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Annual Report

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## President's Message

## Reaching a Crossroads AFTER 40 YEARS OF LIFESAVING WORK



What a year this has been! We broke ground in April for our new Adoption Center and the building is coming to life right before my eyes. As I watch the progress out of my window each day l can't help but reflect

JUDITH A. GARDNER

back on the humble beginnings of this organization when it started 40 years ago in 1971.

A few compassionate people dedicated to saving homeless pets could never have imagined the organization that has evolved from their efforts. With limited resources and rustic kennels made of wood frames and chicken wire, they never could have dreamed that in 2011 there would be an entire campus of five buildings, more than 50 employees, and hundreds of volunteers, supported by thousands of donors and adopters, working every day to continue to save animals from being euthanized and finding them loving new homes. While there are no statistics available for the early years, we estimate that over these 40 years, AAWL has saved more than 35,000 pets, many of whom would have otherwise lost their lives.

#### **NEW SHELTER MODEL**

Huge changes in the animal welfare "industry" have taken place over the years. In the past, animal shelters were often dark, smelly and unpleasant places to visit, with animals that appeared sad, scared and often unhealthy. Today, AAWL & SPCA typifies the new model of animal welfare organizations with animals that have been treated for any medical conditions necessary, spayed or neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. In addition, animal behavior specialists analyze each animal and work on any behavior modifications needed. And the animals are socialized... they get lots of love and attention and are carefully matched up with the right home to fit their individual traits and personalities. No longer are "shelter" animals thought of as discards or rejects. In fact, the public has become more aware of the risks involved in buying a possible puppy-mill dog with potential medical or genetic issues as opposed to giving a "pre-owned" pet a second chance.

#### AAWL & SPCA LEADING THE WAY

AAWL & SPCA, has become a leader in the animal welfare community in Maricopa County with unique and ground-breaking programs. Our one-of-a-kind Ringworm Treatment Program for cats/kittens has not only saved hundreds of felines, but proves that where there is a will - to save more lives - there is a way. Thanks to the wonderful support of PetSmart Charities we developed a model program that can be duplicated across the country. Other programs such as our Low-Cost Pet MD Medical Clinic and our "Last Litter" programs address critical community needs while helping to keep animals from entering the shelter system.

#### AN EXCITING FUTURE

As exciting as 2011 has been, next year promises to be even brighter with the opening of our new Adoption Center, the renovation of our Veterinary Medical Clinic and our Education and Training buildings, expansion of our off-site adoption outlets, and, most importantly, the ability to save thousands more pets than anyone ever dreamed - especially those wonderful individuals who started the dream back in 1971. And I hope that all of us... staff, board, volunteers, donors and adopters... will continue to work together and to dream about even more amazing accomplishments in the future.

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Judith A. Gardner President and CEO

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## Kecognitions

AAWL & SPCA **IS PROUD TO BE RECOGNIZED** AS A LEADER IN ANIMAL WELFARE

It's great to be recognized for hard work, dedication and commitment to our mission. Following are a few examples of the accolades we've received in 2011.

#### VOTED "BEST ANIMAL SHELTER" IN THE VALLEY BY PHOENIX MAGAZINE, NOVEMBER, 2011

We were honored to receive the coveted Editor's Choice Award under the "services" category. The article highlighted

the fact that we saved more than 3,100 animals in 2010 and mentioned the quality care we also provide to our "human" friends as well through our educational programs and low-cost



vet services and vaccines. They also announced that we will open our new adoption center early next year.

#### AWARDED THE HIGHEST RATING FROM "CHARITY NAVIGATOR" FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW

Charity Navigator describes their rating system: As we continuously improve our rating scales, we consider industry experts' views about the way charities should operate and what best practices they should follow. We then align our rating scales to these

industry standards. Along the way, after examining the data of thousands of charities, we adjust these rating scales to better reflect how charities actually function. 4 stars reflect an "Exceptional"



rating, which is defined as "Exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in its Cause."

#### NAMED BEST PLACE TO ADOPT A PET FROM **BEST OF JEWISH PHOENIX**

AAWL & SPCA was honored to be named as "The Best Place to Adopt a Pet"

by the Best of Jewish Phoenix publication. Their description of the reason for selecting the organization pointed out that we are the oldest and largest no-kill shelter in Arizona and highlighted our dog behavior and training classes and volunteer opportunities. They also acknowl-





edged our Foster program for those who aren't ready to adopt.



