



Paws Patter

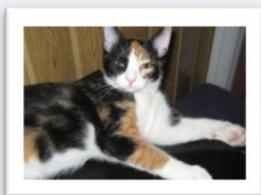
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Bella



Diva

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2013 was a very busy year for us. We trapped 300 cats and half of those were stray, not feral, so the number of cats we fostered instead of returning to the areas they came from was greater. The places we showcase cats for adoption increased and our volunteers stepped up to be sure we have the coverage needed for the various locations. Last year, we also had 9 FELV positive kittens, the most we ever had in our 8 year history. Part of the reason is probably due to more thorough testing than we did prior, but in most cases, part of a litter would be FELV positive and part negative. And we found homes for 5 of those positive kittens.

We also saw more serious illnesses and injuries than in previous years. Our policy has always been once we have a cat, tame or feral, it is our responsibility to provide the best care possible, and if we don't have the funds for it, then we have to find them. It is this belief that led to the creation of ***Beauty's Fund***, our emergency fund for high expense cats suffering from broken bones, eye injuries or needing eye removal, stomatitis (a severe mouth illness generally resulting in removal of all teeth), etc. Beauty was a cat found in the pecan orchards with a severe cancerous tumor covering one eye. Throughout her few days with us and the pain she endured, her spirit and understanding of what we were trying to do for her never waned. Sadly, she clearly had been someone's pet, and if the tumor had been treated early, she probably would have survived. In memory of Beauty, we hope people will donate to this fund on a regular basis.

We have many new ventures coming up that you will read about in this edition. We hope you will take part in some of them and, as always, share this information with your friends.

Sincerely,
Patti Hogan, President

ARIZONA GIVES DAY—APRIL 9

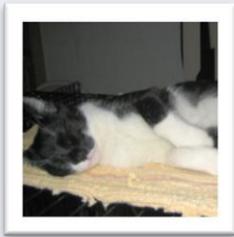
April 9 will be the second annual Arizona Gives Day , a 24-hour period of ***online giving*** to Arizona's nonprofits. Last year throughout the state more than \$1 million was generated for nonprofits statewide. Please support Paws Patrol with your donation. To count for this event, contributions must be made online within the 24 hour period. So on April 9 only, log in to ***AZ gives.org*** and remember, we need your help to continue to spay and neuter, vaccinate, rehabilitate and find homes for feral and stray cats in our communities.

KITTENS AGAIN!

We thought last fall was a big kitten season but this spring promises to be much larger. Due to the warm winter, more females became pregnant earlier than usual. And the litters are large—4 to 6 kittens each. We have 3 litters in foster care currently, one litter was born in December and starting to be adopted and the remaining kittens were born in March...in foster homes. Fortunately, they have attentive moms and that makes our lives easier. If you can help foster a kitten or litter, even short term, please contact us.

ADOPT THE BABY AND GET THE BABYSITTER FOR FREE!!

Join the Paws Patrol "No Mom Left Behind" program!
It's kitten season again and soon Paws Patrol will have lots of lovable, cuddly kittens up for adoption. Every year, kittens are quickly adopted, however, mommy cat, who has loved, cared for and given everything to raise her little ones, is left behind never knowing where her babies went or if they were safe and happy. So this year Paws Patrol is introducing the "No Mom Left Behind" program. With each kitten adoption, you can adopt the mom for free!! All moms and babies are spay/neutered, vet checked and vaccinated.



Giorgie



Kelly



Celestina



Ginger



Walton



"There was much excitement in the household when Boo delivered her first and only litter of kittens. There were four precious little ones, all healthy and beautiful. Boo was the perfect mom, guarding and caring for them. We weren't allowed to touch them for weeks and when Boo finally permitted us to pick up and cuddle her babies, it was under her constant and watchful eye. Boo cared for her kittens for 12 weeks, playing with them, teaching them how to use the litter, how to jump out of the enclosure we had them in, how to climb up inside the Christmas tree and knock down the ornaments... It was a wonderful 12 weeks!!! Then, the day came when the first kitten, Bear, went to his new home. With Bear in our arms, Boo watched us go out the door. She was waiting for us when we returned, however, Bear was not with us. Boo ran to the door and called for him. She ran to the windows and called for him. She did this for two weeks!! All day long Boo went from the door to the windows calling for her missing baby. It nearly broke our hearts. As the other kittens left, Boo barely noticed. Her heart was broken and mending didn't come quickly.".....Shirley Kargel

Unfortunately this is the story of most of our mommy cats. Most of them are in foster homes also waiting adoption into a loving home. Kittens are adorable, they are adopted quickly but all too often mommy is left behind, torn from her babies and never knowing what happened to them. Please join Paws Patrol in the "No mom left behind" project.

