SUCCESSES

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.

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**

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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**

2011 | 2014 | DECREASE
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8,766 | 13,752 | 22%

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

**PET INTAKE**

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
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.

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.

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.

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.