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2016 ANNUAL REPORT The Year of the Cats



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As the years continue to tick by I am constantly reminded of what a great community we have here in Yuma, Arizona. 2016 had many ups and downs for the Humane Society of Yuma, but today we will only focus on the positives that came out of those negatives and continue to move forward. When we were hit with three large hoarding cases this year within a four-month period, the staff and volunteers had truly felt a breaking point. The countless hours of work caused extreme fatigue and many of us became numb; but the soothing, precious purrs of the kittens desperate for help just couldn't be ignored by the staff and volunteers. These cats surely made an everlasting impact on everyone involved in their care and rehabilitation.

Like 2016, a special cat captured our hearts and will never be forgotten. When Leo entered on July 25th, 2016 he was one of 41 cats that we were truly concerned about. As the cats were placed in large holding areas where they could cuddle with each other and feel some sort of security, we could see the tragedy within them that had truly taken place. However, as the days began to pass and the cats began to feel better with the treatment of medication and a loving touch, their personalities began to show. Leo is my favorite example of what loving an animal can do not only to your own soul, but theirs as well. We quickly learned that Leo was a hugger, a "happy drooler" and just an overall awesome cat. As a child would do to be picked up, Leo would stretch out to be held and once you had him



he would quickly find a way to put his front legs right round your neck and hold you.

The feeling of truly saving a life is one that cannot be explained in words. It usually comes in the form of an animal rubbing their head and body on your leg, jumping in your lap for a quick pet or the excitement they show when you walk in the door after a long day. Leo now lives in the home of one of our staff members and regardless of what kind of animal or person Leo comes into contact with he loves them all. We hope that Leo has a very long and happy life ahead of him. In the coming year, HSOY hopes to make many more connections just as we did with Leo and his new home. We will continue to strive to help our community become one that will appreciate all the love that an animal has to give.



Annette Lagunas & Bella Executive Director



OUR MISSION

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

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On the cover: Amir- cruelty case cat, sent to rescue 9/15/2016 and Maci Crum, Volunteer Manager

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HOW WE SAVE LIVES

5460 Saved Lives in 2016

That makes for a 22% increase over 2015.

The Humane Society of Yuma focuses on five key factors in order to save as many lives as possible. This is done through adoptions, spay and neuter surgeries, our volunteer- run rescue program, return to owners and our foster care program. Each of these areas are imperative to strive towards our common goal of zero euthanization of adoptable pets. It is with a strong network of selfless individuals that we are able to care for an average of **8,100** animals per year.



ANIMAL INTAKE NUMBERS

In 2016, The Humane Society of Yuma saw 8139 dogs, cats, and other enter through the doors. Overall intake is down 1% from 2015.

The intake numbers HSOY experiences are a direct result of animals entering the shelter through animal control as strays, owner surrender, and various other reasons. **4,166** dogs came through the shelter doors while **3,942** cats also arrived. Of the almost four thousand cats, the majority are feral or free-roaming cats that are turned over in city issued traps by citizens. And that's not all who come through our doors! In 2016 we also took in **3** birds, **5** turtles, **1** ferret, **21** rabbits, and **1** goat! Although HSOY is not equipped to care for these types of animals long term, we were able to quickly find homes or rescues that could care for them.

2016 Euthanasia Rates

2,311 animals were euthanized at HSOY in 2016. Of those numbers, 1,321 were feral cats, 544 animals were deemed unadoptable for a myriad of reasons, and 52 for space or limited resources. These numbers are down across the board overall which can be attributed to many reasons including better education, more adoptions and rescues, more community involvement, and greater spay/ neuter numbers.

Free- Roaming Cat Stats

Free- roaming cats are cats that enter the shelter in traps and may truly be feral. In 2016, **1,806** free-roaming cats entered the shelter. **1,321** of these cats were euthanized for being aggressive or unhealthy, 395 were adopted out, and **331** were sent to rescue. **44** cats were returned to their owner; of which **25** of these cats were domesticated. Finally, **285** cats were not impounded as ferals/ free-roaming but were deemed and released as such.

