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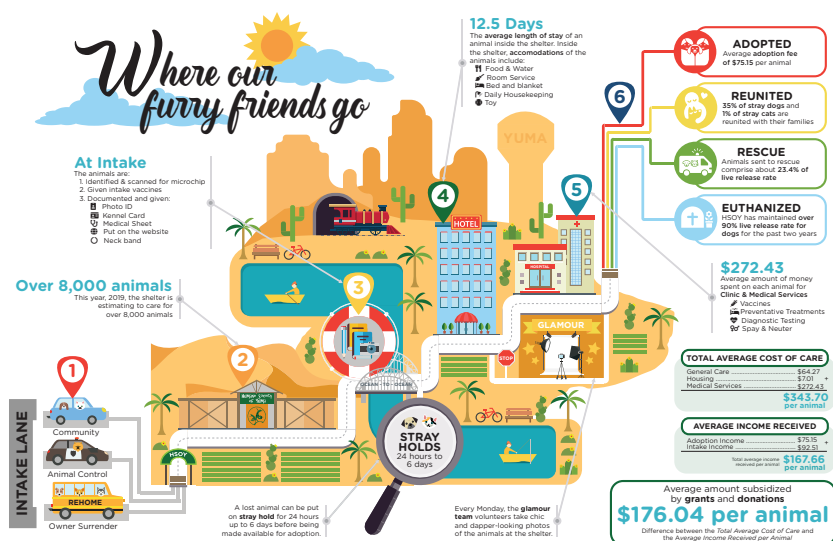
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Our Mission

To reduce the number of homeless pets through adoption, rescue, and spay, and neuter programs.

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A Letter from our Executive Director

Hello Friends and Supporters,

Happy Summer!

This year I believe it has been a year of collaboration and celebration. The Humane Society of Yuma has changed our perspective on how we operate and has embraced a new way of thinking. This organizational evolution has been in the works for many years. We have saved more lives than ever before by implementing progressive animal welfare programs, such as the Community Cat and our Dogs Day Out programs. Today, Yuma County is celebrating over an 83% success rate for cats and over 95% success rate for dogs; that is a far cry from the success we were having 10 years ago.

We have been taking mentorships from large animal welfare organizations such as Best Friends Animal Society, Maddie's Fund, Shelter USA and Million Cat Challenge. These groups have challenged us to take a different approach to animal welfare and have supported the Humane Society of Yuma along the way with not only financial support but also with mentorships. Every month we are breaking records, trying new things, adjusting our processes to better the lives of the animals in our care and in our community. With your support we are trying to reduce the number of animals coming into our care through preventative services, such as low-cost spay/neuter, microchip and licenses, alternative homing and safety net programs. Additionally, we have shortened the average length of stay for animals in our custody to 12.5 days. This has been made possible by increasing the rate of our community cat program, bolstering our foster program, pre-adopt program website and software upgrades to give our animals maximum exposure. Lastly, we are increasing the quality of care. We are now treating more animals for their medical issues and investing more of your funds to help rehabilitate them back to health.

NO-KILL YUMA is a reality and it has pushed the staff and volunteers to work harder than they ever have before. We have saved more kittens than we ever have before, we are treating more medical cases than we ever have and we are spaying and neutering more animals than we ever have before. With this transformation, we are spending more money and time on these animals than we ever have before. We hope you will continue to support the Humane Society of Yuma as we make Yuma County a NO-KILL County together.



Annette Lagunas

Annette Lagunas & Bella
Executive Director





We are almost there.

The term no-kill is an animal welfare industry status that is defined by a 90% or more live release rate. This 90% standard has been adopted as the goal for animal rescues and shelters by most national animal welfare organizations. The remaining 10% or less is reserved humane euthanasia for sick/injured animals and animals deemed to be a danger to the community, aggressive. Achieving the no-kill status exemplifies best practice standards for animal rescues and shelters.

The Humane Society of Yuma calculates our live release rate by taking the Total number of LIVE outcomes (Adoption, Returned to Owners, Returned to Field and Released to Rescue), divided by the Total number of ALL outcomes (Live Outcomes + Euthanized + Died

$$\text{Live Release Rate} = \frac{\text{Total Number of LIVE OUTCOMES (Adoptions, RTOs, RTFs, and Release to Rescues)}}{\text{Total Number of ALL OUTCOMES (Live Outcomes, Euthanized, Died in Care, Other)}}$$

in Care + Other).

