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Winter/Spring 2012



The Humane Society of Yuma's semi-annual newsletter

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Happy New Shelter*

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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello again to all of our great supporters and friends,

Many things have happened since our last newsletter was published. Negotiations with the governmental entities are complete, and beginning January 2012, the Humane Society of Yuma will begin to phase out of the animal control business. The City of Yuma will assume the animal control function for their residents on January 1, 2012, while Yuma County and the City of Somerton will assume the animal control function for their jurisdictions on July 1, 2012. This simply means those entities will employ the animal control officers to pick up stray dogs, respond to barking dog complaints, and enforce their own rabies control programs. The Humane Society will continue to provide kenneling services for those entities and allow us to focus on our real mission: caring for homeless pets, finding them homes through our adoption and rescue programs, and reducing the number of homeless pets through our low and no-cost spay/neuter program. We're the duty experts in sheltering and caring for Yuma's homeless pets, and this new arrangement will be beneficial to the pets and our organization.

In notable news, the construction phase of our new shelter has begun, and we expect the project to be complete in October, 2012. We were able to raise nearly \$1.6 million dollars of the \$3.2 million needed for the project. With a dire need to move out of our inadequate and failing shelter, and still short of the necessary funds to begin construction, 1st Bank Yuma took a leadership role in our community and offered lending to the project in order to begin construction.

Although we've secured the loan necessary to start this project, we will continue to seek donations in hopes of raising the entire amount necessary to pay for the new shelter without the use of our loan guarantee. This presents a wonderful opportunity for all of us. This really is one of the most exciting projects our community has undertaken in decades. With that, we're hoping many of you are able to directly participate in this building project by taking advantage of one of our many naming opportunities. You can sponsor a dog or cat kennel, or if you're really ambitious, you can sponsor our entire spay/neuter clinic. These are just a few of the opportunities available to leave your lasting mark on our new shelter.

As 2011 comes to a close, I want to say Happy Holidays to all of you, and thank you very much for all of your wonderful and continued support. This is your Humane Society and the many successes we shared during the last few years are because of your generosity. All of you are the hope for Yuma's homeless pets! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Warmest regards,

Shawn



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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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OUR NUMBERS

The Humane Society of Yuma provides animal control and sheltering services to Yuma County, the City of Yuma, and the City of Somerton. It also provides animal sheltering services to the City of San Luis, the Marine Corps Air Station, the Independent Nation of the Quechan and the Independent Nation of the Cocopah. The shelter's eight animal control officers cover over 5,500 square miles within Yuma County.

	July-11	Aug-11	Sept-11	Oct-11	Nov-11
Dogs entering shelter	523	556	469	424	485
Cats entering shelter	395	328	280	309	257
Dogs adopted	131	150	117	103	118
Cats adopted	58	50	48	24	49
Animals released to rescue	111	118	107	123	105
Animals released to owner	51	49	55	52	72
Cruelty cases investigated	66	57	54	52	38
Cats and dogs euthanized	488	527	296	408	382
Low-cost surgeries performed	321	254	235	235	n/a

YUMA AWARDED GRANTS

The Humane Society of Yuma is honored to have received two grants this fall.

The *Arizona Companion Spay and Neuter Committee*, charged with disbursing the funds raised from the sale of the Arizona Spay and Neuter license plates, awarded HSOY with \$10,000 for low-cost spay/neuter services.

We also received \$3,000 from the *Yuma Community Foundation* for the Safe Way Home program. The Safe Way Home program allows us to microchip every dog adopted from us at no cost to the adopter. The funds are in addition to the \$30,000 received earlier this summer to provide low- and no-cost spay and neuter services (see p.6 "HSOY spay/neuter clinic goes mobile" to read about how this grant is being used).



We would like to thank these two organizations for their generous assistance in furthering our mission. Their help has been invaluable. 🐾



ARIZONA
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteer orientation	January 5, 2012
Annual Membership Meeting	January 19th, 2012
Volunteer Orientation	February 2nd, 2012
Volunteer Orientation	March 1st, 2012
Critter Country	March 31st, 2012
Volunteer Orientation	April 5th, 2012
Volunteer Orientation	May 3rd, 2012
Volunteer Orientation	June 7th, 2012
Fore Paws Golf Classic	June 9th, 2012

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR SPAY & NEUTER ON THE ROAD

An Arizona Spay and Neuter license plate shows others how much you love animals - and it pays for spay and neuter services statewide to help end pet overpopulation!