#### ANOTHER successt EMPTY THE SHELTER **EVENT**

On Saturday, July 30, AAWL & SPCA staff and volunteers hosted the 2nd Annual 'Empty the Shelter' event. Our goal was to adopt out all of the animals in the shelter in a 12-hour period. All of the cats, dogs, puppies and kittens were offered at discounted adoption fees and were carefully matched with their new families. The event also featured music, food and fun. For the second year in a row, the event was a rousing success. Despite the high summer temperatures, potential adopters started lining up at 6am to get first dibs on a new furry family member. At the end of the day, the shelter was indeed empty - 79 cats and 91 dogs found their forever homes. Considering the 170 homeless pets that were then able to take their place at our shelter, that's 340 lives saved in one day. And we can't wait to do it all again in 2012!

> ADOPTION DIRECTOR

Monika Sperke ADOPTIONS MANAGER Lorelyn Johnson **CATTERY MANAGER** Janna Skinner

FOSTER MANAGER Gabriele Warehime

ANIMAL CARE MANAGER Mike Jensen

Staff: 10 full-time/9 part-time Total Intake of Animals: 3,283 Feline Intakes: 1,756 Dog Intakes: 1,527 Total Adoptions: 3,010 2,325 at Shelter 🔹 260 at PetSmart Stores 425 at Petco Stores

Number of Animals in Foster: 1,043 763 Kittens 82 Cats 158 Puppies 40 Dogs

## Adoption News "Last Litter" 11

#### **OFFERS NO-KILL ALTERNATIVE FOR UNWANTED PUPPIES**

It's a situation all too common in Maricopa County — the owners of an unspayed female dog learn she's pregnant. The puppies are born, given away or sold, and the cycle continues. Last year nearly 100,000 unwanted pets entered the open intake shelters in our county and half didn't make it out. In



order to help address the pet overpopulation problem in our community, the Arizona Animal Welfare League & SPCA has implemented a new program called "Last Litter".

Pet owners who find themselves in a situation with unplanned or unwanted puppies can contact the AAWL & SPCA for help. When the puppies are old enough to be weaned, mom and the entire litter will come to our shelter. Mom is spayed and vaccinated in our Pet MD Clinic and, if desired, returned to her owner at no charge. The puppies will be spayed or neutered, vaccinated and microchipped before being put up for adoption at the AAWL Adoption Center. The puppies and their mother will be safe in homes and unable to reproduce in the future. These efforts will help decrease

the cycle of unplanned puppies and reduce the number of homeless pets in our community. For more information, contact Monika Sperke at 602-273-6852 x100.

> 100 Lives Saved **IN 100 MINUTES**

The power of television! Every Thursday morning the CBS 5 Morning Show airs a 2-minute segment called `Paws for Pets' where an AAWL & SPCA adoptable animal makes their television debut. In the past year, we've made approximately 50 appearances and we are happy to report that every dog and cat featured on 'Paws for Pets' has been adopted! It's not unusual to find eager adopters wait-

ing at our door when we open at 11am so they can be the first to meet our most recent TV star. For every one of the pets that have gone to new homes after their appearance, we've rescued another to take its place in the shelter. So as a result of 100 minutes on air, AAWL & CBS 5 have saved 100 lives - that's a pretty amazing return on investment! We are very grateful to the Morning Show team for making us feel so welcome every week and for playing an important role in the continued success of our organization. Make sure to 'Paws for Pets' every Thursday at 5:50am!







## Dur Volunteers

## Volunteer Foster Families MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



Our wonderful foster families play such an important role in our lifesaving efforts. We provide shelter for hundreds of animals in our facility at any one time, but that's not nearly enough capacity to help save the thousands of pets we rescue each year. Our volunteer foster families take puppies and kittens (with or without the mom) until they are old enough to be adopted, animals who need temporary care after surgery or medical procedures, and dogs who have "kennel stress" and can't handle being in a shelter situation. Some participate in our Homeward Bound program where they actually find adopters for the foster pets in their care.

Kim Seger is amazing and one of Arizona Animal Welfare League's

star fosters. Kim usually fosters mom cats with kittens. Not only does Kim foster, but she generally finds homes for all cats and kittens before they ever step foot into the AAWL facility. If that isn't enough, her entire family is involved. Kim's husband is actually allergic to cats and has to take allergy shots! For the past two years, Kim's daughter, Myka, has asked friends that she invited to her birthday party to donate money to AAWL instead of bringing gifts for her! Now, that's family values!