Dogs 4,166



Cats **3,942**



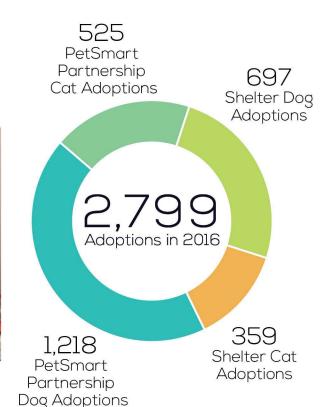
ADOPTIONS

Together with the Spay/ Neuter and Rescue programs, adoptions of dogs and cats are a major factor in how we are able to save lives each and every day. In 2016, the shelter alone saw **1,056** adoptions. Add that to the impressive numbers from our

PetSmart partnership of over 1,743 adoptions and you see numbers that top previous years. 2,799 in 2016 alone to be exact, compared to 2,467 in 2015. Adoptions through our satellite location at PetSmart help to get our adoptable animals even more exposure. PetSmart National Adoption Weekends coupled with our own shelter adoption events help us to continually see success in finding forever homes for our dogs and cats.



Mowgli- Adopted 9/28/16



RESCUE

The rescue program is an all-volunteer based program that began in 2007 with a volunteer using her own vehicle to transfer animals out of the shelter and into the hands of rescue organizations across Arizona and Southern California. With a generous grant in 2013 from the ASPCA, the HSOY Rescue Team was able to purchase a new van for the weekly trips. Money earned from The Annual Rescue Team rummage sale organized by Linda Christopher has helped to outfit the van with additional air conditioning, new tires, and more to help make the ride even more comfortable for the animals making their way out of Yuma. On December 1st, Team Rescue celebrated animal number **9,000** sent to rescue on the Rescue Express Van.



Team Rescue Run on the day they reached animal number 9,000 sent to rescue! Left to right- Loma Clark, Linda Christopher, Penny Sheffield, Carol Tvorek, Tina Rain, Jim Thompson, Don Stack, Michael Taylor, and Mary Ann Jarvis Callahan

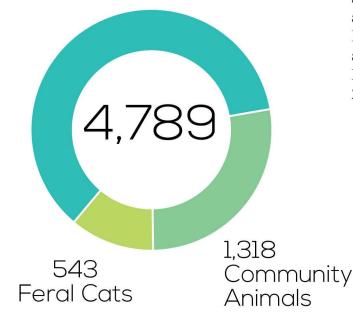
OVER 9,600 MILES TRAVELED IN 2016 1,836 RESCUES 10,2016 10,423 SENT SINCE 2007



Dr. Ernesto Sandigo performing a spay/ neuter surgery

2016 Spay & Neuter Clinic Numbers

2,928 Shelter Animals



SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC

Our low cost spay/ neuter clinic is a vital component of our shelter and the work done within the clinic helps us inch closer to our mission one animal at a time. Per law, every animal adopted from the HSOY must be either spayed or neutered before leaving the facility. Our clinic, however, doesn't just stop there. HSOY serves as a low cost resource for people in the Yuma community as well, which ultimately helps control the population of animals across the county. According to statistics from the ASPCA, roughly 8 million animals enter shelters across the country every year. Spaying or neutering just one animal can prevent thousands of potentially unwanted animals from entering shelters.

2016 saw an *increase* in spay/ neuter surgeries of all animals. In 2015, HSOY altered a total of 2,738 shelter animals while in 2016 that number increased to **2,928**. In 2015, HSOY spayed/ neutered 1,053 community animals while in 2016 we performed **1,318** surgeries. Feral cats accounted for an additional **543** surgeries in 2016.



Nisa Bottone-Sutton and Hailey Gadbois assist in the clinic on Feral Cat Day, October 30th, 2016. This year's Feral Cat Day saw surgeries for 94 felines.

