

PAWS PATTER e-newsletter

October 2007

Welcome to Paws Patrol's first email newsletter. We have had numerous achievements since we began in April 2006-including trapping over 325 cats--and now, we have our first newsletter. We plan to produce Paws Patter every three months to keep our supporters informed of our needs and accomplishments. We welcome your comments and suggestions, and thank you for your continued support.

Paws Patrol is a community-based program that promotes the spay and neuter of companion animals and provides Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) support for feral cats.

A FERAL CAT VS. A STRAY CAT

What is the difference between a feral cat and a stray or tame cat? A feral cat is a domestic cat who was lost or abandoned and has reverted to a wild state or a cat born to a stray or feral mother and has had little human contact. A stray cat is a domestic cat who strayed from home and became lost, or was abandoned. They can usually be resocialized and placed in adoptive homes.

OUR MIRACLE KITTY

Molly is a miracle kitty, born to a feral mom, who would not be here today were it not for a loving veterinarian, Dr. John Heller. For several months, we trapped a colony of feral cats in Arivaca. In the spring, we discovered a defective Manx gene showing up in some of the kittens. Two kittens had no tail and the spinal cord was affected making it impossible for them to defecate properly. They had to be euthanized. We then made it our mission to trap all the males and females with short tails first so we didn't have to lose any more kittens. Then in the summer, we trapped three kittens--and when we took them to the vet, we discovered one of them had the same genetic defect but this time it showed up as a covering over the anus. Dr. Heller said there were two choices--euthanize the cat, or trust him to try reconstructive surgery. Today, Molly is a very happy member of Dr. Heller's family and is recovering quite well. And Paws Patrol is happy to report that all but one cat in this colony has been neutered or spayed.

NATIONAL FERAL CAT DAY-OCTOBER 16,2007

National Feral Cat Day Alley Cat Allies (a national organization) will launch a campaign to change the policies that kill feral cats and kittens. Their message is edgier than in the past because the time has come to stir people up, to help public officials discover the facts about cats, and to begin changing animal control policies. Watch for announcements in local papers and TV.

And to honor the feral cats we work to save, we will reduce the adoption prices

for our tame kittens and stray adults from October 15 through November 15 to \$50 each. Our usual price is \$65 and, as always, spay/neuter and vaccinations are included.

A SPECIAL CAT FOR ADOPTION

Bernie is a loving black short hair male probably about 1-1/2 years old. In the spring, his face and head were burned in an accident. For nearly two months, he stayed at the veterinary clinic recuperating and he learned to love all the attention. When he finally went to a foster home, he learned to get along with cats and dogs. His face healed nicely but he is missing some hair around his eyes and he lost part of an ear. Then Bernie had another piece of bad luck-he was tested several times for FELV and had conflicting results. The vet determined that he appears to have been exposed to FELV but his body has been fighting it. He will be retested in a few months, but he can safely be adopted as an only cat, or with indoor, vaccinated adult cats. His foster mom loves this cat-he craves attention and loves her cats, and ignores the dogs. He desperately needs a permanent, loving home. Paws Patrol will pay for the next FELV test. Check out his photos online and call us if you have room in your heart and home for Bernie.

We have over 40 cats and kittens in foster homes waiting to be adopted and you can read about them on our website www.pawspatrol.petfinder.org
<<http://www.pawspatrol.petfinder.org> (Just cut and past the web address!)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our work in the Green Valley area is growing rapidly and we always need more volunteers to help us in our feral cat efforts. If you love cats and have some time to donate to a worthy cause, there are many ways you can help. Call Ann Rangos at 207-0366 and volunteer today.

Garage sale -October 12, 7am to 2:00pm at 18275 S. Camino de Las Quintas, Sahuarita (call 207-4024 for directions). We have an amazing amount of donations for the sale. (Besides donations, we need helpers!) This is a semi-annual event to raise money to pay spay and neuter expenses.

White Elephant Country Fair-Continental Mall in Green Valley, October 25-27

Adoption Fair in Rio Rico-November 10 from 1pm to 3pm at San Cayetano Veterinary Hospital, 1133 Circulo Mercado

Adoption Fair in Green Valley-December (watch for exact date), at Green Valley Canine

OUR SPECIAL NEEDS

There are many things we need to benefit our felines, but these are the most needed currently.

Video camera to display our foster kitties at adoption events in their actual foster environments.

Cargo van or small RV for transporting cats and kittens to and from vets, taking cats to adoption events and for emergency boarding after surgery, if necessary.

CASH DONATIONS

We always need donations to pay for veterinary expenses - vaccinations and spay/neuter expenses. A female feral cat costs about \$100; a male cat cost about \$70. Your tax-deductible donation will help us care for more cats. You can mail donations to Paws Patrol, P.O. Box 1642, Green Valley, AZ 85622. Or, go to our website-www.pawspatrol.petfinder.org-and make a secure donation by credit card through [PayPal](#).

Your help is needed to make this all-volunteer program work. Paws Patrol is a nonprofit 501©3 organization, so all donations are tax deductible. All funds go directly to the various cat programs.

Thank you for being a part of Paws Patrol. If you know of other interested people please pass this information on to them.

Sincerely,

PATTI HOGAN
President

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