## Volunteer OF THE YEAR



#### TERRY TEDESCO-KERRICK

The staff at AAWL unanimously voted for Terry Tedesco-Kerrick as this year's Volunteer of the Year. From walking dogs and spending quality time with both dogs and cats, to helping medicate the animals in the mornings, Terry's dedication to the organization is truly an inspiration. Since coming to the volunteer program in March of 2010, Terry has put in over 1,300 volunteer hours, spending 3-4 days each week putting her heart and soul into everything she does to help out in every way at the shelter. Her positive attitude is always a bright light for staff members and fellow volunteers, and her willingness to jump in and assist wherever help is needed is a shining example of what it means to be a true volunteer.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



#### SARAH RITTER

Sarah has been a member of the Teen Tracks program since spring of 2010. In the short time she has participated in the program she has stood out to not only the education staff but to other staff members at AAWL. She is one of the hardest working teens in our program, always ready and willing to pitch in wherever she is needed. Not only is she willing to step into any role, but she does so with ease and competency. Her positive attitude and contagious smile make her a bright spot in everyone's day. She is well loved by both her peers and the staff at AAWL.

### Pulliam Grant HELPS EXPAND OUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

We are thrilled to be the recipients of a generous grant from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust to enable us to improve and



 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{expand}}$  our Volunteer and Foster Programs.

This grant enables us to add a full-time Director of Volunteer Services, analyze our current volunteer program, determine the volunteer needs of each department, receive training on our Volgistics data base program, improve communications, improve volunteer retention, training, and recognition programs and to establish a comprehensive docent program. These steps are urgently needed to expand our volunteer program in light of the expansion of our facility.



Volunteering for AAWL & SPCA is a wonderful way to help animals while meeting some of the nicest people in the community. Whether it's a few hours or a few days each week, volunteers get back even more than they give... with a smiling face, wagging tail or a soft purr, it's great to know that you are making a difference.

Here are just a few of the many volunteer opportunities available:

Walking Dogs 
Cudaling Cats 
Events
Cleaning/Feeding 
Adoption Counselor
Receptionist 
Greeter 
Office Work
Clinic Assistance 
Special Projects

Stats

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Amber Durant

Number of active volunteers: 665 Number of docents: 83 Number of hours donated: 35,560 Foster volunteers hours donated: 975,216 Number of new volunteers: 442

# The Story of JESSE

While this Annual Report was being compiled, a man drove up to the administration building early one morning. His mother had found a sick puppy and wondered if we could help. Our Finance Director looked in his backseat and, on the floor, was a lifeless dog wrapped in a kitchen towel. She scooped the small pile of bones into her arms and hurried to the PetMD Clinic where the clinic staff took over. This severely dehydrated and malnourished 10 week old puppy was now in the care of our compassionate technicians. After IVs



with fluids, a check from our vet, some specialized food and a warm place to recover, the puppy is expected to make a full recovery.



#### MEDICAL



Dr. Claudia Channing

**VETERINARIAN** Dr. Wayne Lipovitch

DIRECTOR OF VETERINARY SERVICES Vicky Eckerdt

> SHELTER CLINIC MANAGER Rochelle Stephan

PETMD CLINIC MANAGER Victoria Kamm

#### SHELTER ANIMALS

Staff: 4 full-time/4 part-time Dog spay/neuter surgeries: 828 Cat spay/neuter surgeries: 1,103 Other surgeries: 259 ■ Medical exams: 5,542 Infirmary (hospital) stays: 718 cats/dogs

#### PUBLIC CLINIC ANIMALS

Staff: Part-time Vet/Vet Tech Dogs: 563 
Cats: 168 Number of Visits: 1,167

## AAM & SPCA Doens First LOW-COST PUBLIC VET CLINIC IN THE VALLEY

Medical News

With the state of the economy having such a huge effect on family budgets, it was no surprise that more than 40% of the calls we receive at AAWL & SPCA are from people desperate to find veterinary care for their sick animals at an affordable price. The stories were heartbreaking; seniors and others on fixed incomes who are faced with giving up their beloved pets or even having to put them down, because they can't afford a surgery, medical procedure or the medications needed to help their pet. Often, this was the only family they had and they were in tears as they pleaded for help.



