



Paws Patter

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Needing Forever Homes:



2010 Feral Cat Calendar

We are well underway on our 2010 calendar. Several people sent in photos and information on the cats they adopted from us and we used each of them throughout the calendar. In addition, we've included some of our barn cats and a few cats currently needing homes. We still have space available for business card ads, some sponsoring individual monthly cats (\$175) and others in the back of the calendar (\$90).

Additionally, we were asked to consider giving people an opportunity to post a memorial to pets they have lost, so we set aside a page for that purpose. Each memorial listing will consist of 4 lines of 45 characters each, including punctuation and spaces. Cost for the listing is \$25. If you would like to post a tribute to your beloved pets who have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge, send a check for the amount along with the memorial text to Paws Patrol, PO Box 1642, Green Valley, AZ 85622, so we receive it no later than August 19.

We hope to have calendars available for sale by mid-September, so start planning your Christmas list now. Cost will be \$12 each.

CATS FOR ADOPTION

We currently have over 50 cats in our foster homes eagerly waiting for permanent homes. Here is our dilemma—we have no more room for cats or kittens and as a result, we are turning away kittens of feral cats and they will generally not survive in the wild. This past week alone, we turned away 12 kittens. So, we are doing a few things to try to move our foster cats/kittens into qualified homes.

- **Hard to Adopt Cat Month**—Petfinder.com has proclaimed August 12 as Adopt-a-Less-Adoptable-Pet Day. We've carried that further and for the entire month of August, our hard to adopt cats—black fur, long hair, shy, not good with other cats, visual problems—will be \$50 for 1 and \$75 for 2. Remember, they are sterilized and up to date on shots, AND raised in foster homes so we know a lot about them. There is no reason why these felines have not found homes, so go to our website, www.greenvalleypawspatrol.org, and click on "Adoptable Pets". How can you resist these felines?
- **Cat Adoption Fair Sunday**—On the second Sunday of each month, we hold an adoption fair at Green Valley Canine from 1pm to 4pm. This Sunday, August 9, we will feature only our Hard to Adopt Cats/Kittens. So stop by and see all our wonderful felines waiting to go home with you.
- **Black Cats**—We have several black cats and kittens who need homes. Due to specific superstitions and abuses around Halloween, we make it a point not to adopt these kitties during September and October. If you are interested in some of the greatest cats we have,

Elmo



Marcie



Sinatra



Lovey

contact us during August. But be prepared, because our foster parents will ask you a lot of questions!

- **Warehouse/Shop Cats**—Sometimes, we take in older kittens or cats who have a feral lineage but their temperament is more “stray” than “feral” and we believe they will be adoptable in a few months. In most of these cases, the cats can be petted by their foster parents but will probably not be able to be held. They are wonderful pets for people who enjoy just having a cat in the house, but that is not the case with most folks. And these cats may have been inside since they were weaned and don’t have the outdoor skills needed to be barn cats. So, we’ve created a new category of adoption—warehouse/shop cats. We want these cats to be protected inside so we will adopt them to approved businesses as good mousers—sterilized, vaccinated and at **NO CHARGE**. If you know someone who might benefit from one of these cats, or if you would like to speak to a business that has a shop cat, let us know.
- **Barn Cats**—We **NEVER** want to relocate a feral cat because his best chance of survival is in the area he knows. However, due to human threats, foreclosures and new construction, we sometimes have to move them. In those cases, we look for barns with certain criteria—safe areas, caring folks to watch out for the cats, etc. We currently have 4-5 barns with our cats and would like to get more online for when we have cats that need them. If you have a barn and are interested in feral cats, let us know.

FUNDING

Here is our good news...and our other news:

- We received a \$10,000 grant from the Bonnie Kay Fund specifically for our work with feral cats in central Arivaca. Estimates on the number of cats in that area are as high as 500. In addition to spay/neuter/vaccines, we will work with residents to create some feeding stations to help the cats and wildlife more safely co-exist, and provide cat food when possible to help maintain the cat colonies. We are currently working with 4 colonies, the largest of which has about 50 cats. Our two year goal is to reduce the feral cat overpopulation through our Trap/Neuter Return program. (We had requested \$21,000 for this grant, and hope some of our efforts will generate additional funds from the other surrounding communities.)
- The economy has affected everyone, and we are no exception. Our donations and grants are currently almost non-existent and care for our cats in foster homes has been provided by means of our credit card. So as of August 1, we have decided not to further our debt. With the exception of cats in Arivaca, we are now turning away all requests to help with feral cats in Green Valley, Sahuarita, Amado, Tubac and Rio Rico—unless other individuals can pay for the services. When funding and donations resume, and adoptions increase, we will gladly resume our TNR efforts in these communities.

CAT FOOD/LITTER NEEDED

With all the feral colonies and foster cats we care for, we use a lot of dry and canned cat food, and cat litter. Donations of these supplies can be left at our table at the Green Valley Village Farmer’s Market every Wednesday from 8:30am to 12:30pm or at The Dog House, 620 W. Ward Lane, Green Valley from Tuesday through Saturday. All kinds of food and litter are needed for our feral colonies. For our fosters, stop in The Dog House and see Debra. She can direct you to the food and litter we most often need.

RECENT NEWS ARTICLES

If you don’t receive the Green Valley News, check out these recent articles about Paws Patrol:

<http://gvnews.com/articles/2009/08/06/letters/09editorial080509.txt>

<http://www.gvnews.com/articles/2009/08/01/news/26cats802.txt>



Tootsie

How to Make a Donation

Paws Patrol always welcomes donations. Credit card donations can be made securely through PayPal on our website (www.greenvalleypawspatrol.org)

. Alternately, checks can be mailed to Paws Patrol, P.O. Box 1642, Green Valley, AZ 85622.

In addition to monetary donations, we gladly accept any type of dry cat food for our feral colonies, and bags of Innova, Evo, Chicken Soup for the Soul Cat Food, and Taste of the Wild for our foster kitties.

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FEATURED CAT OF THE MONTH

Nibs is a gorgeous black male with an irresistible splash of white on his neck and beautiful silver tips throughout his medium length hair. He was born in August 2008. His life started out with lots of nurturing and TLC in his foster home. He was raised with a nice dog and adult cats that showed him the ropes! Nibs loves to play and is full of love. He has had fun living with his foster family, but he really longs for a home of his own. Will you grant his wish?



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Paws Patrol Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 4-6PM at the Green Valley Library**
- **Adoption Fair: Sunday, September 13, 1-4PM at G.V. Canine**