Best of all, this specialty plate is just \$25 - and \$17 from the sale of each pet-friendly license plate is deposited into a fund that pays for spay and neuter services for dogs and cats across Arizona!

The easiest way to get a plate is to visit servicearizona.com, (click on personalized /specialized plates) or call the ADOT Motor Vehicles Division office nearest you.



Listen to HSOY's "All Things Pets" on KBLU 560 AM every other Saturday 11am - noon.


Have a question about pet care or pet issues? Call in to talk with the Humane Society of Yuma about it.



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YUMA TUCSON PHOENIX

ADOPTION SUCCESSES



We adopted Penny (known as Trudy at the shelter) six months ago today. She was six months old when we adopted her so we celebrated her first birthday today. Love our puppy dog!
Jessica Nicole Jones

This is Mia, adopted from PetSmart in December of 2010. She was a tiny, scared little dog who spent the first couple of days hiding. She is now full of life, love, and energy, and the best dog we have had the pleasure of knowing.

Crystal Nicole



Are you ready to adopt?

Your pet may be with you for a very long time. Did you know that dogs can live from 10-15 years, and cats for up to 20 years? You may go through many changes during your life — marriage, a new baby, a new job, or perhaps relocating — but your animal will be a permanent part of your life. And since dogs and cats can bond deeply with their families, it can be heartbreaking for the pet and for the family should that bond be broken.

Can you spend quality time with your friend?

Pets thrive on several hours of exercise and companionship every day. Pets, especially dogs who are constantly left alone, can develop behavioral issues.

Will you be responsible for your pet's health and safety?

The cost of owning a dog or cat is more than the initial adoption fee. When estimating the total amount, remember to include basic and emergency veterinary care, toys, supplies, and food.

Do you know what pet is right for you?

Dogs and cats are not right for every household. Problems such as allergies, apartment restrictions, or moving issues should be explored before adopting a new pet. Large dogs may be too strong or active for small children, while small pets may be too delicate for children. It's smart to ask the shelter staff what animals they recommend for your household--they're experts at making perfect matches! 🐾

WHY ADOPT?

You can save a life. While steady improvements have been made over the past five years, more than 30% of dogs and 50% of cats 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.

WHERE TO ADOPT

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

Our shelter. We are open Tuesday through Saturday. Our office hours are 9 -5 p.m. and our kennels are open from 10-4:30 p.m.

PetSmart. A few cats reside full time at PetSmart and are available for "meet & greets" during store hours.

Several of our dogs are at PetSmart seven days a week: Monday through Friday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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KTTI 95.1 FM Wednesday 9 a.m.

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KCYK AM 1400 Wednesday 11:50 a.m.

Talk of Yuma First Tuesday of every month at 7 a.m. on Time Warner's Channel 77

FAY AND TABBY

We adopted Fay in November 2010 from PetSmart. She was about three or four months then. A crazy little kitten baby that got our hearts, even though we came looking for an older, calmer, more "sophisticated" cat.

From the information in her adoption kit, she was found as a stray cat here in Yuma just a bit ago, so luckily she did not spend too much time at the shelter. Now she's a happy, year-and-a-half old lady, whose best friends are our gerbils, instead of the other two cats.



Tabby was adopted back in April 2010 from PetSmart as well. I absolutely did not plan on getting a second cat, as I already had a small kitten in a very limited housing for the time being, but the moment I saw him, I knew I had to get him. So we cancelled the evening plans and got him. Unfortunately his life to that point was not very happy. He was previously adopted from the HSOY twice. Twice in his five months of life. I don't entirely understand why, as he is the sweetest cat, who can be made happy just by a hug.

Both Fay and Tabby, along with their third cat friend and the sweetest pit bull ever, are now living in a nice house, and when the weather is good enough, we like to take them outside on the leash, so that they can roll around in the dirt and grass. They definitely have their forever home with me.

-Zuzana Tenkrátová



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RESCUE WORKS!

HSOY works with rescues across the Southwest to increase the market of available homes for our homeless pets. Over the last few years, nearly 3,000 of Yuma's homeless pets have gotten the heck out of Dodge on the Rescue Express.

