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Trailin' Tails Newsletter



One of the many dogs that has passed through MCACC's doors looking for a forever home— he got one!

Keep Your Pets Safe and Happy During the Hot Summer Months

Summer is here. We all get pretty hot as the mercury rises. Imagine how your pet feels in that fur coat. Each year Maricopa County Animal Care and Control receives hundreds of calls about pets being left outside with no shade or water. Many of these animals lose their lives due to the extreme temperatures. There are some things you can do for your pet to ensure they have a comfortable summer.



Ensure your pet has adequate shade (for the entire day) if left outside. They must also have water in a tip-proof bowl that is shaded all day. If your pet shows signs of heat exhaustion, cool him down slowly with a cool rag. Do not submerge him in water. Take him immediately to a vet for follow up care.

Monitor your cat for hair balls and brush her if she seems to have excess hair. Get your longer haired dogs groomed. Have your cats and dogs checked and treated for fleas

Walk your dog in the early morning or evening hours. Pavement gets very hot during the day and can burn their pads. Also, your dog is much closer to the pavement than you are, so it's hotter for him.

Never leave your pet in the car, even if it's parked in the shade. Temperatures inside cars can rise up to 150 degrees quickly. Watch out for coolant leaking from your car. It has a sweet smell animals are attracted to. It could kill them.

and ticks.

Take extra care of older or overweight animals. Snub-nosed dogs (Bulldogs, Pekingese, Boston Terriers, Lhasa Apsos and Shih Tzus) and those with heart or lung diseases should be kept indoors as much as possible. These animals have a difficult time regulating their body temperature.

Follow these tips and you and your pets should have a more comfortable summer.

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Tempe Neighborhood Gives Generously to MCACC

Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC) received quite the donation earlier this year. A Tempe neighborhood, The Lakes, set their sights on helping out the homeless animals of Maricopa County. Members of The Lakes Women's Club canvassed homes and businesses asking them to give to the animals in need.



supplies, kitten formula, blankets, towels and much more.

The donations easily added up to \$20,000 plus worth of supplies.

Event chairperson, Tamara Reddy was not surprised by her community's generosity. "I have no doubt The Lakes Community, and Tempe as a whole, will step forward to show their compassion and support of these needy animals," she says.

And did they ever. The community donated almost 3000 pounds of dry and moist food, over 1000 bags of treats, more than 1100 toys, over 800 leashes, cat litter, paper towels, cleaning

"Without this type of support, these animals simply have no chance of ever finding loving homes."

Thank you to the Lakes Community and Tempe!



Search the web with www.goodsearch.com and money from Yahoo advertisers will go to FACC's – Friends of Animal Care & Control without you spending a dime!



One of the many dogs that have come through our doors needing a new home—she got one!

Animal First Aid Kit:

First Aid Book

Gauze pads

Bandages

Cotton Tipped Applicators

Muzzle

Cold Pack

Antiseptic Wipes

Disposable Gloves

Special Needs Dog Finds Special Home

Little Munchie came to MCACC with all kinds of terrible injuries, looking like a victim of serious abuse. He was emaciated, covered with fresh bite wounds and old scars. His ears had been so severely injured that he had inner ear damage. He also had a broken neck and collar bone—causing his neck to tilt



so severely to one side, it looked like it was on sideways. The inner ear damage also caused him to walk in circles and fall over. His four canine teeth were broken off, leading employees to fear that he was used in dog fighting. Some of the other things poor

Munchie has to deal with: valley fever; sensitive skin (concrete floors aren't good for him); and he can't play with larger dogs as he hurts himself. He will need constant medical treatment.

Munchie, with all his injuries is the sweetest dog, looking for love from everyone. He loves people, other dogs, cats, anyone and everyone. He loves to follow people around and is always jumping up

for love!

NOTE: Munchie has found a forever home with a family who knows how special he is and will shower him with love and care for the rest of his life. In return, Munchie will give them a lifetime of gratitude and love.

Pet Tips— Traveling With Your Pet

With summer in full swing, here are a couple tips if you're contemplating traveling with your pet.

Flying with your pet:

You must make a reservation for your pet; most airlines limit the number of animals allowed on each flight. To ensure your pet's safety and comfort, book a direct flight if at all possible. And if you are traveling in hot weather, book a night flight when temperatures are cooler.

If your pet is small enough to travel in the cabin with you, use a soft-sided carrier that will fit under the seat in front of you. DO NOT take the pet out of the carrier. This is FAA law.