Adoption Center.

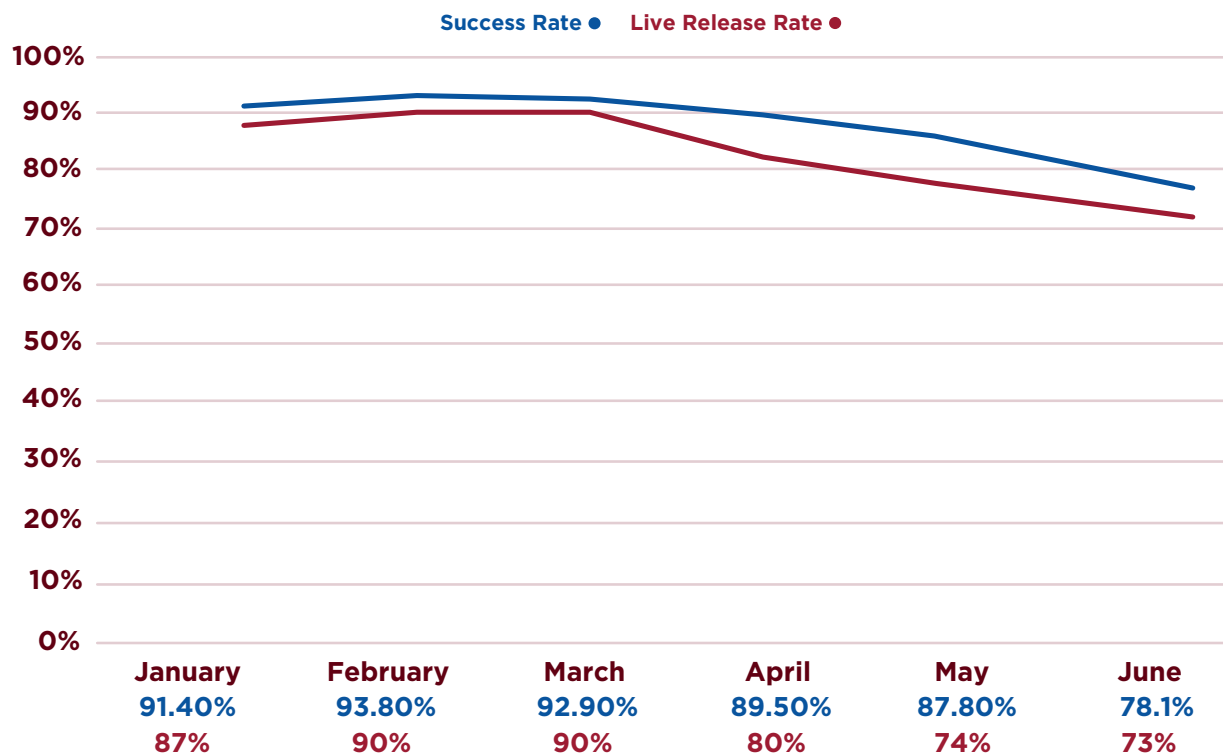
The Live Release Rate quantifies the rate of which the animals leaving our care are leaving alive. This equation, although, is important DOES NOT account for the volume of animals the Humane Society of Yuma cares for that are still alive, aka the animals that are alive in foster care, at the shelter and at the Petsmart Charities Everyday

The HSOY's Success Rate quantifies the percentage of animals that were cared for and remained alive during that month, of the animals in our care for the month, how many were alive. This does not however, indicate how many have been released from our care.

$$\text{HSOY Success Rate} = 100\% - \frac{\text{NON-LIVE OUTCOMES (Euthanized and Died in Care)}}{\text{In custody on the first of the month + Intake}}$$



LIVE RELEASE RATE & SUCCESS RATE



A COMMUNITY WITHIN REACH

NO-KILL YUMA is a community-wide initiative that will celebrate our love and respect for the animals in our community. With the support of the people of Yuma County, we will soon be celebrating the end of unnecessary euthanasia of animals at our shelter. Yuma County is very close in reaching the 90% live release rate. The Humane Society of Yuma has done this with the support of the community and the hard work of staff and volunteers (past and present) at the shelter. Everyone in our community can be a part of NO-KILL YUMA and can take ownership of this achievement. The animals need Yuma to take action on these FOUR life-saving pillars which will place Yuma on the map to be a No-Kill Community: FIX. ADOPT. IDENTIFY. DONATE.



