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of the White Mountains

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FALL
WINTER
2020/21

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What a year it has been!

by Deena Pace, Director

What a year it's been, it seems like we are all being challenged this year, we've

learned everything can change in a minute. Here we have faced our challenges like so many, with the help of our staff, volunteers, donors and community we are still here to help the homeless animals, because at the end of the day it really is all about the animals here that we are truly honored to serve.

We want to focus on the good this year: during the quarantine we adopted more animals than we could imagine that we would. We had fosters step up even more to help with the orphan babies or mothers about to give birth. One of our great volunteers Dennis did many repairs inside our old buildings and led several volunteers in painting the inside of all the buildings, in preparation for our 50 year anniversary party. So even though we had to postpone the party for now, our staff, volunteers, animals and adopter's see nicely painted walls.

We thought outside the box on fundraising and came up with online raffles in lieu of Happy Tails this year. With the help of several great volunteers this was a good success for the animals. Some of our great supporters also sent in donations to help with what would be lost due to canceling Happy Tails. We have been able to help many people in our community with pet food so they were able to keep their pets; we also were able to help the humane society in Kingman with a van full of cat food when they helped with a hoarding case.

We had applied and received a \$10,000.00 grant from the AZ License Plate Grant, with this we were able to offer discounted spay and neuters to our community and we performed 236 surgeries for owned pets. We also worked with the White Mountain Apache Tribe and performed 48 surgeries for animals on the reservation along with the 100's of surgeries we have done for us before adoption.

We have built stronger bonds with our networking partners to help the homeless animals. We have given many dogs to Soldier's Best Friends in

Phoenix to help our veterans. These are a few of the good things we will remember when we think of 2020, and be thankful we live in this great community.

Thank You to one of our wonderful donors we have a matching gift of up to \$5,000.00 for the holidays. Are you able to help the animals here with a small donation? It will be doubled up to \$5,000.00 for the loving homeless animals.

We don't know what next year will bring but we know that you our supporters will continue to help us help them. Happy Holiday's from all of us here at the HSWM four and two legged.



From Shelter to Service

by Debbie Torbet,
Shelter Manager



We are very proud to have been able to become partners with such a wonderful organization. Soldiers Best Friend is an organization that assists Veteran's and active military members to train a service dog, adopted from a local shelter or a dog that is already owned by them. Once fully trained the dog is qualified as a Service Dog or is classified as a Therapeutic Companion Dog/Emotional Support Animal. This amazing group trains the veteran/dog team depending on the needs of the applicant.

In 2020 we had 4 dogs that were accepted into their program; Dozer, Bear, Billy and Jane. Shelter dogs must pass an evaluation before being accepted into the program to go on to be a service/emotional support animal for the veterans. After being accepted, those dogs are then fostered and trained with their veteran for a minimum of 6 months before being qualified as a service dog or an emotional support dog. While in training they will go on public outings and learn tasks specific for each veteran's PTSD or TBI symptoms.

A service dog is allowed by law to enter public areas such as the veteran's work place, restaurants, public

Shelter Manager Insight continued . . .

transportation, stores, etc. A Therapeutic Companion Dog/Emotional Support Animal is not allowed to enter most public places, However they are allowed to board airplanes and live in non-pet friendly environments.

When the request for a Dog comes in, we are both excited and proud of our dogs that get accepted into the program to become a Soldiers Best Friend. We love being a partner with an organization with such a meaningful purpose.

Thank you Soldiers Best Friend for everything you are about. To all Veterans - We thank you for your Service!



by Les Thompson, DOGhouse Manager

Fall & Winter 2020/21

Summer is showing her last rays and fall is here to take her place. At the DogHouse with our clean / organized style and all the great items donated by great people, we are one of the best Thrift Shops on the Mountain. In this current COVID scare, with all the masks, personal space and stress we still have great customers who help us every day.

I would like to thank our valued employees Jeremy, Dustin and our weekend cashier Shirley, I would also like to thank our much-needed volunteers Deb B., Lynn S., Deb V. and Lori B. for helping us keep the store organized, clean and full - the positive comments from our customers are proof of how good they are doing. Thank You All!

We are requiring a Mask for all who enter or leave donations. Please help everyone be safe by practicing social distancing when we can. If you are sick please stay home, we will be here when you get better. We have exchanged our summer clothes and Shoes with fall / winter items and set out the camo gear.

