style surgery clinic where she saved a dozen of our community's most injured and ill pets.

From removing a large tumor on a senior dog, to taking out an older cat's badly infected teeth, to enucleating several dogs and cats' badly infected eyes so they could be pain-free and placed up for adoption, Dr. Jen and her team worked with precision, passion and speed.

As our community's only open-admission shelter, we're the only place that never turns away a pet



*Dr. Wilcox removed this puppy's badly broken leg after he was hit by a car.*



*Dr. Wilcox surgically repaired two huge hernias on Taylor and saved her life.*

in need, and Dr. Wilcox is working around-the-clock to save more of their lives than ever before.

Please make a tax-deductible donation to help Dr. Jen keep her good work going:

**[www.bit.ly/HelpPimaPets](http://www.bit.ly/HelpPimaPets),**

or call our Development Director Karen Hollish at **520-243-5984** to make your gift.



## 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
- 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:

**<http://bit.ly/ShopForPACCPets>.**

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

# \$100K Challenge Update: We're Doing More Adoptions Than EVER Before!

Pima Animal Care Center finished Month Two of this year's ASPCA \$100K Challenge having saved more lives than ever before!

As of press time, we have found loving adoptive homes for 2,222 pets since the elite national adoption contest started on June 1. That's a whopping 613 MORE adoptions than during the same time last year!

As of press time, we have returned 365 lost pets to their grateful families, and we have sent 240 lucky pets out to our fantastic rescue partners.

Our best weekend so far was our PetSmart Charities-sponsored Christmas in July Adoption Party, during which we found homes for 218 pets!

Thanks to Tucson Electric Power for sending professional Santa *Ron Runion* our way and to the volunteer photographers for capturing these happy portraits.



## PETSMART Charities



## We need YOU to help us win \$25K for our pets!

Because you've been so amazingly supportive of our pets all summer long, we have a great shot at winning the ASPCA \$100K Challenge's \$25,000 Community Engagement Award – but now we need YOUR daily Facebook votes to make it happen!

Once a day every day from Friday, Aug. 15th through Sunday, Aug. 31st, we



facebook



need YOU to vote for us once a day at:

[www.votetosavelives.org](http://www.votetosavelives.org).

After Aug. 31, the ASPCA will pick the three shelters that

- 1) have the most votes, and
- 2) have saved at least 300 more lives since June 1.

Their judges will look at the three shelters' Facebook pages and will award

\$25,000 to the one that showed the most community engagement in saving lives since June 1st.

We've got the engagement; now we just need your votes to win a much-needed \$25,000 for our pets.

Follow us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/PimaAnimalCare](http://www.facebook.com/PimaAnimalCare).

# PACC PRIDE

## Adoption Event at Pima Animal Care Center



Special Hours!

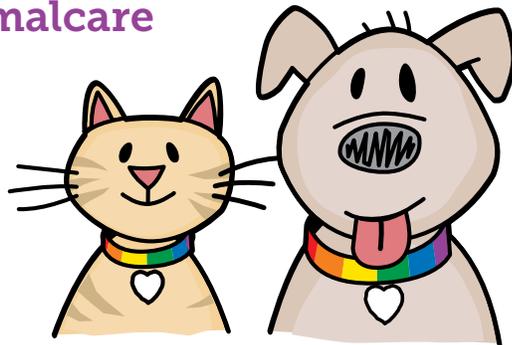
**Saturday, August 16th, 5pm - 10pm**  
**FREE ADOPTIONS!**

- Drag and Pet Shows at 8:30 • Food Trucks and a Craft Fair
- Lots of Free Stuff • Activities for Kids
- Music, Fun and Entertainment All Night Long
- Adoption Specials All Weekend

**Every adopting family will get a  
PACC Pride Bandana and be entered  
to win a PACC Pride Prize Pack!**

Standard \$15  
licensing fees apply  
to adult dogs.

<http://www.pima.gov/animalcare>



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