Opening Day April 9th of PetMD Clinic: Volunteer Liz Scavo and her cat, Marion, Vicky Eckerdt, Director of Veterinarian Services and Veterinarian, Dr. Claudia Channing

We had to respond. After all, keeping animals out of the shelter system and helping save their lives is what we are all about. On April 9th we opened a Saturday, by appointment only, public vet clinic, offering full-service veterinary care at a reasonable and affordable cost. We made a decision not to offer spay/neuter surgeries for publicly owned animals, but rather, to refer them to one of the many good resources for those services in the community. We were pleasantly surprised to learn from talking to local veterinarians that they welcomed our low-cost clinic because they had no other resource to refer people who could not afford to pay for treatment needed by their pets.

With only word-of-mouth "advertising", the PetMD Low-Cost Vet Clinic was visited by more than 1,000 people with 168 cats/kittens and 563 dogs/puppies in the first nine months!! Treating everything from Valley Fever, infected teeth, broken legs, tumors and everything imaginable, our dedicated Veterinarian and her incredible team provided compassionate, loving professional care for these suffering animals. The average cost of a visit was only \$79.82, which covered our costs and provided a



Opening day at PetMD: AAWL's medical staff

small source of revenue to support our lifesaving programs.

We also established a "Medical Miracle Fund" for people to donate money which covers the cost of vet care for those people who have no financial resources. The reaction we've received from the pet owners/clients has been so overwhelmingly grateful...and, knowing that we have alleviated the pain and suffering for their very special family member is worth more than any fees we could charge.

# Ringworm

#### WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY TO SAVE MORE LIVES!

As a no-kill organization, AAWL & SPCA faces a big challenge with having to treat literally hundreds of cats and kittens with ringworm. Ringworm is a fungus, not a worm, and it can spread from

cats, to dogs, to people; however, the most susceptible to this condition are young kittens. AAWL & SPCA has long been the only shelter in the valley that treats ringworm.

In reviewing our expenses and budget in 2009, we discovered that we spent \$76,040 to treat 250 cats/kittens on site (primarily in our infirmary) for ringworm, or \$304.16 per cat. The average length of stay for

these cats was 14 weeks.

In 2010, we were able to find foster homes for our ringworm cats which helped reduced the spread of ringworm in the shelter, so we only had to treat 150 cats/kittens for a total cost of \$11,436, or \$76.24 per cat. A great discovery we made was that, due to the less stressful home environment,

we were able to reduce the average length of stay from 14 weeks to only 5 weeks.

In 2011, we took a giant step toward a longterm solution which benefits everyone, especially the cats and kittens that were spending their entire youth locked up in cages to avoid cross-contamination. One of our current volunteers agreed to set up and manage an off-site ringworm treatment facility if we could come up with the funding to support it. Thanks to a generous grant from PetSmart Charities, we are now able to treat not only all of our own ringworm infected cats/kittens off site, but we also opened our doors to other organizations

with infected cats/kittens that would otherwise be euthanized. We have been able to save felines from the Arizona Humane Society, HALO, and Maricopa Animal Care and Control. By the end of 2011, we will have saved more than 300 ringworm cats/kittens at a total expense of approximately \$28,000, or \$84 per cat/kitten, all covered by the PetSmart Charities grant.

More good news...our off-site facility has an outdoor enclosed area, where the cats/kittens can lay out in the sun, which helps heal the condition and provides a less stressful environment. This has dramatically reduced the treatment time to only 25 days! All cats and kittens in the facility are free roaming and have T.V. or classical music and lots of toys for their daily enjoyment. We do provide

cages for those that may need their own space or just need a place to chill out now and then.

These kittens are not sick, they have a skin condition that causes patches of hair loss; yet, in the past, they commonly lost their lives because of it. By demonstrating that ringworm can be managed and successfully treated, we hope other animal welfare and rescue organizations will go the "extra mile' and follow our lead in saving more lives.





THE RENOVATED PETMD VETERINARY MEDICAL CLINIC MADE POSSIBLE, IN PART, BY A GRANT FROM PETSMART CHARITIES®

We would like to thank PetSmart Charities<sup>®</sup> for sponsoring the PetMD Animal Clinic which is to be completely renovated in early 2012. PetSmart Charities<sup>®</sup> is a great supporter of AAWL & SPCA and is making a huge difference in the community and nationally to help homeless pets.



