



Paws Patter

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Needing Forever Homes:

Valerie

TEARS OF JOY...AND SADNESS

Our foster moms and dads go through a wide spectrum of good and bad times caring for the feral and not so feral cats until the cats find perfect homes. There is nothing better than the joy of watching kittens survive all odds of being born outside. And sadness comes when our cat children cross the Rainbow Bridge. Since our last newsletter, we have had many joys and sorrows.

The end of June, we rescued a feral mom and her 4 kittens from a Green Valley yard when they were just 3 days old. Their lives were in a crisis state—1 kitten died July 4, another had 2 amputation surgeries on 1 leg with in her first week of life, and mom had an emergency spay to stop her bleeding. But our joy mounts daily as we watch Valerie, our little tripod kitty, walk, gain weight and explore all the things her sisters do.

We've also had much sadness. Three of our cat kids touched our lives in many ways, and now are able to romp together without pain or fear somewhere over the Bridge. Jonah was just over 1 year old when he died. He was fostered in a couple homes and then found a great permanent home, but he was diagnosed with FIP and was in a great deal of pain when we put him down. Blake was a 4 month old kitty when he came to me to foster. Over the next 1-1/2 years, we tried a lot of things to see where his perfect home would be. He loved to greet people at the door, but always had issues being in a house. Finally after consulting with a couple of vets, we decided to try him as an indoor/outdoor cat—much against our beliefs. We decided to try this new arrangement at my house since the area is fairly safe and we already had an outdoor cat who could teach him some survival skills. For 2 months, Blake was happier than I had ever seen him—and so were the rest of the indoor cats! Then in August, some predator took him away, leaving a giant hole in our hearts. But nothing can compare to the sorrow of losing our beloved Tommy, Paws Patrol's mascot, who came with our house almost 8 years ago. He was an outdoor cat, except for a few hours a day. If we forced him in, he would rip out screens and let everyone out, or fight with other cats until we put him out. Tommy was smart, a wonderful packrat eliminator, truly a lovable cat. Blake must have told God he was lonely and over the weekend of September 11,



Miss C.



Louise



Laverne



Mr. Ferocious

Tommy disappeared, coincidentally when a bobcat visited next door. No cat will ever be able to take Tommy's place. We miss you guys!

Tommy



Jonah



Blake



There are lessons to be learned from these cats. First, Paws Patrol continues to be adamant that cats must be indoors only, except for feral cats who can't be domesticated. There are so many dangers outside waiting for unsuspecting felines. Second, because most of our work is with feral cats, we realistically know those cats, and many strays, always remain in danger because they must live outdoors. Third, we all need to work together to provide as many safe areas for outdoor cats as possible. And last, the efforts we put into saving young kittens and watching them flourish, is worth every sleepless night.

Patti Hogan, President

Current Projects

Even though our income has been lower this year, since January 1, we have been busy:

Total number of cats trapped--145

of cats spayed--62

of cats neutered--63

Current # cats in foster care--25

of cats adopted--50

Currently, our primary trapping area is at Los Arboles mobile home park. There is no way to know how many cats may be there but our best guess would be 40-50. Of the cats trapped so far, half were under 4 months of age but quite feral, except for 1 which we have in foster care. To complicate matters, the family who was feeding many of the cats, where we set our traps, has moved from the park. The park manager has promised to "assign" a resident to work with us on this project. All cats we trap are being spayed/neutered at the Humane Society in Tucson while they have grant money for TNR. We will provide food for these cats when it is available, and we could use a few people to help with this project. Our grant for Arivaca ferals has been exhausted so the work we do there is dependent on the funds raised by the Arivaca Mart on items they sell on the Paws Patrol shelves. Throughout this fall, our goal is to only do TNR and not to increase our foster cats since funding is much less than last year. Kitten season is once again here and we are sadly, needing to turn away these tiny felines.

UPCOMING EVENTS NEED VOLUNTEERS

October is a very busy month for us and many of our volunteers are



Sylvester



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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not yet back from other locations. If you can help with any of the following events, please contact us at 520-207-4024.