We still strive to only take gently used items that are complete and in good shape. You, the customers, can be happy with the items we provide. We have had a very high volume of donations from a lot great people - Thanks.

We still have our loyalty program. When you spend \$10 or more you will get your loyalty card stamped, after 10 stamps you will receive 25% off your next purchase. This and our daily / weekly sales are a few ways we say thank you for supporting us. Don't forget about the 50% off sale on the first Saturday of every month - did I say 50% off everything? Come and get your treasures.

Follow us on Facebook and give us your honest reviews – Thank you from the HSWM

Donations can be received in back of the store at our receiving door Tuesday thru Saturday 10 am to 4:00pm.

www.facebook.com/The-DOGhouse-Thrift-Shop-1539090302976736/



Volunteers Have Been Missed

By Deborah Thompson CVT, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator

We have been missing our volunteers during this pandemic. With uncertain times, we completely understand why some of you have not been able to come out to volunteer as much as you had been in the past. Those of you who have been able to come, you have all continued to help the shelter as much as possible and we greatly appreciate it.

Fall is here! If you're like me you love the fall weather and colors. Our furry friends seem a little more relaxed, it's not so hot for them and they get more play time outside. Walking is of course wonderful for them, as it is for us. There are a couple of obstacles on the trail around the shelter. Maybe you can work with some of our furry friends on how to do them.

You can work with them on some basic commands such as sit, down, or off (meaning not to jump on you) some of those basic commands are helpful in finding them their forever loving homes. You can give them training treats to help teach them good behavior. Treats are used a lot for positive reinforcement. However sometimes too many treats can cause problems, like an upset tummy, so we need to be conscious of how many treats they are getting during one training session.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped us with shelter chores during this pandemic, we have greatly appreciated you coming in to help us. We are still taking applications for volunteering. You can find an application online at www.hswm.org, or come to the shelter where we also have them.

We also accept younger volunteers, if you have children that would like to volunteer, they may come in and volunteer with a parent or guardian. The kids can come and socialize cats and kittens, wash dishes, do laundry, yard work etc... There are always things to do. All of our volunteers must have completed an orientation class prior to volunteering.

There are also volunteer opportunities at our Doghouse, where everything they do supports the animals at the shelter. Our volunteers at the Doghouse are priceless and they would like more volunteers joining the team.

Thank you so much to all the HSWM Volunteers, we greatly appreciate each and every one of you. We hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021

16th Annual
HAPPY TAILS
AUCTION & BBQ 

Please join us in our fight to alleviate animal suffering in our community

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

in The Orchard at Charlie Clark's

LIVE AUCTION

SILENT AUCTION & BBQ LUNCH
DESSERT AUCTION, BLITZ ITEMS, RAFFLES & MORE!

ALL proceeds benefit the

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Volunteer Spotlight

Ralph Semprevio by Debbie Torbet

Ralph started his volunteer days at Living Free Animal Sanctuary in Mountain Center Ca. Located above Palm Springs and Palm Desert. Ralph had been traveling and when stopped at a campground he saw the Sanctuary. He went in and asked if they needed help. Ralph helped clean kennels and walk dogs, He volunteered there for three summers. After that Ralph volunteered at the Ramona Humane Society in Hemet California. He spent one winter there.

Ralph began traveling again and decided to come to AZ, while staying at Scotts Reservoir campground nearby he decided to go hiking and just so happens, he went to the Ice Caves, located right across the street from the shelter and saw that we accepted volunteers and began volunteering with us. Ralph then went traveling again then he decided he would move to the White Mountains. Ralph has now been volunteering with us for 11 years

When asked why he liked volunteering with us he said "I do it because I enjoy walking with the dogs and working with them, I also like getting the shy dogs out of their shell." Ralph also added "I feel like more people should volunteer and not just here, anywhere, there are a lot of jobs to do and a great way to give back to the community."

Ralph stated "I have seen a lot of changes here and change is good, it looks a lot better now than when I first started. It looks more welcoming for the customers."

I asked Ralph what he liked to do when he was not volunteering and this is what he had to say, "I like traveling, hiking, riding motorcycles and doing other volunteer work."

