

PAW PRINTS

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GROUP FORMS TO PROMOTE HUMANE APPROACH TO FERALS

A group of Humane Society of Yuma members have come together to form the Feline Friends of Yuma in order to address and find a humane solution to the feral cat overpopulation in Yuma.

Feline Friends of Yuma has been



established to:

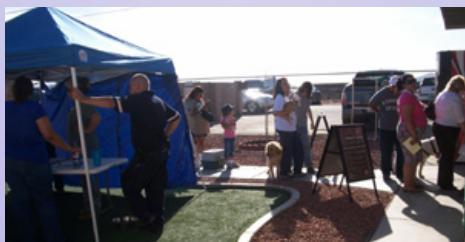
- 🐾 Educate the community and elected officials regarding the nature and extent of the feral cat issue in our community.

- 🐾 Examine, research, and identify what other localities are doing to address feral cat populations.

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THRIFT STORE SETS NEW HOURS

The Second Paw Thrift Store is now open six days a week, Monday through Friday, 9-4pm and Saturday 9-2pm. (NE corner of 4th Ave. and 24th St. behind Audio Einstein's) All sales go to fund low-cost spay/neuter. We are always looking for volunteers and for donations of resellable goods. 🐾



Responsible dog owners lined up in front of our shelter during a recent Thursday afternoon rabies clinic.

JUNE IS ADOPT-A-CAT MONTH

Every year, the Humane Society of Yuma joins the ASPCA, American Humane, and shelters across the country in recognizing the month of June as "Adopt-A-Cat Month."

Why June? It's right in the middle of kitten season. As cute as that may sound, it's a terribly sad time of year for those of us at the shelter. Kitten season is pet-overpopulation at its ugliest.

In recognition of June being Adopt-A-Cat Month, you can adopt two cats for the price of one. 🐾

2009 RABIES LICENSING SUCCESS BY ANNETTE LAGUNAS

HSOY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Every year HSOY holds vaccination and licensing clinics for our community. Although these clinics provide your pets with life-saving vaccinations, it is highly recommended that your pet receive a full examination from your local veterinarian at least once a year.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped make this another successful year of licensing. I cannot possibly name all of the volunteers who came out to help. Thank you so much for giving your time. To the staff, you all did a great job. The clinics were up and running in no time at all. All of your dedication to our cause showed through at this

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FUR BALL III



THE GROUND BREAKING CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

TICKETS GO ON SALE JULY 1ST NEW SHELTER UPDATE

BY CRISTYN WEIL

HSOY NEW SHELTER PROJECT CHAIR

Groundbreaking for the new shelter located at 40th Street and 4 ½ E is still on track for October 2009. Right now the plans for the new shelter are being developed with assistance from local architect Barry Patterson and engineers Kevin Dahl and John Sternitzke. Thanks guys!

Although we have raised approximately one million dollars in assets, we still have a long way to go to make this shelter a reality. We are going to need everyone's help this year to pitch in and get this done! You can help right now by purchasing a brick at hsoyuma.com.

The large bricks (8"x8") are \$100.00 and the small bricks (4"x8") are \$50.00. (Be sure to provide us with your desired inscription.) The inscribed bricks will line the walls of the entryway at the new shelter.

Thanks to the hundreds of individuals and companies that have already purchased bricks! If you are feeling

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Greetings to all of our friends,

SPRING IS HERE and the summer is around the corner. With that in mind, we have to remain vigilant to the needs of our pets during the warmer months, and especially throughout the summer. Stay alert if you see a pet in need, and please give us a call if you find a pet in a dangerous situation.

I usually report the on the progress we've made at the shelter. And there are so many great things to report. The thrift store is in full swing and the volunteers are as busy selling as they are accepting donations of gently used items. And of course, the low-cost spay neuter program is howling right along and making many male cats and dogs quite nervous!

But an area we need to address is the increase in abuse, neglect and cruelty cases in our community. You may have seen some media attention on Destiny, a pit-bull mix that was nearly starved to death. It's unimaginable to think people can allow this to happen to an innocent animal. It's time to make a change in Yuma. This is a community effort involving reporting cruelty, getting these cases into the court system, and conducting follow-up communications with prosecutors to make sure the courts completely understand the position of animal welfare advocates. And that is, we will not allow innocent animals to become victims of cruelty in Yuma Arizona. You'll see a major increase in our efforts to educate the public on animal welfare. Be on the lookout for another town hall meeting to address this growing problem.

With a downturn in our economy, and no real end in sight, we're being proactive in our efforts to increase our donation revenues. A program we plan to have up and running by 1 July is our monthly giving program. You can sign up to have a monthly gift drafted from your checking account, or charged to your credit card. Our hope is this method of giving will make it easy for everyone wanting to make a difference in the life of one of our shelter pets. Take a look at our website for more information.

Please continue your support. I remain optimistic that our economy will recover. But during these tough economic times, your support is especially important. Thank you to all of our many volunteers, donors, and dedicated staff members. Before I close, I also have to acknowledge the support of our wonderful Board of Directors. Their dedication to our mission is commendable!

