

The Humane Society Of Yuma

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2021

**Penny
Adopted
04/16/2020**

OUR MISSION

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



**HUMANE SOCIETY
OF YUMA**

Save one until there are none.

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IN HOME FOSTER HEROES PG. 3

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WHAT IS HOME-TO-HOME? PG. 17

Home-To-Home™ provides a new conversation around the issue of pet surrender that is positive and supportive. Home-to-Home is a new program that the Humane Society of Yuma launched with the primary goal of keeping animals out of the shelter. The success of this program is yet to be fully measured.



**Boomer
Adopted
12/22/2021**

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy Summer!

Well that time of year has come. We are complaining about the heat and worried about the kittens. But time and time again we have learned that at the Humane Society of Yuma we will prevail. This year has been no different, except that we also made it through a pandemic! All of these achievements are due to our volunteers we have working side by side with us every day, our donors and of course amazing staff.

Our volunteers stepped up to help us, and continued to do so in all aspects of our organization. Just like many other places who rely on their volunteers, HSOY saw a huge decrease in the number of on-site volunteers when the pandemic hit. But our volunteers just simply changed the way they volunteer. If they couldn't be at the shelter working during the pandemic they often chose to foster for us at home. These people never stopped saving lives.

Then there's our donors. Most of these people wish they could volunteer but just cannot, for many reasons; but mostly because they say

they will take them all home! We laugh because most of our staff and volunteers have way too many pets, so we understand. Without your financial support in the past year and a half we know that our current "summer situation" would have been much worse. I just cannot thank you enough for everything you all continue to do for our shelter and the homeless animals of our community.

For our shelter staff, we will get through this, just as we did the pandemic. Every year I am simply amazed by the group of people we have at our shelter. These people come to work every day with one goal in mind, to save lives! I want to put out a special thanks to all of you who have chosen the shelter as your current career choice. The animals in our community truly need you.

Throughout this year's summer newsletter you will read about how we are continuing to manage the amount of cats that enter our shelter, many bio's on our amazing staff and all the awesome programs we are offering at the shelter. We know we will have another successful year



with all of your support and the Humane Society of Yuma will continue to work towards making Yuma County a no-kill community. With your continued support we will achieve this goal and ensure that Yuma County continues to be a humane county for all dogs and cats who live here.

Much Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annette Lagunas".

Annette Lagunas & Bella
Executive Director



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IN HOME FOSTER HEROES



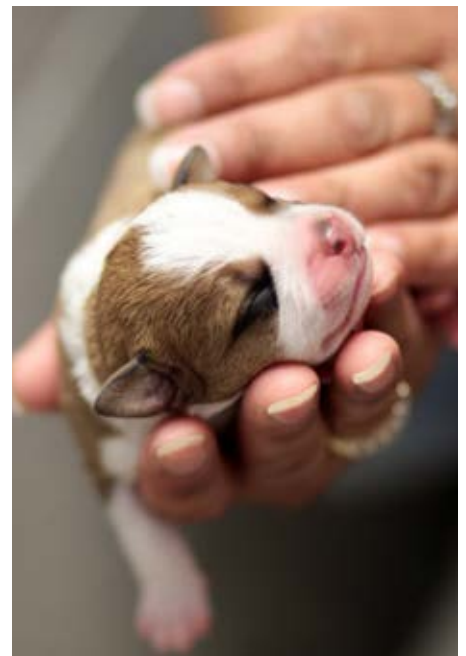
We would like to thank the shelter's volunteers and staff for the hard work that has been done during this years "kitten season"!

Every springtime and into the summer months, The Humane Society of Yuma receives a large amount of neonatal puppies and kittens. And each year the shelter makes urgent pleas for assistance to save those tiny babies. These "bottle babies", as we like to call them, have for one reason or another, been abandoned or separated from their mother. It is crucial for these babies to receive the necessary nutrients and direct care that they would typically receive from their mother. So, when these babies come through our shelter doors, time is of the essence. But it is no small task to care for a litter of puppies or kittens whose only chance of survival is in the hands of the shelter staff and our volunteers.

Our "in-home foster heroes", who are known to most as foster parents,

always step in to help out these bottle babies. HSOY is so grateful that every time we put the call out, a generous family steps up to the plate to take in puppies and kittens, sometimes for weeks or months at a time! From feeding every two hours to bringing them to the shelter when they need vaccines or medical care, these foster heroes support these babies by doing the best they can to be just like their mommas.

Currently the shelter has over 270 animals in foster care. Fostering is just one of the many ways to make a difference and give back to animals in Yuma County. If you are interested in joining our incredible group of foster parents, please visit us at www.hsoyuma.com/fostering-a-pet.html.



MEET OUR DIRECTORS OF FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Whether you are headed to the main entrance or the spay/neuter clinic, The Humane Society of Yuma understands that customer service is an integral part of saving the lives of the animals that enter our shelter. Customer service at HSOY starts at the front door and every person who enters gets a warm smile and friendly, "how may I help you?".

Many times the front desk is first to assess the animal(s) who are being brought into the shelter. Split second decisions are made on whether the animal needs immediate medical attention. Oftentimes our community members are coming into the shelter grieving the loss of their pet or they

are desperately trying to find their animal who got out. In any case, our Directors of First Impressions are there to support our community in all of their animal needs.