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Going Above and Beyond FOR FIGGIS

Figgis, a 6-month-old Staffordshire Terrier mix puppy, was picked up as a stray by County and taken in by AAWL. During his veterinary exam, it

was noticed that he seemed to have a problem with both of his back knees. X-rays revealed a very advanced and painful condition called luxating patellas, where the knee joint is malformed and won't stay in place. Although Figgis was a very active and playful puppy, his knees were so bad that he required cage rest and couldn't be allowed to run to



avoid even more damage to his knees. Figgis was given a lot of tender loving care from our staff and volunteers while we figured

out what to do. The surgery he needed required a veterinary orthopedic surgeon who was just financially out of our reach. We could only hope a special person would come along and fall in love with him (as we did), broken knees and all, and they would adopt him and provide the necessary surgery. Fortunately, two of our very wonderful volunteers, Lisa Miles and her husband Gordon Woodruff, came forward and donated the

\$2,000 needed to have both knees fixed! His surgery went perfectly. Figgis is healing, and, after only one week following surgery, you wouldn't have known he ever had a problem. He is now able to run, play, and have a happy, pain-free life with a loving family of his own.





Example of kitten that would have been euthanized just because

of ringworm

### Helping leens EXPLORE ANIMAL **RELATED CAREERS**

The Arizona Animal Welfare League & SPCA's Education Department offers a variety of programs for children of all ages. For the older kids, programs such as Camp Vet-Basic, Camp Vet-Advanced, and



Teen Tracks are geared toward youth interested in veterinary medicine or a career with animals. This year additional programs were implemented including vet-themed tours and field trips and Junior Vet Experience workshops, attended by more than 75 young people.



our veterinary medicinethemed programs participate in dissections, blood draws, animal check-ups and learn the basics of animal anatomy and physiology. Participants in our Teen Track program are trained in exotic and

domestic animal husbandry and handling, in addition to important life skills such as public speaking, resumé writing and even an opportunity to intern in the various departments at AAWL.

Many participants in our programs will continue with the desire to practice veterinary medicine, some will prefer to work in animal welfare or conservation, while others may make other choices. Either way, teen participants love the hands-on work, gain invaluable experience and AAWL staff and volunteers get the satisfaction of knowing that no matter what career they choose, we have had a chance to show them the importance of caring for animals.



DIRECTOR MANAGER Michelle Ramos Rachael Gardner LEAD TRAINER Dianne Decker

STAFF

2 full-time 9 part-time PARTICIPANTS 4,415 children/teens 212 adults 75-100 volunteers

# Dog Training Programs HELP ADOPTERS

Education

In 2011 AAWL & SPCA made some significant changes to our dog training programs for adopters and the public. Increased staff and additional class offerings have helped even more families create a positive relationship with their family dog, resulting in fewer returns of adopted pets.

One such story is told by the adopter of "Flo", a 2-year-old Australian Cattle Dog mix:

I am writing today to send my highest accolades to your team at AAWL. We adopted our dog Flo (formerly Joan Jett) in November 2010. She is our first dog, and we had a lot of questions on the best way to teach her important doggie skills. We were pleasantly surprised when Dianne Decker, your lead Trainer, offered to help us. She spent 2 hours with us, teaching us specific techniques and giving us the tools to reinforce good behavior.

It was an impressive commitment of your shelter to keeping Flo and our family happy, healthy and well-trained.

Most recently, Flo and I attended the Canine Good Citizen class with Dianne, who is a true leader. She is clear and concise in her instruction. She offers the right amount of correction and guidance, along with a firm commitment to positive reinforcement.

Please send along my gratitude to your team.

Best, Larisa Speetzen



Guapo the Green guana AAWL & SPCA EDUCATION AMBASSADOR

One of AAWL & SPCA's largest and most popular education ambassadors is Guapo the green iguana. Guapo (meaning "handsome" in Spanish) is a befitting name for this stunning lizard whose wild relatives originate from the rainforests of South America.

Guapo's story begins in a pet store when he was a tiny 3-inch baby lizard. He was purchased by a lady who took good care of him for 4 years until he grew to the grand size of 5 feet long! She placed him with the Phoenix Herpetological Society (PHS) who offered him to us for our Education program.

With his kind demeanor and gentle spirit, Guapo has since become a favorite of staff and visitors alike. He has appeared on every news program in Phoenix, featured in valley newspapers and made good friends with the Phoenix Fire Department - due to a little misadventure involving a tall



tree in our courtyard!