FIX • ADOPT • IDENTIFY • DONATE

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1. FIX - Spay/neuter your pets.

Preventing unwanted pets and animals in our community is the most effective way to reduce the number of homeless pets in Yuma County. The Humane Society of Yuma's Clinic is the only low-cost veterinary clinic in Yuma County. Our goal is to spay/neuter over 6,000 animals annually. Our low-cost spay/neuter services are in high demand and serve as a vital resource for low-income pet owners.

Schedule your online appointment today.

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2. ADOPT - Choose to adopt your pet, choose to save a life.

The benefits of adopting:

- Save money. All pets adopted from the Humane Society of Yuma have been vaccinated, microchipped and spayed or neutered. Adoption fees range from \$0-\$300 and average \$75.
- Open up space and resources to other homeless pets. When a pet is adopted, it opens up a kennel for another animal and saves not only the adopted pet's life but has the potential to save another.

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3. IDENTIFY - Microchip and license your pets.

Accidents happen, but the sad truth is that between the years of 2012 through 2018, of the 28,943 cats entered the shelter, only 294 cats were reclaimed by their owners (equates to 1.01%). Dogs fair a little better at a 16.13% reclamation rate (30,575 Dogs entered the shelter, 4,933 were reclaimed by their owners). There is a lot of room for improvement in this area. Preventing the intake of animals through microchips, licenses and identification tags is the easiest way for lost animals to find their way back home.

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4. DONATE - Time, goods, or money.

- Name the Humane Society of Yuma as a beneficiary. Join the Legacy Circle by including the Humane Society of Yuma in your will, trust, retirement accounts, and life insurance policies. Ask about our pet placement program.
- Give your time as a volunteer or foster parent.
- Pet food, cleaning supplies, office supplies, computers/tablets.
- Money. The Humane Society of Yuma on average invests approximately \$340 into every animal in our care. Approximately half of those funds are subsidized by local donor dollars and grants.

CHANGES AT HSOY

The Humane Society of Yuma has made some large and small adjustments in the way we operate and focus our work towards becoming a no-kill community.

The overall goals are to:

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PREVENT INTAKE

a. Increased low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

- Spay/neuter is the priority for the organization to tackle long-term pet-overpopulation. Spay/neuter services are in high demand from not only the public, but also within the organization's departments. The Humane Society of Yuma is actively pursuing ways to increase surgery capacity, through investments in equipment for the clinic, decreasing ancillary services, such as dentals, and increasing continuing education for our clinic staff. Please contact the Director of Development if you are interested in supporting these program improvements.

b. Providing more resources to struggling pet owners

- Home-to-Homes an alternative homing solution for pet owners who need to rehome their pets. Pet owners know their pets the best and can now screen potential homes themselves.

Instead of surrendering your pet to the shelter, you can post a pet profile on the Humane Society of Yuma's website and accept and screen applicants looking for a new pet.

- Expand Intake-diversion programs; these are programs designed to support struggling owners to keep their pets. The Humane Society of Yuma is actively pursuing resources to implement formalized programs to prevent the intake of pets. The goal is to help fund programs to give struggling pet owners the resources such as medical care, food and/or subsidized funding for things such as pet deposits or moving costs. The 4-Paws Pantry has been our signature diversion program since 2010, helping qualified pet owners by distributing pet food monthly to help offset the cost of owning their pets.

c. Promoting proper identification

- Microchips, Identification Tags and Licenses are the first line of defense, in the event that an animal is lost.
- HSOY has created a \$20 ID package that includes a Microchip, Collar and an ID tag.

d. Education and Community Outreach

- Education and Community Outreach on topics such as over-population issues, responsible pet ownership and resource awareness. These programs are long-term investments in the community and will create an informed, responsible pet community.