We work with many great rescue organizations, one of which is Mixed up Mutts and Shepherds, Too. That's where Cynthia Spencer and her family found Bella. Bella went by the name Legacy at HSOY and had sat in a her kennel waiting for a home for weeks until she got a ticket on the HSOY Rescue Express to Mixed Up Mutts and Shepherds, Too, in Phoenix.

Dear Loma,

I wanted to send a couple of pictures and let you all know how great Bella is doing in our home. We made the decision to adopt a dog after our senior dog passed and we were ready to add another member to our family. We were so pleased to come across Bella on the website. She seemed like a perfect fit for our family. We have two young girls so we knew we needed to find a dog that was good with children and we wanted to help a dog in need instead of shopping around for a puppy. We could not have made a better decision. Bella is wonderful! She is so good with our girls and with our two cats. She has had some training coming into our home so she was great in her crate and minds very well. I am an avid runner and she makes a great running partner.

For any family out there wondering if a shelter dog can make a great pet, I am confident to say that we could not have found a better fit for our family. Thanks so much for bringing her into our lives.



SPAY-NEUTER GOES MOBILE

The Humane Society of Yuma's spay and neuter took to the road to offer no-cost surgeries to East and South county.

On November 21st, the mobile clinic was in Tacna to spay or neuter 35 cats and dogs. On December 21st, the mobile clinic will be in San Luis.

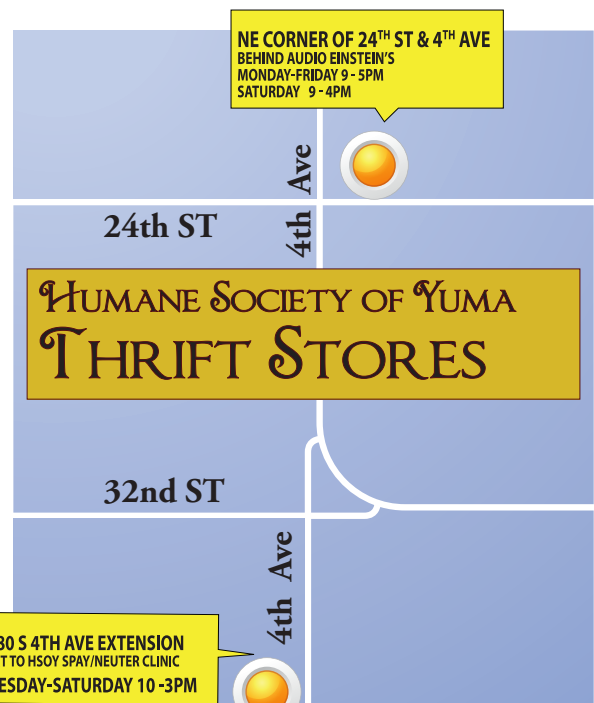
The surgeries were made possible by a \$30,000 grant we received earlier this year from the Yuma Community Foundation.



APPLY FOR LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER ONLINE!

The Humane Society of Yuma offers low-cost spay and neuter for families who qualify. Apply online at hsoyuma.com/spayneuter or call (928) 247-9115.

All proceeds from our thrift stores go towards our low-cost spay/neuter program.



National Feral Cat Day

Thanks to volunteers with Feline Friends, a member committee of HSOY, and HSOY clinic staff, nearly 100 feral cats were altered in a single day at our spay and neuter clinic. Everything ran very smoothly and plans are already in the works to double the volume for next year.

Feline Friends, a member committee of the Humane Society of Yuma dedicated to the humane management of feral cats in Yuma, is one of five organizations to receive a \$1,000 award from Alley Cat Allies to support a T.N.R. (trap, neuter, release) event planned in conjunction with National Feral Cat Day.

Alley Cat Allies, the leading national advocacy organization for feral cats, began National Feral Cat Day in 2001 to increase the awareness of the plight faced by stray and feral cats. The organization, founded in 1990, pioneered the adoption of T.N.R. in the United States as the most effective and humane means to control feral cat populations.

Alley Cat Allies stated in the press release that announced the recipients, that Feline Friends received the award due to "being among the most creative and innovative community programs."