FOSTER CARE

Each year our foster program helps cats and dogs get out of the shelter environment and into safe temporary homes. Whether the reason an animal goes into foster care is due to the animal being too young or too sick to survive on their own, behavioral, or simply just needs a break from the shelter enviroment, the foster program helps to save more lives. As of December 2016, HSOY has a total of **192** active foster parents. The volunteer hours these foster parents provide total to almost **90,000** hours- certainly time and energy employees alone do not have. The foster program plays a crucial role in seeing that hundreds of animals per year become ready for adoption.



Marlene Roman, Foster Coordinator and Mac, adopted 12/10/2016

INTERESTED IN FOSTERING?

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent to help save more lives, email **foster@hsoyuma.com**.

STRAY ANIMALS BY THE NUMBERS

4,099 STRAY ANIMALS CAME TO HSOY IN 2016

20% INCREASE OVER 2016

IN 2016

825

FOUND THEIR WAY



Un August 13th, 2016, the Humane Society of Yuma was hit with the 3rd alleged hoarding case of the year. This case included 45 Persian blend cats from a home within the City of Yuma. As each of these cats entered the shelter they were handled gen-

tly during evaluation as it was very clear they were extremely ill and malnourished. Of the three groups of animals this was clearly the worst one yet. Many of the cats were severely matted with evidence of feces in their fur. They needed to be shaved immediately to relieve their discomfort, allow their skin to heal, and prevent any potential for infection that the mats were causing.

Timing was terrible for the shelter; not only was the shelter still recovering from the previous two hoarding cases, but was also in the midst of kitten season. With little to say, this round of cats was difficult to handle and took a toll on our staff and volunteers. However, we sent out

another call for help and several volunteers stepped in to feed, clean, medicate and socialize these cats.

"Shahdi" was one of those 45 cats. He is a male mature Persian blend and was petrified as he entered the shelter. Unfortunately, he was also in desperate need of grooming. Shahdi, along with many of the others, were placed on breathing treatments and oral antibiotics by our Veterinary staff due to severe upperrespiratory infections. Even though malnourished, some cats refused to eat. Our volunteers brought in cans of cat food and soon the cats were beginning to show some improvement. They were starting to thrive! With a nutritious diet and antibiotics, we began to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

The time came for many of the cats to go up for adoption or into foster homes and rescue organizations, but there were still a few that just didn't seem to be as healthy as others. Shahdi was one of the cats who would need extra attention. His first glamour shot doesn't reflect how sick he really was; in his first photo volunteers had to assist Shahdi with sitting up. No one, including Shahdi himself, was ready to give up! We continued to work with him and a few of his brothers and sisters when he began



to make a turn for the better. The antibiotics began to work and his health showed signs of improvement. As we began to think about his future we found a small fungal infection on his skin- one that would make him unadoptable in a shelter setting. We knew at that point that we had to find a special someone who could love him.

Robin Hardee was that special someone! Shahdi's favorite volunteer found him a great home with a friend of the Humane Society of Yuma. Robin welcomed Shahdi home with open arms. Shahdi, now named Bibbs, was named after an AWC football player who went on to play for the NFL. Although Bibbs is somewhat fearful of people he will occasionally cuddle with his favorite hu-

man. Bibbs is now in the perfect home with a purrrfect cat owner. It is clear that they love each other! Bibbs now has a great future without judgement of his past.

The Humane Society of Yuma has many cases just like Bibbs. We are so thankful that Robin opened her heart and home to Bibbs. Additionally, we are thankful for a community that sees the quality and value in the animals that enter our shelter. The staff and volunteers of HSOY are so grateful to each and every one of you who shared your home to animals like Bibbs.

Thank Yoy!

To our grooming partners for giving our shelter animals the TLC they deserve!



















We would like to thank Konica Minolta for their support and generosity. Thank you!