Our front desk staff strives to make your experience with the shelter a great one. You will often see a lot of busy activity around the front desk area, like adoptions being handled, animals being turned in, pet licenses being issued and much more. Our staff can attest that two days at the shelter are never alike.

Our staff works very hard to make sure that every question is answered and all the four-legged friends who come into



the shelter receive exceptional care while here. Next time you're here, be sure to say hi to our friendly front desk staff, Abby, Janeth, Daniela or Dawn! And, when you come to the clinic for services you will be met by our friendly Clinic front desk staff Frankie and Kristina.

Abby Cervantes
Front Desk
Supervisor



Janeth Martin
Director of First
Impressions



Daniela Frausto
Director of First
Impressions



Franki Bustos
Clinic First
Impressions



Kristina Parker
Clinic First
Impressions



HSOY VOLUNTEER WITH THE MOSTEST

Meet Dawn, our Volunteer Director of First Impressions. Dawn has been volunteering at the shelter for several years now and has proven herself time and time again that she is a huge asset at the front desk. Dawn is wonderful with assisting the public at the front desk with questions and answering phone calls. Multitasking is a requirement when you work the front of our shelter and you may never know exactly what your day will look like, Dawn handles it like a pro! Thank you Dawn and all of our volunteers for all you do the animals that enter our shelter on a daily basis.

Dawn Driedger
Volunteer Director
of First Impressions



SUMMER SAFETY TIP

During the summer months is when our pets are at the highest risk of getting heat stroke, so it is extremely crucial to take the proper precautions to protect them. For exercise and bathroom walks, the best time of day to take them would be early morning and late evening. It is important to remember that the concrete may still be hot even after the sun is down. If the animal needs to be walked during the day, it is recommended that they be kept in the shade and not walked on concrete, sand, pavement, metal, and stone since these surfaces can reach extreme temperatures.

It is always best to leave your pet at home, no matter how long you intend to be gone. Oftentimes our "quick" stop at a store can turn into several minutes and can become

dangerous for our pets when they are in our vehicles. We know how much pets love to go for rides, but what if your pet accidentally hits the off on the air conditioner when you are out? Or maybe your car has an issue and it shuts off without you knowing? These situations can be life threatening for your pet.

If you think your pet is overheated or possibly suffering from heat stroke, we recommend you contact your Veterinarian immediately and follow their advice for the best ways to help your pet cool down as safely and quickly as possible.

The heat is not the only danger we see in the summer in Arizona. Snakes are also on the top of our list of dangers to your pets. Because of the

heat, Yuma locals will often be seen walking early in the morning or late at night.

Since this time is probably the coolest time to get your pet out of the house, the cool weather may entice snakes to be out moving around as well. Please be sure to know exactly where your pet is at all times and do not allow them off of their leash when you are in an area where snakes might be. Curious dogs will often find themselves with a pretty nasty snake bite for sticking their noses in the wrong place at the wrong time. If you believe your pet has been bitten by a rattlesnake please see your local Veterinarian immediately. Snake bites are quite painful and can be life threatening very quickly.

BEAT THE HEAT AND KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE THIS SUMMER WITH THESE TIPS!



DO NOT LEAVE PET IN CAR



PROVIDE ENOUGH WATER



GIVE A HAIRCUT



PROTECT FROM SUNBURN



AVOID HOT PAVEMENT



SHOWERING / BATHING



WATCH TEMPERATURE



BE AWARE OF SNAKES



IT TAKES A COMMUNITY



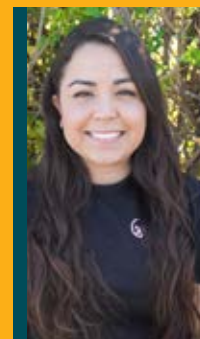
The Humane Society of Yuma's Community Cat Program is a vital part of our lifesaving work and has proven to be an amazingly effective way to humanely reduce the numbers of cats entering our shelter. Shelters and animal welfare groups across the country have implemented a community cat program with very successful outcomes. Trap-Neuter-Return, TNR, manages community cat colonies by spaying or neutering these cats, tipping one of their ears and then returning them to where they were trapped.

The management of this life-saving program is overseen by the Humane Society of Yuma's Community Cat Coordinator, Kat Davison. Kat tracks the colonies and helps manage surgery days for the community cat caregivers that take care of the colony of cats. The graph depicts the number of cats that have entered the shelter since implementing our TNR program. Along with a decrease in cats and kittens entering the shelter, the amount of cats and kittens euthanized has also greatly decreased.

The Humane Society of Yuma decided this model was best for our community and the cats that live in it. Catching cats and euthanizing them was just not working. Not only was it upsetting to the staff and community members, but the number of cats in our community continued to grow exponentially every single year. We believe that our

community is ok with the cats being around, they just don't want them showing those bad behaviors that come with an unaltered cat.

Kat is available for public speaking events, town halls and educational forums regarding the Community Cat Program. She can be reached at 928-782-1621 Ext: 105 or feel free to email her at kdavison@hsoyuma.com. Also, if you're interested in the well-being of these community cats, we need your help. Kat is seeking volunteers to help her with the Community Cat Program in Yuma County. **You can go to our website at www.hsoyuma.com/volunteering.html.**



**Kat Davison
Community Cat
Coordinator**

To get involved and volunteer in the TNR program contact Kat davison at kdavison@hsoyuma.com

BETWEEN APRIL - JUNE
958 KITTENS INTAKE



MOMMA KNOWS BEST!