- **Farmer's Market at Green Valley Village**—We have a booth here every Wednesday and need 2 people to work each two-hour shift, currently 8am to 10am and 10am to noon. Beginning Oct. 6, The Market's hours change to 10 AM to 2 PM.
- **Equine Voices Open House**—We will have a booth at the Equine Voices Open House in Amado on Saturday, October 2 from 11am to 3pm. No cats will be there, but we will have marketing materials and a raffle—we need a few more raffle items. We could use 4-5 people throughout the day.
- **Patagonia Arts and Crafts Fair**—This event is October 9-10 in Patagonia and is our first year to have a booth at the event. Each day, we need the booth manned from 9am to 5pm so we need volunteers for shifts. We also need raffle items for this event.
- **Spay/neuter**—Most of our foster kitties are being spayed/neutered at ABC on Valencia, and our ferals are being done at the Humane Society. We need folks to drive them to the location in mornings and others to bring them back in the afternoons. We are flexible on the days.
- **Adoption Fair Sign Repair**—Before each monthly adoption fair, we put out sandwich board signs throughout the area. Over the years, these have become quite weathered and worn and need repairs. If you are creative, artistic, etc., this may be just the project for you!

Please make plans to see us at one of our upcoming events, and feel free to offer to volunteer your time!

- **Our next Adoption Fair will be held Sunday, October 17th from 1PM to 4PM at Green Valley Canine.**
- **Farmer's Market – Wednesday, September 22 & 29 from 10AM until 2PM**
- **Farmer's Market – Wednesday, October 6 from 8AM until 12PM (Please note change in time)**

SPECIAL VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

Vet Tech or Vet - We are in need of someone with skills to help with things like blood draws and sub-q fluids and to help with vaccines when needed, etc.

Barn Coordinator - When ferals absolutely must be relocated, we look for barns which need cats for rodent control. The best barns have horses and their owners gladly take care of a few good cats. We need a person for this project who can coordinate the trapping of the cats, get them to and from the vet for spay/neuter/vaccines, visit the barn in advance to be sure there are safety areas available, arrange setup of our holding kennels for the 4 weeks our cats must be kept secure, and visit the cats before they are released.

Foster Coordinator - At any one time, we may have cats in 10 foster homes waiting for adoption. Someone for this position

needs to know the cats we have and the type of home they will do best in, visit prospective foster parents, ensure the necessary paperwork is completed, and be able to juggle cats around as needed. This person's input is heavily relied on in the adoption process.

Board Members - Paws Patrol has grown by leaps and bounds in our 4 years, and our Board needs to grow, too. We would like 2-3 new members with experience in fundraising, animal rescue, nonprofits, or similar corporate experience to help us move forward.

FEATURED CAT OF THE MONTH



My name is Goldie – aka “Lap Cat”, and I am a beautiful 3 year old female Orange Tabby in need of a new lap. Something happened to my previous human companion so I'm looking for a new opportunity. I love to be rubbed, petted and have my head and jaw scratched. Oh, did I mention that I'm gorgeous? I get along great with other cats and friendly dogs, too. I'm learning to play with toys, but I'm not so curious that I get into things I shouldn't. You might also call me "Miss Hepburn", as I can be funny, regal, and a bit talkative if you ignore me. But I'm so sweet, and I know you will shower me with affection.

Items Needed

- **Microchip Implanter and Chips (about \$600) - To help ensure our adopted cats get back home in case they wander outside and get lost. We would like to microchip each of them.**
- **Cat Carriers - We need cat carriers, particularly small ones.**
- **Dry Cat Food - Winter is coming and our food supply is very low for the feral cat colonies who depend on us. Any type of dry cat**

food is needed.

PAWS PATROL IS NOW ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

If you're looking for more updated information on Paws Patrol, we now have Facebook and Twitter accounts where you can keep up with upcoming events and other current info. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can follow us through this link - [Paws Patrol on Facebook](#). If you already have a Facebook or Twitter account, find us under key word "PawsPatrol".

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