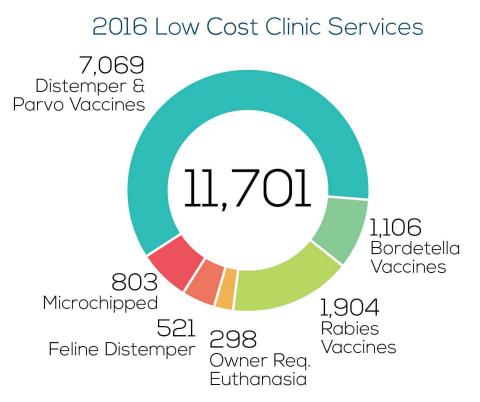


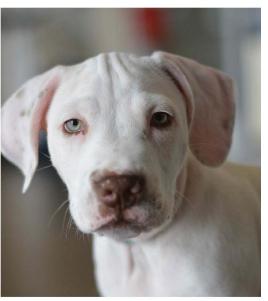
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HOW WE HELP THE COMMUNITY

LOW COST VACCINATION CLINIC

The Humane Society of Yuma's Low Cost Clinic exists to give the community a chance to get the vaccinations, microchips, and basic services needed for all dogs & cats of Yuma County. In 2016, a total of **11,701** vaccinations and microchips were administered to animals in our community. **7,069** distempter and parvo vaccinations were administered while **1,106** were vaccinated for bordetella. **1,904** animals were vaccinated against rabies, a requirement set forth by the city and county in order to license your dog or cat. **521** feline distemper vaccinations were given and a total of **803** animals were microchipped which helps to aid animal control and the HSOY in returning stray animals to their rightful owners.





Dior, adopted 12/09/2016

4 PAWS PANTRY 21,719 lbs. Of pet food were distributed to low income households in 2016.

In April of 2010, a group of dedicated volunteers recognized the overwhelming numbers of pets being surrendered to the shelter during the recession by families who could no longer afford to provide food to their beloved cats and dogs. In an effort to keep pets in their homes and as a preventative to keep people from ultimately turning their pets into an already overrun shelter environment, the group of volunteers banded together and created the 4 Paws Pantry. The Pantry

provides supplementary food to those who qualify based on income. Food is generously donated by local businesses and individuals. In order for someone to participate they must not only meet income requirements but also agree to spay or neuter all animals in the household so to prevent an unwanted animal population. In 2016, 4 Paws Pantry celebrated their 6th anniversary. Over 120,000 pounds of food has been distrubuted since the Pantry's inception!

FELINE FRIENDS

The mission of Feline Friends is to humanely reduce the feral cat population within Yuma County by practicing T.N.R.

FERAL & FREE-ROAM-ING CATS

Feral cats are the wild offspring of domestic cats and are primarily the result of pet owner's abandonment or failure to spay and neuter their animals, allowing them to breed uncontrolled. Feral cat colonies can be found behind shopping areas or businesses, in alleys, parks, abandoned buildings, and rural areas.



T.N.R. (TRAP- NEUTER-RELEASE)

TNR is a method of managing feral cat colonies humanely, effectively, and is ultimately a more effective method for reducing population than euthanasia alone. Feral cats are trapped in humane cages using food as bait. They are then spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies and released where they were originally trapped. Cats that have been through the T.N.R. process have the tip of his/her ear "tipped" off. That way, if caught again, he/she can be re-released and will in turn save precious resources.



Team 4 Paws left to right: Margy, Jan, Sandy, Jewel, Chris



Donations received from business and individuals to go towards our 4 Paws Pantry program for low income recipients.



Princess, HSOY's resident feral cat. Her ear is notched to indicate she has been spayed.



Nisa Bottone-Sutton of Feline Friends on Feral Cat Day, a day every year in which nearly 100 cats are spayed or neutered for the T.N.R program.

HOW THE COMMUNITY HELPS US





58 LEGACY MEMBERS



DONATIONS



The Humane Society of Yuma is fortunate to have **1597** donors dedicated to furthering the mission of HSOY by joining our network of members. Of those people, **137** have committed to giving on a monthly or yearly basis. For more information or to join as a monthly donor, email **Smendoza@hsoyuma.com**.

