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A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Don't you all just love the Yuma summer heat? For the Humane Society of Yuma, the summer heat brings tons of kittens and puppies into our shelter. This year has been no different. In fact, the numbers of cats and kittens entering the shelter this year has exceed the number of cats and kittens we saw in 2019. But, even with those numbers, the shelter has had some amazing success.

Already this year, the shelter has saved over 2,000 lives through adoption, rescue and returning pets to their owners. We have realized that we need to help the community more to get their pets appropriately identified in the event their animal becomes loose. The Humane Society of Yuma began offering free microchipping to any of our community

members. To date we have given away over 1,500 microchips to pets who did not already have one. It is our goal to get every pet home before they even need to come into the shelter.

Getting pets home is definitely a group effort. The shelter posts pictures of all lost dogs on our website and twice a day those pictures are updated to show any new pets that have entered. Yuma is very lucky to have a compassionate community when it comes to animals. Through many social media outlets, our community is constantly sharing lost animals and reuniting animals with their owners.

The Humane Society of Yuma is super excited about some upcoming programs that we believe will help even more animals stay out of the shelter and in their



homes. Of course we can't let the "cat out of the bag" just yet, but we have a little something up our sleeves. Thank you for reading this year's summer newsletter that is hopefully packed with lots of great information for you and a few feel good stories that you will enjoy.

Stay cool,

Zmnette Zazuras





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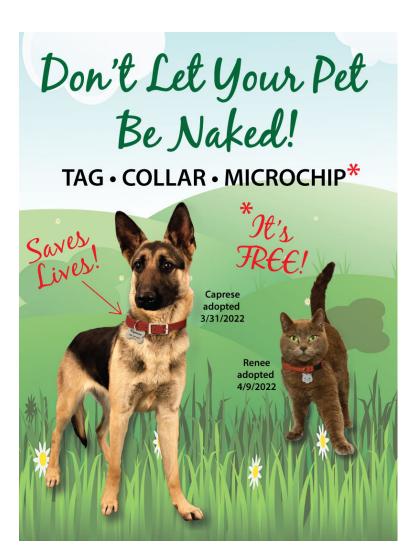
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DON'T LET YOUR PET BENAKED!

Fact: 70% of lost animals are found within a mile of home.

42% of those are found within 400 feet.

Fact: Only 15% of dogs and 2% of cats in shelters without IDtags or microchips are reunited with their owners.



When a pet is lost, being able to quickly identify its owner can help them be reunited and keep them from entering the shelter. A collar with current ID tags can help whoever finds the pet get in contact with the owner and get the pet back to them. An ID tag at the very least should include the pets name and owners phone number. If space allows the owners name should also be included. Collars and ID tags aren't failproof, they can be lost or removed. This is why microchipping your pet is equally important!

A microchip is a small chip about the size of a grain of rice that is injected under the skin between the shoulder blades. Animal Control Officers and animal organizations use a small scanning device to determine if the pet is chipped and access their identification number that is similar to a person's social security number. From there the animal agency can enter the number into a database and obtain the owner's information if the information is correct and up to date. If your pet is found by Animal Control and it is chipped, the officer can return the pet directly to you without it having to be brought to the shelter. They provide this service at no charge, whereas a trip to the shelter will cost the owner money to get their pet returned. There is no doubt about it, tags, collars and microchips save lives. "Don't Let Your Pet Be Naked!" Come see us today and we will microchip your pet for **FREE**!

MEET OUR ANIMAL CARE TECHNICIANS

Without a doubt one of the toughest jobs at the shelter is that of Animal Care Technician. Our Animal Care Techs do it all! They perform animal intake and processing, give shots, implant microchips, clean kennels and cat condos, feed animals as well as assist front desk personnel with reuniting pets with their owners. It takes a special person committed to helping animals to do this sort of work and the Humane Society of Yuma is fortunate to have such devoted staff.

Animal Care Technicians are truly multitasking superheros! They

are constantly jumping from task to task to take care of what needs to happen in that moment. They could be feeding cats one minute and then rushing out to the kennels the next minute to retrieve a dog that is going home. Their day goes by pretty fast and there is never a dull moment.

Undeniably the hardest part of their job is euthanizing a pet for their owner when it's time to say goodbye. It is never easy to let go of a pet and our Animal Care Techs provide this service with the upmost respect and dignity for the pet and pet owner alike.

If your pet ever becomes lost and enters our shelter you can rest assured that they will recieve the best care possible thanks to this dedicated team of professionals. They really care about what they do and it shows!

If you have a lost animal, you can check the HSOY website.

www.hsoyuma.com/lostanimals.html.