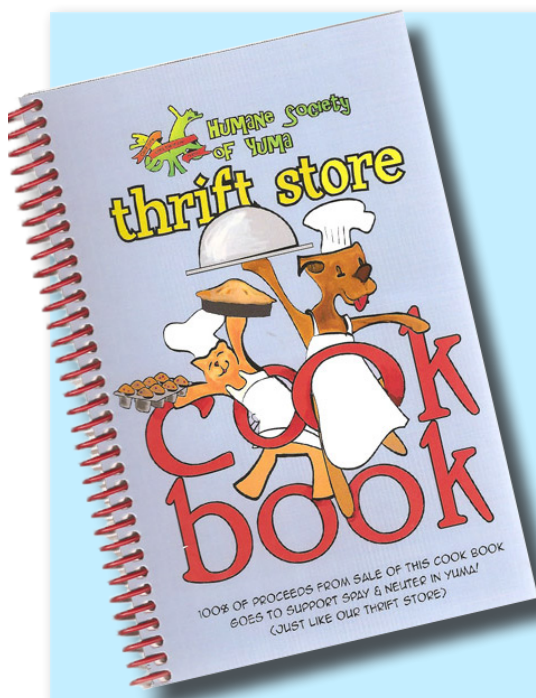
Last year, 127 cats were spayed or neutered by Feline Friends with the assistance of Arizona West Veterinary Clinic during the one-day clinic.



"The \$1,000 will certainly be a great boost," said HSOY Director of Operations Annette Lagunas, "but what's equally as exciting is that this recognition proves we're on the right track in our efforts to humanely manage Yuma's feral cat population."

Trap, Neuter, Release, or T.N.R., is a method of managing feral cat colonies humanely and effectively. Feral cats are trapped in humane cages using food as bait. They are then spayed or neutered and released where they were originally trapped. Once a feral cat has been altered, the tip of its ear is "tipped" off in order to identify which cats in a colony have already been altered.

Feline Friends requests the community's assistance gathering information on area feral cat colonies that they are aware of, whether they are caring for them or not. To report a feral cat colony or for more information visit the Feline Friends' website at hsoyuma.com/felinefriends



THE THRIFT STORE COOKBOOK

The Humane Society of Yuma Thrift Store has compiled over 300 recipes from friends, staff, volunteers, and board members for a cookbook--and it is available now!

Order your a cookbook today for yourself and a couple for your friends. It'll be shipped out to you right away. The price is \$12 plus \$3 shipping and handling. If you pick one up at the thrift store or the shelter, there's no shipping and handling! Gift wrapping is also available at the thrift store for only an extra 50¢. All proceeds, just as with the proceeds from the thrift store, will go directly and entirely to support our low-cost spay and neuter program.

4 PAWS PANTRY KEEP PETS AT HOME

Volunteers are essential to the fulfillment of the HSOY mission, and among our most outstanding volunteers are 4 Paws Pantry founders Sandy Pikula and Jan Watts, ace volunteer Linda Christopher, and all of the 4 Paws Pantry crew!

In the spring of 2010, Pikula and Watts approached the HSOY with a plan to help struggling pet owners during these tough economic times. Pikula and Watts proposed the establishment of the 4 Paws Pantry to provide free food for qualifying, low-income pet owners who also agree to accept free spay/neuter services for their animals. The pantry would establish pet food donation drop-off sites around town, and would then distribute those donations on the last Wednesday of every month.

Since the 4 Paws Pantry opened just over a year and a half ago, the growth of the pantry has been phenomenal. Pikula and Watts quickly recruited a cadre of additional volunteers to assist with the necessary paperwork, food distribution, and food collection from donation drop-off sites. The pantry continues to grow and break its own records for the number of pet owners and pets served!

While Pikula and Watts founded the pantry, Sandy is quick to give credit to someone else. "Linda Christopher is the sole reason the pantry is still running," Sandy said. "She is in charge, and has been, of picking up the food donations around Yuma [thrift store and shelter drop off sites] and three local Wal-Marts, storing it or delivering it to our trailer."



Are you in need of temporary pet food assistance? Know of someone who is? The Humane Society of Yuma's 4 Paws Pantry is on a mission to keep pets at home and out of the shelter.

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UPCOMING 2012 PANTRY DISTRIBUTION DATES:

Jan. 25	May 30	Sept. 26
Feb. 29	June 27	Oct. 31
March 28	July 25	Nov. 28
Apr. 25	Aug. 29	Dec. 19

Ask Dr. D.