Ralph is a huge asset to the Humane Society of the White Mountains and the dogs as well as the people, we are very lucky to have him here. Thank you Ralph for everything you do for our four legged friends that call the HSWM home.



possible. Doctor Helzer examined her, she had a laceration to her rear leg and unfortunately could not feel either one of her legs. We decided to name her "Fern." Fern was in need of some major rest and would have X-Rays and potential surgery the following morning.

I took Fern to Doctor Helzer's clinic for X-Rays and whatever surgery she was going to need. Fern had to have a rod put in each of her legs. For the next 6-8 weeks she would have to have some rest then get busy doing some slow physical therapy to gain some muscle in those legs again. Fern only stayed in the Shelter for about a week after Surgery and then went in to a foster home where she could get some rest and then build those muscles slowly with small walks around the property.

Fern was in foster for 8 weeks and was able to find her forever home during that time. Her new parents are friends of the foster family, they fell in love with Fern. Fern came back to the shelter to get spayed and then a couple of days after she would be able to go to her forever loving home.

Below is an update on how Fern is doing now.

Update from Fern *now* Dara's Parents.

We renamed Fern to Dara (pronounced like Sara, but with a D) because Dara means "to live."

The pins in her knees had slipped and needed to come out. Dara went through another major surgery with a lot of time for full recovery. She is now healed and full of energy. She is just such a happy, sweet girl. She leaps and bounces and wiggles. She has been easy to train and is very obedient.

She loves her older brother Buck, and follows him around.

Deborah Baughman

Fern - Dara

by Debbie Torbet
with Updates from Deborah Baughman (Adopter)

On March 12, 2020 I received a call over the radio from the front office that there were some folks that had found a dog that had been hit by a car lying in a ditch by the "Y" in Vernon. Luckily it was a surgery day and our Vet was still here. I asked the receptionists to have the people stop in front of the P.A.W.S. Clinic and I'd come out to get the dog.

When I got out there, they had popped the hatch on their car and I saw this beautiful petite little dog that was maybe 6 months old. She was not moving at all and looked to be in severe pain, I gently scooped her up and took her into the clinic. Blood seeping into my shirt, I knew it was not good for her, But with Doctor Helzer here I knew she was going to get the best care



Fern at Intake



Fern's X-Rays



*"Dogs are our link to paradise, they don't know evil or jealousy.. or discontent, to sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden where doing nothing was not boring... it was peace."
~Milan Kundera*



How to keep your furry friends safe during the Holiday season

The holiday season is right around the corner and many pet parents like to include their furry friends in the holiday cheer. As we get ready for the holiday's it is important to remember to keep our pets

habits as close to normal as possible and to also remember to keep them safe from unhealthy treats, toxic plants and some dangerous decorations.

Christmas Trees: although beautiful, sometimes pets can knock them over and cause injury to your pet. Be sure to secure your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall over. This will also prevent spilling the tree water, which may contain fertilizers that can cause an upset stomach if ingested.

Mistletoe & Holly: Holly, when ingested can cause nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause an upset stomach or cardiovascular problems. Also many types of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just as beautiful artificial plants made from silk or plastic or choose a pet safe bouquet.

No Tinsel Town for kitties: Kitties love this sparkly, fun "toy." It's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But nibbling on this can lead to swallowing which then leads to an obstruction in the digestive tract. It is best to use something other than tinsel if you have any feline friends around the house.

Avoid Holiday Food Dangers

Skipping the sweets: By now we know not to feed our pets chocolate or anything sweetened with xylitol, but do you know the lengths a pet will go to munch on something delicious? Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food and be sure to put up any leftovers out of reach of your pets.

Leave the leftover for the humans: Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones should not be fed to your furry friends. Pets can join in with the holiday celebrations but in other fun ways that won't lead to costly, unforeseen medical bills.

People foods to avoid feeding your pets:

- Alcohol
- Avocado
- Chocolate, Coffee and Caffeine
- Citrus
- Coconut
- Grapes and Raisins
- Macadamia Nuts
- Milk and Dairy
- Nuts
- Onions, Garlic & Chives
- Raw/Undercooked Meat, Eggs & Bones
- Salt and Salty Snack Foods
- Xylitol
- Yeast Dough



Planning a Pet-Safe Holiday Gathering

A space of their own: Give your pet their own quiet space to retreat to, complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle up in. Shy dogs and

cats may want to hide out under a piece of furniture, in their crate or in a separate room away from all the excitement.

