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**HUMANE SOCIETY
OF YUMA**

Save one until there are none.

WHAT'S NEW at HSOY



LEGACY WALL

Our legacy program is integral to funding the daily operations at HSOY. This year we installed a brand new wall mural and plaques honoring those who have made contributions to the shelter after their passing. Next time you're in the shelter lobby please take a moment to recognize those who have made a huge difference in the lives of the animals we care for every day. If you are interested in learning more about our legacy program, please contact Lana Shapiro, LS Shapiro@HSOYuma.com or call (928) 782-1621 x 105.



PLAY YARD SHADE STRUCTURE

The Yuma community raised over \$5,000 this summer in conjunction with a generous match by Mr. Dave Elfers in order to get a shade structure installed in our North play yard. This shade was desperately needed by the volunteers and dogs who take breaks in the yard every day. Thank you, Yuma! And thank you, Dave!

THRIFT STORE

The Humane Society Thrift Store has helped bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars to support spay and neuter surgeries since it began in 2007 at an outdoor swap meet. Since then, the store has celebrated some great success with the opening of the first brick and mortar location in 2008 and again in 2014 when we moved to our new location in the Big Curve shopping center. The boutique- like store atmosphere helps to draw more customers in to shop as well as the convenient location adjacent to many other shops and restaurants in the heart of Yuma. Donations are always accepted and we see a great deal of support coming from the community in the way of donations to the shop. Whether you're cleaning out your closets or looking for something new, the HSOY Thrift Store is the way to go.



MISSION STATEMENT

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

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy Summer!

I can say that I love our community so much, but I sure am happy when the cooler weather is upon us. This summer has been a bit hard on HSOY. Since March we have seen over 125 cats enter the shelter that were part of 3 different hoarding cases.

Case number one, a Wellton case, brought us 39 cats. These cats lived in deplorable conditions. The Wellton Police Department and their Animal Control unit did a great job of getting these cats out of the home and into our shelter with little stress to the cats. We will continue to work with the town of Wellton and their police department to ensure that cases such as these do not continue to be an issue in their jurisdiction.

Case number two involves the Yuma County Sheriff's Department and their Animal Control Unit. The Sheriff's office was able to obtain a search warrant and caught 41 cats from a home in the Foothills area. Many of these cats were very nice and have great personalities. They were thin and have been receiving some yummy food while they have been here with us. We are happy to say that as of today, we have 2 cats that have gone to rescue and 2 of these cats are in foster to adopt situations. The past several weekends we have concentrated our adoption efforts in getting these cats placed into great homes. If you have a spot for a great cat with a lot of personality come down and ask to see these kitties. You will definitely fall in love.

Case number three involved the City of Yuma's Animal Control division. Initially the City of Yuma brought in 40 cats from this case, however, a week later 5 more were surrendered from the home. Each of these cats are Persian or Persian blends. They were all severely emaciated and had terrible ear mites. Many will need dental work and some were so terribly matted their entire bodies had to be shaved down immediately. The good news about these cats though is that that much of their issues have been treated and they are very cute. We feel there will be no problem getting these cats adopted or rescued.

Overall, from March 1st 2016 to August 31, 2016, 2,699 cats have entered our facility. HSOY is doing everything we can to save as many cats as we possibly can but we need your help and support. Please consider adopting, if you can't adopt volunteer. Our volunteers have truly made it possible for HSOY to continue caring for this amount of cats as we could not have done this alone. Special thanks to Dr. Cheryl Haugo for coming out on her day off and donating her time to check over all of the cats from the second hoarding group. And to Billie Wooten and her staff at Shear Delight, Thank you!! They were able to groom all the cats from hoarding group three. We cannot thank you enough.

Annette Lagunas



Annette Lagunas & Bella
Executive Director

GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cristyn Weil, *President* | **Claire Eckard**, *Vice President*
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RESCUE EXPRESS

THE RESCUE PROGRAM IS A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM THAT BEGAN IN 2007 WITH A VOLUNTEER USING HER OWN VEHICLE TO TRANSFER ANIMALS OUT OF THE SHELTER AND IN THE HANDS OF RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS.

OVER
9,600
MILES TRAVELED
IN 2015



1,296
RESCUES
IN 2015

8,587
SENT SINCE
2007

184.2
MILES TO
PHOENIX

2008

Rescue Express begins in February with the very first dog, a boxer, going to Boxer Luv Rescue of Phoenix.

2009

528 animals, everything from rabbits, dogs, cats, birds, pot belly and guinea pigs hitched a ride on the Express!

