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COVID DELAY

by Sarah Fox, Editor

“Social distancing”, “flattening the curve”, masks, PPE, and COVID . . . these became common phrases in the past few months. Like most of the country, HSWM made some drastic changes as a result of COVID-19. For example, this newsletter was delayed, the DOGhouse Thrift Store completely closed and the PAWS Clinic closed for two weeks. The important work at the shelter, however, went on because the animals need daily care! Despite the challenges COVID presented, the staff, once again, rose up and conquered! Adoptions took place, animals were well cared for, PAWS re-opened and social distancing practices were put into effect. Deena and staff ran a GREAT Arizona Gives campaign in the midst of it all and exceeded the goal that was set prior to the COVID outbreak.

We thank you for your continued support, especially during these challenging times. We could not do it without you!

I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter. We also hope to get back to normal soon and see some familiar faces this summer!



Shelter Life

by Deena Pace, Director

The world is in turmoil right now - otherwise known as the pandemic, which has resulted in things being a little crazy here in our shelter world. We are considered essential so our dedicated staff have been at work every day, caring for and loving our homeless animals as per their usual. Because of the pandemic, we temporarily changed our hours of operation to close at 4:00pm each day instead of 5:00pm. Starting Monday, May 12th we are back to our regular, pre-pandemic business hours. Things have been a little quieter here, which has given staff a little bit of time to clean and organize in some areas that they usually do not have time for. We have still received stray animals; some were fortunate to be reunited with their families and surprisingly, we have also had many adoptions - which is a great thing for the animals!

Our DOGhouse Thrift Store was not considered essential to the public (even though it is essential to the animals!), so it was closed April 1st and will reopen on May 12th. During the down time, staff have re-varnished the floors, remodeled some things and moved merchandise around to make room for spring and summer items. Come on by and see the changes we have made! Of course, being compliant with our governor's orders, safe distancing will be followed, as well as staff having appropriate PPE and disinfecting often.

As we move forward into summer, we are uncertain if some of our scheduled events will take place, however, we are planning as though everything will go as scheduled. We start with Critter Camp June 8 - June 26, then on June 20th we will celebrate our 50 years in business, serving our community and so many homeless animals, followed by the 4th of July parade and then our 15th annual Happy Tails on August 29th in the Orchard at Charlie Clark's.

We have met the challenges we've faced so far this year and we will continue to care for all the homeless animals. With the help of our staff, volunteers and donors, we will get through these challenging times and come out stronger in the end!

Shelter Manager Insight

by Debbie Torbet,
Shelter Manager



Pushing forward through the Pandemic

As everyone has faced challenges through the Pandemic that is currently going on. We have been blessed to be able to continue to care for the homeless pets that call the Humane Society of the White Mountains home.

We have had some wonderful adoptions and we are so grateful for those that have adopted, fostered, volunteered and donated to us during this trying time. We have increased our sanitizing practices and have been cleaning door handles, pens, counter tops etc. to ensure we are keeping our Staff, volunteers and clients safe. The staff has been very diligent about keeping things clean and sanitized, as well as practicing Social Distancing.

We are currently looking forward to the re-opening of the DogHouse Thrift Store as it is our "Daily Fundraiser" and main source of income. They had to close for 45 days during the Pandemic and we are excited for them to re-open. In addition, we had to shorten our hours and are looking forward to going back to regular hours as soon as possible.

This Pandemic has definitely been a trying time as everyone knows and we are looking forward to getting back to "Normal" or the "New Normal" as I'm calling it, as we are not sure if anything will ever go back to how it was. One thing for sure we are doing what we need to do to care for and love the animals that are in our care and will continue to do so whatever the circumstances may be.



Greetings from The DOGhouse

by Les Thompson, DOGhouse Manager

Spring & Summer 2020

Spring has arrived and summer is fast approaching. Here at the DOGhouse, we have made a lot of great changes in the last six months and we were just getting into our groove when Covid-19 hit and forced us to close our doors. We have become the BEST Thrift shop on the mountain - clean, organized and friendly. If you have not been in lately, come in and see what a great thrift/gift shop looks like!

