

PAWS PATROL



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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.

President's Message

2017 IS A BUSY YEAR

It is hard to believe we are half way through another year already and this may be our busiest year ever. So far, we have taken in 169 cats this year, mostly ferals, who were returned to their colonies after being spayed or neutered and vaccinated. But kittens have also kept us very busy. And all those babies come with a high price, so we are left struggling with expenses, and summer is a slow time for donations.

If the first half of the year has been busy, the next half will be even more so. The 2018 calendar is in the works, a silent auction will be held in October and, of course, there are plans for the float in the White Elephant parade. And before we know it, the fall kitten season will be here again...heaven help us. But the addition of several new volunteers in various capacities enables us to expand our services even more.

But one very sad note. In March, we lost one of our key volunteers, Jan Grimm. Jan had been a moving force with a feral cat group in Colorado before moving here a few years ago and immediately jumped in to offer her services. She wore many hats at Paws Patrol and coordinated much of our trapping, vet appointments and working cat program. She is very hard to replace! So now we are working to find homes for her kitties, and Pilgrim is one of those listed in this newsletter. I know she will help continue to guide us in this effort because her cats were very special to her. We miss you, Jan!

Patti Hogan
President

OUR NEW WEBSITE

We are proud to announce we have a new website, and we are very grateful to Anne Anderson for her hard work in getting this site completed. The address is the same, greenvalleypawspatrol.org, but the layout, content and ease of use has changed. You will find information on all upcoming events, adoption specials, links to great partners who make our work possible, and a section on Cat Health which will be constantly growing. So, check out this new site and let us know what you think...and come back often!

Featured Cats



Freddie



Buffy



Prince



Florence



Guinevere



Pilgrim

KITTENS ARE EXPENSIVE

This has been a very busy spring for Paws Patrol in the amount of kittens we have received. Just look at some of these facts. And be sure to [click here](#) to see pictures of some of our babies.

- 39 kittens have come to us, and of those, five did not survive.
- Four litters came without moms, and that always means more illnesses, expenses and greater chances of not surviving.
- Eight new individuals/families joined our ranks to foster kittens and give them the caring and socialization they need during the first four months of life.
- Expenses for each kitten from the early days it comes to us until ready for adoption at about three months of age, average over \$300—food, medicine, formula, vet costs. Several very ill kittens have run that amount much higher.
- **So far in 2017, our vet expenses have soared to well over \$10,000.** We have currently stopped taking in new cats and kittens until we get caught up.
- But with all the obstacles the little felines have had to overcome, 34 are now very healthy, adoptable kittens ready for new homes.

If you have been thinking about making a donation to Paws Patrol, please consider doing it now. Summer is here--that is a slow time of year for donations coming in, and it follows a very expensive kitten season this year. The kittens will appreciate your help!

If you'd like to make a donation, [click here](#) for access to our web form.

EVENTS

2018 PAWS PATROL CALENDAR

Once again, work is in progress for next year's calendar. As before, we are holding the Cutest Cat in America contest to choose the best cat for the cover, and the runners up. **Remember, these cats do not need to have been Paws Patrol cats!** Entries are just \$5 each. [Click here](#) for details, and get those cameras clicking! The deadline for receiving entries is August 10.

Also, if you have a business and would like an ad in the 2018 calendar, a few spots are still available at just \$100 each. Call the Paws Patrol office for more information, 520-207-4024.

How to Make a Donation

Paws Patrol always welcomes donations. Credit card donations can be made securely through PayPal on our website:

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 Royal Canin Baby Cat and Purina Kitten Chow for our foster kitties.

WINE AND DINE FOR OUR FELINES

October 14 is an evening you don't want to miss. Join us at the Karen Newby Gallery in Tubac for wine, appetizers, music and a silent auction with some great items just in time for the holiday shopping season. This will be our largest fundraiser of the year, so please join us. Tickets are available now: \$25 for one, \$40 for two. [Click here](#) for details.

JIM CLICK RAFFLE BENEFITS PAWS PATROL

Last year, many of our supporters participated in the Jim Click Raffle which directly helps our organization. How? The money for each ticket you buy from us stays within Paws Patrol, and your raffle tickets are entered in Jim Click's big year-end giveaway. And this year's raffle has some great prizes!

Tickets for this raffle are \$25 each, or 5 for \$100. For more information and to purchase tickets, please call the Paws Patrol Office at (520) 207-4024 or email us at pawspatrol@cox.net. The drawing is December 14, so purchase your tickets from us by December 8. And, for more information on the Jim Click Raffle, [click here](#).

SPECIAL CATS NEED SPECIAL FOSTERS OR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

While much of our focus this spring has been on kittens, we never forget a category of cats who are very special to us—they may be older, have a medical problem or a behavior quirk—but for each one of them, there is a person or family who can provide the specific love and care each of these fabulous felines needs. Each of these kitties needs, at least, a foster home. **And, if one of these cats touches your heart and you want to adopt him or her, we have an incentive for you...a benefactor has already paid the adoption fee for each of these kitties!**

For more information on each of these kitties, check them out on [Petfinder](#), or call Patti at the Paws Patrol office, 520-207-4024.

Freddie—A beautiful Tuxedo with a personality to match. Freddie was taken in many years ago and kept in a screened-in room with some other kitties. The conditions were not always sanitary and he developed some urinary issues. Come meet him at our office, and let him warm your heart, and talk with us about some ideas. He is about 12 years old.

Buffy—A medium haired female with tabby markings and white feet and blue eyes. She needs very little brushing, and loves to be petted on her terms. We don't know if she will be a lap cat but in her foster home, she has done very well. Gets along with other cats. She is about 3-1/2 years old.

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Prince—Rescued from Pima Animal Control when he was about 9-12 months old. Prince is a short haired black male with dark eyes, who was diagnosed with intestinal bowel disease. He has been in a foster home for the entire time we have had him and is now healthy and loving. Prince will be on a special food and one medicine for life which Paws Patrol will provide. He no longer has digestive issues so does not need special living space. He is fostered with 5 other cats, male and female, and does well. Prince is almost 4 years old.

Florence—This beautiful grey tabby and white female with golden eyes has mischief in her genes! She is a young adult but is every bit a kitten in her actions. We love her but she has her quirks...she overstimulates very quickly and is not an appropriate cat for young children or seniors with thin skin. However, her antics can keep you laughing and her personality can be entertaining. Florence does have to be on special food for a sensitive stomach but it can be purchased at local pet stores. She is not quite 2 years old.

Guinevere—Another favorite of the Paws family. This calico came to us with kittens about 18 months ago, raised them and two other litters, got adopted for almost a year and then came back because of her mom's disability. She doesn't get along with other cats so needs to be your only cat...and needs to be put on a reducing diet. Guinevere is 3 years old.

Pilgrim—Our newest senior kitty who needs love. Pilgrim is a black male whose mom...one of our volunteers...died in March. He just came to us this month, and he terribly misses a woman to hold, pet, brush and love him. He is still mourning and loves any woman who will give him a lap to enjoy. He is about 12 years old we believe and will have a wellness checkup next week. We will pay for any health needs found at that exam.