If your pet is too large to fit under the seat, he will have to travel in the cargo hold. For this, you will need a USDA-approved crate. Write the words "LIVE ANIMAL," as well as the name, address and telephone number of your destination, on the top and sides of the crate. Attach two dishes to the inside for food and water. Freeze the water so that it will not splash out during loading but will melt by the time your pet is thirsty. Tape a ziplock bag of dry food to the top of the crate. For easier access in case of emergency, do not lock the door on the crate, but do secure it with a sturdy clasp. Your pet should also be wearing identification tags on a collar.

Whether your pet is traveling in cargo or in the cabin with you, make sure that their carrier has ample ventilation and is large enough that he can stand, sit, lie down and turn around in it. Line the bottom of the carrier with a towel, blanket, or absorbent pad.

Car travel with your pet:

Animals should be secured in the car, and not allowed to jump around or hang out of the window. For this reason, a crate or harness that attaches through the seat belt is recommended.

Exercise and water should be given during rest stops, but do not allow your pet to run loose. No matter how well trained an animal is, this is a new experience, and an accident could happen.

General tips for plane and car travel:

Obtain a health certificate from your veterinarian dated no earlier than ten days before your departure, showing that your pet is current on all vaccinations. Make sure that the hotel where you are planning to stay allows pets. Feed and offer water to your pet about four hours before embarking on your trip. It is a good idea to walk him right before you leave.



Profile of MCACC's Volunteer Coordinator

"Each time you volunteer, you save a life." That is the mantra of Erin Maupin, Volunteer Manager for Maricopa County Animal Care & Control (MCACC). In the two years she has held that position, she has recruited over 800 volunteers, about 200 of whom are active on a regular basis, at the west valley shelter, the east valley shelter, or at off-site events. That translates to a lot of dogs and cats saved!



She also makes a point of recognizing one outstanding volunteer each month.

The passion Erin brings to her job is not new. Ever since she was a child, she has loved animals, having grown up with pet hamsters, a cat and an Airedale dog. While attending Arizona State University, she started the Animal Welfare Association on campus, and ran it for two years, promoting and publicizing animal issues. But it was when she volunteered at the Arizona Humane Society as an animal technician that she realized the extent of the homeless pet problem. She has made it her mission ever since to do everything that she can to alleviate the suffering of homeless pets, as well as other animals. She is a dedicated vegetarian, and before coming to MCACC, she campaigned for the passage of Proposition 204, to make farming more humane.

But the number of volunteers is not the only ingredient for this success. Erin has also made adoption the priority – nearly all of the volunteers are now trained in adoption counseling, and spend the majority of their time helping potential adopters find the best pet for them. This has made the process easier for people coming in to adopt, as there is almost always a volunteer on hand to answer any questions and to facilitate their interaction with the animals they are interested in.

For Erin, a typical day involves responding to emails and phone calls from current and potential volunteers, coordinating volunteer schedules and events, and posting pictures of available animals on the MCACC website. In addition, she leads volunteer orientations every month.

In Erin Maupin, the animals of MCACC have a devoted advocate, and the public has a tireless assistant in helping them to find and adopt the perfect pet. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Erin at 602/506-8133, or erinmaupin@mail.maricopa.gov.



Two of the many kittens MCACC has taken in needing forever homes.

Spay and neuter your pets

Get your dogs and cats spayed or neutered! MCACC gets in over 50,000 animals a year, many of them unwanted kittens and puppies. These innocent animals have little chance of survival in our shelters—they need too much care. Please help us stop unnecessary euthanasia—spay and neuter your pets! MCACC's the Big Fix No-Cost Spay/Neuter Voucher Program offers a free spay or neuter surgery for your cat or dog. Please visit us on the web at www.pets.maricopa.gov to print out a form or call us at (602) 506-PETS.

Cat Gets Second Chance at Life

Torsten the cat had a rough start in life. At 3 months old, he was found alone on the streets of Phoenix, trying to survive with

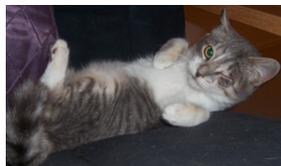


Torsten before his surgery

a really bad cold and infection. He couldn't see and could hardly breathe. One morning, while stumbling around, dangerously close to a busy street, a good Samaritan picked him up. Torsten was brought to an MCACC event and handed over.

No one was sure if there was a chance for him, since his entire face was covered in green mucous. When Torsten's face was cleaned, it was discovered he could see from one eye! A Veterinarian said there may be a chance for Torsten with medicine, and close attention. Torsten went into foster care.

While recovering, the decision was made that his right



Torsten after his surgery

eye needed to be removed and a former MCACC vet (now residing in California) agreed to do the surgery.