With warmest regards,



With warmest regards,

Shawn Smith
Executive Director



"To ensure the humane treatment of all animals, reduce the number of homeless pets, and promote the value and importance animals contribute to our lives and community."

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Yuma's Best Service Organization

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Yuma's Best Place to Volunteer

2008

as voted by the readers of the Yuma Sun



We are a proud recipient of grants made possible by the Yuma Community Foundation.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership saves lives. Help pets in need in Yuma.

WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP CAN MEAN FOR OUR PETS.

\$25 NEUTERS one cat.

\$50 DISINFECTS all of our kennels
for five days.

\$100 PROVIDES TWO TRIPS on
our "Rescue Express" to Phoenix or
Tucson (multiple pets can be aboard
the Express at a time).

\$250 VACCINATES 12 animals.

\$500 SPAYS five female dogs.

Members receive a monthly member electronic newsletter, a membership sticker,
and voting rights at the annual meeting.

*Junior Paw membership is available only to children under the age of 14 and does not include
voting rights.

CHOOSE A MEMBERSHIP LEVEL THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU.

\$10 Junior Paw

\$25-49 Bronze Paw

\$50-99 Silver Paw

\$100-249 Gold Paw


\$250-499 Platinum Paw

\$500+ Diamond Paw

FELINE FRIENDS

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 Pursue legislation making animal
abandonment a criminal offense.

 Investigate potential funding
sources for the implementation of an
effective TNR (trap-neuter-return)
program.

TNR is widely recognized as the most
humane and effective strategy for
reducing feral cat populations.

TNR involves the humane trapping
and transport of feral cats to a spay/
neuter clinic where they are spayed
or neutered. After recuperating from
surgery, cats are released back to their
colony to live out their natural lives.

A caretaker is then assigned to each
colony who provides food and
adequate shelter while monitoring the
cats' health and safety.

If you are interested in learning
more about Feline Friends of Yuma,
contact Angela Si Sellers at sellers04@roadrunner.com. 

JOIN TODAY! With multiple ways there's no reason to delay.



*A \$2 transaction fee applies to credit card purchases at shelter.

SILVER PAW

Molly Barney
Ellen Baxter
Betty Bell
Gene Belous
Ron & Lynda Blake
Lonna Brazeel
Elaine Brown
Bonita Brownstein
John & Paige Cane
Charles & Shaunna
Cowan
Susan Dowling
Roberta Duke
Laurie Dunn
Clarence & Jean
Dunstan
Charlotte Eddy &
Rebecca Eddy
Rick Eddy
Kelli Gelsing
Margaret Gillette
Colby Girard
John & Amy Grable
Elaine Gridley
Kish Hancock
Margie Hartman
Geri Hengl
Juanita Hornung
Gladys Houde
Ron Jackson
Marian Jenkins
Dennis Johnson
Brent Kelson

Allyn & Christina
Kubishke
Tina Kubishke
Orville & Betty Lanway
Molly Larkin
Michael & Stacy List
Lumbard & Associates
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Charlene & Lou
Miranda
David Montgomery
Joseph Murek
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Oerkfitz
Lauren Patrick
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Jacquie Rodgers
William Stiles
Bill & Laurie Veal
Glenn & Peggy
Vorwerk
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Leilani Wong
Marie Young

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Russell Anderson
Sally Anderson
Linda & Dave
Ashbaugh
Marty & Wendy
Beckers
Wayne & Sandra
Benesch
Cheryl Buckner
Carolyn Butler
Johnnie Cady
Teresa & Richard
Culkins
Jack & Rebecca Curtis
William & Vickie Daily
Greg Denson
John Edmundson
Ellen & Ralph Farr
Terry & Lorri Farr
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John Friel
Shawn & Luann
Gillespie
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Christy Harrington
Karen Hoffman
Barbara Hopkins
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Tom & Lea Howell
Sharon Hughes
Michael & Suzanne
Kirk

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Kuechel
Doris Lampert
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William Martin
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Stallworth
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PLATINUM PAW (formerly Business Paw)

Belleza, Inc.
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Jackie & Waymond
Dugan
Lisa Medina
Red's Birdcage
Rio Colorado Equine
Vet Services
Stanley Steamer
Triple PU
Wendy Turner
Saul & Modine Uribe
Women of the Moose

DIAMOND PAW

(formerly Platinum Paw)
Judy & Charles Bishop
Gregory & Louise
Bussell
Loma Clark
Elizabeth Codrea
Patricia Cross
Tom & Reno Edwards
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Hansberger
Refrigeration
Barbara Henderson
Jorge Holland
Mary Rose Howard
Jim & Vicki Kerley
Ed Luterbach
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Robert & Myra Moran
Judith Myers
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Nichols
Barbara Richards
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Sternco Engineers
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Cristyn and John Weil
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Yuma Kennel Club

Bring the Jungle to them

ED SNOOK

PRINT AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA

At our home, our three cats are adventurous desert marauders. Every day is both exciting and dangerous. They climb great heights to the top of Mt. Refrigerator, Mt. Bookcase, and Mt. Fireplace Mantle. They seek out desert oases of freshly flushed toilet water and residual bath water. They elude fearsome predators in the form of mischievous siblings and stalk elusive prey in the form of the occasional, indestructible cockroach. And most dangerously, they risk the ire of siblings when claiming the most coveted napping locations.