Dear Dr. D

I am a 10 month old adopted terrier mix and I love my new human parents. I am really happy to have my new parents and become very anxious when they leave. I become so anxious, I start tearing up everything I can get my teeth on. I know my parents are unhappy about this, but I don't know what to do. I don't want to make my new parents unhappy with me, can you help me?



Signed Anxious Annie

Dear Anxious Annie:

This is an easy situation to resolve. You are just nervous about your parents leaving you for a while. What you need to do is learn to redirect your anxiety. Ask your parents to purchase a couple of Kongs for you. Then have them stuff the Kongs with dog biscuits, seal it with peanut butter and then place them in the freezer. The next time they leave, have them give you one of the Kongs. This will keep you occupied for awhile and take your mind off their leaving. Now both you and your new parents will be happy. Congratulations on your new forever home.

Signed Dr. D

Dear Dr. D

I am a 2-year old adopted golden retriever. I hope you can help me. My new humans love to go for walks and take me with them. Unfortunately, I have never been walked on a leash before and when they take me out with them, I become so excited I pull them all over the place. It is just so much fun and I can't control myself. My parents are threatening to not allow me to go for a walk with them anymore. Please help me Dr.

Signed Tuggin Teddy

Dear Tuggin Teddy

This pulling problem is very easy to fix. Have your parents go to the local pet store and purchase a halti/gentle leader. This works on the same premise as a halter for a horse. As the head goes, so does the body. With the halti, when you start to pull, your parents will just slightly pull up on the lead and you will stop pulling. This will make both you and your parents very happy.

Signed Dr. D



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UNCHAINED HEART

You don't have to walk the streets of Yuma for very long before you see a sad dog at the end of a chain or rope. Dogs that are continuously tethered live a life of social isolation, boredom, frustration, and constant physical hazards.

Dogs are social animals – they crave interaction with humans and other animals. When you chain your dog outside, you are physically and emotionally isolating him from being part of the family. In addition to the psychological trauma caused, tethering presents many physical hazards for the dog. A dog's tether can become entangled around a tree, table, or other obstruction, preventing him from being able to access food, water, or shelter, or worse, strangling him.

Dogs are not the only victims of dog tethering. Tethering causes a great deal of aggression and frustration in a dog. Dogs that have been tethered are much more likely to attack other animals (or people) than a dog that is not.

When dogs are faced with a perceived threat, they assess the threat and decide whether they'll flee the danger or confront it. Chained dogs do not have the option of retreat, so they have no choice but to confront and attack everything they view as a threat.

The most common reason for tethering a dog is because the owner is either unable or unwilling to keep the dog inside or to build adequate fencing to keep their dog inside the yard.

If your fence is no match for your escape artist, having to build a new one is understandably daunting, but you most likely don't have to build a new fence at all if you try to upgrade your existing one first.

To make your chain-link fence higher, you can purchase a roll of mesh fencing material, also called hardware cloth, at home improvement, hardware, or farm supply stores.

Mesh cloth comes in different strengths. Some mesh is very thin and easy to bend (like chicken wire) and some is quite thick and sturdy. Select a cloth that is strong enough to stay upright at the top of your fence but light enough for you to bend it into place.

If your dog is a digger, you can line the base of your fence with large rocks or extend the fence with chicken wire about one or two feet below the surface. If you take this option, remember to bend back the edge of the chicken wire so your dog will not be injured if he does manage to slide beneath it.

Installing a trolley system is far from the best solution and should only be used if you are unable to keep your dog inside or adequately fenced in your yard. Your dog will be attached by a leash to a line like a clothesline. The leash is attached to the line by a rolling trolley. The dog can run back and forth along the length of the line. Trolley systems can be purchased at PetSmart and most discount stores.

We at the Humane Society of Yuma have seen the tragic consequences of life at the end of the chain and urge pet owners to find a more humane alternative to keeping their dogs on their property.

FIND PET CARE ARTICLES IN YUMA SUN'S PAW PAGES

On the fourth Thursday of the month, the Yuma Sun includes "Paws of Yuma County." The monthly insert features 40-50 pets available for adoption, and tips on responsible pet care and other pet-related issues. Many thanks to the Yuma Sun for their assisting us in our tireless mission to find forever homes for Yuma's homeless pets.