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SHORTEN LENGTH OF STAY

a. Increased accessibility

- Shelter is now open 7 days a week. The Humane Society of Yuma is focused on positive outcomes for animals and has made adjustments and invested funds in staffing for extended hours for adoptions and return to owners.
- Technology upgrades. The Humane Society of Yuma has invested in software and our website to give the community better digital access to our inventory of animals and services.

b. Aggressive Community Cat Program

- Community cats make up the majority of cats that stay in our shelter. The Humane Society of Yuma is returning cats back to the location in which they were found. Learn more on the next page.

c. Foster-to-Adopt Program

- Cats, kittens and dogs with medical issues are eligible for this program. These animals have been identified as having to need more care from the Humane Society of Yuma before they are eligible for adoption. A home environment is best for all animals, but especially for animals with compromised immune systems. In these instances, you can join this program in which you would continue to work with the Humane Society of Yuma to provide medical care and services while committing to adopt the animal. Once the animal is eligible for adoption (spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped) the foster parent will complete the adoption.

d. Implementing a Pre-adopt Program

- Did you walk through our shelter and fall in love with a dog or cat that isn't available for adoption yet? We now are accepting adoption deposits for animals that are on their stray hold. If the owners do not come to reclaim their pet, you will be contacted immediately to complete the adoption and your deposit will be credited to the adoption fee. If the pet is reclaimed, your deposit becomes a donation to the shelter.

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INCREASE THE QUALITY OF CARE

a. Expanding foster and volunteer programs

- In the month of June alone we had over 400 animals in foster care. Investing time and funds into our foster care program is proving to be a life-line for these animals. Again, a home environment is the safest place for an animal and is the most likely place a pet will thrive, providing these pets with a home instead of housing them in a shelter environment will drive more pets out of the shelter system alive and healthy.
- We are breaking down barriers for foster parents by opening up training for foster parents without requiring them to go through the volunteer process.
 1. Opened up kitten foster training to the public.
 2. Online training resources *Coming Soon*
- Investing more resources
 1. Equipment, food and medical supplies. (Nebulizers, bottles, etc.)
 2. Staff labor to care and coordinate for foster program.
 - a. Foster Care Coordinator is now full time.
 - b. Designated Clinic hours for Fostered animals.
- Placed more animals in Foster Care than ever before. Currently, the Humane Society of Yuma has **over 300 animals** in foster care.

b. Upgrading housing for cats and facilities for dogs


- There is a direct correlation between the quality of housing and the quality of life pertaining to the health and well-being of an animal. The Humane Society of Yuma is dedicated to provide clean and safe kennels to promote healthy and happy animals.
- Cat portals provide for expanded spaces for cats to roam, and safe, stress-reducing means to clean kennels.
- Grant funding for fence for dog play yard *PENDING*
- Keller Williams (Yuma Branch) and Yuma Elks Lodge #476 sealing dog runs. The sealant will help protect against bacteria build up and make the kennels easier to sanitize.
- The Solar Project's installation is complete; the savings estimated from the generation of renewable energy will help reduce the overall costs of housing leaving more funds to be allocated to the care and comfort of the animals.

c. Treating more sick/injured animals

- The Humane Society of Yuma is committed to treating as many sick/injured animals as possible. Euthanasia will be reserved for animals that are in conditions in which have been determined to humanely end its suffering.
- HSOY now will not automatically euthanize cats for ringworm, FELV/FIV positive cats and upper respiratory conditions.

As the only animal shelter in Yuma County, the Humane Society of Yuma remains to be an open admissions shelter, caring for over 8,000 animals annually. Animal welfare is a community public health issue. The Humane Society of Yuma has been open-minded and has implemented progressive shelter practices to transform animal welfare in Yuma; with the support of national animal welfare organizations and the research behind the methodology. Utilizing the limited resources, the Humane Society of Yuma's staff, volunteers and donors have made tremendous strides in their efforts to save the lives of animals within the past seven years. There are so many more programs that the shelter hopes to implement in the coming months.

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY



A **tipped left ear** is the universal sign that a community cat has been altered.

What is a community cat?

Community cats are unowned cats who live outdoors in virtually every landscape on every continent where people live... However, community cats, also called feral cats, are generally not socialized - or friendly - to people. They live full, healthy lives with their feline families (called colonies) in their outdoor homes.

The ASPCA uses the term "community cats" to encompass any unowned cat. Included under this umbrella are feral cats, those who have been lost or abandoned, and cats who might receive food and intermittent care from one or more residents in a community. Feral cats are cats who are too poorly socialized to be placed as a typical pet.