While our indoor cats face multiple imagined dangers, unfortunately the dangers faced by an outside cat are all too real. The average lifespan of an outdoor cat is estimated at just two to five years—while the average for an indoor cat is over fifteen. The most common dangers outdoor cats face include being struck by a car, attacked by another animal, purposeful or accidental poisoning, or catching a fatal disease such as FIV or feline leukemia.

Fortunately, it's easy to provide your cat with a safe, enriched environment inside. A

number of amenities are a must for ensuring the happiness of your indoor cat:

THE BASICS These include clean water, healthy food, a clean litter box, and proper veterinary care.

PLACES TO CLIMB A tall bookcase or cat tree allows your cat to satisfy their desire to observe their dominion from above.

PLACES TO SCRATCH Though you may already have a sacrificial couch, a cat tree with a scratching post or a disposable cat scratcher such as the SmartyKat SuperScratcher will satisfy this natural behavior.

A VIEW OUTDOORS A window perch or a strategically placed chair or couch can allow viewing access to the ever-changing great outdoors.

TOYS/PLAYTIME Establish a daily playtime with your cat and provide a number of different toys to discover what they like best. Oftentimes, a crumpled ball of paper or a cardboard box proves more enticing than an expensive toy. To keep your cat engaged, rotate their toys every few months—they love to welcome back old friends.

SIBLINGS While some cats are happy being loners, many enjoy the companionship of another cat and will look to their partner for grooming, playtime, and cuddling opportunities.

Even when your cat is content with indoor life, you may still want them to be able to experience the great outdoors. With a leash and harness, this becomes a safe possibility. A new harness may take some getting used to (one of our cats pretended she couldn't walk in it and would just flop down on the ground) but most cats soon

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Riding in Cars with Dogs

TAMMY SNOOK

CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Most dogs love car rides. Car rides allow dogs to indulge their need for sensory overload as they watch the outside world whiz by with exhilarating speed.

Though an exciting experience for dogs, car rides can also be potentially dangerous to both animals and people riding in the car. Without proper restraint, dogs may jump from car windows, distract the driver, accidentally hit the gear shift or pedals, be ejected during an accident, or injure human occupants when thrown during an accident.

According to Bark Buckle UP, a national organization to raise awareness about safe pet travel, "when driving 35 mph, a 60-pound unrestrained dog can cause an impact of 2,700 pounds, slamming into a car seat, windshield, or passenger. Even if the animal survives, it can impede the progress of rescue workers."

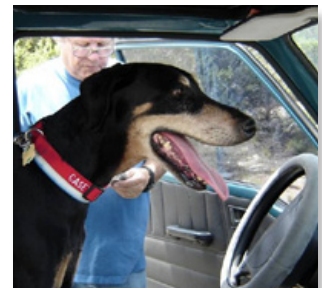
Fortunately, there are a couple of options for safely restraining your dog during car rides. One option is a doggie seat belt. Though there are a number of different seat belt brands, Bark Buckle UP has given their seal of recognition for top safety

performance to the PetBuckle Seat Belt Harness. This seat belt harness comes in two sizes, measured either by weight or chest size, that will fit most dogs.

The other popular safety restraint for car travel is the crate, which is often preferred for smaller dog breeds--and cats as well. For vehicle travel, crates should be made of hard material. (Soft-sided crates are recommended for air travel.) Small traveling crates can be buckled into the seat using the car's own seatbelts or the PetBuckle Kennel System Restraints. Strapping the crate in prevents the crate from being knocked about in case of an accident.

When using a restraint of any kind, it is important to carefully consider placement of the animal within the vehicle. Most vehicles have both driver and front passenger air bags. Even when properly restrained in a front seat, an air bag deployment can be fatal for dogs. For this reason, it is best to place the animal in the back seat.

Though Bark Buckle UP specifically recommends a number of pet safety products, there are many other quality brands available. Don't delay in purchasing your pet safety restraint. These products save lives. For more information about safety products available, check out www.barkbuckleup.com. 🐾



Take the Fright out of the Fourth

No matter how patriotic you believe your pet to be, you can count on him turning tail and running from the rocket's red glare and bombs bursting in mid-air.

The following Fourth of July tips are reprinted with the permission of the Humane Society of the United States.

RESIST THE URGE TO TAKE YOUR PET TO FIREWORKS DISPLAYS.

KEEP YOUR PETS INDOORS AT HOME IN A SHELTERED, QUIET AREA. Some animals can become destructive when frightened, so be sure that you've removed any items that your pet could destroy or that would be harmful to your pet if chewed. Leave a television or radio playing at normal volume to keep him company while you're attending Fourth of July picnics, parades, and other celebrations.