Every spring hundreds and hundreds of baby kittens come into the Humane Society of Yuma. From spring through summer, HSOY sees no shortage of feline friends of all sizes and ages. Since kitten season is weather dependent, places like Yuma tend to have longer kitten seasons and it is not uncommon to see kittens born in their “off-season”.

When baby kittens enter the shelter at hours, to a few days old, they are dependent on bottle feeding and the Humane Society of Yuma’s goal is to save everyone that comes into the shelter. Some who come into the shelter are in need of medical care, such as fluids if they are dehydrated and antibiotics or eye ointments if they have an infection brewing. Sometimes just giving them some karo syrup and food is all they need to get on their feet.

In the past couple years the Humane Society of Yuma has advocated to leave kittens where they are. We understand that it is hard to walk away from a newborn kitten whose mom is not within our sights. More often than not though very plump, happy kittens are

brought into the shelter by well meaning community members. These kittens have been cared for by someone or something to make them look as good as they do. The Humane Society of Yuma can only care for so many cats and kittens at a time before the shelter becomes an unsafe place for all cats.

The shelter has three community cat rooms that can hold approximately 15 kittens. A kitten nursery that can hold approximately 18 cats with babies or kittens and our cat adoption floor which can hold around 30 cats or kittens. In April, May and June of 2021 the shelter had 958 cats enter as stray or unwanted. With space for only 68 cats, housing and caring for that many is not only rough on the shelter but also on those cats that we are caring for. Cats, much like humans, will get sick if they are around other sick cats or if they are stressed for long periods of time. The shelter has done everything we can to make our cat friends as comfortable as possible but in the end, cats want to be outside roaming in their own space, not in a kennel; and definitely not with other cats they do not know.

You can help HSOY mitigate the high numbers of kittens and cats that come through the shelter by helping us spread our message to family, friends, co-workers and using your social media to remind our community when they find a kitten or kittens, to leave them alone. Mother cats often leave for hours at a time to search for food or new shelter. Keeping kittens with their mother and putting both mom and adolescent kittens into the TNR program is their best chance at survival. Learn more at www.hsoyuma.com/articles.html



MEET OUR CANINE BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST

JESSICA JOHNSTON



Jessica Johnston has been training dogs since she was in third grade. She is involved in a variety of dog sports like flyball, dock diving, personal protection and obedience. She moved to Yuma in February of 2020 from San Diego California. Jessica is certified dog behaviorist, a veterinary assistant and has worked at a groom shop, emergency vet office, dog trainer, and sport dog training kennel.

What does a Behavior Specialist do?

The Humane Society of Yuma gets over 7,000 animals a year. We often get dogs that haven't had any socializing with people or other dogs. As a Behavior Specialist, I assess the dogs that enter the shelter and set up an action plan catered to the animal's needs. By doing this, the dog is better socialized, behavior issues are worked out, and a deeper understanding of the dog's personality is developed before leaving for its forever home.

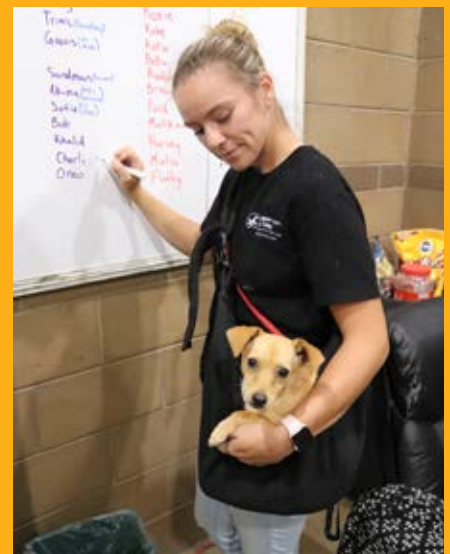
Do you only help dogs that are in the shelter, do you help cats?

Cats and dogs are very different animals. Much of my time is spent working with dogs as their aggression and behavior are often more detrimental to their adoption than cats are. However, on occasion, I do get to spend some time with a frightened kitty who needs some socialization. The primary behavior problem in cats within the shelter often revolves around socialization. On occasion we get both dogs and

cats turned over to the HSOY because their owners are unsure of how to deal with a personality problem in their pet. For families in need, we may offer consultations to help them keep their pets at home rather than turn them over. And since the majority of cats and dogs that come through our doors are strays, we don't know what may trigger their behavior. I work with new pet parents, adopting both dogs and cats, to help them with the obstacles they may face. By recognizing those key triggers and finding solutions, we hope to create a smooth transition from the shelter to home life.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

I find the most rewarding aspect to be observing a dog's true personality, and perhaps even seeing it play for the first time. We don't know much about an animal's past as a stray or about their life before they came to the shelter. One of the most valuable and heartwarming things about rehabilitating them is seeing them go home after they have become the dog they were always meant to be.