I want to thank our valued employees, Jeremy and Dustin, along with our equally valued volunteers, Deb and Shirley, for working towards what seemed an impossible goal. We made it and the positive comments from our much-needed customers are heard daily. Thank you from all of us at HSWM!

We are excited to get back open and see all your smiling faces. Please help everyone be safe by practicing social distancing when in the store in this unparalleled time. If you are sick, please stay home and think about others. We are in the process of cleaning, painting and reorganizing the store for our reopening on May 12th - come in and see our great treasures!

We still strive to only take gently used items that are complete and in good shape. We want you to be happy knowing you are getting great items that are not damaged or broken, are complete, clean and work as intended.

We still offer 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 and weekly sales are a few ways we say thank you for supporting us. Don't forget about the 25% off sale the first weekend of every month!

Follow us on Facebook and look for our announcements about upcoming sales. We encourage you to give us reviews so everyone will know we are the BEST at what we do and we could not do it without YOU!

Donations can be received in back of the store at our receiving door during business hours, Tuesday thru Saturday 10 am to 4:30pm. To schedule a pickup, call us at 928-368-2248

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



Volunteers are GREAT!

By Deborah Thompson CVT, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator

Hello! I hope everybody is healthy and fit during this pandemic and I'm sure we all hope it will be behind us soon! Because of Covid-19, orientation is on hold for now; however, we continue to accept applications for volunteers. You can get our volunteer application on our website hswm.org / Resources / Online Forms and then mail or drop your application by to the shelter.

To date in 2020, we have 23 new volunteers, including 4 junior volunteers. We are thrilled with our new volunteers and hopefully we will be able to start orientation again soon. Later this year we will do a refresher course for the volunteers who walk dogs that do not know our color codes system. This system works well, but not everybody is familiar with it.

Tremendous thanks to our volunteers and all you do here at the shelter and at the DOGhouse . . . everything we do is for the animals and we cannot do it all without you! Did you know that in addition to walking dogs, you can volunteer to do laundry, clean breakfast and lunch dishes, do some yard clean up, bath dogs, clean crates and socialize cats and kittens? Did you know we hold several offsite events each year and we are always looking for volunteers to help and have fun with us? Some of these events are our 4th of July parade float, offsite adoptions and of course, Happy Tails, our biggest event of the year. Last year we had 110 volunteers help with this fun event that we hold in The Orchard at Charlie Clark's. This year it will be held on August 29th; if you have never volunteered or attended - you are missing out on a lot of fun activities! We have a live auction, a silent auction, blitz auctions, great BBQ food and pet adoptions. It is a fun and rewarding day for everybody who works it or attends it. If this sounds like fun to you, be sure to get your application in, or if you are already a volunteer, call me and let me know you want to volunteer!

We are excited for things to get back to 'normal' - whatever that will be. Our animals have missed our volunteers, I know I have.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
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Our volunteers are always appreciated!



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15th Annual **HAPPY TAILS**
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Saturday, August 29, 2020
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Volunteer Spotlight

Twana Alexander by Sarah Fox

It makes sense that someone who runs a fish business is a GREAT feline volunteer for HSWM! Twana Alexander is our featured volunteer this edition. To use her own words, Twana told me that fostering is one of the coolest things she does! We are lucky to have Twana and Wink is one lucky cat!

Hi, my name is Twana Alexander, and I've been honored to be a Humane Society foster volunteer for the past 5 years! What a rewarding part of my life it has been to help kittens get a good start in life and to love on them like they are my own.

I've lived in Show Low since late 1994, and have a small business that you may have heard of. Something Fishy is where I sell, rent, and service saltwater aquariums. I guess you could say I'm passionate about all living creatures! Although sometimes challenging, I enjoy my job a lot.

It's hard to say how many kittens I have fostered. But I must confess to one "foster failure." Wink came into my life in 2016, less than a week old. He struggled with different ailments the first several weeks of his life. And somewhere along the way, on one of the nights I stayed up holding him all night . . . I fell in love with him in a way that I couldn't give him up. After being neutered, I brought him back home to be a permanent part of my family. Today he is a healthy, happy 4-year-old cat, and definitely in charge of the whole household!