IF YOU KNOW THAT YOUR PET IS SERIOUSLY DISTRESSED BY LOUD NOISES LIKE THUNDER, CONSULT WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN BEFORE JULY 4TH for ways to help alleviate the fear and anxiety he or she will experience during fireworks displays.

NEVER LEAVE PETS OUTSIDE UNATTENDED, EVEN IN A FENCED YARD OR ON A CHAIN. In their fear, pets who normally wouldn't leave the yard may escape and become lost, or become entangled in their chain, risking injury or death.

Make sure your pets are wearing identification tags so that if they do become lost, they can be returned promptly. Animals found running at large should be taken to the local animal shelter, where they will have the best chance of being reunited with their owners. 🐾

REMEMBER: PETS DIE IN HOT CARS!

YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW how quickly a car baking beneath the Yuma summer sun can become a death trap for a dog locked inside. But do you know what to do if you come across a pet in peril?

DON'T DELAY Time is of the essence. On a 90°F day, the interior of a vehicle can reach 160°F in minutes. Imagine how much hotter it can get inside a vehicle on a typical Yuma summer day with outside temperatures well above 110°F.

CALL 911 If the animal is in distress, call 911 first. Then call HSOY dispatch at 782-1621. State and local laws allow officers to forcefully enter vehicles.

TAKE DOWN the car's color, model, make, and license plate number and have the owner paged inside nearby stores. If there are a number of stores nearby, try and recruit others to go to as many stores as possible. Have someone keep an eye on the pet.

MONTHLY STATISTICS

	Dec	Jan	Feb	March		Dec	Jan	Feb	March
Patrol service calls	866	849	847	846	Cats adopted	46	45	28	33
Dog licenses issued		1,101	1065	1825	Pets to rescue organizations	35	28	9	27
Dogs turned in	386	361	305	358	Returned to owner	65	54	70	57
Cats turned in	322	88	113	206	Cruelty cases investigated	46	47	75	54
Dogs adopted	134	145	161	123	Pets euthanized	419	167	170	305

NEW SHELTER

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more ambitious, there are still naming opportunities for puppy and kitty pens (\$5,000.00), as well as dog kennels and cat cages (\$10,000.00).

If you REALLY want to make an impact to reduce the suffering of the thousands of homeless animals in Yuma, help us build Yuma's first public, low-cost, spay and neuter clinic, which will be operating at the new shelter. The naming opportunity for this crown jewel is still available. If you are the hero we are looking for, please call me directly at (928) 341-0983.

Mark your calendars! The Humane Society of Yuma's third annual Fur Ball will take place September 12, 2009 to celebrate the anticipated October groundbreaking for the new shelter.

This black tie gala will take place at the new Pivot Point Conference Center. It will be a grand night of dining and dancing and, of course, will feature a live and silent auction to raise funds for the new shelter.

If you would like to sponsor this event or donate live or silent auction items, please contact Cristyn at (928) 341-0983.

Finally, the New Shelter Project would like to thank David and Donna Elfers for remembering us in their estate planning! If you would like to support either the New Shelter Project or the Humane Society of Yuma's mission by leaving us a gift in your will or trust, you can contact Shanen today at (928) 782-1621 for more information. 🐾

HSOY HISTORY

While the Humane Society of Yuma* was incorporated in 1963 and built our current shelter in 1965, our story begins years earlier as a grassroots, often fledgling, group that worked to advance animal welfare and reform animal control services in Yuma.

HSOY is and always has been an independent organization from any national or regional organization; however, the seeds of this organization were planted by an American Humane campaign to organize local humane society chapters.

The Yuma Sun makes its first reference to a local humane society in September of 1949, when a representative from American Humane came to Yuma to assess animal control services and weigh interest in organizing a local humane society.

In fact, the American Humane organizer told the Yuma Sun that the local group would be a chapter of the Arizona Humane Society. Interestingly enough, Arizona Humane only traces its roots back to 1957.

The Yuma County Humane Society was organized in February of 1950 following a return visit from the American Humane representative.

The newly-formed humane society got off to a meteoric start, with the opening of what was touted as being only the second emergency animal aid station in the United States. Located at a Texaco at the intersection of Fortuna Road and old Highway 80, it's stated mission was to rescue pets that had been lost or dropped off by passing visitors or travelers. A problem that, of course, still persists today. The

*In 2005, we changed our name from the Yuma County Humane Society to the Humane Society of Yuma.

organization began a membership drive that May. Dues were set at one dollar.

By the fall of 1950, Yuma County Humane Society President Betty Gowan hosted a weekly, hour-long broadcast on KBLU.

In 1951, the City of Yuma passed its "leash law" ordinance, evidently much to the credit of the organization's lobbying.

There is no mention of the organization in the papers after 1951 until March of 1954. It is at this point that the HSOY's own archive of newspaper clippings and mimeographed correspondence begins.

