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# A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### Hello Friends and Supporters,

I hope this summer edition finds you nice and cool. We have had quite the summer so far this year. The most memorable has been a Pit Bull blend by the name of Sunny. Sunny came to us as a stray, severely malnourished, lethargic and on the verge of dying. The staff immediately jumped into action. They gave Sunny some fluids, food and some good ol' TLC. After a day or so we could see that Sunny was looking much better.

However, as time went on we could see that Sunny was just not coming around as fast as we thought. One of our amazing foster families took Sunny in and gave him a nice cool floor to lie on and some nice comfy pillows to rest his head. But something with Sunny continued to not be right about him. As the foster mom expressed her concern for Sunny we felt it was best to have him sent to one of our local veterinary clinics. This Doctor and her great staff were able to determine that Sunny had severe kidney damage that it was probably irreversible. The decision was made to humanely

euthanize Sunny.

This was a very sad day for many of our staff, but even more so for our foster family who loved him in his final days. At HSOY our volunteers mean so much to us. If it wasn't for our volunteers who foster, walk, cuddle and even help us in the office and Thrift Store, we would not be able to continue our mission as well as we do. Special thanks to this foster family for loving Sunny and for all you do for the animals in our shelter. All of our foster families hold a special place in my heart; because of you we will con-



tinue to help more and more animals just like Sunny. We are sure that Sunny felt loved from the minute he stepped into this shelter right up to his foster mom holding his paw as he crossed that big Rainbow Bridge. I want to dedicate this newsletter to Sunny, our foster parents and supporters who exemplify the strength and compassion of our organization.

Sunny is just one of the many animals that have entered our foster care program this year. Although his situation was difficult, I would also like to acknowledge the massive success of the program. Without the help of those who foster we would not be able to save as many animals as we do every year. We have our foster program to thank for landing our PetSmart Charities Everyday Adoption Center as 9th in the nation for adoptions! We are also celebrating our rescue program having transported 10,000+ animals via the Rescue Express.

With much love and respect to all our volunteers who help us save lives, the staff and I are proud to work side by side with each one of you to continue our mission to save more animals just like Sunny.

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Annette Lagunas & Bella Executive Director



# SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC: MAKING STRIDES IN THE COMMUNITY

If you are reading this newsletter, then chances are you've visited our on-site clinic at one point or another. Many of you have come by to pick up a newly adopted friend after surgery, excited to head to their new home. Others have brought in a pet to be spayed or neutered. Or perhaps you've brought a foster kitten or puppy in for a checkup.

At the Humane Society of Yuma we are constantly looking for ways to enhance and enrich the lives of animals in our community, and the clinic plays a huge role in making that happen. We are acutely aware that spay/ neuter is the only way to decrease the number of unwanted animals, and we have made a concerted effort to adjust our practices to ensure that we are able to serve the greatest number of animals with our low-cost spay/ neuter program.

Our priority has always been, and always will be, improving the quality of life for animals in our community and decreasing pet overpopulation. We have become more effective than ever in the pursuit of our mission. The number of spays and neuters provided by the clinic has increased dramatically over prior years; we are well on our way to one of the best years in the history of our clinic. From January through June of 2017 we spayed or neutered 2,784 cats and

dogs. Those surgeries included shelter and foster animals preparing for adoption, family pets from Yuma and surrounding areas, and 495 feral cats from registered colonies around the community.

A new x-ray machine facilitates treatment of shelter animals hit by cars, those afflicted with hereditary condi-



tions, and some whose curiosity and mischievousness simply got the better of them. Improved access to lab-work has enabled us to tend to animals whose age or condition would previously have made us poorly suited to care for them. Countless adoptable animals have been treated for every variety of ailments; some relatively benign, some possibly life threatening, and have recovered and moved on, happy and healthy, to new forever homes.



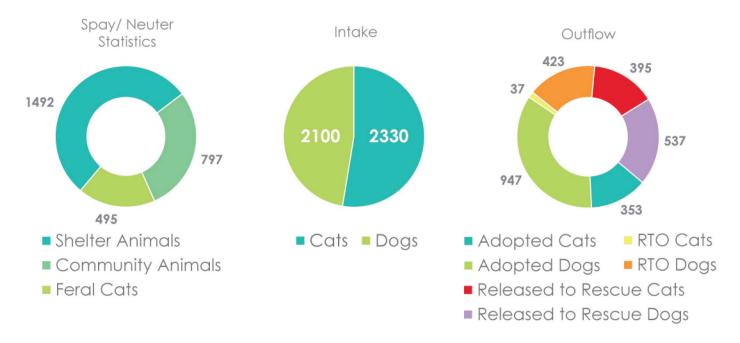
HSOY Spay/ Neuter Clinic staff. Left to right: Andrew Powers, Taryn Cunningham, Dr. Paul Carney, Hilda Montes, Dr. Ernesto Sandigo, Christina Flores, Absent: Mckenzie Ott.

