



PIMA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE newsletter

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A Pet for Every Personality

Pima Animal Care Center is poised to do an even better job of matching pets with the right families, as it prepares to launch new adoption guidelines.

Visitors to the shelter will be asked to fill out a survey that will help identify the best pet prospects, based on their lifestyle and their preferences. The survey asks questions about whether your home is suited to a particular animal- a laid-back older cat or an energetic puppy, ready for play.

"There's a pet for everybody," explained volunteer coordinator Jose Ocaño. "This new tool will help us make those connections more efficiently."

Carefully matching pets to prospective owners is better for owners, better for the families and raises the number of successful adoptions. Ocaño said if PACC is to be the pet equivalent of Match.com. However, there is one thing the shelter could really use: More adoption hosts.

"As we've been saving more animals and getting more visibility in the community, we really need volunteers who are willing to help greet our guests and help them find their next family member."

Adoption hosts no longer have to be trained first as dog walkers, although interested volunteers are asked to shadow one of our more seasoned hosts at least twice.

Call us at 243-5929 or visit pima.gov/animalcare for more information.



Adoption Specials for 1st Responders Commemorate September 11th

September can be a sobering reminder of the way the world changed on the 11th in 2001.

It's also a time to express gratitude for the role that first responders play in keeping our community safe.

Pima Animal Care Center would like to say thank you by recognizing first responders with our September adoption special. We'll waive adoption fees for all of our first responders, whether they're police, fire, military, paramedics or emergency medical technicians.

We can't guarantee every firefighter will find a Dalmatian or every police officer will find a German shepherd, but stereotypes are boring anyway.

Come see if your new partner is waiting to rescue you!



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Black Beauty!

Here at Pima Animal Care Center, we hope to defy expectations. On the 13th of September, we'd like to throw in "Defy Superstition Day" for good measure.

Black cats get a bad rap. Take it from us – we've seen many of them and they're just as nice as any other cat with any other color coat. What is true is that they're not as likely to get adopted as others.

We're not sure if it's stigma or if they just don't "show" as well compared to their counterparts. But we do know many families consider themselves very lucky to have their little buddy bring laughter and comfort to their homes.

For the weekend starting Friday the 13th, adoption fees will be waived for every black pet! Come see if one of our svelte sweethearts is right for you.



Ace is the Place

...to find your new best friend!

The owners and staff of Ace Hardware at 6959 E. 22nd Street are helping PACC in a big way with monthly adoption events in their store.

On the second and fourth Saturdays in September (the 14th and 28th) they will be opening their doors to help find homes for our wonderful animals.

Getting to know you....

Volunteer Norma Helentjaris has been with PACC for more than seven years.

Who was your first pet?

I was raised on a farm so we always had animals in and out, but I would say my first pet was a dog – Brownie, a little mixed mutt.

Who was your favorite?

Every pet is my favorite one. I can't compare and say one was better than another because they're all the best when you have them.

Do you have any at home?

Indy is a heeler mix I got at PACC about five years ago. I always say I have one at home and I have 200 more three miles down the road.

Why do you keep volunteering?

It's very emotional. There are days you cry and there are days you are so excited because someone got the best home ever and deserved it.



Oldies but Goodies!

For the month of September, adopters who rescue any dog over the age of five years will only have to pay the license fee.

Mature animals often have a mellow personality that is better suited to many homes.

Tucson Cold Wet Noses has generously offered to pay for a blood panel, dentistry and spay or neuter surgery, as well as some other medical needs.

For more information about this program, please call (520) 327-5941 or (520)235-6309

Bond Survey Ranks PACC Number One

We are very excited to report that Pima Animal Care Center did very well in a recent survey designed to help identify community priorities.

In the category covering public health and government facilities, improvements to the shelter ranked No. 1 among the 17,000 respondents. The Bond Advisory Committee will begin meeting this month to begin working on finalizing a bond package for a future bond election.

Thank you for your support!