Torsten and his foster mom headed to California, where the surgery went well. He is now completely healthy. He is a sweet, calm, affectionate cat who loves to curl up on a lap and purr. Torsten gets along great with other kitties, and likes dogs. He loves to play with toys – jingle balls and fuzzy toy mice. Even though Torsten may not physically look like many cats, he has a lot of love to give and is a wonderful companion.

NOTE: Torsten was adopted a couple of months after his surgery to a wonderful family.



Students from Hopi Elementary School in Scottsdale created an ad campaign to collect much needed supplies for the homeless animals of Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC). They plastered their school with posters encouraging all to "Be a Buddie" to homeless animals. The students collected over 500 blankets and well over 100 "pet essentials" such as food, leashes, toys and beds. MCACC was honored to accept the donation from these caring students.

Upcoming Events

- July 12 New Volunteer Orientation
- July 13 Volunteer Adoptions Class
- Aug 9 New Volunteer Orientation
- Aug 10 Volunteer Adoptions Class
- Aug 16 National Homeless Animal Day
- Sept 28 World Rabies Day
- Sept 9 New Volunteer Orientation
- Sept 10 Volunteer Adoptions Class
- October National Adopt a Shelter Animal Month

Be sure to check out our web site every month to see where out Mobile Pet Adoptions Bus will be.

<http://www.maricopa.gov/Pets/News/Calendar.aspx>

Call us and we'll bring the Mobile Pet Adoptions Bus to your business or neighborhood

602-249-6504

Home Show A Success



Thanks to all the wonderful people who gave to MCACC at the Maricopa County Home and Landscape Show at the end of April. Over \$900 in cash was given, more than \$400 was raised in the dog house silent auction and over 800 items of food and toys were donated.



Rabies Clinic

Specials: \$20

West and East Shelters

Sundays Noon—4:00

Mondays 9:00—11:00

Tuesdays 9:00—11:00

Foster Families Needed

During the busy summer, MCACC takes in up to 200 dogs and cats a day. With so many kittens and puppies coming in, MCACC's foster families are already full. Fostering is a temporary placement of the homeless animals MCACC takes in and it helps to save lives. To be a foster family all you need is a caring heart, some time and energy and a place for the animals. Animals that need fostering are usually puppies and kittens not yet old enough to be placed up for adoption and those who are recovering from an illness or medical procedure. As a foster family, MCACC gives you the food and supplies to take care of the animals. You provide the love and nurturing. Foster care is a great thing to do if you're thinking about adopting or if you don't feel ready for the full-time commitment. Fostering usually takes a time commitment of 1 – 2 weeks. Please help out all the animals in need of a little extra love and time to give them a chance. If you are interested, please call MCACC's Foster Coordinator at 602-506-6279.

Volunteer Awards Banquet a Hit

Part of MCACC's success is its amazing group of volunteers. They were recently honored during the Volunteer Awards Banquet. Following are a list of some of the wonderful volunteers:

Debra White	Outstanding Volunteer Since 1997
Carolyn Scalogna	Volunteer of the Year
Mary Beth Cipriano	Most Outstanding Canine Volunteer
Melissa Chichester	Most Outstanding Volunteer Trainer, East Shelter
Mare Czinar	Most Outstanding Volunteer Trainer, West Shelter
Gayle Savo	Most Outstanding Feline Care Volunteer
Christine Maxwell	Most Outstanding Reserve Officer
Amber Huston	Most Outstanding Adoptions Volunteer, East Shelter
Michelle Babjack	Most Outstanding Adoptions Volunteer, West Shelter
Isaac Moreno	Most Outstanding Adoptions Volunteer, West Shelter
Aaron Vizcarra	Most Outstanding Puppy/Kitten Volunteer
Sean Ardaiz	Most Outstanding Photography Volunteer, West Shelter
Matt Vandiver	Most Outstanding Photography Volunteer, East Shelter
Cindy Vandiver	Most Outstanding Photography Volunteer, East Shelter
Susan Holtgrewe	Most Outstanding Events Volunteer
Bill Jacobs	Most Outstanding Clinic Volunteer
Joseph Gonzales	Outstanding Volunteer
Lori Vanoteghem	Outstanding Volunteer
Allison Herrera	Outstanding Volunteer
Amber Booth	Outstanding Volunteer
Aimee Abbruzzese	Outstanding Volunteer
Jean Robertson	Outstanding Volunteer
Lesley Hernandez	Outstanding Volunteer
Claudia Bloom	Outstanding Volunteer
Bryan Stetz	Outstanding Volunteer
Dawn Moss	Outstanding Volunteer
Sofia Ramirez	Outstanding Volunteer



Carolyn Scalogna



Mary Beth Cipriano



Bill Jacobs



Amber Booth



To reduce costs and save money for other programs, like spay/neuter, we offer this newsletter electronically. To sign up, please visit us at : www.pets.maricopa.gov



MCACC took in over 12,000 cats last year. Please give one a good home!