MEET THE MANZON'S

The Humane Society of Yuma welcomed our new Veterinarian Dr. Mark Manzon and his family in January of 2021. The HSOY staff was thrilled to have Dr. Manzon join the clinic team as Director of Veterinary Services. Born and raised in the Philippines, Dr. Manzon received his Doctorates at the De La Salle Araneta University. Following his graduation in 2005, Dr. Manzon came to the United States to rejoin his family who moved here in 2003. Unfortunately, De La Salle Araneta University is not an accredited Veterinary school in the United States. Therefore, Dr. Manzon worked as a veterinary assistant but quickly became eligible to sit for

the Registered Veterinary Technician exam in California. In 2009, he moved from general practice and emergency medicine, to shelter medicine. At that time he began working towards obtaining his Veterinary License in the United States but he first needed to complete multiple exams through the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates. Once he passed his ECFVG certification in 2019, he was able to sit for the California State Veterinary Board Exam and the National Veterinary Licensing Exam.

Dr. Manzon received his Veterinary License and ability to practice medicine in the State of California in January of 2020 and Arizona in May of 2020. He worked as a General Practitioner and Shelter Veterinarian. In November of the same year, he was voted as The Best Veterinarian in South County (California) from a local news station called Star News. His interests at work lie in surgical procedures, internal medicine and shelter medicine.

Outside of his time at the Humane Society of Yuma, Dr. Manzon spends

his days with his wife Monica and their two boys. Since Monica is a Certified Veterinary Technician herself, they have already adopted one Kitten and fostered many others. In all their spare time they love hanging out with their pets and watching basketball. Dr. Mark also loves helping at the Chula Vista Animal Shelter, Otay Pet Vets and a Spay/Neuter Clinic in Mexico.



GOOD BYE MANNY



HEY THERE!

My name is Manny, and I was a shelter guest at The Humane Society of Yuma from August 2020 until May 2021. Though I loved staying at the shelter for nearly a year, I was super happy to have finally found my forever new best friend on Saturday May 8th, 2021. And let me tell you, she's pretty!



Entering the shelter in August of 2020 was unfortunately not my first time in the shelter. I had also come into the shelter as a stray dog in May of 2020. Thankfully at that time my owner came and got me and the shelter microchipped me and made sure I was well taken care of before I left. My dad at the time did all he could to keep me home, but I snuck out again. Now don't get me wrong, I had a great time at the shelter and the staff was always telling me I needed to be a good boy but I just needed to roam I guess. For many reasons my dad elected to turn me over to the shelter so that they could find me another home.

The shelter staff and volunteers are the absolute nicest peeps you will ever meet. And honestly, because of the support from all you donors, I had

it made while I was at the shelter. The food was amazing and the digs were 5 stars for sure! I had the cleanest kennel, the best play dates with the volunteers and more toys and treats than one dog deserves. I even got some swim time every now and again. I am so happy that I finally have someone to call my own and I'm all hers.

If it wasn't for my stay at The Humane Society of Yuma, I never would have found a human to call my own and I am extremely grateful to the Humane Society of Yuma for that. There is no time limit at our shelter and everyone works so hard to get each of us out as quickly as possible. Years prior I may not have been able to stay so long, and that is why I am truly happy to be an HSOY alumni!

Would you do me a favor? You see, I still have friends who are there at the shelter waiting for their PERFECT friend; would you help them with a small donation to the shelter to help cover their stay? That would be so nice of you if you could do that! Our shelter is a No Kill shelter meaning 90% of the dogs that leave the shelter are adopted or reclaimed by their owners. The changes they have made the past few years are huge for the animals in the shelter today, and the ones that will come in tomorrow. I am here because they did not give me a time limit! EVERY animal is important to The Humane Society of Yuma and their efforts staying a No Kill organization forever and ever! Thank you everyone!

HOW CAN YOU HELP SAVE A LIFE?

DONATE TODAY!

During some of the most critical and unprecedented times we have ever faced, providing for each of our animals remains top priority. At any given time, we care for over 150 animals a day, each needing necessary pet supplies. We continue to be dedicated to our mission to reduce the number of homeless pets through adoption, rescue, and spay and neuter programs. This year has proven to be yet another challenging season with all the many kittens that have come into the shelter. With the help of our community, we are positive that you will provide the animals in our care some of their most favorite items. Here are some of our most needed items. **You can also find our wish list online at www.hsoyuma.com/wish-list.html**

TOP NEEDED ITEMS

Kitten Milk Replacer

Fancy Feast Tender Turkey Feast Kitten Food

Nebulizer machines

Amazon Brand Mama Bear Baby wipes

Miracle Nipples For Nursing Kittens

**Adaptive Sound Technologies Lectro Fan
White Noise Machine**

**Bubble Machine(for cat and kitten
entertainment)**



HSOY CLINIC IS BACK!

With the world starting to get back to normal, so is our Humane Society of Yuma's Low-Cost Services Clinic. Like a lot of things, the pandemic taught us a lot of new ways to better schedule and organize the way we work.

In January 2021, HSOY and the community welcomed the new Director of Veterinarian Services, Dr. Mark Manzon. Shortly after getting settled, the clinic was back open to the public for low-cost services which include spay and neuter surgeries and vaccinations.

With the pandemic still on everyone's mind, we felt changes were necessary and with a new doctor and new staff keeping appointments for clinic

services, including our vaccine clinics was necessary. Prior to COVID, our vaccine clinics were walk-in and first come first serve. However, the streamline of scheduling appointments proved to be better for everyone, but mostly allowed the doctor and staff to spend more time with the animals while also addressing the health concern for our staff and community.

When you show up at the clinic front desk you'll meet Franki Bustos and Kristina Parker. They'll get you checked in and make sure your pets are ready for their appointment.

