



Paws Patter

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Needing Forever Homes:

2010 Feral Cat Calendar

Have you adopted a cat from Paws Patrol, or are taking care of a feral colony, or have barn cats from Paws? If so, we would like your help on our 2010 feral cat calendar. Send us up to 3 photos of your cat(s) most interesting, challenging or creative poses, along with a narrative up to 75 words about your feline or colony or barn cats—personality, his or her history, etc. Our calendar committee will select some of the best entries for the calendar. This is a great opportunity for you to share your favorite furry friend with other cat lovers! *We need your submissions no later than June 20.* Email them to pawspatrol@cox.net or mail to Paws Patrol, PO Box 1642, Green Valley, AZ 85622. Also, we could use 1 or 2 more volunteers on the calendar committee. If interested, contact Patti Hogan, 520-207-4024 or pawspatrol@cox.net.

Tips on Photographing Cats

By Debra Handley, a Paws Patrol photographer

Taking photographs of our purring friends can be a challenge because of the cat's natural characteristics of patience, aloofness and quite frankly, attitude.

These traits can be essential for the photographer.

1. Patience.....let your furry friends be themselves.

Stimulate with props, toys, but don't expect your cat to pose or respond to your demand. Let them be themselves.

2. Photograph them in their natural environment.

I've discovered that I get much better pictures if I just follow their lead. I don't orchestrate the pose....they demand... (Which is true of the CAT)....what they will allow me to photograph.

3. I try not to use a flash.

Besides alleviating green eyed cats which is the cat version of red eyes, natural lighting enables you to have natural cats and they are likely to be more curious about you than afraid. As usual, let the cat be in control. It is a cat's world isn't it?

Economic Problems Hit Paws' Cat Colonies

We all feel the financial pinch these days but it is particularly bad for some of our colony caregivers:

- A store owner in Amado closed her business in April. We had sterilized and vaccinated most of her feral colony.
- The caregiver for another colony in Amado lost both of her jobs and now has her house on the market. We are providing food for this colony.
- A colony caregiver in Arivaca who husband died in August is facing bankruptcy and possible foreclosure in June. We have sterilized 29 feral cats and just took in 13 kittens. We estimate another 10 cats



Miss Abyss & Jimmy Buffet



Annie



Jake & Blake

still need to be trapped. Timing is critical so that if these cats do have to go to other homes in the area, they will not continue to breed. Paws Patrol is providing the food for these cats, a cell phone for the caregiver whose phone was cutoff, and raised some funds for daily needs until financial help is available. We are also looking for temporary homes for her 8 personal cats, if the foreclosure happens, until she can find available housing.

We can use donations of can and dry cat food, scoopable litter and cash for these two colonies. If you can help, call us at 520-207-4024.

Cats & Kittens for Adoption

Recently, the Green Valley News began featuring two cats a week for Paws and in the past two weeks, all of those cats have been adopted. We still have some really great adult kitties who for some reason just haven't found a permanent home. In May, we took in 13 kittens from 4 litters in one day. These kittens will start being available in early June. So, if you know someone looking for wonderful cats and kittens currently in foster homes, have them check out our website www.greenvalleypawspatrol.org or stop by our next Cat Adoption Fair. Dates and times are listed later in this newsletter.

Featured Cats of the Month

Johnny Boy is a great classic black and brown tabby male who is about 3 years old. He has transitioned into an indoor only cat and loves it. He spends his days being petted, rolling on his back for belly rubs, and snoozing on a down comforter. JB is a big love and melts in your arms when being held. His perfect home would be a quiet home with his lady, Belle. In exchange he will gladly give you years of love and purrs. Belle was born in March 2008 and is a beautiful brown tabby. She was very shy and afraid until Johnny Boy arrived, and now she has blossomed. She loves to be petted but may never like being picked up. She LOVES other kitties, especially JB. This pair really belongs together, and they get along fine with dogs.

If you have the perfect home for JB and Belle together, Paws will adopt them for the price of just one cat.



JB & Belle

Farmer's Market in Green Valley

If you haven't been to the Farmer's Market in Green Valley, please check it out—and stop by our table and say "hi". The market is every Wednesday at the Green Valley Village from 8:30am to 12:30pm and vendors carry local



Charlie's Angels

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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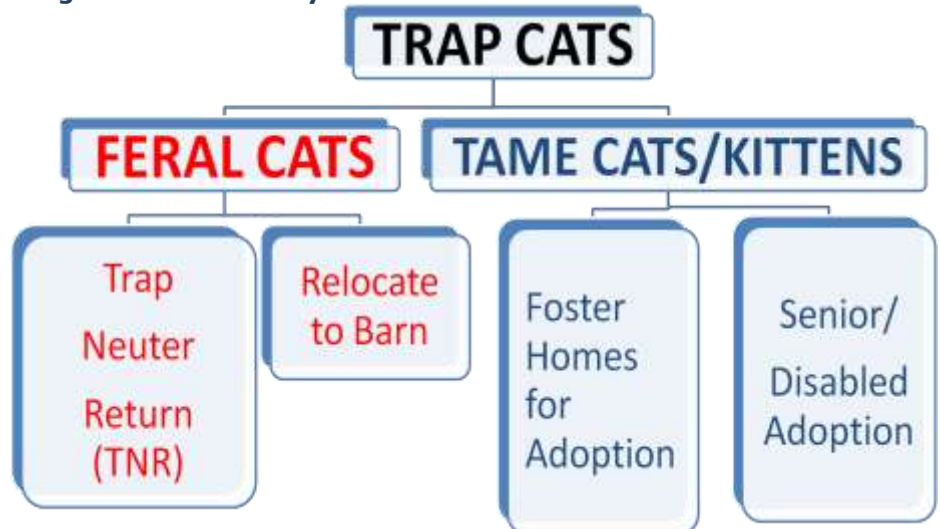
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produce, farm fresh eggs, tamales, coffee, plants and a variety of crafts. Just before the hot temperatures arrived, there were about 75 vendors weekly. Although the number of vendors is lower for the summer, the market still has a lot to offer. Paws Patrol has a table there weekly with information about our programs and we love having people stop by and tell us how great their adopted cats are doing, or about some feral cats they have which need to be trapped and neutered, or asking about our barn cat program. We also need some other volunteers to man (or woman) the table once a month—under the shade of an umbrella—or provide a one-hour relief for whoever is the volunteer that day. If you can help, contact Patti Hogan at 520-207-4024.

Paws Patrol's Programs

We are often asked if the cats we adopt out are feral—and the answer is NO. The cats we trap fall into two categories, and are handled quite differently. First, following our primary mission, we trap feral cats, sterilize them and return them to their cat colonies. When necessary, these cats can be relocated under our barn program. Second, we take in tame cats and kittens from cat colonies (or strays) and place them in foster homes for adoption. Since April 2006, we have trapped 608 cats, returned 39% to their feral colonies and adopted out 47% tame cats. We do not take in pet cats from existing homes—those inquiries are referred to The Animal League of Green Valley.



Upcoming Events

Cat Adoption Fairs, (Green Canine, 750 W. Camino Casa Verde, Green Valley, 1/2 mile past Friends in Deed, between Oasis and GV Plumbing)—June 14, July 12 and August 9 from 1pm to 4pm

Farmer's Market at Green Valley Village, every Wednesday, 8:30am to 12:30pm