MCACC wants thank our Uno por Uno partners:



Become a Volunteer

Believe it or not, MCACC still needs more dedicated volunteers. Help is needed to assist with adoptions and socializing animals. There is a rewarding and dynamic volunteer experience waiting for you. Whether you are interested in walking dogs, petting kittens, or assisting with adoptions there is a way you can help! Call our Volunteer Coordinator at (602) 506-8133 or email her at: erinmaupin@mail.maricopa.gov

Maddie's Pet Rescue Project in Maricopa County Year Ending Dec. 2007



In order to facilitate the data collection process and assure consistent reporting across agencies, a group of animal welfare industry leaders developed nationally recognized definitions for the health and behavior of dogs and cats, i.e. healthy, treatable and unhealthy/untreatable. Maddie's Fund was a leader in the development of these definitions and has therefore required its grant funded Community Projects, like those in Maricopa County, to adopt and utilize these definitions. As an active member of the Maddie's Pet Rescue and Spay/Neuter Projects, MCACC has followed suit. The definitions, however, are not meant to define the outcome for each animal entrusted to our care. For more information about these definitions, please visit www.asilomaraccords.org.



Save a life and become forever loved— come find your new furry friend at one of our shelters.

	NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Maricopa County Animal Care & Control	Dog	Cat	Total
	DATE OF REPORT: (January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007)			0
A	BEGINNING SHELTER COUNT January 1, 2007	1049	506	1555
	INTAKE (Live Dogs & Cats Only)			
	<i>From the Public</i>			
	Healthy	5441	1548	6989
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	14928	4540	19468
	Treatable – Manageable	9647	3371	13018
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	14246	3260	17506
B	Subtotal Intake from the Public	44262	12719	56981
	<i>Incoming Transfers from Organizations within Community/Coalition</i>	0	0	0
C	Subtotal Intake from Incoming Transfers from Orgs within Community/Coalition	0	0	0
	<i>Incoming Transfers from Organizations outside Community/Coalition</i>	0	0	0
D	Subtotal Intake from Incoming Transfers from Orgs outside Community/Coalition	0	0	0
	<i>From Owners/Guardians Requesting Euthanasia</i>	0	0	0
E	Subtotal Intake from Owners/Guardians Requesting Euthanasia	0	0	0
F	Total Intake [B + C + D + E]	44262	12719	56981
G	Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)			
H	ADJUSTED TOTAL INTAKE [F minus G]	44262	12719	56981
	ADOPTIONS (only dogs and cats adopted by the public)			
	Healthy	4197	1180	5377
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	846	429	1275
	Treatable – Manageable	388	146	534
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	23	10	33
I	TOTAL ADOPTIONS	5454	1765	7219
	OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations within Community/Coalition			
	Healthy	994	273	1267
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	1110	1226	2336
	Treatable – Manageable	763	351	1114
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	123	19	142
J	TOTAL OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Orgs within Community/Coalition	2990	1869	4859
	OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations outside Community/Coalition			
	Healthy	250	95	345
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	715	445	1160
	Treatable – Manageable	1063	217	1280
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	99	10	109
K	TOTAL OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Orgs outside Community/Coalition	2127	767	2894
L	RETURN TO OWNER/GUARDIAN	7340	165	7505
	DOGS & CATS EUTHANASIED			
M	Healthy (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	0	0
N	Treatable – Rehabilitatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	4917	2275	7192
O	Treatable – Manageable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	7433	2657	10090
P	Unhealthy & Untreatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	13843	3209	17052
Q	Total Euthanasia [M + N + O + P]	26193	8141	34334
R	Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)			
S	ADJUSTED TOTAL EUTHANASIA [Q minus R]	26193	8141	34334
	SUBTOTAL OUTCOMES [I + J + K + L + S] Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	44104	12707	56811
T				
U	DIED OR LOST IN SHELTER/CARE	158	12	170
	TOTAL OUTCOMES [T + U] Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	44262	12719	56981
V				
W	ENDING SHELTER COUNT December 31, 2007	1049	506	1555



Help us control the pet overpopulation problem. Get you pet spayed or neutered!