If you are interested in getting your cat or dog an appointment for spay and neuter, please visit our website



at www.hsoyuma.com/spay-neuter.html. And, for a vaccine appointment please visit, www.hsoyuma.com/vaccine-clinic.html. For any other questions, please call (928) 247-9115.

EVENTS

JANUARY 2021

Boy did our events change during the past 18 months. This January we had a lot of fun with an online 50/50 Online Raffle Event. The winner of the 50/50 graciously donated their proceeds back to HSOY raising \$1,296.28!!

FEBRUARY 2021

Our Calling All Quilts auction ran from February 12th – February 16th. This event was so much fun and we had a lot of participation. Even our local quilters and quilter clubs donated quilts to HSOY for this auction. HSOY's online quilt auction raised \$5,210.00!! And, all proceeds go back to the mission of the Humane Society of Yuma to reduce the number of homeless pets through adoption, rescue, and spay and neuter programs.

Then with special thanks to Chef Jonathan Palacio, HSOY hosted an online auction for a "Date Night for 8 with a Chef". This was so much fun and we had great participation in this event!! Chef Jonathan donated his services and the food for the date night. HSOY raised another \$1,243.83 for February, which was so important considering that the past year pandemic made it hard for fundraising events.

MARCH 2021

CRITTER COUNTRY POODLE SKIRTS AND COOL CATS PRESENTED BY TITLE SPONSOR AEA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Critter Country Poodle Skirts and Cool Cats presented by title sponsor AEA Federal Credit Union proved to be another fun virtual event that ran from Saturday March 27th – Sunday March 28th. Once again like last year, this event was held online and raised over \$40,000! HSOY is excited that 2022 Critter Country will be held in person again next year!



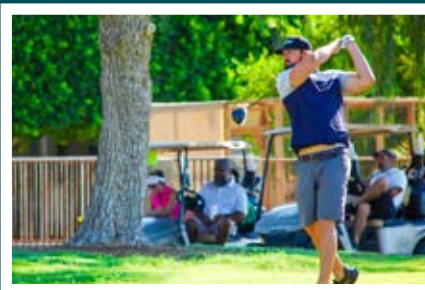
MAY 2021

In May 2021, HSOY hosted a "Cheers Cart" online auction which was a wagon donated by Ace Hardware. This wagon literally was overflowing with all different kinds of alcohol donated by Sage and Sand Cocktail Lounge. The event was a huge success and one winner walked away with that entire cart full of spirits just in time for the Memorial Day Holiday and raising over \$1,700 for the Humane Society of Yuma.

JUNE 2021

FORE! PAWS 16TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY NOVA HOME LOANS

The Fore! Paws 16th Annual Golf Tournament presented by Nova Home Loans was a hugely successful tournament and held again at two golf courses. This year was even more amazing than last year if you can believe that is possible! Both golf courses were sold out and overflowing with golfers raising over \$40,000 for all the puppies and kitties at HSOY. We look forward to seeing you next year for the 17th Annual Fore! Paws Golf Tournament. To get your team secured now, contact Sandra Gray at sgray@hsoyuma.com





Summer Critter Camp features fun and interactive experiences with animals at the Humane Society of Yuma's shelter.

The future of animal welfare really doesn't have much to do with animals. That may sound strange, but it's true.

The future of animal welfare actually has everything to do with our younger generation of children. HSOY believes that we need to teach children kindness towards animals, compassion for their survival, and the respect for the habitat that we share with animals. It is not much of a stretch to believe that the children will grow up to respect others who are different from themselves, who will be kind to each other, and who will work together to make Yuma County a safe, friendly and welcoming place for all homeless and orphaned animals they meet. This is the core mission of the HSOY Summer Critter Camp that was introduced in 2018.

Critter Camp features fun and interactive experiences with animals at our no-kill shelter. The humane education programs include canine body language, dog bite prevention, responsible pet ownership, dog training demonstrations and exciting guest presentations by animal welfare experts like wildlife biologists and K9 law enforcement officers.

HSOY's Junior Camp Counselor program was a new feature this year. This volunteer youth program aimed to provide leadership and responsibility-based life skill development

for teens between the ages of 14-17. This was also a perfect opportunity to expose teens that normally would not have been aware of proper animal care and welfare, while teaching the younger children about pet responsibility and kindness.

Critter Camp was Monday through Friday, 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and had 5 summer sessions with the 5th week being a "hands-on" Vet Science Camp. The 2021 Summer Camp was a huge success and full of smiling, happy children who had a great time at the shelter. Be sure to sign your child up early next year as each session fills up fast. Sign ups will open in April of 2022. You can place your child on a RSVP list for next year by emailing Sandra Gray your child's age and which week they would like to attend.

For more information about 2022 Summer Critter Camp please call Sandra Gray at 928-782-1621 Ext: 111 or email her at sgray@hsoyuma.com.



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO EDUCATE



With the pandemic causing a brief pause of our BEHUMANE education program, 2021 proves to be back and ready to educate the young minds of Yuma's children, and teach them about philanthropy at same time! What is BEHUMANE you ask? The BEHUMANE program is a fundraising and education program in which the Humane Society of Yuma will spend time at each school and conduct age specific animal welfare presentations in all classrooms. The Humane Society of Yuma hopes that students end the program more informed about their local animal welfare issues and will hold onto the values and lessons learned from the program. This program is a long-term investment

for our community to address pet-over population and animal cruelty.