LEGACY CIRCLE

In 2016, HSOY received a total of \$207,711, and currently has 58 recognized legacy members. These generous individuals have chosen to name HSOY as a beneficiary in a will, living trust, life insurance policy, retirement account or have created a charitable remainder trust. To date, Legacy funds have been used to purchase new puppy pens, build the Kathryn Keen Memorial Garden and improve animals' quality of life. If you are interested in joining our Lecacy Circle, please contact Lshapiro@hsoyuma.com.



Did you know that when you shop for groceries you can have a percentage of your bill donated to the Humane Society of Yuma? It's easy to sign up, just visit **frysfood.com/topic/new-community-rewards-program** to sign up! Remember, you must renew your rewards recipient annually.

Online shopping is quick, easy, and convenientand it's also a great way to help the Humane Society of Yuma earn money for all your purchases! When choosing to shop on Amazon, make sure to bookmark **smile.amazon.com** and register your account to give back to HSOY. Shop in your pajamas and help out a good cause while you're at it!

LICENSING

The Humane Society of Yuma has partnered with Yuma County and the City of Yuma to facilitate their licensing programs.

Licensing your pet allows animal control to help your pet find its way home much easier in the event he or she gets away from you. There are different requirements depending on your residential jurisdiction.

It is very important that you know the jurisdiction of your residence. Yuma county is all areas of the county that are not part of the City of Yuma. This includes San Luis and the Town of Wellton. Residents of these areas are required to purchase a Yuma County license.

You can now license online! Visit our licensing page at www.hsoyuma.com/license-online.html.



Licences were issued by the

Humane Society in 2016.



Fred Astaire, adopted 12/15/2016



Storm, adopted 12/18/2016





Hazel, adopted 11/29/2016



Bugsy, adopted 10/13/2016



Mowgli, adopted 9/28/2016



Rusty, adopted 9/1/2016



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

The Humane Society of Yuma has an amazing network of over **580** volunteers that donated a total of **111,063** hours of their valuable time in 2016 alone. That's equal to about **53** full time staff members! We couldn't accomplish our goals without our dedicated volunteers. Thank you for all you do!



THRIFT STORE

The Humane Society Thrift Store has helped bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars to support spay and neuter surgeries since it began in 2007 at an outdoor swap meet. Since then, the store has celebrated some great success with the opening of the first brick and mortar location in 2008 and again in 2014 when we moved to our new location in the Big Curve shopping center. The boutiquelike store atmosphere helps to draw more customers in to shop as well as the convenient location adjacent to many other shops and restaurants in the

GRANTS

Each year, the Humane Society of Yuma is awarded several grants to aid in our mission of saving as many lives of homeless pets as possible. In 2016, a total of over \$128,475 a great deal of support coming from the community in the way of donations to the shop. Whether you're cleaning out your closets or looking for something new to you, the HSOY Thrift Store is the way

heart of Yuma. Donations are

always accepted and we see





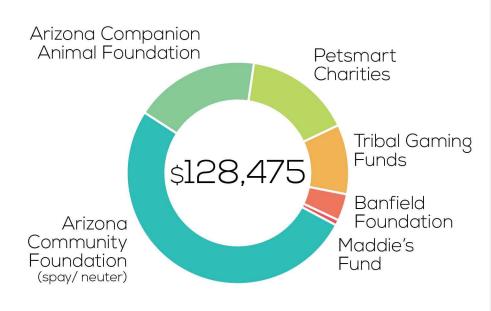
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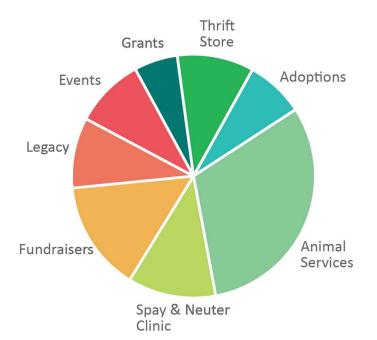
was a huge success bringning in over \$2,775 in just one day of sales!



was received from Petsmart Charities, Arizona Community Foundation, Arizona Champion Animal Fund, Banfield Foundation. and Maddie's Fund.