New Year's Noise: As you count down to the New Year, please keep in mind that strings of confetti can get lodged in a cat's intestines, if ingested, it may be necessary for surgery. Noisy poppers can terrify pets and cause possible damage to sensitive ears. Also remember that many pets are afraid of fireworks, so be sure to secure them in a safe, escape-proof area as midnight approaches.

We hope you find these tips helpful and that you and your furry friends enjoy this Holiday Season!



*" Some angels choose fur instead of wings"
~Unknown*

Applesauce and Oatmeal Base Recipe for Cut-Out Cookies



This is the base recipe for perfect cut-out cookies. You can combine this recipe with the red and green cookie dough's below for dazzling cookie creations, or just use natural food coloring to create any color cookies you like.

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes
Yield: 1 tray 1x

Ingredients

2 cups whole wheat flour
(you can substitute with regular flour for a whiter dough)
2 cups rolled oat flour
2 eggs
2 Tbsp. melted coconut oil
1 cup unsweetened applesauce
1 Tbsp. Vanilla extract

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°

Combine all ingredients in food processor or stand mixer. Add flour as necessary until dough is no longer sticky and is ready to roll out. For different colored dough, divide into separate bowls and add natural food coloring.

Keep dough covered to prevent drying between batches. You can rehydrate dough with a little coconut oil as needed.

This dough refrigerates up to a week, and freezes for 3 months.

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15th Annual
HAPPY TAILS
AUCTION & Raffle

**Saturday,
August 29, 2020
10 am to 4 pm**

in The Orchard
at the Clarke's

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MORE!

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Canceling Happy Tails 2020 for the health and safety of our community, volunteers and supporters was a difficult decision to make and the right thing to do. However, the animals we serve are the ones that will suffer if we don't find an alternative way to raise funds. They need your help . . .

To find out how, please visit our website HSWM.org, check out our Facebook page or call us at 928.368.5295

We look forward to seeing you at Happy Tails in 2021

Upcoming Events and Fundraisers Plan Ahead. Get Involved.



JAN Happy New Years.
Keep your pets safe.

FEB No Show Ball

APRIL AZ Gives

Please check our website HSWM.ORG for event updates

petsense in Show Low

Our adoptable cats and kittens are always there,
dogs are available every Friday & Saturday from 10-2

See all of our adoptable animals on our website: www.HSWM.org

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Pet of the Week is currently being shown on FaceBook Live under HSWM.org

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Our Wish List . . .

Canine Items:

Canned Food Adult and Pup
Pedigree Dry Puppy Food
Dog Treats
Treat Puzzles
Toys (Rope, Kong, Etc.)
Puppy Teething Toys
Powder Puppy Formula
Peanut Butter
Miracle Nipples (Amazon)

Feline Items:

Canned Cat & Kitten Food
Purina Kitten Chow
Purina Cat Chow
Cat Toys
Powder Kitten Milk
Scoop-able Litter
Pelletized Horse Bedding (Tractor Supply)
Treats
Small Animal Bottles
Miracle Nipples (Amazon)

Cleaning & Laundry:

Bleach
Laundry Soap
Dish Soap and Dish Sponges
Fabuloso or OdoBan
Window Cleaner
Disinfecting Wipes
Latex Gloves
Paper Towels
13 Gal/55 Gal Trash Bags
Toilet Paper
Deck Brushes w/Handles
Floor Squeegee w/Handles
Bathroom/Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Pet Friendly ICE Melt
Masking Tape
Sharpie Markers

Professional Services:

Pro Bono
Electrician
Plumber

Utility Donations Welcomed:

Navopache Electric
Unisource Energy
Sparklight / AZ Water
Pinetop/Lakeside Sanitation

Office Supplies:

Pens & Printer Paper
Receipt Books - Duplicate or Triplicate
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Dry Erase Markers
USB Drives
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AA & AAA & 9V Batteries

Vehicles:

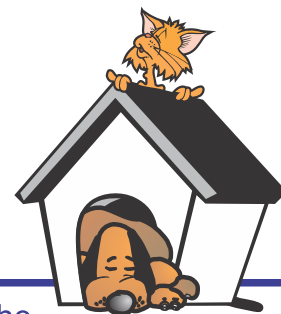
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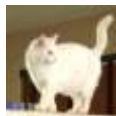


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