Fundraising in the schools for a local non-profit, such as the Humane Society of Yuma, will have a meaningful impact in their community. Prior to the Humane Society of Yuma's visit each student will receive an envelope and instructions on how to launch their web-based fundraising page. This year, the Humane Society of Yuma's BEHUMANE program will teach hundreds of students about animal welfare topics all while introducing them to local philanthropy.

2020-2021 School Year | Participant Schools



\$3,964 WAS RAISED BY THESE SCHOOLS!!



Sandra Gray
Events and
Outreach
Coordinator

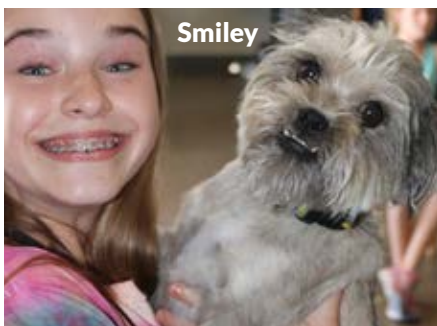
We are looking forward to more schools this next school year. To get your school involved you can reach out to Sandra Gray at sgray@hsoyuma.com or call her at 928-782-1621 Ext: 111.

MEET OUR PET AMBASSADORS

Meet our famous HSOY alumni who stay busy with all their BEHUMANE appearances during the school year! These little friends adore the children and love going to schools and meeting new friends. "Smiley" entered the shelter in November 2018 and her mom fell in love with her immediately. She is one

of the happiest little girls you'll ever meet. As you can see in her picture, her name fits her well. Then we have "Oz Man" or "Ozzy". Ozzy came to the shelter in October 2018 and became an instant member at his new family's home. He loves meeting all the children and teaching them about responsible

pet ownership. Finally, meet "Stuart"! He entered the shelter in December of 2019. "Stuart" found his forever home and now loves going to schools to teach all the children about shelter animals and proper ways to care for their pets.



Smiley



Ozzy



Stuart



WHAT IS HOME-TO-HOME?

Home-To-Home™ provides a new conversation around the issue of pet surrender that is positive and supportive.



Home-to-Home is a new program that the Humane Society of Yuma launched with the primary goal of keeping animals out of the shelter. The success of this program is yet to be fully measured. But we know Home-to-Home gives people, who can no longer keep their pets, the opportunity to find new, loving

homes without having to surrender their pets to the shelter. Pets are able to be re-homed by going from one home directly into another home without HSOY intervention. These animals in need of new homes can be found on our website. The benefits of using Home-to-Home is that it reduces the stress on animals by keeping them out of the shelter and it allows us here at the Humane Society of Yuma to offer more shelter resources to animals with no other options – for example: stray, abandoned, and/or neglected animals.

Since the launch of Home-to-Home, 173 animals have been published to our

website, 52 of which were re-homed using the web-based platform, and 26 were eventually surrendered to HSOY. Using Home-to-Home also gives potential new pet owners a chance to learn more about the animals directly from the current owners. We are looking forward to this program becoming a more utilized resource for families who can no longer keep their animals in their home.

TO LEARN MORE VISIT [HSOYUMA.COM](https://www.hsoyuma.com)



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Thrift Store

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**Supporting Spay & Neuter
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WHO'S WHO AT HSOY?

MAKING THE MATCH

Our friendly adoption counselors are constantly looking to match you with your next best friend. HSOY's adoption process was switched to appointment only due to the pandemic. This proved to be a very positive and efficient process that both adoptions and adopters have benefited from. Our goal is to make the process happy, with excellent customer service while also providing guidance to the families. One of the most important things in an adoption is making the match work for the adopter, adopter's family and the animal. An online application begins the process and a meet and greet is set-up. If the match is meant to be, an adoption will take place. Our adoption process is the same over at PetSmart also. If you would prefer to see the animals in person before filling out the application then come on in. Our staff at the front desk will direct you to the adoptable animals. Depending on the appointment schedule, we will get you set up to meet a new friend as soon as possible. For more information on available animals or to submit an application go to our website at www.hsoyuma.com/available-for-adoption.html.



RAVE TO HSOY'S KENNEL TEAM

Hands down, being a kennel technician is one of the hardest jobs here at HSOY. You could even say, there is never, ever a dull moment! Kennel Techs are constantly working with the animals and that means cleaning lots and lots of poo. During the summer, it can be a grueling job. When the pandemic started HSOY lost the prison crew that typically cleans the kennels and takes care of the lawn in the morning. Thanks to our kennel team and volunteers, animals were cared for each and every day at the shelter. Not only do kennel technicians clean, but they also help the public find their lost pet, vaccinate and examine each animal that enters the shelter that day, provides medication to kennel animals and do dishes and laundry every day. The bond and experience they have with each animal that comes through the shelter door is priceless. If you ever have a lost animal, you can check the HSOY website as all lost dogs who are brought to the shelter are posted on our website at www.hsoyuma.com/lost-animals.html.