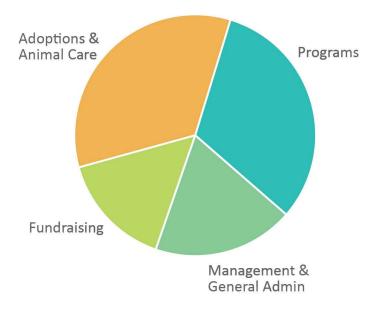


FINANCIALS



Total Revenue \$2,218,443

Adoptions	\$171,973
Animal Services & Licensing	\$693,528
Spay & Neuter Clinic	\$259,647
Fundraisers	\$325,105
Legacy	\$207,711
Events	\$205,866
Grants	\$128,475
Thrift Store	\$226,138



Total Expenses \$2,318,611

\$734,546
\$438,188
\$357,419
\$788,458

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Тнапк You, Yuma!

Our Fall Festival Presenting Sponsor, Quail Construction, sponsored \$5,000 worth of adoption fees during our biggest adoption event of the year!

Yuma is a small community, wonderful for so many reasons. When someone is in need it is amazing to see the community come out in support of a cause. Our Fall Family Festival and Adoption Event on October 15, 2016 was no exception to this generosity. Quail Construction and Evans Custom Concrete joined forces with The Humane Society of Yuma to get as many dogs and cats adopted out as possible. With Quail Construction's generous sponsorship of \$5,000 in adoption fees, an astounding 108 pets were able to find their forever homes and we were able to clear an entire kennel building!

Every year, The Humane Society of Yuma hosts our Annual Fall Family Festival in order to bring the community together after the long summer to celebrate the incoming cooler weather. We always have a variety of vendors and activities available for all guests to enjoy such as music, games, face painting and a pumpkin patch in addition to our adoption event. On behalf of the organization, we'd like to thank everyone who came out to the shelter and Petsmart to adopt and enjoy the day. With the support of our sponsors Quail Construction and Evans Custom Concrete we adopted out 53 pets within the three day weekend and another 55 dogs and cats through Saturday, October 22nd. Every animal adopted from The Humane



Celebrating an entire empty kennel after our Fall Family Festival! 108 animals found a forever home during the week of sponsored adoptions. Pictured left to right: Kendall Van New Kirk, Gale Carpenter, Lana Shapiro, Executive Director Annette Lagunas, Marlene Roman, Andre Munoz, Humberto Gurrola, and Joel Morales.

Society of Yuma is vaccinated and spayed or neutered before they go home. All dogs are microchipped, but cats are also highly suggested to implant a microchip. Adoption fees are low and are well worth every penny. Please help spread the word and check out our adoptable pets at the Humane Society of Yuma and our Petsmart Everyday Adoption Center.

HSOY would like to thank all of our adopters, supporters, volunteers, HSOY staff members, Quail Corporation and Evans Custom Concrete for your support. With your help we are able to step closer every day to our mission of reducing the number of homeless pets in Yuma. From the bottom of our hearts each and every day, THANK YOU!



Jason Hollis of Quail Construction with our Director of Development, Lana Shapiro

EVENTS



Critter Country March 19th @ Britain's Farms

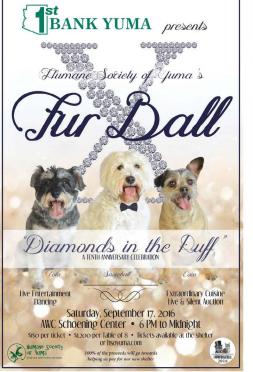


Fore Paws Golf Classic June 4th @ Desert Hills



\$96,473 Fur Ball IX

\$24,436 Critter Country



Fur Ball X September 17th @ AWC

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Fall Family Fest October 15th @ HSOY

\$19,804 Fore Paws Golf Classic

> 108 animal adoptions Fall Family Fest 2016

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IN MEMORIUM

In memory of those who passed in 2016 and requested The Humane Society of Yuma recieve donations in their honor.

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