WHERE TO SEE OUR ADOPTABLE CATS

- *Petco in Sahuarita*

We are pleased to have a full-time adoption venue at Petco in Sahuarita for our adoptable cats. Since they opened in October 2013, we have had 4 cats on display each week, and the exposure has been terrific. So far, we have adopted 52 cats from this location. Paws Patrol volunteers clean the kennels twice each day, 7 days a week, and volunteers are on hand to answer questions and adopt out cats to new homes every Saturday and Sunday—and often other days of the week. If a Paws Patrol representative is not onsite when a customer has a question, Petco calls one of our volunteers to answer the question or come to the store to process an adoption. We are honored to have such a great working relationship with Petco and the local store's staff. If you haven't yet visited the store, stop in and tell them Paws Patrol sent you!

- *The Dog House in Green Valley*

For several years, Debbie Porterfield at The Dog House has fostered cats and kittens for us. She also helps with the setup of our booth at the Farmer's Market each Wednesday, stocks the food, litter and other supplies we need for our felines, coordinates our entry in the White Elephant parade, and provides support for Paws Patrol in a host of other ways. Stop by and say "hi" and see the cats and kittens available for adoption. Debbie can process all qualified adoptions.

- *Petsmart on Irvington in Tucson*

On the third Saturday of each month, we take 3-4 cats to Petsmart on Irvington from 10-2 in hopes of finding them forever homes.

- *Foster Homes in the Local Area*

Last but certainly not least, are our foster homes. Most of our cats and kittens start out in local foster homes and then rotate through the above retail partners so they get more exposure to people, children and dogs. Our foster parents provide the nurturing environment needed for kitties whose lives have been uncertain in the outside world. And we always need more foster homes. So if you can help even for a couple of weeks, contact us.



Crissi



Lucilu



Louie

The mission of Paws Patrol is to reduce the feral cat overpopulation through Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) in order to create a healthier environment for our communities.

Paws Patrol is a private 501(c)3 nonprofit organization not affiliated with any local or national organization. We rely on donations and grants and do not receive local or county funds.

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 and Royal Canin Baby Cat Food for our foster kitties.

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PAWS PATROL INSTANT WIN RAFFLE – APRIL 16

Paws Patrol is holding an INSTANT WIN raffle as a fundraiser on April 16th at the Wednesday farmers market. Be sure to stop by our tent located next to Sears and across from the music and see what you can go home with! Please consider donating a prize for our raffle. Anything, large or small would be appreciated. Gift certificates to any local business is a great idea. Contact Barbara at 520-777-3639 with any questions or donations.

BENEFIT WINES SUPPORT PAWS PATROL

Now you can support Paws Patrol and enjoy a delicious bottle of wine at the same time! In cooperation with Benefit Wines, we have 6 types of wine from Chile each labeled with photos of some of our cats, most from our 2014 annual calendar. The wines sell for \$19.99 per bottle and \$6 of that amount is donated to Paws Patrol. The wines must be purchased online and signed for by an adult when delivered to you. The Sampler Package and Collector's Package make wonderful holiday gifts for your cat loving friends and you help our kitties at the same time. For more information, go to www.benefitwines.com/Paws-Patrol_c_6567.html. (Tip: Shipping costs are less for packages delivered to a business than to a residence.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Grant Writer
- Working at Farmer's Market booth on Wednesdays
- Fundraiser
- Barn program coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please make plans to see us at one of our upcoming events:
Every Wednesday at the Farmer's Market at the Green Valley Marketplace; currently 10:00am-2:00pm

BEQUEST PROGRAM

You can continue to help us spay/neuter feral cats and limit the increasing number of kittens by remembering Paws Patrol in your will, living trust, retirement plan or life insurance policy. And individuals who make bequests to Paws Patrol may arrange for Paws to care for their cat or cats after the individuals pass on. Ask us for a copy of our Bequest Program brochure.

DONATIONS

Your donation will help us care for the animals! It's easy to send a safe and secure contribution using PayPal, and you don't have to have a PayPal account. Just click here: [Donate to Paws Patrol](#) There you can indicate whether you want your donation to go towards **Beauty's Fund** or a general donation. If you prefer to mail in a donation, please fill out this form below:

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