Mrs. Gowan organized a meeting at City Hall to express opposition to the existing dog pound that had been built in 1947, which was located several



The city-county pound built in 1954. The pound was located in the city dump in the present-day West Wetlands Park.

hundred yards behind City Hall. Among the inadequacies cited was that it had no running water and therefore water for the dogs had to be hauled in with pails.

A couple of months following the renewed Yuma County Humane Society, the Arizona state legislature passed a law mandating that county governments provide rabies control and dog licensing.

The new law sparked discussions between city and county officials. County officials did not believe they should pay for these mandated services.

LICENSING

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event.

I would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for providing us with great locations throughout the county: PetSmart, San Luis Cultural Center, Orange Grove School, Dateland School, Wellton Park/City of Wellton, Immaculate Conception Church, the Foothills Sherrif Substation, and the Avenue B Albertsons.

LOCAL VETS HELP HSOY MAKE LICENSING MORE CONVENIENT.

When you update your dog's shots at your local vet, ask for an HSOY self-addressed, stamped envelope that has been provided to each local clinic. Put a copy of the rabies certificate and your check into the envelope and we'll mail your license to you.

We even have a drop box at Arizona West Veterinary Clinic. We hope that adding more opportunities for pets to be licensed our officers will be able to bring more pets home rather than to our shelter. 🐾

The resulting 'dog pact,' as it was called by the Yuma Sun, led to the establishment of the first city-county pound. The pound was built in the city dump, which is under today's West Wetlands Park.

While initially supportive of the new city-county pound and service agreement, the humane society soon became critical of both city and county officials as promised improvements failed to materialize.

Our "HSOY History" will continue in our fall issue. 🐾

If you have any information on the early history of the Humane Society of Yuma or animal control services, we'd love to hear from you. E-mail newsletter@hsoyuma.com.

YUMA MAN SENTENCED IN CRUELTY CASE

On February 25, 2009, the owner of a 3 year-old neutered male bull mastiff brought his dog to the Humane Society of Yuma, stating that the dog was fighting with his other dogs. The owner released the dog to HSOY hoping that the dog would be adopted. The mastiff, named Oli, had multiple skin abrasions on both sides of the face, weeping infections from open wounds on both ears, as well as a visible hole in the right ear. HSOY contacted the Yuma Police Department for a possible animal cruelty investigation.

A local veterinarian reported Oli had needed medical attention for approximately two weeks. Oli was sent to a Phoenix rescue where a Colorado family adopted him.

HSOY was notified on April 16 that the owner plead no contest to neglect, abandonment and cruelty. In addition to three years unsupervised probation, he has been fined \$570 and must pay restitution to HSOY.

Furthermore, he is not allowed to own any animals other than the ones he currently owns. 🐾

DESTINY

KYLA SMITH
HSOY BOARD MEMBER

Destiny was rescued by HSOY on Saturday, March 28. She was found starved and with severe pneumonia. The staff questioned whether she would survive. She was sent to a foster home where she was put on a high dosage of antibiotics, breathing treatments, percussion therapy, and

fed every two hours. She has been a giant success and gets stronger every day. She is as sweet as can be. She loves children and other dogs.

She loves to play and give kisses. She is good in the car and on a leash. She has also made a good friend in her foster home.

Chopper, a weiner dog, immediately took to Destiny and cared for her when she was down. He would lay with her when she was too weak to walk and play with her now that she is strong.

HSOY and her foster parents are so proud of Destiny. Out of her story, the shelter has been able to highlight and address animal cruelty in our community. HSOY, as always, is proud to give a voice to the voiceless and is pressing charges on Destiny's behalf. Thank you to everyone, including Desert Veterinary Clinic, Rebecca Curtis, and the fantastic staff at HSOY who have helped her. Destiny will soon be available for adoption and will bring much happiness to someone's home. She is a true success story. 🐾



HSOY & CRUELTY

The public is encouraged to report animal cruelty to the HSOY.

HSOY patrol officers investigate reports of animal cruelty. If a case is substantiated, we refer the case to the presiding law enforcement agency.

If an animal's life is in imminent danger due to cruelty or owner negligence, call 911.

ROO BEE'S CRUELTY FUND

In order to help care for Destiny, the Humane Society of Yuma made a public appeal for donations to Roo Bee's Cruelty Fund.

The Roo Bee Cruelty Fund is HSOY's special fund to care for cruelty victims and also to provide for cash rewards to help prosecute the perpetrators of cruelty.

Roo Bee, a basset hound, was rescued from a Yuma trash dumpster in March of 2006, where she had been left to die with injuries most probably incurred from being hit by a vehicle.

The Yuma Chapter of the Arizona Basset Hound Rescue called on the public to donate to the HSOY to help pay for Roo Bee's treatment. This fund has since become a permanent, special reserve to help pay for the veterinary care of cruelty's innocent victims and to create cash rewards to find and prosecute the perpetrators.

It was this fund that provided Destiny with her medical expenses. 🐾



VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

VANESSA RUIZ

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

In this issue we would like to shine our volunteer spotlight on Karen Barclay.