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The Yuma Kennel Club is an AKC-licensed club and is open to anyone interested in the welfare of canines. Members do not have to own an AKC dog to be part of the club. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Yuma Civic Center. Social is at 7PM and the meeting starts at 7:30PM. Presentations are held at our meetings on responsible dog ownership. For more information, please visit our website, www.yumakennelclub07.com or email yumakennelclub@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Tere and Gary have been fostering for us longer than anyone else. We have been able to save the lives of many unwanted, homeless animals because of their endless effort to support our mission here at HSOY.

Tere Wade started volunteering in the cat room in April 2008 and soon became known to the staff as the Cat Whisperer. By April 2009, Tere and her husband Alex started fostering, and they have had foster kittens in their home ever since, for a grand total of 90 kittens. Amazingly, they have only had one foster failure: Latte. In September 2011, Tere adopted Latte. Latte was found in a cactus bush, where she was rescued and brought to HSOY and, not surprisingly, Tere was there to foster Latte. Because she lost her upper eyesight, the Wades felt she would do best staying at home with their three other cats: Mickey, Nemo, and Zae. Tere gives the biggest part of the credit for her fostering success to Alex and their four cats. Tere has also continued her regular Cat Cuddling in the cat room and is the instructor for volunteers wishing to be Cat Cuddlers.

Gary Crawford has been fostering puppies and dogs since July 2005. Because of a work injury years ago, Gary is able to stay home and foster bottle babies, puppies with and without their mothers. For Christmas last year, Gary's wife Paula gave him a huge black wire crate so that he could foster up to three litters at a time.

The record number of puppies in a foster home is 17 and that record was set by Gary and Paula this October and November.

Gary and Paula have

adopted several of their dogs to make them the Foster Failure King and Queen. Gary will come in from Dome Valley about any hour of the day to pick up a puppy that needs to be fostered. Almost all of his dogs and puppies have been to PetSmart to find a forever home. Right now he has ten puppies, two are available for adoption, three that are almost ready, and five that are four week old bottle babies that just came in on a Sunday. 🐾

**Foster parents are said to have "failed" when they adopt one of their foster pets. Never has failure had such a silver lining.*



Photo courtesy of Josh Peckler/Yuma Sun

Our Wishlist

- Cat litter (non-clumping)
- Blankets/towels
- Dryer sheets
- Baby wipes
- Puppy training pads
- Dog toys
- Pedialyte
- Kitten bottles
- Blankets/Towels
- Laundry soap
- Paper towels
- Office supplies
- Bleach
- Febreze
- Clorox wipes

HSOY IS NOW A DROP-OFF POINT FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND FOOD BANK

The Humane Society of Yuma believes strongly in supporting other non-profits in the community.

We recently invited Habitat for Humanity to place one of their signature aluminum can (and plastic) recycling sheds at our shelter. We have also placed a Yuma Community Food Bank drop-off box in our lobby. So if you're planning to make a trip to our shelter, remember to bring your aluminum cans and non-perishable food items along. 🐾

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

We hold volunteer orientations on the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Yuma County Main Library. Check hsoyuma.com/volunteer for the latest information.

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DONT GET CAUGHT WITHOUT A LICENSE!

All dogs three months or older residing in Yuma County must be licensed. The license verifies that your dog is current with his/her rabies vaccination. All Yuma County residents living outside the City of Yuma must license their dogs with the Humane Society of Yuma.

If your dog IS vaccinated, you may license online at hsoyuma.com with a scanned or faxed copy of your dog's valid rabies certificate. A valid certificate must be signed by a U.S.-licensed veterinarian, state whether your dog is altered or not, and be current through at least April 1st*.

If your dog needs to be vaccinated, the Humane Society of Yuma holds a number of rabies clinics at locations around the county for your convenience.

*If a rabies vaccine expires during the year, your dog must be revaccinated in order to keep the license valid. A license is invalid during any lapse between the expiration of a vaccination and revaccination.

WHY LICENSE?

IT'S THE LAW. Yuma County requires all dogs three months and older to be licensed. The license verifies that your dog is current with his/her rabies vaccination.

A licensed dog that gets loose and is picked up by a humane officer can often be reunited with its family without having to be in our shelter, whereas an unlicensed dog may have to stay 48 hours until you are allowed to bring it home.

A licensed dog that bites someone can often return home for a period of 'home quarantine,' whereas an unlicensed dog must stay confined at our shelter or a veterinary hospital for at least ten days.

Unlicensed, lost dogs are guaranteed only a three day stay while licensed dogs are kept a minimum of six days.