We have also recently added the ability for clients to schedule spay and neuter appointments online at www.hsoyuma.com/spayneuter.html. This will help ease the process for booking future appointments and will help streamline how the clinic operates on a daily basis.

While we are always looking for ways to improve our services and future availability to the community, we are very proud of the progress

we've made in the last several months. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community and hope that we can continue to increase the accessibility of care for our clients and supporters.

# 2017 STATISTICS JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30



### THANK YOU, YUMA!



Mckenzie Ott performing a blood test on a patient at our Spay & Neuter Clinic.

Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful community and Mr. Dave Elfers, The Humane Society of Yuma was able to raise enough money to purchase the second component to our life-saving Hematology Analyzer machine. Through a Go Fund Me campaign and an extremely generous match by Mr. Dave Elfers, HSOY raised over \$12,000 for the machine.

Our clinic was in desperate need of tools to help animals who come through our shelter. Last Fall, we were able to purchase an X-ray machine, which became an instant asset to our life-saving capabilities.

In 2016, the HSOY spay/neuter clinic performed 4,789 surgeries and is projected to complete over 6,000 this year.

Many of the over 8,100 animals that come into our care are sick or injured; with this additional piece of equipment we can expedite our life saving efforts and save many more animals. Our goal is to save more lives at the shelter with better diagnostic equipment. Thank you to all who donated!







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### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS, ATTENDEES, AND VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING CRITTER COUNTRY: CASINO NIGHT OUR BEST YEAR EVER!

On April 1st, 2017 HSOY's supporters came out for an evening of Vegas-style casino fun and enjoyed playing games for some amazing prizes including a trip to Vegas, Bose CineMate 10 stereo system, and a trip to a Vidanta resort in Mexico! Guests were also able to take advantage of the photo booth, silent & live auctions, and cocktail buffet by The Patio Restaurant.

Our special guest of the evening was a truly wonderful dog named Apollo and his new family. Guests watched a video presentation on Apollo's rescue and subsequent adoption by the people who had originally rescued him from a Gila Bend gas station. He then greeted guests as they mingled during the evening and stopped for several photo ops! Thank you to our presenting sponsor, Eckard Commercial Construction and to our major sponsors- Pioneer RV Park, Chevron (Shay Oil), and Misenhimer, Aivazian, & Tennant PC. Special thanks to everyone who donated time, money, auction items, and more to make our evening possible! With the help of our amazing community we were able to make Critter Country 2017 our most profitable year to date, earning over \$48,000!

The funds raised during the evening help The Humane Society of Yuma to get through the beginning of the difficult Summer months when adoptions and funding are typically lower. We look forward to next year's fundraiser and hope you all do as well. See you in 2018!



Top row: Elkie and Brad Wills take a photo at our photo booth; Apollo, our special guest of the evening taking a break in between greeting guests; Susan Coons plays a game of Blackjack; KYMA's own Madison Kimbro helps out HSOY by guest dealing. Bottom row: Mike Mendoza plays a game of Blackjack; Guests fill the room at The Palms RV Resort, our generous host for the evening. Thank you to this year's Critter Country committee members: Wendy McKay, Jen Woltman, Ashley Botha, Linda Stagi, and Hilary Mulherin.

### Tons of Help for the Shelter!



Mark LaVin, a 17-year old Eagle Scout recently coordinated one of the biggest donations drives the Humane Society of Yuma has ever seen!

Mark hit the ground running getting permission from the store where he wanted to collect wish list items, filling out paperwork, and even appearing on Star 100.9 FM to let the community know what he was doing and where he would be. He printed out fliers that had the list of supplies on them and then handed them out to shoppers entering the store asking them if they would consider picking up a couple of items while they shopped. Mark said that the community was truly stepping up and that he was overwhelmed with how many donations he was receiving. Donations included dog and cat food, pet treats, cleaning supplies, bleach and detergent, always needs. His coordinated effort led to one of the most generous donations HSOY has seen at one time.

To read more about Mark's story, visit our website at www.HSOYUMA.com.



### **FALL/ WINTER 2017 CALENDAR**

### September 15-17

PetSmart Adoption Weekend

### September 16

Fur Ball XI- The Great Catsby @AWC Schoening Center

#### October 28

Fall Family Fest & Adoption Event @HSOY Shelter

### October 31

Halloween

#### **November 10**

Veterans Day

#### November 10-12

PetSmart Adoption Weekend

#### **November 23**

Thanksgiving

Please note the shelter will be closed.

### **December 25**

Christmas

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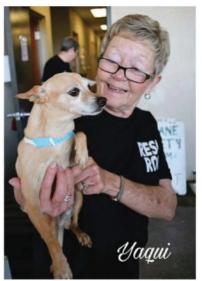


### \*\*\*Walk-In Vaccine Clinics every Tuesday & Thursday from 1:00 - 4:00 PM





# RESCUE MILESTONE & FAREWELL















Since 2007, the rescue program has been executed largely by volunteers at the Humane Society of Yuma and has transferred thousands of animals each year to partnering rescue organizations. In February of 2008 they loaded the first dog, a Boxer, and transported the animal to Boxer Luv Rescue of Phoenix. The rest is history. In 2013, the Humane Society of Yuma was granted funding by the ASPCA to purchase the "Rescue Express", a van dedicated to the transport of animals.

