



Paws Patter

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Needing Forever Homes:



Vern



Alex

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter another year, we reflect on our successes over the past 6+ years and look ahead to our challenges for 2013.

- Trapped 1482 cats since April 2006
- Returned 783 to their cat colonies, or 53%
- Found homes for 534 tame cats and kittens who were trapped, or 36%
- Placed 119 ferals, or 8%, in our Barn Program

Clearly, we are accomplishing our main goal--to reduce feral cat overpopulation through Trap/Neuter/Return. And just over one-half of the cats we trapped and neutered were returned to their colonies under the watchful eyes of dedicated caregivers.

This year, we want to continue to trap and neuter as many cats as possible which is dependent on our finances and foster homes for the upcoming spring and fall kitten seasons. Last year, we turned away many kittens because we had no where to place them, so we hope more individuals will open their homes to become foster families, even just for short term emergencies. And financially, we are still feeling the effects of caring for many sick felines last year. That left us with a shortfall as we start 2013 and it seems we will need to turn down many requests for help until finances improve. We are the only 501(c)3 organization between Tucson and Nogales working with feral cats, and we depend on donations, bequests and some grants in order to provide the services we do. All of our work is done solely by dedicated volunteers who do a superb job.

But the cats are the stars of our efforts, so in this edition, we chose to highlight some of our special felines whom you may not have heard about. Some of them need individuals who can think outside the traditional adoption guidelines and help us find the perfect situation for them. And remember, we also have some great companion cats on our website who need homes.

To all of those in our communities who support our work, thank you. We wish you a great 2013 and hope you will stop by one of our events and let us thank you personally.

Sincerely,
Patti Hogan, President

TUBAC FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Make plans now to stop by our booth during the Tubac Festival, February 6-10 from 10am to 5pm. We'll have great raffle items and information on our many ongoing projects. Browse through our Cats for Adoption binder. And enjoy the day shopping at all the vendor booths.

MANOS GALLERY JEWELRY SHOW BENEFITS PAWS PATROL

After the Tubac Festival, Manos is having a jewelry show and part of the proceeds can help the Paws Patrol kitties. On February 12 from 2-6 PM, stop by and see the great gifts to treat yourself for Valentine's Day. Ten percent of the profit from the jewelry sales will go to one of 3 charities, as you choose: Boys and Girls Club, Equine Voices and Paws Patrol.



Everett



Vinnie



Toby



Charlie



Tiffany

BARN PROGRAM



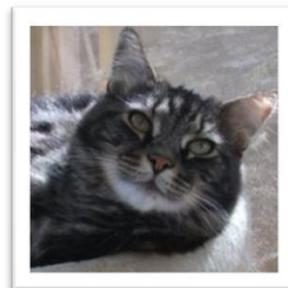
The best place for feral cats is the area or colony they have lived in because they know where the food and safety areas exist, but in some cases such as humans threatening to harm the cats, that is not feasible. And then where do the cats go? They serve a vital purpose in our area to kill rodents and that helps keep the snakes away. To address this problem, Paws Patrol has a Barn Adoption Program. Feral cats not suitable as indoor house pets make wonderful additions to ranches, warehouses, or homes with acreage. They must be secured for 3-4 weeks in a barn or similar place and Paws Patrol also has 4'x4'x4' kennels available with all the things the cats need during that time. The caregiver commits to providing food, water and clean litter each day during this time. The goal is to have the cats want to stay around when they are released. The cats are neutered and vaccinated, and the cost to adopt a cat through the Barn Program is \$20 per cat. Contact us if you would like more information.

SPECIAL CATS NEED SPECIAL HOMES

We have several cats and kittens on our website for adoption (greenvalleypawspatrol.org) but this month, we want to focus on finding the perfect homes for special cats. If you can adopt one of these felines, or know someone who can, please contact us.



Scout



Belle



Baby Doll

Scout—This beautiful blue/grey female is 6 years old and recently came back to us due to her mom's failing health. Scout was part of the first litter of kittens we took in six years ago. Many of them had lost part of their sight from a virus and Scout was no exception. She has perfect sight in one eye but probably only 50% in the other. While she was adopted, she saw no other cats (except her brother), no dogs and few other people. She was well taken care of but is shy. In a home with no dogs or kids and perhaps just one cat, she should blossom.

Belle—There is no reason in the world why Belle hasn't been adopted. She has been fostered since kitten hood and is now almost five years old. She is cautious at first but becomes very affectionate after she builds trust. She gets along with dogs and wouldn't mind having one other kitty. Belle is probably part Maine coon and has a beautiful grey and black coat with crème fur on her underside. She had only one wish for Santa last year—a home of her own but she is still looking.

Baby Doll—Baby Doll was a great mom but once her kittens were weaned, she made it quite clear that she wanted to be a princess—and an only cat. She is a short hair calico and has done well in her foster home. She even temporarily adopted a foster kitten until it found a home. Now it is her turn. Please give her a chance to be part of your home. No kids or dogs or cats.



Pumpkin



Noelle



Crème Brulee

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.

And...2 feral cats need warehouses or secure barns/studios.

Wendell—This guy is one of the most beautiful Seal Point Siamese cats you will ever see. He was trapped in Sahuarita in August 2011 and the vet found he had 2 problems—FELV positive and kidney disease. Although Wendell was only about 2 years old, his prognosis was not good. So we decided not to send him back to his colony but let him live out his expected few months in a large indoor kennel. And here we are 17 months later with a seemingly thriving, chubby cat! It is amazing what the proper food and an indoor environment can do. Wendell is definitely feral but doesn't mind having people around if they leave him alone. We want him to have more room—a warehouse, secure barn, etc., where he can be a mouser and enjoy being a cat with protected space to run around. He cannot be with other cats, unless they are FELV positive. Think outside the box and help us find a special place for him. There is no adoption fee for Wendell but he will need to continue to get Prescription Diet KD dry food.



Wendell



Bucky

Bucky—Bucky is Scout's brother and has probably half his vision in both eyes. In all the time he was in a home, his feral nature seemed to worsen, although Scout is quite gentle. He is very confused about losing his home and his mom but is healthy and up to date on shots. He is FELV/FIV negative. We envision an indoor area where he can catch mice and feel safe even though he can't see a lot around him. He is currently kenneled and needs more space. There is no adoption fee for Bucky.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Often people want to volunteer to indirectly help with our TNR efforts but they don't want to foster tame kitties or trap ferals. Here are some of our volunteer areas which need help:

- Working at our booth on Wednesdays at the Farmer's Market in Green Valley (no cats involved)
- Fundraising--if you have skills in this area, we really need your help
- Foster families, short term or longer
- A barn program coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please make plans to see us at one of our upcoming events. And let us know if you can volunteer your time!

Every Wednesday at the Farmer's Market at the Green Valley Marketplace; currently 10:00am-2:00pm

February 6-10 – Tubac Festival of the Arts, 10 AM to 5 PM

February 12 – Manos Gallery Benefit, La Entrada de Tubac, 2pm-6pm

February 17 - Cat Adoption Fair, 1pm-4pm, Green Valley Canine

March 2 – Animal Care Center Open House, 2pm-5pm, Green Valley

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.

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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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](#)

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