A dog license ensures that your dog is vaccinated and protected against rabies. A rabid dog puts your family's (and the public's) health at risk. 🐾



2012 VACCINATION CLINICS

1/14	Ave. B Albertson's	10-1
1/28	Ariz. Market Place	10-1
2/11	San Luis Cultural Center	10-3
2/18	Dateland School	9-11
	Butterfield Park	1-3
2/25	Somerton Council Park	10-1
3/10	Target Parking Lot	10-2
3/17	Pioneer Shopping Center	10-2

LICENSES

	1 year	2 year	3 year
Fixed	\$13	\$24	\$35
Not fixed	\$25	\$50	\$75
Temp.	\$6		

VACCINES

Rabies	\$20	Da2PPcvk	\$15	Bordatella	\$15
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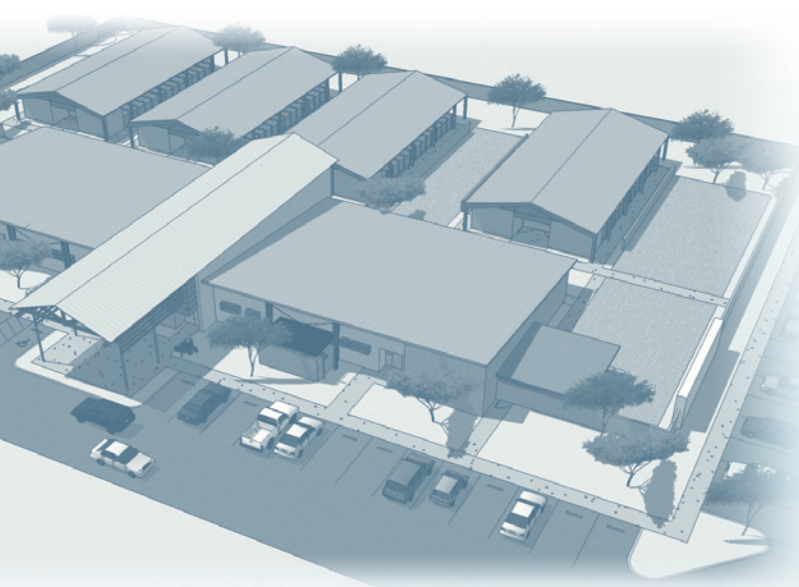
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After enduring the brunt of the Great Recession, construction of Yuma's long-awaited new animal shelter has begun in earnest. While we officially broke ground in the spring of 2010 in order to install the site's underground infrastructure, further construction was postponed until more funding was raised.

While the new shelter is being built, our campaign to raise enough money to fully realize the dream is not over. In order to get the shelter up and running as soon as possible, the Humane Society of Yuma procured a mortgage. So your support is needed more than ever. Here are some ways in which you can help fulfill the dream:

- Buy a totally cool "BE HUMANE" t-shirt at be-humane.com.
- Purchase a "brick" online. The inscribed bricks will line the walls of the entryway at the new shelter (see p. 13 for more information).
- Attend Fur Ball 2012.
- Purchase a naming opportunity for cat condos (\$5,000), dog kennels (\$10,000), and other areas of the new shelter (including the crown jewel, the spay & neuter clinic). Opportunities still exist and are listed at hsoyuma.com/newshelter. If you would like to discuss the purchase of any of the new shelter's naming opportunities, please call Cristyn Weil directly at 341-0983. 🐾



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FUR BALL BEDAZZLES AGAIN

On September 17th, HSOY's New Shelter Project once again rolled out the magic carpet for Fur Ball V to raise money for a new shelter. The event was held at AWC's 3C building and included a formal dinner, live music, both silent and live auction, and dancing. At the end of the evening, over \$100,000 had been netted for the animals.



BUILD THE NEW SHELTER BRICK BY BRICK.



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16 characters per line
Large brick \$100
three lines,
16 characters per line

To order a brick, please enclose this form along with the order form on the inside back cover.



Thank you to Dirk Frauenfelder, who donated the value of his IRA account, a check for \$14,884.64

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS who have made this newsletter possible. We depend on businesses', individuals' and organizations' support in getting our message out to the community.