According to Best Friends Animal Society, "Nearly three-quarters of cats who enter our nation's animal shelters each year are killed. Most are free-roaming, stray or feral cats. Here at Best Friends, we refer to them as community cats. Although some of these cats are adoptable, many more are not. And for unadoptable cats, a trip to the shelter is often fatal."

"Protecting Community Cats." Best Friends Animal Society, 11 Mar. 2019. bestfriends.org/our-work/best-friends-advocacy/protecting-community-cats.

The Humane Society of Yuma's Community Cat Program is supported by Best Friends Animal Society's funding and mentorship. This program has been a vital part of our life-saving work and has proven to be an amazingly effective means to reduce intake numbers of cats entering the shelter. Shelters and animal welfare groups across the country are implementing community cat programs to great success. Yuma has joined that effort in addressing the cat population in our community humanely and effectively.

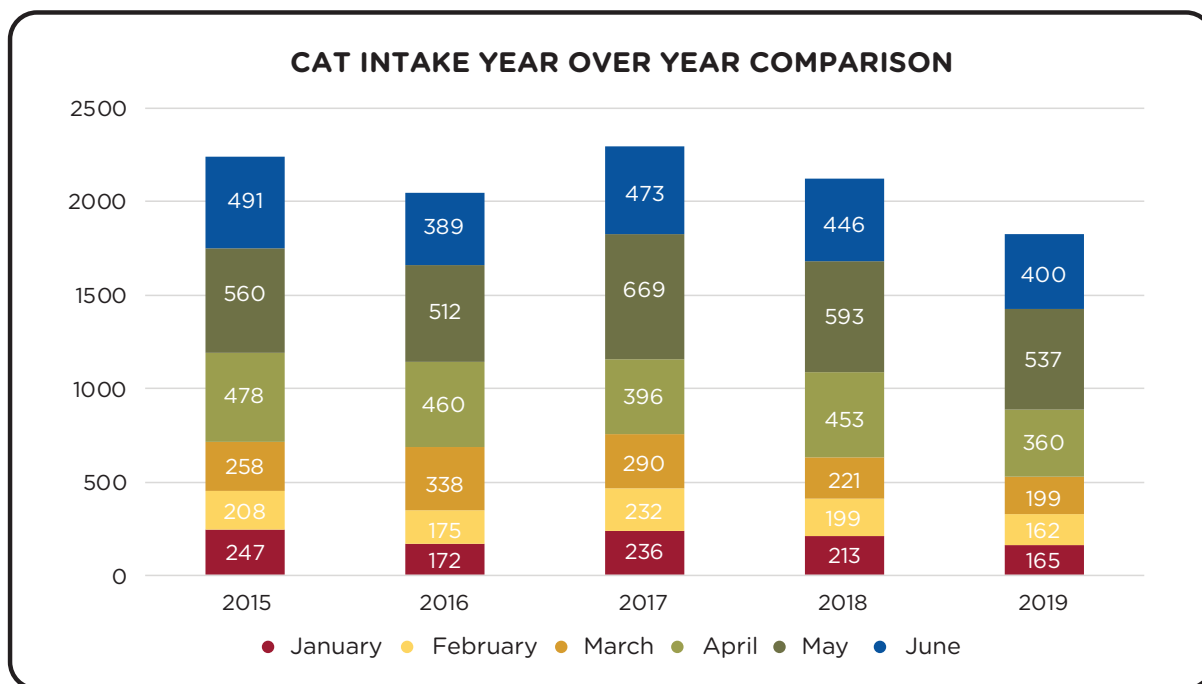
HSOY's Community Cat Program exclusively deals with community cats that are brought to the shelter. Cats that have been trapped or found outside, do not have any identification (Microchip, collar or ID tag), are of a healthy weight and good body condition are immediately scheduled for surgery, vaccinated, ear tipped and returned back to the location in which they were found. **Cats are notorious for their navigational skills; they have a much higher likelihood of finding their way back home if returned to the place in which they were found.** If they are of a healthy weight and good body condition, it signifies that they have a good food source and are capable of staying safe outdoors.

How to determine if a cat is an owned pet or is a community cat?

Intake Method

Identification

The Humane Society of Yuma uses the above mentioned factors when determining if a cat is owned or is a community cat. If a cat is found/trapped outside and DOES NOT have any identification (i.e. a collar, identification tag or a microchip), the Humane Society of Yuma categorizes it as a community cat. Behavior is not a determining factor, because in a trap or shelter kennel, stress levels are high for any cat, owned/friendly or feral.