VOLUNTEER MANAGER AND FOSTER COORDINATOR

Volunteers come in all ages and sizes! HSOY is always looking for volunteers and there are always things that need to be done around HSOY's animal shelter. Volunteers between the ages of 12 and 15 years old can volunteer with a parent or guardian. Once you are 16, you can volunteer independently. Our Volunteer Manager, Trentie Oliver will lead you to a rewarding volunteer journey at HSOY. You can fill out an online application and make it simple to get the ball rolling to start volunteering. And, as an avid pet lover, you can bring your volunteerism home with you! Become a foster parent and never leave an animal lonely at the shelter again. You can foster cats, dogs or any other little critter we get here at the shelter. Our Foster Coordinator, Tori Bourne will help get you all situated with a foster pet after foster pet! HSOY makes it so easy to foster a pet, you just complete the application online at www.hsoyuma.com/fostering-a-pet.html. Fostering can be a rewarding experience and provides a home for a shelter animal to stay while waiting for his or her forever home.



THE EXTRA MILE

HSOY DEPENDS ON THE ENTIRE GROUP OF AMAZING VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP THE ANIMALS HERE AT THE SHELTER.

Meet our Glamour Team of volunteers! This group is at HSOY every single Monday no matter what, holiday or not, to take photos of all of Yuma's homeless and orphaned animals. These photos help make shelter animals' true personality shine and capture that "take me home today photos" for all of Yuma to see.



HSOY also has a beautiful kitten and cat team that capture the most adorable kitten and cat poses. Karen Ortiz along with her team of Debbie Daniels and Cathy Pfeffier do a great job "herding these kittens and cats" to get that playful cute pose that certainly speaks about the love and joy of having a kitten or cat as a pet.



Volunteer and foster parent, Cathy Reeves, is no stranger to high-profile animals in need. The longtime Yuman has been a devoted Humane Society of Yuma supporter who has also had some "failed" foster pets, which is actually a very good thing.

When animal control officers found Pebbles walking all alone they picked her up and brought her to the Humane Society of Yuma. Once here, the clinic examined her swollen tummy and performed an x-ray that found the poor little girl had eaten rocks. Poor little Pebbles was so hungry that she resorted to eating rocks to try to sustain her hunger. Surgery was performed to remove the rocks and Cathy immediately stepped up to the plate to foster Pebbles during her recovery.

That's when the love story begins! Cathy knew that with the love and bond she felt for Pebbles, she could not let her go, especially after what she had just been through and still recovering. That is when the decision was made by Reeves to make Pebbles a permanent part of her family. This is just one example of one of our volunteers taking that extra mile to care for Yuma's homeless and orphaned pets that come through HSOY's doors on a daily basis.



Each and every one of our dedicated and kind volunteers go the extra mile each and every day, seven days a week. This team of volunteers includes the transfer team, 4-Paws Pantry team, clinic volunteers, HSOY Thrift Store volunteers, Feline Friends and all the other groups of volunteers; HSOY's animals are in good hands with your many hours of volunteering. Thank you for always going that "Extra Mile".



LEGACY CIRCLE

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING



LEGACY CIRCLE

Leave a legacy of compassion. Because of generous devoted friends like you, Yuma County's homeless pets will have strong and vocal advocates long into the future. Your personal legacy will save the lives of all animals that pass through these shelter walls and will continue to advocate on the behalf of

those with no voice. Your legacy will continue to sustain and move our agenda to drive transformational change. One of the most important and generous ways you can help Yuma County's homeless pet's is through planned giving.

The Legacy Circle members are those who honor HSOY in one or more of the following ways:

Naming Humane Society as a beneficiary in a will or living trust.
Making a gift of cash or appreciate securities to establish a charitable gift annuity.
Creating a charitable remainder trust.
Naming us the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement account.

Process & Documentation

To participate in the Legacy Circle the Humane Society of Yuma requests you meet with the Director of Development and/or the Executive Director to discuss the details of your case and paperwork. The Legacy Circle program is very personalized and confidential process. The Humane Society of Yuma will respect your wishes and everything will be documented.

Eligible Gifts

Cash
Securities

Real Estate
Annuity Policies

Closely Held Stock
Retirement Assets

Charitable
Remainder Trust

Life Insurance Policies

The Legacy Wall is located on the North East wall of the Shelter's lobby displaying our Legacy Members who have passed and have left the Humane Society of Yuma a gift of \$10,000 or more. The donor has the choice to have their names displayed or to stay anonymous.



\$10,000 - \$99,999
Name Dedication Plaque

\$100,000 - \$149,999
Small Gold Dedication Leaf

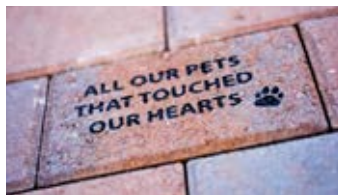
\$150,000 - \$249,999
Medium Gold Dedication Leaf

\$250,000 +
Large Gold Dedication Leaf

\$1,000,000 +
Custom Naming Dedication



Memorial Rock
Large Rock \$75
Small Rock \$50



Memorial Brick
Brick Around Fountain \$100
Brick in Walkway \$50



Memorial Bench
\$5,000

Spread the love Includes:

- Cremation & Spreading of ashes in the rose garden
- Brick Paver around the fountain
- Take home Memorial Rock

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT**

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Executive Director (928) 782-1621 Ext. 108

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Yuma's HOME Team
Patti Bourelle & Shelly Martin

present
*The Humane Society
Of Yuma's*

Fur Ball

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Not Canceled

Choose a sponsorship to show your support for the future of Yuma's homeless animals

