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Director's Message

by Joshua Smith,
Executive Director

Always Improving

I had several goals and projects for myself during the first year as Executive Director at the Humane Society of the White Mountains. Our spay/neuter clinic, the "PAWS Clinic", had a much-needed repainting. We also had a concrete sidewalk poured by Bruce and his team from iConcrete in front of the clinic, with a nice awning overhead to protect waiting clients. There was a sidewalk added to the south side of the main entrance building and part of the shelter was repainted to match the PAWS Clinic.

We had another great Happy Tails Auction & BBQ this year. Our 2024 Happy Tails was our 19th annual event and we grossed over \$153,000.00. We can't thank our volunteers and donors enough. If it wasn't for all the great people in these communities giving us their time, money and support, we wouldn't be able to have such a successful event every year and we appreciate it more than words can express.

One thing that I have learned over the past year as Executive Director of the Humane Society of the White Mountains is that the operating costs for a non-profit animal rescue, like ours, is substantially more expensive than I expected. That being said, with the help of our community and the amazing donors within it, we can continue to save thousands of dogs and cats' lives year after year. Please consider locally donating and purchasing from our DogHouse Thrift Store. This income is critical to care for homeless animals. Shopping locally has a huge direct impact on the local economy and benefits all of us.

For our next big projects to be completed, we will ask for your help again. As the shelter occasionally loses electricity, it needs a generator to provide constant power for water and heat or air conditioning to the animals. We also plan to completely paint the rest of the shelter building and have continual maintenance on all structures. Keeping the shelter animals safe and comfortable as they await their move to their forever homes is our highest priority. Therefore, please have the Humane

Society of the White Mountains in your thoughts as you consider tax deductible gifts for the remainder of 2024 and into 2025. *Thank you for your support!*

A Day in the Life of a Shelter Animal

by Cally Grimes
Shelter Manager

Life in an animal shelter can be a rollercoaster of emotions for everyone involved. While our staff offers exceptional care for the animals that call The Humane Society of the White Mountains home, it's far from the ideal home environment most animals crave. Here's a glimpse into the daily routine of a shelter animal.

Morning Routine:

Breakfast: Each day typically starts with the shelter staff arriving to feed the dogs and cats and then cleaning the kennels.

Social Time: For dogs, our shelter offers many outdoor play areas for single play or socialization with other animals. This can be a highlight of the day for many. Aside from outdoor playtime, every dog in our care will get walked at least twice a day, more if time allows. Dogs who need quiet from the kennel areas or socializing with humans spend time in the front office or with staff in the Education Room. Sometimes an experienced volunteer will take a dog off for a fun car ride. For cats, we have a free-range room which is airy and has several windows from which they can monitor the world. The kittens and adults always welcome staff and volunteers who cuddle and play with them.

Medical Care: Upon first arriving at the shelter, all animals are given an intake exam by our staff. Every animal is evaluated in this exam to see if they are healthy enough to receive vaccines. If the animal has a medical condition, injury, or elevated temperature, vaccinations will not be given until it is safe for the animal to receive them. In the meantime, all medical issues will be addressed and treated as necessary per the recommendation of our Veterinarian Dr. Helzer. As most people know, vaccines and treatments are essential for the animal's health and well-being, whether in the shelter or a home.

Afternoon Activities:

Lunch Time: After the morning hustle and bustle, playtime and walks, the staff prepares lunch for each dog or cat. At any given time, we usually have several animals who are on a special diet and/or medication, so our staff are trained to pay close attention to the special

needs of each pet to ensure they are getting the best possible care. After lunch, the routine of dog playtime and walks starts all over again. Enrichment and human interaction for every animal is crucial for them to thrive in a shelter environment.

Volunteer Visits at the Shelter: Volunteers often come to play with cats, kittens, and puppies providing much-needed attention and affection. Our volunteers also take our adult dogs out for walks and playtime. Many volunteers also help with daily tasks such as clerical duties, cleaning different animal areas as well as dishes, laundry etc.

Potential Adopters: When the Humane Society of the White Mountains Shelter is open to the public (Tuesday-Saturday 12pm-5pm), potential adopters may visit the animals. These individuals will be walked through the shelter by either a staff member or a trained volunteer to meet the available pets. Our staff and volunteers work diligently to make the best match for adopters and our animals, to achieve a forever happy home for all involved.

Evening Routine:

Bedtime: After all of the animals have had a full day of meeting new families, playing, walks, and socializing with our staff and volunteers, the shelter closes for the night and the animals settle in for a peaceful sleep.

