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Needing Forever Homes:



Marty



Alex

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe another year has almost past, and it has been challenging in many ways. Paws Patrol's primary mission is to Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) feral cats to the area they are from because they know the food and safety areas. We vaccinate the cats for rabies and respiratory illnesses and have them de-wormed so they and the community are protected. We also work with many caregivers to ensure the cats have food and water. In turn, the cats provide rodent control which also helps to keep the snake population under control. Through the end of October, we have performed TNR on about 250 cats this year—the most we have done in any year. The work we do is limited only by the funds we have.

And as in each of the summers in our six years, we experienced several thousand dollars of vet expenses. Summer is our busiest time of the year, but the slowest time for receiving donations. The snowbirds are gone and few grants are available, so we use the fall to try and catch up. For the first time ever, we've placed a limit on the amount we will pay for vet expenses per cat unless the cat has someone to sponsor him or her financially.

Now the good news. We've had some very successful adoptions of formerly feral/stray, but now tame, outdoor cats who were placed in our foster homes. There is *Harley* who entertains his folks constantly with his antics, and looks like he should own a Harley. The spring brought us numerous kittens with their abundant energy and kitten illnesses, but now they are all well and in permanent homes around the area. And beautiful *Jade*, the perfect mom, who is FELV positive. A wonderful couple who deeply believe in the work Paws Patrol is doing adopted Jade when their last indoor cat crossed the Rainbow Bridge. And *Taco Tommy* who was found as a kitten near Taco Bell and adopted but due to family changes, came back to Paws. The Dog House fostered him in hopes that he would be seen by a couple who would make him part of their family—and it worked! This very laid back, now adult cat, has been through a lot of changes but he is now home to stay. And of course, we can't forget our most successful adoption ever, *Tomasina* who doesn't like kids, cats, dogs or some adult humans but she is now in a perfect home enjoying the life of the princess we knew she could be! These are the moments that make our challenges worthwhile.

As you read this edition of Paws Patter, think about how you can help—be a foster (or new parent) for a specific cat like the ones in Sharon Booker's article, use your creative talent to make items we can sell at the Farmer's Market to increase our funds, offer to help at one of our foster homes to socialize cats, groom and cut nails, clean litter boxes, etc., or maybe volunteer to work at the Farmer's Market or the White Elephant parade. If none of these choices appeal to you, please consider sending us a donation. Check out our [website](#), [email](#) us, or call us at 520-207-4024.

We wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season and an abundant 2013—with another Paws Patrol cat in your family of course!
Patti Hogan, President

THE VET'S CORNER

Dr. Jan Nicol usually addresses a topic in this section of the newsletter but for this edition, we want to tell you about her contribution to anyone who adopts a Paws Patrol kitty.

Before our kitties go to a home, we make sure they are current on vaccines, tested for FELV/FIV, and are healthy. We know new adopters worry about extra expenses if their new feline becomes sick, so to help, Dr. Nicol provides these cats with a wellness checkup at no cost to the new family. Each new feline family member receives a certificate from Paws



Everett



Walton



Pauley



Rhonda



Gigi

Patrol with information on how to receive the free checkup that can help you feel more at ease when you adopt a kitty from us.

For your veterinary questions, contact Valley Verde Veterinarians in Green Valley at 520-393-7387.

Thank you, Dr. Nicol, for caring for our cats and supporting the work Paws Patrol does.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT – DEBORAH PORTERFIELD THE DOG HOUSE



Debbie is truly an amazing supporter of Paws Patrol's work. A few years ago, she offered to help us but she had no idea how in depth that offer would take her. She has now trapped cats, installed large kennels in the store for fostering cats, learned how to bottle feed babies and carry them from home to work and back again to be sure they don't miss a feeding, handle our special events like this year's entry in the White Elephant parade, provide us with unknown quantities of everything from knowledge, to research, to cat grooming (ever tried to groom a semi-feral cat?) and the healthiest feline food available, made only in the USA.

And for our adopted cats, Debbie provides food samples and two applied sets of Soft Claws if a cat needs time to learn not to scratch the furniture.