Noel Blohm
Shelter Manager
Favorite animal
Rat



Autumn Sanders Kennel Supervisor Favorite animal Snake



Angelic Anguiz
Animal Care Tech
Favorite animal
Tiger



Julissa Haney
Animal Care Tech
Favorite animal
Duck



Kim Kurzenhauser Animal Care Tech Favorite animal Orca



Kaci Rembert
Animal Care Tech
Favorite animal
Sea turtle



Sara Loredo
Animal Care Vet Tech
Favorite animal
Dog



Marysol Lopez
Animal Care Vet Tech
Favorite animal
Cow



SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

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.

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





COMMUNITY CAT PROGRAM



The Humane Society of Yuma's Community Cat Program is vital to 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.

Management of this life-saving program is overseen by the Humane Society of Yuma's Community Cat Coordinator, Rafa Garcia. Rafa tracks the colonies and helps manage surgery days for the community cat caregivers that take care of the colony of cats. The graph below 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.

Rafa is available for public speaking events, town halls and educational forums regarding the Community Cat Program. He can be reached at 928-782-1621 Ext: 105 or feel free to email him at rgarcia@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.

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Rafa Garcia Community Cat Coordinator

To get involved and volunteer in the TNR program contact Rafa Garcia at rgarcia@ hsoyuma.com



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 the "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 we recieve. 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. Sometimes just giving them some karo syrup and some good food is all they need to get back on their feet.

In the past couple of 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 sight. 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 rooms that can hold approximately 15 kittens. A kitten that nurserv 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 2022 the shelter had 1,018 cats enter as stray or unwanted. With space for only 68 cats, housing and care 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 MARKETING **SPECIALIST** PHIL CLARK

Phil was born and raised in Yuma and recently returned after spending many years in the Tucson area. He has a MS in Graphic Information Technology and also teaches online courses for Arizona State University. He has been a fan of Adobe products for years and loves all things Photoshop. In his spare time he enjoys jet skiing with his wife, collecting antiques and playing with their dogs.

What does a Marketing Specialist do?

I have the best job in the world; I get to play with Photoshop and Facebook everyday! I am responsible for creating all the graphics for our events, both online and print. I send images and bios for our adoptable animals to our media partners to share with the public. This includes our Pet of the Week. I monitor our social media accounts and create posts

promoting our services, animals, events and adoption specials. When we have a large fundraising event, such as Fur Ball or Critter Country, I run the audio and visual equipment and take photographs. Larger projects I work on include our Annual Report and Paw Prints Summer Newsletter publications. The job's duties are quite diverse which keeps it fun and interesting.



Watching The Lion King with shelter guest

Do you have any pets?

Yes, we have two mixed breeds we adopted from the Humane Society of Yuma in 2019. They are about 4 years old now. We were living in Sahuarita, AZ at the time but were supporters of the shelter and knew we wanted to adopt from them. We drove down one weekend to see what was available and fell in love with 2 puppies that had come in the day before. The hardest part of the experience was waiting 3 days to see if they were reclaimed. They weren't and now they rule our lives. We also have a very talkative Blue Crowned Conure that is always asking us "how does a kitty kitty go?" "Meow!" He always answers his own questions.



This image may have been Photoshopped

What is the most rewarding part of your

I think the most rewarding part of my job is seeing an animal I helped promote find a loving home. It makes me feel good when someone comes to the shelter and asks for an animal by name because they saw that animal on TV, online or in print.



Izzy and Gracie

THANK YOU DIRK!!!

THANK YOU TO DR. DIRK FRAUENFELDER FOR HIS SUPPORT OF YUMA'S HOMELESS PETS.

Dirk Frauenfelder was born and raised in Somerton, Arizona. In 1970 he became a physician here in Yuma and worked his way up to Chief of Surgery at YRMC. Dirk says at the time the hospital was quite small, they only had 4 beds in ICU and getting orthopedic doctors to come to Yuma was very difficult. He was often fixing broken legs, hips and more. After 25 years in practice, Dirk retired in 1995. We asked why Dirk chose the Humane Society of Yuma to leave his legacy, he stated, he loves all animals especially dogs and cats. He hopes that he can encourage other people to consider leaving their legacy here at the Humane Society of Yuma.

Annette Lagunas, Executive Director for the Humane Society of Yuma states, "Dirk has been a great friend and supporter of the Humane Society of Yuma for many years. His compassion and willingness to support the animals we care for is amazing! Dirk has rescued many animals over the years and knows the importance of the human-animal bond. We are thrilled that Dirk is also a member of our legacy program and, as such, has included the Humane Society of Yuma as a beneficiary of his estate plan - which will help protect the homeless animals of into the future, and cement his legacy as a pioneer in the advancement of animal welfare in Yuma County."