Challenges of Shelter Life:

Overcrowding: Many shelters all across the nation are struggling with overcrowding, leading to limited space and more stress on the animals, as well as staff and volunteer burnout. This is why we must be strict about not exceeding our maximum capacity. We hate turning away any dog or cat but we occasionally must for the health and wellbeing of those already in our care. We do our best to help find other rescues or foster homes for these animals.

Stress: The constant noise, unfamiliar surroundings and frequent interactions with strangers can be stressful for any animal. Some of our residents have never even been inside a building before coming to the shelter. These fearful pets will be put in the quietest kennel areas.

Separation Anxiety: Animals who have been separated from their families may experience separation anxiety and exhibit behavioral issues. We work hard to comfort them and support them through this difficult transition

The Importance of Adoption: Adopting a shelter animal can be a wonderful, rewarding experience. Not only are you providing a loving home for one animal in need but you're also making that kennel available for the next incoming pet. If you're considering adopting, be prepared to dedicate time, patience, and resources to help your new pet adjust to their new environment. Then just have fun!

How to Help:

Adopt: If you're ready to welcome a new furry friend into your home, adoption is the best and kindest way to help.

Foster: Fostering involves you taking an animal/animals into your home and giving the pet a chance to experience all normal household activities and sounds. Animals who are recovering from illness or surgery, fearful, seniors, and very young litters all benefit enormously from getting your special attention and care. Animals that have been fostered also have a much easier transition when they are adopted.

Volunteer: Offer your time to play with the animals, clean kennels, or assist with other tasks around the shelter. We also are always looking for volunteers to help out at our Dog House Thrift store located at 3002 W White Mountain Blvd, Lakeside, AZ. The store is open Tuesday-Saturday 10am to 5pm. Another BIG way to help is to become an off-site volunteer. We often take animals to off-site events not only locally but we travel all around the state to help get them adopted and give them "an out of the norm" experience. We always need help at these events.

Donate: Contribute to the shelter's mission by donating supplies, food and monetary donations. We also welcome gently used clothes and household items that you may no longer need at our Dog House Thrift store.

Spay & Neuter: The fewer dogs and cats having litters will reduce the numbers coming into shelters. Please have this surgery done for your pets and encourage others to do the same. Not only will this help us combat the homeless and abandoned pet crisis in our community but spaying and neutering also helps greatly reduce the risk of diseases in companion animals.

Spread Awareness: Share information about the Humane Society of the White Mountains and the animals in need on social media and with your friends and family. Also please consider having your pets microchipped, we offer this service at the shelter for \$20.00 per pet with no appointment necessary. Sometimes pets spend a number of days or longer without their owners simply because we have no way of contact them.

By understanding the challenges and rewards of shelter life, we can all work together to ensure that every animal finds a loving home.

Thank you all for your support, we truly could not do this without you!



Holiday Greetings from The DOGhouse

by Bonnye Knoche, Manager

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

In the world of thrift stores, customers shop for a variety of reasons:

1. Purchase items for their household at a reasonable price
2. Purchase items to resale in their business
3. Purchase items that they remember from their past
4. Purchase items for gifts

All of these reasons are great, and they drive the thrift store industry in many cities. Purchases help pay employees, building expenses, and sometimes support a local cause.

It is important for our shoppers to know that the DOGhouse Thrift Shop directs every dollar of your purchase directly to our local Humane Society of the White Mountains. We take great pride in the time and effort we put into processing every item that is donated. Many of the items are vintage, antique or brand-new. We set pricing based on the value of each item . . . one may be higher than a similar item. However, we have the adoptable pets that depend on our judgment for evaluating items. As a community of pet owners and animal supporters, I am sure everyone is aware of rising costs for food, veterinary services, and basic needs of any pet. Many shelters across Arizona are full. Many receive funding from outside agencies. The Humane Society of the White Mountains is totally funded by our Happy Tails Event, personal donations, and the DOGhouse Thrift Shop.

We do accept donations of gently used clothing, housewares, books, furniture, small appliances, and more. There are items that we cannot take—mattresses, bed foundations/bed springs, tires, toilets, paint, oils, poisons, and other unsaleable items. These cost money to dispose of properly—taking money away from the Shelter.

We have a variety of Sale Days for our customers:

Wednesday is Senior and Military Day 25% Off
Thurs. to Sat. every week 50% Off designated items in the store
Sale Saturday 1st Saturday of the Month 50% Off Everything in Store

There will be Holiday Events with more savings to be posted later.

In closing, we appreciate your continued support of the DOGhouse Thrift Store! You are directly helping the homeless animals at the Humane Society of the White Mountains. Thank you for shopping with us.

Meet Our New Volunteer/ Outreach Coordinator: Joseph Alvizar



We are excited to announce the appointment of Joe Alvizar as our new Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator. With his passion for animals, community engagement and wealth of experience in animal care, Joe is poised to elevate our volunteer program to new heights.