2010

Don Stack joined the Rescue team and we transported 994 animals.

2011

1,212 animals sent to San Diego, Riverside, Indio, and others plus our regular Phoenix and Tucson groups.

We are often asked what exactly rescue is and how it works. With rescue acting as one of the most essential programs our organization runs, we have been able to save thousands of lives. The daily process is lengthy but the overall outcome means that so many more animals get a chance at a happy life. It begins when our dedicated volunteers of the Glamour Team come in on Tuesday morning to photograph dozens of adoptable animals in the shelter. The team carefully chooses who to feature then spends the morning dressing, posing, and photographing animals all

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so that the public is able to see them in their best light. Usually there is a theme associated with each photo shoot day that ties in with something happening at the shelter or in the community.

For instance, a western themed shoot to tie in with our Critter Country event, dapper dogs and cats to celebrate the Fur Ball gala, and pool party theme to signify the beginning of summer are all examples of past shoots. Karen Ortiz, the owner of Azure Sky Imagery- Newborn, Children and Pet Photography, is the mastermind behind the

camera. It is with her artistic eye that the animal photos turn out so well! When the day is done, she edits and uploads the day's photos into our adoptable album on Facebook. The Glamour Tuesday photos rank among some of our most highly viewed and shared posts on social media, which helps our animals get the exposure they need in the community to get adopted.

Once the pictures have been posted our Rescue Team Leader, Loma Clark, starts the long process of contacting rescues all over the state of Arizona and even into Southern California. This is definitely a full time job for Loma, but with much help from Facebook and a team of volunteers, she is able to quickly show these rescues what we have available. Some of the rescues are breed specific, meaning they will take only certain breeds. Golden Retrievers and Labradors are just a couple of the larger breed specific rescues we work with. But a large part of these rescue groups we send animals to just want to help animals regardless of their breed. Some will take injured, sick or old. Once a rescue has stated they want a specific animal, Loma tags that animal and her team loads them for their big ride every Thursday. Then they are on their way to their new homes!

HSOY wants to thank everyone that has a part in seeing animals go to rescue. It is because of our dedicated volunteers that the number of adopted animals out of the shelter continues to rise year after year. ■



2012

More seniors, blind, deaf and whelping and nursing mommas rode the Express for a total of 1,271. Over 4,000 lives saved since 2008!

2013

1,027 for animals saved this year. Rescue Express awarded a grant from SPCA to buy a new vehicle.

2014

The annual Rescue Run Yard Sale earned over \$4,000 for the program! 1,277 animals sent to rescue this year.

2015

We average about 100 animals a month to rescue, and topped over 7,000 as of Summer 2015.

FUR BALL *Turns 10!*



Jax and his new human, Marvin Steiner- special guests of the evening.



Lia Littlewood painting for our live auction. She helped to raise \$1200 for the shelter with her piece!



Board President Cristyn Weil presenting this year's Curtis- Perricone award to Victoria McDaniel Click for her contributions to HSOY this year.

Our annual Fur Ball gala returned this year on Saturday, September 17th to help raise awareness and funds to pay for our new shelter facility. Now in its tenth year, Fur Ball celebrated the momentous occasion with the dazzling theme "Diamonds in the Ruff". 1st Bank Yuma, which was integral to the process of funding our new shelter, was this year's proud presenting sponsor. Guest appearances included Jax, a male terrier who was recently adopted, and Victoria McDaniel Click, this year's Curtis- Perricone award winner for her dedication to helping Yuma's homeless pets. A wonderful time was had by all!



THANK YOU to our Fur Ball X sponsors!

\$96,473
raised!



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Thank you to our sponsors!

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& Evans Custom Concrete

Together with our sponsors and the support of the Yuma community, HSOY was able to adopt out an amazing 108 animals during the week of sponsored adoptions. Quail Construction generously covered \$5,000 of adoption fees!

108 total
adoptions!



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FALL/ WINTER 2016 CALENDAR

September 16-18

PetSmart Adoption Weekend

PETSMART
Charities

September 17

Fur Ball X



October 15

Fall Family Fest & Adoption Event

November 12-13

PetSmart Adoption Weekend



November 24

Thanksgiving

Please note the shelter will be closed.

December 25

Christmas

Please note the shelter will be closed.



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SHELTER (928) 782-1621

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Get to know HSOY staff!