Being a Legacy members means that you will leave a lasting gift to the Humane Society of Yuma upon your death. Additionally, the Humane Society of Yuma can help you with planning for your pets in the event you pass before they do. Our shelter Director Annette Lagunas will help to ensure your pets are well cared for. Contact Annette at 928-782-1621 ext 108 or annettel@hsoyuma.com.







THE BOXER SISTERS **HEALTHY AND HAPPY**

On June 1st, Yuma Animal Control brought us 4 abandoned female boxer puppies that were found near Cibola High School. All of them were totally covered with ticks and they had white gums from anemia caused by blood loss. We named them after The Golden Girls ... Rose, Sophia, Blanche and Dorothy. We treated them for the ticks and gave them fluids to rehydrate them. Then we placed them in loving foster homes and hoped for the best.





We are super excited to share that all 4 sisters are doing well! The scars from the ticks are still healing but we feel confident they should make a full recovery. They all have been adopted, several of them by their foster families. We are extremely grateful to everyone who made a donation to help with their helathcare costs.

It is not uncommon for us to see the worst of the worst with the way animals enter our shelter. We are super thankful to have a community that helps us save their lives!!!

The Humane Society of Yuma has a special fund to help us care for animals like the Boxer Sisters, it's called the RooBee's Cruelty and Denver's Medical Fund. Donations to this fund can be made with cash at the Humane Society, by check or online at our website, www.hsoyuma.com





TEAM RESCUE

The Humane Society of Yuma's Rescue/Transfer Program has been vital to helping HSOY's No Kill Our Transfer Coordinator, Cathy Pfeiffer, works with staff and volunteers to find shelters that can provide the homeless abandoned animals and Yuma County another avenue to adoption. Each Thursday we have a dedicated group of volunteers that show up at the shelter to load the van full of the animals set for transfer that day. Cathy works with a number of transfer partners that operate within Arizona, and there are even a few animals that have been sent outside the state.

In 2021, the Humane Society of Yuma transferred a total of 548

dogs and 612 cats!

On April 28 of this year our Rescue Team transfered out a record 69 animals to our rescue partners. That's 69 animals that left foster care or the shelter and headed to new homes. Great job team!



HOW CAN YOU HELP SAVE A LIFE?



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 kittens that have come into the shelter. With the help of our community, we are positive that the animals in our care receive some of their 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

Baby Wipes

Dog & Cat Toys

Kuranda Beds

Paper Towels

Bleach

Disinfectant Wipes



EVENTS

QUILT AUCTION

In February we held our annual Quilt Auction and it was a huge success. We had many beautiful quilts donated and raised a whopping \$7,300.





CRITTER COUNTRY

On April 9th we held our annual Critter Country event at Britain's Farm. A great time was had by everyone and the live auction was a blast. This event was sponsored by AEA Federal Credit Union and generated \$63,878 for our shelter operations.







WINE WITH US

In April we also held a "Come 'Wine' With Us at City Hall" event with Yuma Investment Group Wealth Management. This event raised another \$6,700 for the shelter and everyone loved the wine tasting and gourmet appetizers.



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FORE! PAWS

On June 3rd and 4th we had our annual Fore! Paws Golf Scatter Tournament sponsored by Realty One Gateway Group and Team Lucy Crosscountry Mortgage. We had a total of 33 teams that "chipped" in another \$30,700 to support the Humane Society of Yuma.



POKER FOR PAWS

Our annual Poker for Paws Texas Hold 'Em Tournamnet will be on July 30th at Sage and Sand Cocktail Lounge. Don't miss out on your chance to play. Contact Sandra Gray @ sgray@hsoyuma. com to sign up!





"Be a champion for animals this summer!"

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's not much of a stretch to believe that 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.

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 2022 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 2023. 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.

BEHUMANE

The BEHUMANE program is a fundraising and education program in which the Humane Society of Yuma will spend a week 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 on to the values and lessons learned from the program. This program is a long-term investment for our community to address pet overpopulation and animal cruelty.

This year, the Humane Society of Yuma's BEHUMANE program will teach over 2,000 students, expose them to local animal welfare topics and hopefully engage them in local philanthropy. If you would like your school to be a part of the program contact Sandra Gray at sgray@hsoyuma.com.



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.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

AMERISCHOOLS NORTH
AMERISCHOOLS SOUTH
DOROTHY HALL ELEMENTARY
GARY KNOX
GOWAN SCIENCE ACADEMY

H. L. SUVERKRUP
WOODARD JR HIGH SCHOOL
YMCA CAMP
YUMA LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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.









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



Humane Society of Yuma

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At The Big Curve Shopping Center 136 W 32nd St. | Yuma, AZ 85364 | (928) 783-0408

WHO'S WHO AT HSOY?

