



PIMA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE newsletter

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Holiday Pet Adoption Tips

The holidays are a season of giving. For a shelter animal, the gift of a new home is the best gift possible. If you want to adopt, please consider the following:

- Getting a pet is a commitment. Make sure everyone in the family wants a pet and is ready to care for it for years to come.
- Adoption gift certificates might be a great way to make sure they find the perfect animal.
- Pick a calm time to bring the new pet home. The holidays might be perfect for those who have time away from work and school. For others, the season can be chaotic and could be over-stimulating for a new pet. Make sure to bring your new pet home when you have time to spend together so your pet can adjust.
- Set up a safe, quiet room for your new pet that includes water, food, bedding and other basic needs. Let your pet return to this room when the house is busy.
- Be aware of hazards such as breakable ornaments; harmful plants like mistletoe; ribbons that may be eaten, electrical cords that may be chewed.

We've waived all adoption fees for all of our cats and dogs for the rest of the holiday season so come see if we've got your match!



Intensive Care

PACC will have a wonderful gift coming soon: A doubling of our kennel space to help ease overcrowding.

The slab was poured last month for the commercial-grade temporary structure, with heating and cooling. Although this was the most cost-effective and immediate solution to the problem of homeless pets, tackling this issue is ultimately going to require more discussion and a longer-term solution. We didn't think the dogs wanted to wait!

The new kennels are scheduled to arrive sometime between Dec. 25 and Jan. 8, so keep your eyes open for our tent housewarming party and great adoption specials!



"Building a better community for people and pets!"





PACC Now Offering Internships

Pima Animal Care Center is getting some help from some very special people now that we're offering internships in our shelter for the first time!

Participating students obtain real-world experience in a fast-paced environment, while shelter staff is getting more helping hands to help boost adoptions and community outreach.

Matt West, one of three amazing interns this semester, hopes to go to medical school after graduating from the U of A.

Sure, volunteering is a resumé builder, he said, but facilitating happy endings prove his greatest satisfaction.

"I recognized all the positive and progressive changes being made everywhere in the shelter, and couldn't pass up the opportunity to be a part of it."

Randi Thomas, who is a pre-vet major at the UA, said the opportunity was a good fit given her future career choice and the ability to learn from staff. "Everyone is there to help animals obviously, but they devote so much time and effort into saving as many as possible."

Alexa Hollingsworth, similarly, signed on to advance her goal of becoming a veterinarian and has since been helping with the rescue mission. "The biggest surprise was the multitude of animals that are housed at PACC at one time. Before obtaining this position, I never really knew how much PACC did for their animals."

To find out more about internships, call Jose Ocaño at 243-5920



If you can't adopt, there are still ways to help make our pets' holidays a little merrier:

- 1.** Sponsor an adoption! For \$60, pets can go home with a microchip, spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations and for dogs, a license. It's a great deal, but it's even better if that fee is waived through an adoption sponsorship!
- 2.** Check out our *amazon wish list*. Pet toys make life a little more joyful and a sporty bandanna helps our pets get noticed at offsite adoption drives. Please visit http://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/3ABSYPH836EQXD/ref=cm_wl_search_2
- 3.** If you're visiting our shelter, consider buying a "paw print" for \$1, \$3 or \$5 to help fund improvements.
- 4.** The best support of all isn't about donations or even volunteering. If you know someone looking for a new pet, please let them know that we have many, many great options waiting for homes. Word of mouth is priceless and is the fastest way to help us save lives.

Upcoming Holiday Events

Dec. 7, La Encantada Shopping Center 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Dec. 14, Ace Hardware Bear Canyon & Tanque Verde 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.;

Dec. 14, Petco at Harrison & 22nd from 10 a.m. -3 p.m.

Dec. 21, Petsmart Oro Valley 10 a.m. -3 p.m.

Dec. 25, Christmas Day dog walk and cat cuddle, 10 a.m. to noon; adoption specials from noon to 3 p.m.

Jan. 1, New Year's Day dog walk and cat cuddle, 10 a.m. to noon; adoption specials from noon to 3 p.m.