If you are ever looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of lost or abandoned baby animals, I can vouch for the joy that fostering brings. At times it is hard work, but it's also fulfilling in a way I never imaged. I get back as much as I give!

Arizona Gives Day 2020 - What a Success!!

by Laura Wetch

We begin planning for AZ Gives Day months in advance, so when we started working on our entry application and we listed our monetary goal for 2020, we decided to increase the amount we raised last year by a few thousand dollars. We thought if we worked hard, we might just be fortunate enough to reach our 2020 goal of \$20,000.

Then Covid-19 happened. Holy cow - how things changed. We continued on with our AZ Gives 2020 campaign as planned, but we feared that with the financial impact of the pandemic, we would be lucky if we raised half our goal. Nonetheless, we moved forward with our efforts as planned and felt whatever we ended up raising would be a blessing for the shelter, regardless. We had adopters and staff write stories of just a few of the animals that came through our shelter in 2019; the message we hoped to express is that, for these animals, all they needed was a chance - and hope - and love, and the most important part is that we were able to give them a chance, hope and love because of the generosity of people who believe in animal rescue and in us!

So, we emailed the wonderful stories of these animals out and hoped for the best, but prepared ourselves for what we thought was the likelihood that we would not come close to our goal.

Donations began rolling in a few weeks before the actual 'day' of AZ Gives Day; we were excited to see these donations, but we remained doubtful that we would come near the goal we set. Then Arizona Gives

Day came, April 7th. When we logged onto the AZ Gives Day website, we saw the total raised for the animals was \$10,000. We were thrilled – but it wasn't even 12 noon yet and we had hours to go before the fundraiser ended! By time we left work, the money raised for the animals had not only allowed us to reach our goal, but actually exceed it! In the end, we raised a total of \$22,302, which qualified us for an additional prize of \$500!

We so often struggle to find the words to express the depth of thankfulness we feel towards all of you, the amazingly generous supporters! All of us involved here, whether staff, volunteers, fosters, board members, etc. feel so very privileged to serve these animals for the time they are with us and we only can do it because of your support. **Thank you so very much!**

PS: Even though AZ Gives sent out donation acknowledgment letters, we are sending out our own Thank You letters via email. If you have not received a Thank You letter, it is because your email server has blocked an email from us, or we do not have the correct email address for you. Please let us know if you did not receive your letter; we can send a copy via USPS.

The Shelter Gets a New Coat of Paint!

by Laura Wetch

Taking full advantage of some down time, some dedicated volunteers went to work, sprucing up the shelter. With the shelter not full of dogs at the moment, staff was able to move dogs from the A and B lines into C and D areas to allow volunteers time to come in on several days when the shelter was closed to the public and put a new coat of paint on the walls and in the kennels.

It is the same color paint as is in the Education Building; some of us call it 'calming' green, others have referred to it as 'institutional' green. Regardless of what we call the color, it is amazing how fresh the kennels in A & B lines look.

Our handyman extraordinaire, volunteer Dennis Azevedo, has also installed FRP board on the walls half way up to meet the new green paint. The result is a fresh new look that the dogs are giving a 2-paws up!

This work was planned in preparation for our 50th anniversary celebration to be held on June 20th at the shelter! We hope you come by and have a hotdog and take the tour so you can admire all the hard work recently done!

A big thanks to Dennis, Gayle Potter-Basso, Terry Bankert, Shane Badding, Laura Wetch and John Wetch for all your hard work!



HSWM 50th Anniversary Celebration June 20th



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JUNE 8-26 Critter Camp

JULY 4 4th of July Parade -
Show low

AUG 29 Happy Tails 2020 -
Charlie Clark's Orchard

SEPT Fall Festival Parade & Pet
Sitting - Pinetop Lakeside

OCT Strut Your Mutt

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Treat Puzzles
Toys (Rope, Kong, Etc.)
Puppy Teething Toys
Powder Puppy Formula
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Feline Items:

Canned Cat & Kitten Food
Purina Kitten Chow
Purina Cat Chow
Cat Toys
Powder Kitten Milk
Litter Clay & Scoop-able
Treats

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Tablets

Vehicles:

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Gift Cards:

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Thank You!



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"It came to me that every time I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them. And every new dog who comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are."

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