Joe comes to us with his PAWsitve attitude having previously worked with Little Angels Service Dogs, where he taught basic commands and obedience to adult dogs and puppies. His commitment to fostering meaningful volunteer experiences aligns perfectly with our mission and we are thrilled to have him with our pack!

Joe is responsible for community outreach activities as well as the training and supporting of our volunteers. He will ensure that they have the resources they need to make a positive impact within the organization and at off-site events. He is eager to enhance our current programs while building strong relationships with our dedicated volunteers.

Please join us in welcoming Joe to the team. We look forward to his contributions and the fresh perspective he brings to the organization. If you're interested in volunteering or have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Joe at volunteer@hswm.org or at the Humane Society of the White Mountains.

Exciting Pet Spay and Neuter News for Navajo County Residents

by Debbie Neff, Director of Operations

The Humane Society of the White Mountains is extremely excited to announce that through the Arizona License Plate Pet Grant, we were awarded a grant for \$10,000.00. These funds are to spay or neuter companion animals of Navajo County residents.

It is with the generous support of Arizonans who purchase the Spay and Neuter Pet Friendly license plates and/or voluntarily make contributions through their personal income taxes, that these grants exist. With these monies, organizations like ours are able to assist companion animals in our communities

The Spay and Neuter surgeries will be performed by Dr. Tammy Helzer DVM, at our P.A.W.S. Clinic. The clinic is located at 3212 N. Porter Mountain Rd. Lakeside AZ 85929. We are scheduling appointments now. To schedule an appointment or for further information, please call the shelter at 928-368-5295 Tuesday-Saturday 12pm-5pm.

We are so very grateful to receive these grant funds and be able to help our community again this year. A huge thank you to all of those who support this effort.

A flyer with a green border featuring a triangle pattern. At the top, there are three logos: a green triangle with a white dog and cat, a red circular logo with a dog and cat, and a blue logo that says "Drive to Save Lives! HELP! ORDER NOW!". Below the logos is a paragraph of text: "The Humane Society of the White Mountains is excited to announce that once again we are the recipient of a \$10,000 Spay/Neuter grant from AZ Pet Plates! Access to this grant money is open to all residents of our Navajo County communities. With the continuing overpopulation of companion animals, everyone is strongly urged to have their dogs and cats spayed or neutered. Did you know that early spn can help reduce certain infections and cancers in your pet, as well as lessen the urge to roam, which could lead your pet to get lost or injured in the field?" Below the text is a photo of several puppies. At the bottom, there are two bullet points: "Pet owners will be charged a low-cost co-payment of \$25 per cat and \$35 per dog regardless of sex" and "Limit of 3 pets per resident". Below the bullet points is a line of text: "To schedule an appointment for your dog or cat, please call the HSWM's Shelter at (928) 368-5296". At the very bottom, there is a small line of text: "If you're in search of a pet, visit our website at hswm.org or call us at (928) 368-5296."/>

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Happy Tails 2024

by Mary Hovden

Saturday, August 24 started with a bit of rain, but by the time the gates opened at 10am, it was a gorgeous day with cool temperatures and no rain! What a wonderful and fun event as you can see from the activity on the beautiful grounds of Charlie Clark's Orchard.



Taking a few steps back to earlier in the summer, it took a LOT of work to get to this day. Dozens of volunteers worked countless hours getting ready for Happy Tails at our Donation Center next to the Pinetop/Lakeside Safeway. We collected thousands of items from the public and area businesses to put together 53 Live Auction items, 397 Silent Auction baskets and individual items, 5 Blitz Raffle items, 5 \$5 Raffle Packages, 92 Doggie Bags and a great selection of items for the General Store. This is in addition to tickets for the Summer Raffle and the BBQ lunch and 17 dogs available for adoption. All in all – a very successful offering!

But of course, we want to remember why we do this - to support the animals at the Humane Society of the White Mountains. Our beloved Magnum, HSWM alumni and his owner, Ashley strolled the Charlie Clark orchard for hours, raising awareness for the shelter and of course hoping for some donations. How can you resist that cuteness!!



Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success. Our guests, our donors, our staff and volunteers - it takes all of us to help our furry friends.

2024 Critter Camp - Creating a Path for Future Volunteers

by Jamie Dye

Every summer, Humane Society of the White Mountains hosts a special camp called Critter Camp. We teach children the importance of having a dedicated and loving shelter in their community to help abandoned, homeless, and abused animals. It is held at the shelter every summer for children ages 7-13, as well as a Senior Camp for more mature attendees who have passed their "skills tests". In June, many new campers were excited to attend because of their compassion and love for animals, and our Junior Volunteers continued to show their AMAZING dedication in supporting the shelter by being awesome workers.