GET A TAX BREAK WHEN YOU GIVE YUMA'S HOMELESS PETS A BREAK

There are many ways to show your support for Yuma's homeless and abused pets. We need your support to provide our shelter guests with the quality care they deserve, to place as many of them into forever homes as possible, and to eliminate pet overpopulation. You may donate by either visiting hsoyuma.com/donate or by mail with the order form on the following page.

Time is running out to make charitable contributions that you will be able to take as tax deductions come next April. And wouldn't you know it? Our pets have their paws stretched out, looking up at you with the saddest puppy dog eyes. Yes, we'd be honored to be the recipient of your year-end generosity.

...And here's something our sleuthing kittens just uncovered that may be of interest. Did you know that you can deduct donations made by credit card based on the date of the transaction, not when you pay the credit card bill? So, for example, if your credit card has a \$10,000 limit you could take a \$10,000 deduction and not have to pay a penny of it until next year! 🐾



JOIN THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF YUMA

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. We provide our supporters with the option of either becoming an annual member or a Every Day Hero (monthly supporter).

You can become an annual member for as little as \$25 a year. That's just seven 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, and ePaws, our weekly email newsletter.

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

You can become an Every Day Hero by providing a monthly gift to Yuma's pets in need. There is no gift that is too great or too small. Please remember that every little bit adds up and makes a huge difference in the lives of our four-legged friends. Our monthly giving option is a great way to support our mission without breaking the bank. Our Everyday Heroes will receive Paw Prints, our semi-annual newsletter, and e-paws, our weekly emailed newsletter.

Thank you for your support. The Humane Society of Yuma would not be able to do what we do without the help of our friends and supporters. Together we can make a positive change in the lives of our pets and our community. 🐾

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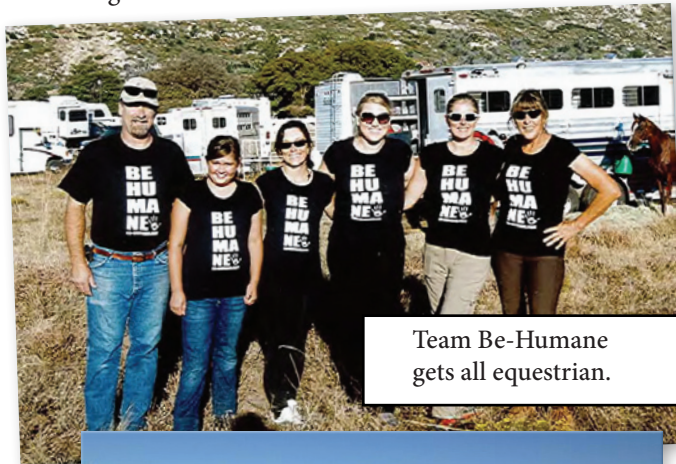
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Team Be-Humane gets all equestrian.



Team Be-Humane about to run a half marathon!



John, Matthew, Joshua, & Jason Magallanes visited our shelter in their Be-Humane t-shirts with their family to look for a new family member. We're thankful that Yuma's being humane!

BELLA FIT: PINK OR BLACK

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Total # of shirts _____ x \$17 = t-shirt total _____

BRICKS

☐ Small Brick \$50 (4 lines with 16 char/line)

☐ Large Brick \$100 (8 lines with 16 char/line)

(See brick inscription form on page 14)

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☐ I'd like to donate _____ to the New Shelter Project.

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☐ I want to donate \$ _____ to the Roo Bee Cruelty Fund.

☐ I prefer to receive my newsletter via email.

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☐ I'd like to order _____ thrift store cookbooks

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☐ Volunteering ☐ Including the Humane Society of Yuma in my Will.

☐ I have remembered the HSOY in my Will.

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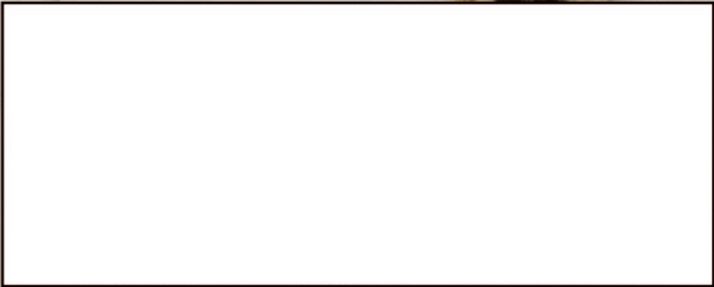
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