The Humane Society of Yuma has returned over **470 community cats** that were brought into the shelter as a stray, back to the location in which they were found. This is outside of the work of Feline Friends.

We are half way through the year and have already seen a decline in the total number of cats coming into our care. This however, does not offset the fact that we are saving more lives than ever before and investing more of our funds on average per animal. We want to thank and recognize Best Friends Animal Society for funding and supporting the Community Cat Program and ASAVET Charities who came to Yuma from Tucson to perform a total of 576 spay/neuter surgeries for community cats.

Community Engagement






The community has spoken and we are listening. The Humane Society of Yuma is well aware of the issues of community cats in Yuma County. The demand for our services and resources is overwhelming, so we are asking our community to resist the urge to bring cats into the shelter; instead, to simply register a cat colony on our website: <http://www.hsoyuma.com/ff-about.html>. The Community Cat Coordinator will email you based on availability and strategic priority in relation to the information registered.

Where our furry friends go

At Intake

The animals are:

1. Identified & scanned for microchip
2. Given intake vaccines
3. Documented and given:

-  Photo ID
-  Kennel Card
-  Medical Sheet
-  Put on the website
-  Neck band

Over 8,000 animals

This year, 2019, the shelter is estimating to care for over 8,000 animals



Community



Animal Control



Owner Surrender



Shelter Transfer



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A lost animal can be put on **stray hold** for 24 hours up to 6 days before being made available for adoption.



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OCEAN - TO - OCEAN

STAY
HOLD
24 hours
6 days

12.5 Days

The **average length of stay** of an animal inside the shelter. Inside the shelter, **accommodations** of the animals include:

- Food & Water
- Room Service
- Bed and blanket
- Daily Housekeeping
- Toy



Every Monday, the **glamour team** volunteers take chic and dapper-looking photos of the animals at the shelter.



RETURN TO FIELD

349 Cat have been returned to field between Jan-June



ADOPTED

Average adoption fee of \$75.15 per animal



REUNITED

31.5% of stray dogs and 1% of stray cats are reunited with their families



RESCUE

Animals sent to rescue comprise about 17% of live outcomes



EUTHANIZED

HSOY has maintained over 90% live release rate for dogs for the past two years

\$272.43

Average amount of money spent on each animal for **Clinic & Medical Services**

- Vaccines
- Preventative Treatments
- Diagnostic Testing
- Spay & Neuter

TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF CARE

| | | |
|------------------------|----------|---|
| General Care | \$64.27 | |
| Housing | \$7.01 | + |
| Medical Services | \$272.43 | |

\$343.70
per animal

AVERAGE INCOME RECEIVED

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------|---|
| Adoption Income | \$75.15 | + |
| Intake Income | \$92.51 | |

Total average income received per animal **\$167.66**
per animal

Average amount subsidized by **grants** and **donations**

\$176.04 per animal

Difference between the *Total Average Cost of Care* and the *Average Income Received per Animal*

2,000 students reached with the BEHUMANE Program

BEHUMANE

Investing in our animal welfare future and cultivating our community in becoming a healthy and responsible animal community is the focus of the BEHUMANE program. Six schools in Yuma County participated in the BEHUMANE program this past school year to include, Alice Byrne Elementary, Rolle Elementary, HLS Elementary, Pueblo Elementary, Ronald Reagan Elementary and Palmcroft Elementary.

District One alone raised over \$18,000 this school year and the BEHUMANE Program reached approximately 2,000 students through the lessons taught at the school. Animal Welfare Education is now a part of Yuma County and the long term effects of this program will appear in years to come, as we work towards a NO-KILL YUMA.

Community Outreach

Collaborative efforts between community groups and businesses such as, the Elks Lodge of Yuma and Keller Williams, makes projects at the shelter happen. The Humane Society of Yuma was awarded funding from the Elks Lodge and the labor from Keller Williams to work on a simple upgrade to the dog kennels and enrichment projects for all the animals in our care. This past May, Keller Williams Realtors came to the shelter as participation in their RED Day, a day of giving, to paint and seal the outside kennels. Thank you to Yuma's Elks Lodge # 249 for helping the Humane Society of Yuma purchase the paint and materials necessary for this project.