Karen has been a dedicated volunteer here at the Humane Society of Yuma

for the past 3 years.

During that time she has always been someone that can be counted on to help out whenever and wherever needed. Karen works every Monday, giving up her entire day to help out during our

spay/neuter clinics at the shelter. She checks animals in for surgery, calls when they are ready to be picked up, and gives aftercare instructions. She also helps at rabies clinics, PetSmart adoptions, and even fostering!

Speaking of fostering, not only does Karen foster homeless animals, she also adopts them! Karen currently has 7 dogs and 2 cats. Both cats and 4 of those dogs are former guests of HSOY.



We hold a volunteer orientation on the first Thursday of every month at the Heritage Branch Library, 350 3rd Ave. For more information, email Community Outreach Coordinator Vanessa Ruiz at vrui@hsoyuma.com or call (928) 782-1621 ext. 104.

CUDDLE BRIGADE



The Cuddle Brigade enriches the lives of both our seniors and our pets!

One of these is Cookie, an Australian Sheppard who recently won her novice title at her first rally show.

Volunteers are the driving force behind many shelters throughout the United States. HSOY is very lucky to have Karen as a volunteer.

Thank you Karen, we don't know what we would do without you! You get two paws up! 🐾

CHANGE JARS

Thank you to the following businesses who have HSOY change jars on their counters.

Pablos	Chili Pepper
Foothills Animal Clinic	Western Warehouse
Round Table	The Flower Mine
Pizza Paws	The Quilting Bee
and Claws	Yuma Feed
Puppy Love	Foxworth
Grooming	Galbraith
Mr. G's	Sesame Kitchen
Brownies	M & D cigars
Mad Greek	Bottoms Up Pub
American Self Storage	Don Quijote
LZ Bar N Grill	Foothills Restaurant

Thanks to volunteer Liddy Causey for working so hard to make our change jar program a success!

WISHLIST

The economic downturn has put a strain on our budget. We need to tighten our belts without lowering the quality of care we provide our guests. Help us save money by donating the following goods.

NOTE: We cannot accept donations of dog or cat food. The Yuma Community Food Bank and Crossroads Mission accept donations of new pet food.

Blankets	long tables
Kitty Litter (non-clumping)	Mr. Clean
Sheets	Kitty toys
Paper towels	Kong dog toys
Office Supplies	
Febreze	
Clorox wipes	
Folding chairs	
Collapsible	

EVENTS

CRITTER COUNTRY

February 28 - Britain's Farms



FORE PAWS GOLF CLASSIC

April 11 - Las Barrancas



PINTS FOR PAWS

April 25, The Pub



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BUSINESSES & GROUPS

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Starting next newsletter, we will begin offering space for businesses or organizations to show their support and to promote their business or organization to a growing readership of area pet lovers.

Our supporters support businesses that support us. Email newsletter@hsoyuma.com for more information.

INCREASE OUR READERSHIP

Do you have a seating area where customers might enjoy reading our newsletter? Email newsletter@hsoyuma.com for more information.

THANK YOU, VETERINARIANS

ANNETTE LAGUNAS

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

It's true that this community really comes together to get the job done!! The same is true for the veterinary field. We don't say it enough, but our veterinary community is AWESOME!!!

HSOY contracts with six local veterinarians to spay and neuter the pets adopted from our shelter.

Many of them work hard at their own practice all week and work here on their day off. Several years ago, Arizona passed a law stating that all shelter pets must be altered within 30 days of being adopted. Thanks to these veterinarians that has happened.

These vets have also helped us to alter 376 pets at low or no cost this year alone.

Time and time again veterinary staff members call me with fundraising ideas, from selling paper dog paws to having a Christmas tree for their clients to purchase items on our wishlist.

HSOY appreciates you and thanks each and every one of you from the bottom of our puppy dog hearts to the tips of our kitty cat whiskers. 🐾

LEAVING A LEGACY OF LOVE

SHANEN ARANMOR

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

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 in order to recognize those thoughtful persons who ensure the future of our organization...and assist thousands of animals in need.

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

~*Naming us as a beneficiary in a will or living trust.*

~*Making a gift of cash or appreciated securities to establish a charitable gift annuity.*

~*Creating a charitable remainder trust.*

~*Naming us as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement account.*

We hope you'll consider adding your name to our Legacy Circle. As a legacy donor, you'll be listed on our website and in upcoming issues of our Paw Prints newsletter (unless you wish to remain anonymous).

To include us in your will or estate plan, you must specify our legal name, street address, and federal tax identification number.

Perhaps you've already included us in your will, living, or charitable remainder trust? Please let us know. We'd love to acknowledge your support and dedication! 🐾

Our legal name & street address:

Humane Society of Yuma, INC. 285 N. Figueroa Ave, Yuma, AZ, 85354

Federal Tax Identification Number : 86-6053617

For more information on bequests and estate planning, please submit the information request on the back page of this newsletter, or contact our Director of Development, Shanen Aranmor at saranmor@hsoyuma.com or call (928) 782-1621, ext. 104.

THANK YOU!