— \$5,000 PLATINUM SPONSOR*

- Name on or dedication of dog kennel or cat condo at the shelter
- 2 tables for 8 guests per table
- Photography session of you and your pet
- Full page recognition in event program
- Recognition at event, on HSOY's Facebook page and the E-Paws newsletter

— \$2,500 GOLD SPONSOR

- Table for 8 guests
- Photography session of you and your pet
- Half page recognition in event program and newsletter
- Recognition at event, on HSOY's Facebook page and the E-Paws newsletter

— \$1,000 SILVER SPONSOR

- 4 Tickets to event
- Photography session of you and your pet
- Recognition in event program
- Recognition at event, on HSOY's Facebook page and the E-Paws Newsletter

— \$500 BRONZE SPONSOR

- 2 Tickets to event
- Recognition in event program
- Recognition at event, on HSOY's Facebook page and the E-Paws Newsletter

\$__ SPARKLER

I cannot attend, but please accept my donation
Recognition in event program

*Not available to in-kind-donors

Starring
Maggie, Harley,
and Zoey



**Please respond as soon as possible
to ensure recognition in event program.**



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Saturday, September 18, 2021
AWC Schoening Center from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
\$150 per Ticket or \$1,200 per Table of 8

**YES, I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF YUMA'S
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL FUR BALL!**

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

ORGANIZATION'S NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT #: _____ EMAIL: _____

The Humane Society of Yuma, Inc. is a non-profit animal welfare organization that was founded in 1963 to rescue, care for, and find homes for Yuma's homeless animals. We operate only in Yuma County and are not affiliated with any other animal welfare organizations.

Thank You for Your Support & Generosity!



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The Humane Society of Yuma is a private non-profit 501 (c)(3) animal welfare organization located in Yuma, Arizona. Our annual Fur Ball Gala will be held on September 18, 2021 at AWC Schoening Center. All proceeds from this event will help support Yuma's homeless animals by working towards our mission of reducing the number of homeless pets through adoption, rescue, and spay and neuter programs.

*Return this form with your check
as soon as possible to:*

HSOY FUR BALL
4050 S Ave 4 1/2E, Yuma, AZ 85364
Contact: Sandra Gray
(928) 782-1621 ex 111 | sgray@hsoyuma.com

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



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HUMANE SOCIETY OF YUMA'S CRITTER KIDS NEWS



SHELTER MEWS

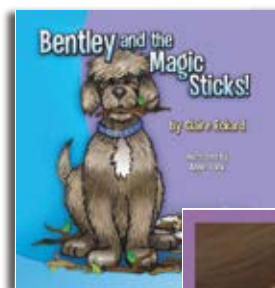
HSOY's homeless and orphaned animals need many things to stay happy and healthy, just like us!

At the Humane Society of Yuma, we make sure all of the animals will be handled and cared for with patience. Every animal receives fresh food and water daily. Every dog receives at least one toy, a bed, and a blanket or towel. Every cat will receive a fresh litter box and toy daily. All pets should visit a veterinarian each year for a checkup and make sure they are up to date on their vaccinations. Most importantly, all pets need our love, kindness and attention!

BOOK NOOK

Have you heard about Bentley and his Magic Sticks or how about Geribo The Shelter Cat?

If you haven't read either of these books yet, head on over to the Humane Society of Yuma and pick yours up today! Local author Claire Eckard writes about Bentley, who is a former HSOY Alumni, now a STAR!! Bentley and the Magic Sticks follows this extra-large canine as he finds out that his favorite sticks have magical powers, thanks to a wonderful Fairy Dogmother called Tia! Because other dogs are afraid of his large size Bentley has no one to play with. However, with his magic sticks he manages to make new friends and he also discovers the special secret of why he is so big. And, don't forget another famous HSOY Alumni Geribo, The Shelter Cat!! Also, a super STAR!



Once again our local Yuma author Claire Eckard tells the sweet story, with beautiful illustrations of an adventurous kitty who is sharing his knowledge about the animal shelter as he explores the shelter within. This amazing story covers the awareness regarding the role an animal shelter plays with an age-appropriate message. Get your parents in the car and bring them to the shelter for a copy of YOUR very own. Or, parents, you can order online at www.claireeckardauthor.com. Proceeds of all sales are donated back to HSOY from the book sales.

BEHUMANE AT HOME

Responsible Pet Care - Pets need many things to be happy and healthy! Use the drawings and the Word Box to help you fill in the blanks, and then use the letters in the boxes to spell out the most important thing our pets need!

_ _ ☐ _ _ _ _ With tags to stay safe



Fun _ ☐ _ _ to play with and keep busy

Healthy _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _



Comfortable _ _ _ or place to sleep



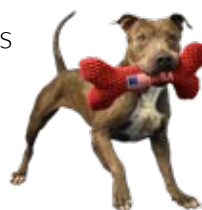
_ _ _ _ _ for grooming and staying clean



Visits to the ☐ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to stay healthy

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to learn good manners

Daily play and _ _ ☐ _ _ _ _ _



WORD BOX

bed	brush	collar
exercise	food	toys
training	veterinarian	water

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color me!



I promise that I, _____ (first name), will treat animals with kindness & respect!

Have your parents take a picture of your colored picture and send to us at info@hsoyuma.com or share on Facebook and tag Humane Society of Yuma.



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