Fast forward nine years and The Humane Society of Yuma is celebrating the 10,000th animal to be loaded onto the Rescue Express along with the retirement of dedicated volunteer and former board member, Loma Clark. Mrs. Clark has shared her passion for the homeless pets of Yuma by dedicating most of her volunteerism to the Rescue Program at the Humane Society of Yuma. On behalf of the staff, volunteers and animals, we'd like to acknowledge the great work and dedication that Mrs. Clark has given to the HSOY's Rescue Program. Mrs. Clark has worked tremendous hours to find alternative placements for the homeless pets of Yuma and has played a key role in the life saving efforts of the organization. The Rescue Program would not have seen such success without her. \*\*

# Get to know HSOY Staff!



Irene Hicks
Animal Care Technician

Meet Irene Hicks, HSOY's Animal Care Technician! Irene's main job at the shelter is to ensure all animals are given proper medication if they are sick or injured and ensure the doctors see the animals who need special attention.

Irene has three cats, Conan, Vox, and Shenanigan as well as one dog, Hadouken (pictured). She is also a frequent foster parent, giving a temporary home to cats and kittens until they are old enough for a spay or neuter surgery. In her spare time, Irene and her husband, Jesse, like to hike the surrounding areas of Yuma and Imperial Counties with friends and their dog Hadouken (and Hadouken's friends!)



**Trentie Oliver**Volunteer Manager

Meet Trentie Oliver, HSOY's newest Volunteer Manager! You may already be familiar with Trentie as she has been a long time supporter of the shelter and animal advocate in Yuma. She is now the point of contact and support for all volunteers at the shelter and PetSmart.

Trentie is originally from Denver, CO but moved to the Yuma area in 1995 with her partner. She has worked in the fitness and personal training field for 30 years and has also been a golf pro with LPGA for 15 years! She has three rescued fur babies-Alley & Jersey, Chihuahuas, and Gigi, a Malti-York. Make sure say hello to Trentie the next time you're visiting the shelter!



Sahreena Mendoza Development Supervisor

Meet Sahreena Mendoza, HSOY's Development Supervisor! Sahreena is responsible for accepting monetary donations to the shelter as well as issuing pet licensing and overseeing the front desk operations. Before her current position, Sahreena worked as our Spay/ Neuter Coordinator. She is truly a Jill of all trades!

Sahreena is a Yuma native and in her free time enjoys spending time with her family at home and at the river. She has also been active with the Cinderella pageant group since she was a young child, first competing but now as a director and mentor. She has two dogs- Ricky Bobby and Rio, a three-legged lab rescued from HSOY.



Hilary Mulherin Events Coordinator

Meet Hilary Mulherin, HSOY's Events Coordinator! Hilary oversees most of the special fundraising events going on at the shelter such as Critter Country, Fore Paws Golf, and Fur Ball. She also does most of the graphic design work in and around the shelter and on social media.

Hilary has three cats- Bingley, Luna, and Trudy and is a San Diego native, coming to Yuma 3 years ago with her husband Eric. Since working at HSOY she has welcomed a baby boy, Conor, who loves his kitty cats just as much as his mommy!

In her free time, Hilary loves camping with her family in their vintage trailer, hiking, and traveling.



Cutter Chamberlain Marketing Manager

Meet Cutter Chamberlain, HSOY's Marketing Manager! Cutter is responsible for overseeing print, television, and radio ads as well as photographing stray pets and keeping up to date with our very busy Facebook and website. He is also the person responsible for putting together the weekly and special videos you may have seen on Facebook or at our events such as Fur Ball.

Cutter is a Yuma native but spent many years growing up in Prescott before coming back to Yuma in 2006. Cutter and his wife, Taylor, have two boys Cole and Brody and together they enjoy spending time on Martinez Lake in their boat.



Kendall Van New Kirk
Behavior Specialist & Education Coordinator

Meet Kendall Van New Kirk! She is our newest Behavior Specialist and Education Coordinator but has been with us for several years working in kennels, adoptions, and even clinic! In Kendall's new position she will be focusing on behavior testing animals and also will be going out to schools to talk about the shelter and what it is we do here and how we work with the community to care for the homeless pets of Yuma.

Kendall enjoys spending time with her family and any outdoor time she can get! She enjoys hiking and shooting and has two lovable pits, Coors and Rocky, who she hopes can become positive ambassadors for their breed in her educational visits.



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This is our cat Binx! She was adopted in February 2002 from HSOY. We celebrated her Quinceañera on February 23rd, 2017. She is named after the character Binx from the movie Hocus Pocus. We love her! -Sonia S.



Meet Jack! He is so much more than just a dog, he's a very special (and spoiled) part of our family. My life really wouldn't be the same without him being a part of it. -Sandra

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#### BECOME AN ANNUAL MEMBER

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#### **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.
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