Critter Camp ran three one-week-long sessions: ages 7-9, 10-13, and an "invitation only" Senior Camp. Each week campers came to the shelter and engaged in many fun experiences with community organizations where animals are an important part of their jobs. These include Navajo County Search and Rescue, Navajo County Animal Control, Wendy's Agility Class, Gayle's Therapy Dogs, and Wild Wednesday with Dianna Kelley. The braver kids even attended a spay/neuter/microchip session with our PAWS Clinic, which helps teach the importance of helping reduce animal overpopulation. Each organization always provides valuable takeaway information to the campers, and we are so appreciative of their donated time to HSWM!

Senior Camp is by invitation only for graduate students who have attended the camp for more than 2 years, are over the age of 13, and show a genuine love for the shelter. They become Junior Volunteers

and spend a week job-shadowing employees and learning how the shelter operates. It is an opportunity for them to see more realistically how hard of a job it really is! This year, the Seniors scrubbed kennels, washed dishes, did laundry, and worked a day at the DOGhouse Thrift Store. There, they worked by painting caution areas bright yellow and cleaning/organizing the store. They also helped with unloading a HUGE supply donation by the Fugly Push Company who brought much needed food, bleach, kennels, and supplies. At the end of the week, a Senior Camper named Brady said, "That was the hardest week of my life but I loved every day!"



Some of our Senior Campers have started volunteering at the earlier sessions to help the younger students participate in different activities, and this part of the program has really grown in the "Camp". It is exciting to see these junior volunteers continue to share their love for the shelter with our younger campers. They encourage them to come when Critter Camp alumni attend different events, such as walking in the Fall Festival parade to collect donations (their enthusiasm collected over \$850!) and volunteering at Happy Tails Auction & BBQ. By keeping them involved in events outside of the scheduled Critter Camp, they will continue to learn the value and importance of volunteering, and the community will see how this provides educational opportunities for these young people to help grow some exceptional community citizens.



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Thank you, Critter Campers!

A Hopeful Message

by Joe J.
HSWM Bookkeeper

I want to start off by thanking all the wonderful volunteers, members, donors and staff here at the Humane Society of the White Mountains. If it wasn't for the work, effort and care ALL of you put in, we wouldn't be where we are today.



For those of you who may not know me, I am the bookkeeper at HSWM. Originally from Chicago, I moved out here from Florida in 2022. I am proud to consider the White Mountains my home now and am privileged to share my life here with my two dogs.

In May of 2024, I adopted a three-legged dog named Hope. She came into the Humane Society wounded on her back right leg from being shot at close range with a shotgun. After a successful amputation from the fantastic veterinarian Tammy Helzer, DVM, she was at the shelter available for adoption. Little did Hope know she wasn't going to be there long. Captivated by her story, I began asking about her around the Shelter. After talking to Debbie (Director of Operations), I wondered if Hope and my current dog, Navarr, might get along. So, I put in an application for her adoption.

After filing an application, the shelter staff requires a "meet and greet" date between the existing pets and the potential new one. Navarr and Hope were a little apprehensive of each other at first but I didn't give up. It took a total of 3 "Meet and Greets" for the two dogs to be playing like long lost sisters. They absolutely love each other and get along so well.

A three-legged dog might not be everybody's first choice when it comes to adopting a new pet. The same could be said of any special needs or senior dogs, for that matter. But let me assure you, all of them have endless love and heart to offer you and your family. Hope was a little shy at first but she has become an amazing part of my life. Her personality and perseverance shines through whatever dark cloud her injury could have brought. Her attitude almost forces me to be more aware of the things I might take for granted, to show forgiveness, to let go and move on.

Now that might be a bit of an overstatement, but in all seriousness, Hope is a great dog. And there are many other great pets ready for their "Forever Homes" here at HSWM right now. I'm hoping you might come by and take them home.



"Having a place to go is a home.
Having someone to love is a family.
Having both is a blessing."
-Donna Hedges

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at 928-368-5295



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Upcoming Events and Fundraisers Plan Ahead. Get Involved.



DEC 13 Holiday Raffle
Drawing

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Keep your pets safe.

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Pedigree Dry Puppy Food
Dog Treats
Treat Puzzles
Toys (Rope, Kong, Etc.)
Puppy Teething Toys
Powder Puppy Formula
Miracle Nipples (Amazon)

Feline Items:

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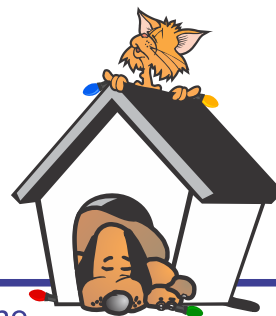
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