ADOPTIONS TEAM

Our friendly adoption counselors is to match you with your next best friend. Our goal is to make the process go smoothly and with excellent customer service. 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 then set-up. If the match is meant to be, an adoption will take place. Our adoption process is the same over at PetSmart as well. 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.



DIRECTORS OF FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The first faces you see when you enter the shelter are those of our Directors of First Impressions. The job of these friendly faces is to assist our visitors with the services they need. This could be help with licensing, microchipping, accepting donations, owner surrenders, found pets and injured animals to name a few. These staff members will get you what you need as quickly as they can. It's never a dull day for our Directors of First Impressions. The shelter is always buzzing with activity and phones ringing, but they are there to make sure your experience at our shelter is a good one and that you leave satisfied with our services.



VOLUNTEER MANAGER AND FOSTER COORDINATOR

HSOY is always looking for volunteers and there are always things that need to be done around the shelter. Dog walking, cat cuddling, laundry and answering phone to name a few. 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 become a volunteer by filling out an application at www.hsoyuma.com/volunteering.html. If you want, you can even bring your volunteerism home with you, become a foster parent! You can foster cats, dogs or any other little critter we have here at the shelter. Our Foster Coordinator, Vanessa Vosper, will help get you all situated with foster pet after foster pet. To start the fostering process you just complete an application 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.



VOLUNTEERS

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

Animal shelter volunteers perform a variety of tasks that keep our shelter running. They help feed animals, clean the kennels and of course, help people find their lifetime companions. Volunteers also help transport animals to rescues and assist in clinic services. The importance of animal shelter volunteers cannot be overstated. Our shelter volunteers are essential to keeping the shelter running seven days a week. These volunteers take care of hundreds of dogs and cats on a daily basis, regardless of whether it is a holiday or not.

Volunteering isn't limited to just the shelter, we have Thrift Store volunteers and foster parents who house animals away from the shelter until they are ready to be adopted. Volunteering is a good way to encourage a lifetime of community service. The Humane Society of Yuma accepts volunteers ages 12 to 15 with a parent or guardian. Volunteers 16 years and older can volunteer.



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 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.

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".





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 Memorial Brick Around Fountain \$100 \$5,000 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

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\$10,000 PRESENTING SPONSOR*

- · Company logo or name on all printed event materials
- · Name on or dedication of two dog kennels or cat condos at the shelter
- · 3 VIP Tables of 8 quests per table
- · Dual page recognition in event program
- · Photography session of you and your pet
- · Recognition at event, on HSOY's Facebook page and the E-Paws newsletter

\$5,000 PLATINUM SPONSOR*

- \cdot Name on or dedication of dog kennel or cat condo at the shelter
- · 2 tables of 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

starring Bella

_ \$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

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





YES, I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF YUMA'S SIXTEENTH 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.



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."

NO-KILL YUNA

What is no-kill? 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 aggressive animals deemed to be a danger to the community. Achieving the no-kill status exemplifies best practice standards for animal rescues and shelters. The Humane Society of Yuma is working extremely hard towards this goal.



We are excited to report that with a 94% live release rate we continue to be classified as NO-KILL with dogs.



There are things that you can do to help us achieve an even higher live release rate percentage! Tag, collar and microchip your pets. Encourage your friends and neighbors to adopt from a local shelter rather than purchase an animal from a breeder. Leave found kittens with their mothers. They have a much better chance of survival, and less risk for catching diseases, in the wild than in the shelter. If you find a stray dog, try to hold onto it for 48 hours if possible before surrendering it to the shelter. Held animals are 3 times more likely to be reunited with their owner. VOLUNTEER!!! FOSTER!!! ADOPT!!!





Did you know when you sign up as a monthly or yearly member and make a recurring gift you truly are a lifesaver? You'll ensure we have the resources to give every animal food, shelter, medical care, and the loving home they deserve. In 2021, 6,092 animals received a second chance thanks to friends like you!

By becoming a member, or renewing your membership with the Humane Society of Yuma, you will be ensuring those who enter our facility receive the best care possible. Thank you for giving a second chance to cats, dogs and other pets in our community. You are a true friend and ally to animals in need.





HOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTS THE ANIMALS:

\$25 feeds a mother cat and 3 kittens for a week

\$50 vaccinates and microchips one shelter dog.

\$100 spays or neuters 1 shelter cat each month.

\$250 spays and neuters 2 shelter dogs each month.

\$500 helps our cruelty and medical needs of animals that come to the shelter in pain or with broken bones.

\$10,000 one-time donation helps support our lifesaving, life-changing care to animals by paying the mortgage for one month at the shelter.