Lana Shapiro

Director of Development



Meet Lana Shapiro and her dogs Cali, Jesse, and Franky! Lana is our Director of Development and comes to Yuma by way of Los Angeles. Cali's name? It's short for California. And the boys, Jesse and Franky—they are named for the outlaw brothers Jesse and Frank James. Their favorite treats are carrots and frozen blueberries and anything from their Furbo! They love trips to L.A. to visit family and love puppy play dates with their best buds Rio, Paloma, and Fidel!



Jesse, Cali, and Franky

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HSOY STAFF PICKS

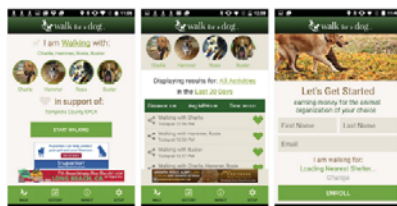
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6.



Adoption Success!

Post your adoption photos to our Facebook or Instagram pages with the following hashtags for the chance to be featured on our website or in our newsletter!

#adoptnotshop
#HumaneSocietyofYuma
#saveoneuntiltherearenone



This is our Kona girl (formerly Stella) who we adopted in March from the Humane Society! She is crazy, entertaining, and the sweetest dog. Thank you for bringing her into our lives! -Katelyn S.



Charlottle and Dixie, our fur-babies we adopted from the Humane Society. Love them to pieces! They are certainly spoiled rotten. -Michelle M.

Follow us!



THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF YUMA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

JOIN HSOY

As a member of the Humane Society of Yuma, you will be helping to carry out our mission. Your membership will provide Yuma's homeless pets with the love, care, and support they deserve. There are two ways you can become a member.

BECOME AN ANNUAL MEMBER

Become an annual member of HSOY for only \$25 a year—that's just 7 cents a day! Your financial support goes directly to helping pets in need right here in Yuma. With your annual membership, you will receive Paw Prints, our semi-annual newsletter.

Bronze Paw	\$25
Silver Paw	\$50
Gold Paw	\$100
Platinum Paw	\$250
Diamond Paw	\$500

ESTATE PLANNING

One of the most important and generous ways you can help Yuma's homeless pets is through planned giving. We've created the Legacy Circle to recognize those thoughtful persons who ensure the future of our organization through one or more of the following:

- Naming us as a beneficiary in a will or living trust, life insurance policy, or retirement account.
- Making a gift of cash or appreciated securities to establish a charitable gift annuity
- Creating a charitable remainder trust.

For more information on the HSOY's Legacy Circle, email LShapiro@HSOYuma.com or call (928) 782-1621 x 105.

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A portion of every Pet Friendly license plate purchased is deposited in the "Spay and Neuter Fund". These monies provide funding for no-cost or low-cost surgical sterilization of dogs and cats throughout Arizona.

BECOME AN EVERY DAY HERO

Every day, the Humane Society of Yuma has over 200 animals to care for. Every day, HSOY provides the medication, food, and other essentials to care for these animals.

33¢ a day	- \$10 a month
67¢ a day	- \$20 a month
\$1 a day	- \$30 a month
\$2 a day	- \$60 a month
\$3 a day	- \$90 a month

ROO BEE/ DENVER MEDICAL FUND

We have seen an increase in cruelty cases. The Roo Bee/ Denver Medical Fund allows us to be able to provide medical attention while the case is being investigated. Your donations can also assist us in putting together rewards when we need the public's help in finding suspects of animal cruelty.

KATHRYN KEEN MEMORIAL GARDEN

Memorialize your favorite pet or loved one by purchasing a memorial for our garden or yours. Bricks, rocks, and tree dedications are available. To place your order, visit www.hsoyuma.com or email HMulherin@HSOYuma.com.

HSOY THRIFT STORE

Donate your gently used clothes, furniture, and household items to our Thrift Store. Your tax deductible donation will help support HSOY's Spay/ Neuter Clinic, which performs hundreds of surgeries a year to prevent unwanted litters of dogs and cats in the community.

Become a MONTHLY member today!

For less than a cup of coffee a day, you can help Yuma's homeless pets have a chance at a happy forever.



- ☐ \$10/ month = \$120/ year - Provides microchips for 20 dogs.
- ☐ \$25/ month = \$300/ year - Neuters 10 cats.
- ☐ \$50/ month = \$600/ year - Disinfects all our kennels for 60 days.
- ☐ I would like to give \$_____ monthly/ one time. (circle one)

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The Humane Society of Yuma
would like to thank

**David Elfers
&
Victoria McDaniel Click**

For their dedication to supporting
our mission each and every day.
Thank you, David and Victoria!



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