We cannot thank everyone who needs to be thanked!

Thank you to the following Fore Paws Team Sponsors:

Hopper Properties
Yuma Community Bank
The Foothills Bank
Jim & Vicki Kerley
Cristyn & John Weil

PANDA EXPRESS gave the HSOY 20% of everyone's sales who had a special HSOY flyer.

THE PUB for holding "Pints For Paws." We look forward to doing it again next year.

AMERISCHOOLS for holding a rummage sale.

TOTAL AUTOMOTIVE CARE for holding a car wash and for committing to wash our Cuddle Mobile on a weekly basis.

AWC INSTITUTE OF WELDING for committing to rebuild "Alcatraz" (the outdoor dog kennels in between the kennels and the main building).

XI OMEGA PHI - for holding a wish list drive for us.

LA RAZA CAR CLUB for making us the charity beneficiary of their 11th Annual Valley of the Sun Car Show.

ANNIE DECKEY for donating the proceeds from her lemonade stand.

ALL CRITTER COUNTRY SPONSORS AND DONORS. Thanks for another great Critter Country!

Why Adopt?

YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE. Over 60% of cats and dogs that the Humane Society of Yuma takes in are euthanized every year. There are many more homeless animals looking for a home than there are homes adopting them. Every pet deserves a chance at a forever home. With so many wonderful cats and dogs entering our shelter every day, you are sure to find a forever friend.

MANY ARE TRAINED. Owners turn over their animals in large numbers. Many of these animals come already trained, with a history of their behaviors, likes, and dislikes.

MANY ARE PUREBRED. If you have your heart set on a purebred you may be surprised to know that 20% of the dogs that enter our shelter are purebreds.

GROOMER FRIENDS

When you want to make a good impression you need to look your best. Our pets rely on the discounted or donated beautifying skills of many local groomers.

Bowzers Body Shop
1190 Ave C (928) 343-2406
Puppy Love
998 w. 16th St (928) 539-0000
The Dog Spa
4500 W. 8th St (928) 782-4434
Paws & Claw
5430 W. 8th St (928) 783-3890
Rene Ragsdale Leeds Grooming
345-2300 in the Foothills
Waggin' West Grooming & Kennels
2883 E 14th St. (928) 344-4788
PetSmart Grooming Salon
1460 Yuma Palms (928) 329-729

INDOOR CATS

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forget they're even wearing one. Two of our three cats (Tennyson excluded) love our "walkabouts" as we call them. They mill about from grass patch to compost pile to our cinderblock wall, sniffing all the way. To ensure proper safety during your walkabout, check your cat's harness for a snug (but not too tight) fit and provide them with visible identification tags. (Please note: if your cat has never been outdoors, it is best to keep them inside. Introducing them to the outdoors can be a fearful experience and they may try to run away.)

Cats are creatures of habit, but even if they've spent their lives as an outdoor cat, they can still make the transition to the indoors. Providing your cat with all of the amenities listed earlier will help make the transition easier, but be prepared for a

RESCUE FRIENDS

We work hard to get as many dogs a ticket out of Dodge on the Rescue Express as possible. We are indebted to the several breed-specific rescues from the region who open their doors to Yuma's homeless pets.

A.J. Best Friends (Cats & small dogs)
Arizona Basset Rescue
Arizona Beagle Rescue
Arizona Border Collie Rescue
Arizona Chihuahua Rescue
Boxer Luv
CFA Pure Bred Cat Rescue (Persians, folds, himys)
Desert Hills Heelers
Doodle Bug Pug (Pugs/ Boston terriers)
Finding Fido (small dogs)
Lethal White (blind/deaf Aussies)
Lucky Dog Rescue
R.J. Saints (St. Bernards)
S.A.F.E. (Saving Animlas From Euthanasia)
San Diego Chihuahua Rescue
Small Paws (bichone)
Southern CA German Shepherd Rescue
Southwest German Shepherd Rescue
Valley of the Sun

little bit of whining as well. The first time we brought our semi-feral cat Tennyson inside he escaped through our screen door. The second time he actually busted out the window screen in our bathroom. The third time involved a lot of whining and crying, but today Tennyson is so content inside that he wants nothing to do with the outdoors. Though it may take a bit of adjustment, your cat can make the transition as well! 🐾

TENNYSON! →

There are two places you can wag tails with our adoptable pets.

The first and most obvious is at our shelter. We are open Tuesday through Saturday. Our office hours are 9-5 and our kennel hours are 11-5:30pm.

The second place is at PetSmart. A few privileged cats reside there and are available for meet & greets in-between naps.

Several of our dogs make the trip over to PetSmart on Saturdays and Sundays.

MEDIA FRIENDS

Thanks to local media outlets, many of our adoptable animals get to strut their stuff in the limelight and be HSOY's goodwill ambassadors to the community.

KSWT – Mondays 4pm.

KYMA – Wednesdays 5 PM and Thursdays Noon.

KCFY – Wednesdays 8 AM.

Yuma Sun – Fridays and Saturdays in the classified ads.

