



# PIMA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE newsletter

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## Holiday Adoption Events

With the season of giving upon us, maybe it's time to consider the gift of companionship. Pima Animal Care Center will be open for adoptions on all three November holidays!



Here's how you can enjoy the holidays with Pima Animal Care Center:

- **Veteran's Day** Holidays are often a time to take note of the blessings in our lives and consider helping those less fortunate if we're in a position to do it. You can help pets and help veterans simultaneously at our adoption event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We'll waive the adoption fee for those bringing donations of food or supplies to our drive for veterans in honor of their service.
- **Thanksgiving Day** Give our pets something to be thankful for and burn some pre-turkey calories while you're at it. We'll hold a dog walk from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. – then, if you fall in love, we're also open for adoptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.! Set your own adoption price by making a donation of your choice.
- **Black Friday** After you've snapped up those early morning deals, come find a new addition that will bring more to your life than that new sweater or DVD ever will. We'll be open for adoptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adoption prices will be a donation amount of your choice.

If you are looking to add a pet to your home, come see us! Call us at 243-5929 or visit [pima.gov/animalcare](http://pima.gov/animalcare) for more information.

## A Sincere 'Thank You!'

We've seen big changes and big challenges at Pima Animal Care Center in the past year.

When you measure your success by the number of whiskered noses you're able to save, it can seem that we aren't doing enough or moving fast enough.

Just know that, together, our efforts are yielding results.

We ended the first quarter of the fiscal year with a 72 percent live release rate – that's up from 57 percent the year before and 49 percent the year before that.

Yes, there is much work to be done, but key staff members are coming on board and we are working to address overcrowding.

But the bottom line is that as we move forward, more animals are being saved and the community is partnering with us in ways we haven't seen before.

*Thank you again for all the ways you make this happen.*



*"Building a better  
community for  
people and pets!"*





## High-tech Adoptions Keep Kitties Calm

We like to get our pets out into the community where they can charm people at popular shopping and entertainment venues. Cats have been left out of these events, since they don't do as well with traveling.

But thanks to technology, our cats will have a presence after all. We are using a digital picture frame with photos of our cats and kittens to share with potential owners. Ellie, our adoption coordinator, could use help keeping the photos current, though, so if you're willing to take pictures and load the content, she'd welcome the help.



## Senior pets: The best is yet to be

November is "National Senior Pet Month" - a great time to consider adopting an older shelter pet.

Everyone loves puppy breath and kitten antics, but here are a few reasons senior pets can be a wonderful addition to your family, too!

- From the start you'll know important things about your pet, like size, personality and grooming requirements;
- Senior pets like to take it easy. While they still require exercise and playtime, they are also very happy to lay by your side and relax;
- They usually come with some good manners. Cats know how to use the litter box and are more likely to scratch the scratching post not the furniture. Dogs are less likely to use your favorite shoes as a chew toy and may be house-broken.
- Older pets are often the last to be adopted. Saving an animal's life provides an instant bond - filled with endless rewards for both you and your senior companion!



## October SHOUT-OUTS to:

**Sundt Construction** for helping level out the path for dog walkers!

**United Way Days of Caring** and all of the wonderful participants who helped make life better for our pets!

Our great volunteers who painted the lobby and **Dunn-Edwards Paints** for donating the paint!

**Wahl Home Products** for a great gift basket of pet shampoo, clippers and grooming tools!

**Journal Broadcast Group** for sharing our message with viewers and listeners!

**David Fitzsimmons** from the Arizona Daily Star for judging our "Name that Breed Contest!"

*...and everyone else who moved a little mountain for us last month!*

# Volunteer Pet Groomers Needed!

Many of the 24,000 animals we receive every year are severely matted and in serious need of grooming.

If you're an experienced groomer and can give a little of your time, we could use your help to make our animals look and feel their best.

To volunteer, please contact José Ocaño at **243-5920** or **Jose.Ocano@pima.gov**

