



# Paws Patter *Special* Edition

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BEAUTY'S FUND

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**By Patti Hogan  
Founder & Board Member**

This edition of Paws Patter is different from our quarterly newsletters, focusing instead on a broader role that Paws Patrol has when trapping feral or stray cats for Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR).

When Paws Patrol began seven years ago, the founders intended that NO cat in our possession would be denied treatment in order to maintain quality of life. That was true for ferals in traps or foster cats/kittens who were adoptable. We knew that no other organization south of Tucson (we cover Sahuarita to Nogales, and west to Arivaca) had chosen feral cats as their mission, and although our primary purpose was to reduce feral cat overpopulation through TNR, that was just part of what we would do. Recently, with an influx of injuries and illnesses among our feral/stray cats, we began to realize that we need to expand our message to let you know of the work we are doing.

As you read the following sections, remember that we do more than just spay and neuter. And we need your help so that injured or severely ill cats will have a chance for a better life. Think of them as the homeless souls you pass on the street. The homeless/feral cats didn't ask to be there...over time, mankind has abandoned them or believed they needed to be outside subjected to wildlife, FeLV/FIV infected cats, diseases and a life of shortened survival.

We are asking for your help through Beauty's Fund so that more of these cats can be rescued, treated and saved.



*Giorgie*



*Bella*



*Gabbie*



*Jordan*



*Shannon*

## **BEAUTY'S FUND**

**By Angela Ahearn**

**Founder & Board Member-at-Large**

### ***OUR MISSION***

Every cat we trap, either feral or the occasional stray, becomes our responsibility. The mere act of setting a trap is making a commitment to caring for whoever ends up in it. Our mission and focus begins with TNR, but goes much further.

What our mission encompasses is making the most humane decision on behalf of every single cat in our custody. Sadly, sometimes the only gift that's left for us to give to an animal, sick or injured due to human abuse or neglect, is a humane death.

Our TNR effort is directed towards relatively healthy adult feral cats and that includes very young adults who are clearly untamed. The best we can do for them is to stop reproduction and spare more cats the short, menacing life of a feral. Any feral too sick or injured to survive living outdoors is humanely euthanized.

On the other hand, we strive to give very young kittens and strays a different choice. These cats have the possibility of becoming beloved companion animals. Our ultimate goal in doing TNR is to prevent the existence of unwanted, wild cats. If we can give a real home to any of our cats, then we consider that worth the effort. But many of them need medical attention first. These are cats that either directly or indirectly due to human abandonment have not received necessary medical attention. This can be the cause of terrible suffering for some cats.

### ***BEAUTY***

The most heartbreaking cases are those like that of "Beauty". For those of us that see up-close what can happen to roaming cats either stray or feral, even we were shocked at what we saw when Beauty was found. She was clearly not only tame, but also gentle and sweet and in desperate need of help. This beautiful soul was given a name to reflect what her rescuers saw within her.

On the outside, Beauty had a massive and grotesque tumor completely consuming her eye. Our hope was that we could save her even if we couldn't save the eye. But there were several stages of medical tests we needed to do before we could determine her fate.

With each progressive test we grew hopeful that Beauty would survive and we could in some way undo the harm caused to her by severe neglect. She was tame, she was friendly and docile, and she was someone's cat at some point. A tumor of this magnitude does not appear overnight. There must have been a period of noticeable and dramatic changes in her eye.

Finally we got the wrenching news that not only was the tumor malignant, but the cancer had spread beyond the eye. We couldn't save her. The only option left for us was to see her through to the end. To not only have her humanely euthanized, but to be there with her, to hold her, to stroke her, to cry over her, and to whisper our apologies to her on behalf of the humans who should have been there from the beginning to save her. At least she left this world knowing that a group of strangers loved her and fought on her behalf.

### ***BEAUTY'S FUND***

Paws Patrol has setup a fund in memory of Beauty. We don't want to lose our focus on TNR, but we also don't want to lose sight of our original mission. By having a separate fund, we can offer the community an opportunity to give where there is a hole in funding. There are spay/neuter grants available, but nothing for those special cases like Beauty. And unlike Beauty, most of the tame cats we provide medical intervention for have happy endings.



**Victoria**



**Lenny**



**Sophie**



**In Memory of Tiny Tim**

*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](http://www.greenvalleypawspatrol.org)

## SOME OF OUR SUCCESS STORIES

**Goldie** was a foster with stomatitis, and all her teeth had to be removed. Rather than euthanize her for lack of funds, volunteers and her foster dad - who adopted her - paid her vet bills.



**Goldie**

**OC** (Other Cat) had apparently been caught in a leg-hold trap and both front legs were cut to the bone. The legs were continually bleeding because he was immune compromised with FeLV and the wounds would not heal. Eventually, the skin on both legs was able to be stretched and stitched in a couple of surgeries. A Paws Patrol volunteer adopted him, and he is living a great life.



**OC**

**Miles** was diagnosed with entropion when he was trapped, meaning his lower eyelids were inverted and his lashes were rubbing against his corneas. He was extremely thin (although he had HUGH feet) and had to gain weight in order to be strong enough for surgery. Through donations to Beauty's Fund, Paws Patrol paid for the two corrective surgeries. He is now ready for a permanent home.



**Miles**

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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## WHAT TNR REALLY MEANS

By Sharon Booker

The purpose of Paws Patrol: TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return) is just part of Paws Patrol's program. TNR also means:

### T

Paws Patrol also **TRANSPORTS** for veterinary care...

Fosters **TAME** cats and kittens for adoption...

Develops **TRUST** between animal and caregiver...

Works **TOGETHER** for the best interest of the cat...

Provides **THERAPY** when needed...

### N

Provides a **NURTURING** environment...

Meets the **NEEDS** of the cat...

### R

**REHABILITATES** when possible...

**RELOCATES** cat when needed...

And Paws Patrol consists of a **RESPONSIBLE** and **RELIABLE** group of volunteers.

## SPECIAL NEEDS KITTENS NEED HOMES

For the first time in our history, we have several FeLV (Feline Leukemia Virus) kittens who need homes. Some are siblings and all are adorable. Each needs to be adopted as the only cat or with another FeLV cat or kitten. *FeLV can suppress the immune system, however, infected cats can live many years without issues.*

If you are considering adopting one of these beautiful kittens, we will arrange for you to consult with our veterinarian and a wonderful couple who adopted a FeLV kitten several months ago from Paws Patrol. A complimentary health check is also provided by our veterinarian.

## 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 Patrol 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 to Beauty's Fund will help cats needing special care. Some other great opportunities to help is to find out if your employer has a payroll deduction donation program (Pima County has this program for their employees) or an employer matching donation program. Also, please consider making a regular donation monthly of \$10, \$25, \$100 or more. Your donation truly makes a difference!

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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Address	
City/State/Zip	
Telephone	
Email	
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