Without the community's generous support, the Humane Society of Yuma would struggle to perform these labor intensive and necessary maintenance and upgrade projects. If you have a group interested in a service project, please reach out to the Humane Society of Yuma.



HSOY holds first annual Poker for Paws Tournament

This year, The Humane Society of Yuma with 3:10 Fleet Works held the first annual Poker for Paws Texas Hold 'Em Style Tournament!

Under the roof of the 3:10 Fleet Works, over 100 poker players came together for the 5 hour tournament to enjoy a taco truck dinner, drinks, and of course to support the homeless pets of Yuma by competing for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place cash prizes. Together with our sponsors we were able to raise over \$30,000 for the homeless pets of Yuma.

We want to thank David McHone and 3:10 Fleet Works for creating such a fun and competitive event for the Humane Society of Yuma. We would also like to thank our Major Sponsors: El Dorado Broadcasters, 95.1 KTTI, North End Napa Auto & Truck Parts, Copper Mountain RV Park, LLC, Inland Kenworth.



2019 Critter Country: Red, White, & Blue Casino, a smashing success

Thank you to Evans Custom Concrete and our major sponsors: Misenhimer, Aivazian & Tennant, P.C., Copper Mountain RV Park, Monster Media, ABC Orthodontics and KYMA for another fantastic Critter Country! Additionally, we'd like to recognize and thank our Master of Ceremony, Lisa Rammelt, for donating her time and doing a fantastic job that night. Our annual casino night was themed Red White and Blue this year, was held at the Yuma Civic Center; where our guests enjoyed an evening full of games such as black jack, Texas hold 'em, roulette and craps followed by a BBQ Dinner and of course our traditional live and silent auctions. Together, we raised over \$40,000 for the homeless pets of Yuma and were able to distribute some amazing surprises along the way. Congratulations to the evenings winners, we cannot wait to see you all again next year!



LEGACY CIRCLE HIGHLIGHT

When you name the Humane Society of Yuma (EIN 86-6053617) as a beneficiary in your:

- Will/Trust
- Retirement Accounts
- Life Insurance Policies
- And/or Real Estate

You can advocate for homeless pets and continue to share your passion for animal welfare through a planned gift.

This year we want to thank and recognize the Janssen Estate.

A planned gift to the Humane Society of Yuma is incredibly powerful and can make a large impact in animal welfare in our community. You can also make plans for your pets through the Humane Society of Yuma's Legacy Pet Placement Program.

Please contact the Director of Development for any questions concerning how to turn your passion for pets into a gift beyond your years. Or questions on how you can guarantee home placement for your pets through our Legacy Circle.

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DOG'S DAY OUT

Change a shelter's dog life for a day!

Need a running buddy? Need a brunch date? Looking for someone to have coffee with?

The Humane Society of Yuma's Dog Day Out program no longer gives you an excuse to explore Yuma alone again.

Treat him or her to a field trip outside of the shelter. The Humane Society of Yuma implemented the Dog's Day Out program in May, to huge success. The dogs eligible for this program have been screened by our adoption staff and have been elected to participate. This is all in efforts to increase exposure and enrichment for these dogs; many of which have been overlooked at the shelter for their kennel manners, but are amazing dogs outside of their kennels. The adoption success rates for these dogs are high and the attention that they get on social media alone is enough to celebrate.

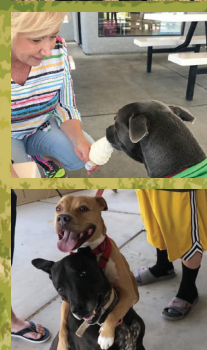
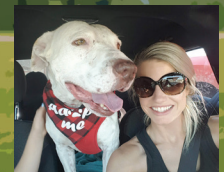
The happiness these dogs experience truly rubs off on the people taking time out of their day to spoil them for a few hours. Thank you to all of those who have participated and hope to see you back soon.

Follow and share your own Dog's Day Out story on social media using the hashtag

#HSOYdayout

Sign-up at

bit.ly/HSOYdayout



Get to know HSOY Staff!



Lyndzie Osteen
Adoptions Manager

Lyndzie originally grew up in Minnesota. She started out volunteering at the age of 12 at one of the local animal shelters and quickly discovered her love for helping animals. Lyndzie and her husband lived in South Carolina for a few years and moved to Yuma about 4 years ago. Knowing her passion for animals she began to volunteer at the Humane Society Yuma and a few months later as faith would have it she joined the adoption team!