If you haven't been at The Dog House, please stop by Tuesdays through Fridays 9am to 5pm and Saturdays from 9am to 2pm. There are toys and quality food for cats and dogs AND, naturally, you'll have a chance to visit with our kitties whom Debbie is fostering. Located at 620 W. Ward Lane, #160, Green Valley. 520-648-0480.

YOUR SUCCESS STORIES WANTED!

Has the kitty you adopted through Paws Patrol brought joy, laughter, love, even challenges that have been overcome? We would love to share your story on our website. If you're not comfortable writing a paragraph about your experience, we'll be happy to write it for you. See our [Success Stories](#) page on our website for examples. Send your story or idea to us at pawspatrol@cox.net.



Petey



Noelle

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.

A LETTER TO SANTA

As meowed to Sharon Booker

Dear Santa,

We know this is the time of year when they say it's better to give than to receive. We kitties were going to write and ask you for the present of a home that would truly be our very own. But, after talking it over, we realize that would be "taking" something. We kitties really do want to give something instead, so here is what we plan for our humans after they take us to their homes.

1. We will give all the love in our kitty hearts.
2. When they are away, we will keep their favorite chair or spot on the couch warm, waiting for their return.
3. We heard that people who have kitties live with them live longer because our presence offers them love, a sense of feeling needed, and the petting of our soft fur lowers their anxiety levels and their blood pressure. So, we will give them our love, show them how much they are needed by following them all over our home and often talking to them. Then we will lie on their laps so they can stroke our soft fur and feel their minds and bodies relax.
4. When they have been away, we will greet them at the door with purrs and meows and tell them how happy we are to have them home.
5. When they are home, we will remind them what time it is. We will wake them gently in the morning and then follow them to the kitchen so we can join them as we both eat our breakfast. In the evening, we will again be their clocks to remind them they need to have their dinners and, of course, we will want to offer our companionship and also enjoy theirs.
6. Maybe one of the most important things we can give is laughter and joy. When they play with us or watch us play with our toys, they will laugh and smile and be so happy that they have us, to give them something to talk about to their friends.
7. Finally, at night, when they are ready for bed, we will lie by their sides and purr them to sleep.

So, dear Santa, all we ask now is that you find us the persons to whom we can give all these things; then they and we can truly say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

From the long term foster kitties,

Belle

White Sox

Mandy

Sheba

Midge

Ace



GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Paws Patrol has three great gift ideas for your friends and family this holiday season. We continue to publish our annual Paws Patrol Calendar – "Ears, Tails & Paws", and our 2013 not only has Paws' "cover models" but also photos of our supporter's special cats. This year, Paws published our first book titled From Feral to Family: The feral cat's journey to find a home. It's a wonderful 100 page collection of true stories of feral cats that Paws Patrol volunteers and friends have rescued and either adopted or have placed in loving, caring and "forever" homes. Each item is only \$10 and can be purchased weekly at the Green Valley Farmer's Market or our monthly adoption fair. You can also find additional places for purchase on the front page of our website or through mail order: Paws Patrol Website. Our final gift idea – a Carl's Jr. Fundraising Coupon Booklet makes a great stocking stuffer. The cost is only \$5 each, and 100% of the money benefits Paws. The booklets contain over \$55 in savings and several items are free. Get your booklets at The Dog House or the Paws Patrol booth at the Farmer's Market.

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 WISH LIST

- Small hand towels to use inside traps
- Scoopable cat litter for foster homes
- Any dry and canned cat food for feral colonies
- Volunteers for these positions: scheduling, answer telephone 1-2 days per week for 3-4 hours each day, follow-up with adoptees, follow-up with foster families and working with our barn cat program, people with experience in fundraising

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

November 11 - Cat Adoption Fair, 1pm-4pm, Green Valley Canine in Green Valley

December 9 - Cat Adoption Fair, 1pm-4pm, Green Valley Canine in Green Valley

January 13 - Cat Adoption Fair, 1pm-4pm, Green Valley Canine in Green Valley

February 6-10 - Festival of the Arts in Tubac

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

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](#)
If you prefer to mail in a donation, please fill out this form below:

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