Ways to Help the Animals

While MCACC was originally founded for the purpose of catching and killing stray animals to prevent the spread of rabies and other diseases, the population growth in Maricopa County has resulted in an ever increasing number of healthy and treatable dogs and cats looking to MCACC to find them homes. As a "special revenue fund" within Maricopa County, MCACC is responsible for generating funds for both its mandated and non-mandated services. However, as a County department, MCACC is unable to solicit donations.

By becoming a donor of your dollars, your time, or by holding a donation drive, you can help ensure that MCACC can provide the care and services that will ultimately make it possible for MCACC to reach its goal of eliminating the euthanasia of healthy and treatable pets by 2012.

Please send me information about the following

◇ How to Volunteer

◇ How to Donate

◇ Information on: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Yes, I would like to receive your email newsletter!

Mail to: MCACC Community Relations

2500 S. 27th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009

Tune in and catch our animals on TV and the radio!

- Every Saturday on Channel 12 at 9:40 a.m.
- Every 1st and 3rd Monday on Sonoran Living in Channel 15
- Every other Thursday on Channel 12 at 1:35 p.m.
- Every Friday at 7:00 a.m. on KDKB
- Every last Tuesday of the month on KOOL radio 94.5 FM

Roadhouse Run Scores Big for the Animals of MCACC



The Second Annual Iguana Mack's Roadhouse Run was a doggone success. Started last year to promote MCACC's special programs and to show community support, the Roadhouse Run invites dogs and their owners to participate in the 2 mile fun run/walk. After the run, lunch was available for all dogs and their owners.



More than \$1200 was raised for the homeless animals of Maricopa County Animal Care and Control.

MCACC's Mobile Pet Adoptions Bus was on site and over 15 animals found new homes.

Kindergarteners Give Back

Some Tutor Time Kindergarteners have learned an important lesson early in life—how to give to others. These creative kids made crafts (flower pens, journals and games) from recycled materials. They sold the crafts at school to other students, teachers and parents. When their teacher asked them what they wanted to do with the money, they agreed not on spend it on them. Instead, they decided to give it to help the homeless animals of Maricopa County. The students raised more than \$250 to help the dogs and cats at MCACC's shelters.



One of the lucky dogs to find a new home through MCACC this year.



Visit one our Animal Care Centers!

West Valley Care Center
2500 S. 27th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85009

East Valley Care Center
2630 W. 8th St.
Mesa, AZ 85201

Phone: 602-506-PETS (7387)

E-mail: ahollis@mail.maricopa.gov

We're on the web!

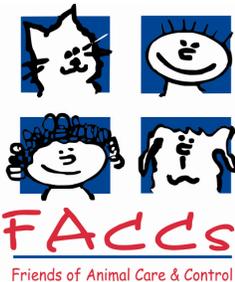
www.pets.maricopa.gov

MCACC's new approach to delivering animal care and control services reflects the delicate balance that exists between animal welfare and animal control. We strive to be proactive and offer programs to prevent problems before they occur. It is our vision to reduce the dangers and nuisances caused by irresponsible pet ownership and to protect pets from abuse, neglect and homelessness.

Our mission is to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of people and pets in Maricopa County.

MCACC offers a multitude of services to assist you and your pets.

- Adoption of cats and dogs
- Spay/Neuter programs
- Licensing
- Rabies vaccinations
- Lost and found shelter care/stray dog pick up
- Opportunities to volunteer and become foster care givers



Friends of Animal Care and Control

Our mission is to end euthanasia of healthy and adoptable dogs and cats in our community by raising funds to support the special programs of Maricopa County Animal Care and Control.

P.O. Box 80739
Phoenix, AZ 85060

602-626-5073

Visit us at: www.azfaccs.org

Friends of Animal Care and Control Thrift Store



The FACCs thrift shop sells a wide variety of gently used items. Proceeds from the sales fund MCACC's valuable programs.

FACCs Thrift Shop
12625 N. Cave Creek Road (North of Thunderbird)
Phoenix, AZ 85022
602-923-6914
Store hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm
Donation Hours: Monday-Saturday 10 am - 3 pm
Sunday 11 am - 2 pm

Do you love animals? Do you have some items that you'd like to donate to charity? Please donate them to the FACCs thrift shop! The store is currently accepting the following gently used items:

- Clothing, purses, jewelry and shoes
- Dishes, glassware, utensils
- Furniture - indoor and outdoor
- Children's clothing and toys (no furniture or car seats please)
- Books
- Tools
- Household items (lamps, linens, bedspreads)
- Kitchen and office appliances
- Computers, printers, software
- Artwork
- Cell phones, PDA's

For a large item (or large amount), call us to arrange a free pick up at (602) 997-7399.

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