Lyndzie has four rescue dogs, Mason, Piper, Arnie and Louie. She also loves exotic critters and has two tortoises, a snake, a lizard, Quaker parrots, and a sugar glider. You may have met a few of her critters at the Humane Society Summer Camps.



Cristina Flores
Veterinary Technician

This bubbly lady is one of our longest-serving team members here at the shelter. Cristina has witnessed the shelter undergo change and transformation for over a decade. Starting out as a kennel tech for our old shelter and our Petsmart Everyday Adoption Center, Cristina has also assisted our vet in our old clinic by the Big Curve. Cristina has been a precious gem and the Humane Society of Yuma has been very blessed to have her continue and be part of our clinic staff.

She has only been with us for ten years, but Cristina has been working for the animal welfare industry for more than two decades. During her interview, she jokes that she has already come to love animals more than people already.



Kristina Parker
Foster and Volunteer Coordinator

Born and raised in Yuma, you will always find Kristina nested in her corner here at the shelter with one or two of her little foster babies. She started out volunteering for the shelter in May 2017 doing data entry and fostering of her own. When a spot opened in January 2018, the shelter didn't think twice about welcoming her into the team.

This self-admitted bookworm and cinephile spends the changing seasons with the company of her three cats, Mario, Buttercup, and Westley (who are all foster fails) and their Australian Cattle dog, Sam. According to Kristina, working for the shelter brought her a new perspective regarding the needs of both the human and animal members of our community.



Abby Cervantes
Director of First Impressions

Her friendly smile and welcoming demeanor greet you as soon as you walk straight into the shelter, ready to assist you in anything that you might need. Born in Los Angeles but raised here in Yuma, Abby spends most of her time with her family and her loyal pet, Nova, a labrador and pit blend whom she adopted from the shelter.

Like many of our staff here at the shelter, Nova was Abby's foster fail. It's one of the risks of working for the Humane Society of Yuma, it's almost impossible not to fall in love with at least one of the animals under our care. According to Abby, working with people who are as passionate, or if not, even more passionate than her has made her tenure here at the shelter great and significant.



Wilvis Marichal
Animal Medical Technician

Wil's fun and warm personality surely brightens up any room he walks into. A native of the Dominican Republic, he brings his experience of working with animals such as cows, goats, and horses to the Humane Society of Yuma! And in his many years of experience of working with animals, this is actually his first time working professionally with dogs and cats, so it brings a fresh new challenge for him in the field of animal welfare.

Wil may be miles from home but working with his fellow shelter staff and with the animals, he feels right back at home. We asked him what his message would be for our community and he has this to say: "Everybody should have the chance to come here and meet us and see the good work that we are doing."



Mckenzie Ott
Veterinary Technician

Coming from a big family, Mackenzie knows how it is to be surrounded by a crowd. The busy lifestyle and constant workflow of the shelter doesn't phase her. Our Certified Vet Tech has been with the Humane Society of Yuma for 2.5 years.

She loves the shelter animals, but her pets have a special part in her heart. Her 6 year old Pit Mix and 1 year old Boxer Mix bring countless hours of joy. Apart from taking naps with her pets, she enjoys spending family time. To her, family comes first and uses what ever free time she has to be with them. The one message she would like to share is that there is a lot that happens behind the scenes at the shelter. She would like to help educate so that people can understand what the shelter is really about.

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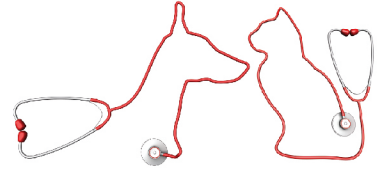


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HOW YOU CAN HELP...

☐ **Support a dog's journey from beginning to end \$350**

This will help subsidize intake and adoption income, providing life-saving vaccines, any necessary medical treatment, housing, food, microchip, and spay/neuter surgery. Not every animal is charged an intake fee or an adoption fee, your support will help in those situations.

☐ **Support a way home \$175**

Your gift will subsidize the remaining cost of care for an animal that we save.

☐ **Gas up the rescue van \$50**

A \$50 gift to the Humane Society of Yuma will provide a tank of gas for a one-way trip on the Rescue Express. On average, 19 animals hitch a ride on the van to be transferred to rescue partners, every week.

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