Desert Warrior – published every Thursday @ MCAS.

Yumasun.com – extensive photo and video gallery of adoptable pets.

Yumanewsnow.com – featured pet

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE MEDIA ESTABLISHMENT?

We are always seeking new ways to get our pets' paws in print and mugs on the air.

Contact Shanen Aranmor at saranmor@hsoyuma.com or (928) 782-1621 ext. 104.



The Adoption Success Files

We love to hear how things are going from our alumni in their new homes. Linda, our adoption coordinator, gets a lot of letters from happy pet parents and pets alike.

Hello Ms. Anderson,

Just a little update and photo of the dog we recently adopted at HSOY. We adopted a one year old Golden Retriever, Tiny, who had been relinquished by her previous owners that very day. I put a hold on her immediately on that Wednesday during my lunch hour. My daughter and I returned so the two could meet that afternoon and my husband and son would meet her on Thursday. We all met Thursday afternoon after her spay appointment and were able to take her home (adoption date: March 11, 2009).



We have changed her name to Sami and have come to love her immensely. I don't know why anyone would have given her up. She is friendly, lovable, and a downright good dog. She has had some chewing issues but only when she is alone (she does not like to be alone!). It took a couple days for her true self to come to light but even after it all, she is calm, relaxed, and full of love.

We had at home a 2 year old Yorkie that had not been around dogs before, she being an only "child" at that point. Both of them being females I was concerned but after the initial jealousy the two get along beautifully. They are often seen "kissing" each other on the nose.

The entire family loves her and is very happy that she has become a part of our family and feel that there was a reason I went to the pound that day out of the blue. She sleeps with my 7 year-old daughter and can often be seen in the backyard when she and her friends are there, playing in the doll house right in the middle of it all. My 16 year-old son and husband have bonded quickly with her also.

Again, just a little update and pic.

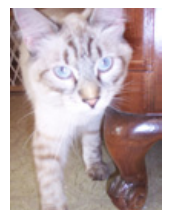
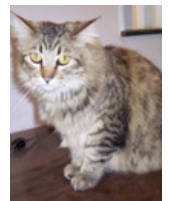
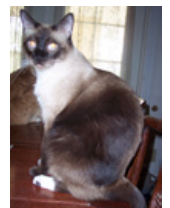
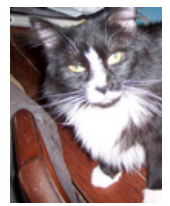
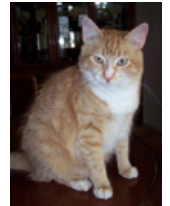
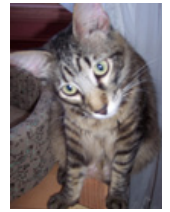
Sincerely,
Carla Wolfe & family

Dear Linda,

All of my six cats were adopted from Humane Society of Yuma. Ace was adopted from here back in 2007. He was the cutest little kitten ever! Now he's huge but still a kitten at heart. He takes care of all the foster kittens that come in and out of my house. Next came Timmy and Millie. I fostered a litter of 6 kittens and they were the last two... I just couldn't let them go and they were in love so I had to adopt them both. I adopted them in July of 2007. After I had to put down my 19 year old orange tabby named Tigger in early 2008, I was looking for another adorable orange tabby. That's when we adopted Tori. We originally thought that Tori was a male because orange tabbys are usually males. Well, she proved us wrong. We adopted her in August of 2008. She fit right in and whenever we have company she is our little welcoming committee.

Lastly, Penelope and Brother. They were turned into the shelter because the previous owner had too many animals to take care of. The plan was just to foster them until they were old enough to be spayed and neutered. Well, it turned out that Brother had cryptorchidism and needed to wait 3 months until he was allowed to be neutered.

Long story short - him and his sister Penelope found their forever home with us and they love all the other cats and they even put up with us once in a while. Working at the shelter is a hard job but it pays off when you're able to foster and even provide some of them with a forever, loving home.



Thanks HSOY - For all the amazing cats we've adopted from there! - Samantha York

P. S. "Dogs have owners - Cats have staff."



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OF YUMA**

285 N. Figueroa Ave.
Yuma, AZ 85364

Our Shelter



285 N. Figueroa Ave. 782-1621
CLOSED MONDAY & SUNDAY
OFFICE: Tuesday-Saturday 9-5
ADOPTION: Tuesday-Saturday 10-4:30

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I'd like to purchase a pet memorial to be placed in the HSOY memorial rock garden.

____ \$75 large ____ \$40 small ____ \$100 both (take one home with you).

Legacy Circle

- ☐ Please send me information on remembering HSOY in my will.
☐ I/we have already remembered the Humane Society of Yuma in my/our estate plans.
☐ Please contact me about a personal visit.

Make checks payable to HSOY and mail to
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☐ I'd like more information on Feline Friends of Yuma.

New shelter Brick

IMPORTANT: Brick orders MUST be paid for with a separate check made out to HSOY Capital Campaign.

- ☐ Small brick \$50
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