Guapo is a treasured member of our team and a key messenger for our SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) mission. Many times animals like Guapo are purchased on impulse as a cute baby without taking into account how big they will grow. They become stunted in growth due to poor diet, aggressive because of improper handling and end up being discarded and mistreated. Teaching children the importance of researching a pet and its lifelong care requirements before deciding to acquire one is a lesson well-learned.

# The Renovated

#### EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTER

SPONSORED BY PETCO FOUNDATION

### **PETCO** FOUNDATION

We would like to thank Petco Foundation for sponsoring the Education and Training Center, which is to be completely renovated in early 2012. Petco Foundation helps to support animal welfare organizations across the country and has been an important partner to AAWL & SPCA with many of our programs and initiatives.



## A Fun Birthday Experience FOR ANIMAL LOVERS



AAWL & SPCA offers families a unique birthday party venue with a decorated party room, a private tour of the shelter, and up-close encounters with our Education critters, such as iguanas and parrots. Our well-trained staff offers the birthday child a variety of options, from the traditional party experience to special themes.

In addition to celebrating with dogs, cats and other creatures, many of our birthday boys and girls opt to have gifts given to the homeless animals at the shelter as an alternative to the traditional birthday gift. It's never too early to teach a child the gift of compassion for all living things and to set the foundation for future generosity.



#### BEGINNERS CAMP VET FOR 12-14 YEAR OLDS

Hands-on camp for 12-14 year olds. This career discovery program will introduce campers to a wide variety of animals and the care that they require, while learning what it takes to become a veterinarian.

#### ADVANCED CAMP VET FOR 12-15 YEAR OLDS

Advanced Camp Vet sessions are open exclusively for 12-15 year old participants who have formerly attended at least one session of Camp Vet. This accelerated Camp Vet experience dives deeper into the world of veterinary science and offers additional hands-on opportunities.

Paws n' Claws **KIDS CLUB** 



AAWL & SPCA offers a great annual membership program for children between the ages of 6-12. For kids that are interested in animals our Paws n' Claws Kids Club is an exciting way for them to get involved!

Paws n' Claws Kids Club members learn about critters of all kinds and get involved in helping animals. Paws n' Claws allows younger children to stay active in animal welfare and have interactions with animals on a regular basis.

Members receive a membership card, 10% off educational programs - including summer camp, a membership T-shirt, and best of all members stay involved with helping animals by attending monthly club events held here at the Arizona Animal Welfare League & SPCA.

Club events include hands-on experiences with animals of all types, special guest speakers, service learning and opportunities to help out the animals of the Arizona Animal Welfare League & SPCA.

### EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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#### SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH AT THE SCOTTSDALE HILTON

**Evening to Paws** is a magical night filled with fancy dresses, black ties, awesome food & drink and the best charity auction in the valley! Sponsored by PetSmart Charities, Evening to Paws has become a crowd favorite as we delight our audiences with the talents of Cory McCloskey, touch their hearts with our favorite pet stories of the year, honor an exceptional person for their devotion to animals and dance the night away.

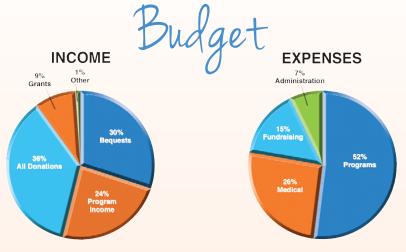


Walk to Save Animals has grown to be one of the largest animal welfare walks in the country. In our 16th year, Petco and Petco Foundation are the Presenting Sponsors and have helped spread the word about this special day where people walk, raise pledges and celebrate the joy of companionship with their furry friends. Held in the fall each year, there are so many activities for the entire family to enjoy: animal demonstrations & entertainment, pet vendors, Santa, face-painters, children's activities and always a surprise or two!



**UnLeashed** is our happy hour event which is held at various unique locations throughout the Valley. In March, we had a ball at UnLeashed at the Borgata where we wined, dined, laughed and enjoyed a beautiful evening under the stars. UnLeashed at Montelucia combined holiday shopping with the sounds and smells of the season while celebrating with friends. Fun...Food...and Fido are always a good reason to gather and you never know where we will get UnLeashed next!

## Budget, Events and Staff



# Dur New Adoption Center

#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IN FULL SWING

Thanks to the generous donation of an anonymous donor, we were able to kick off a capital campaign for a new adoption facility and renovations to our PetMD Medical Clinic and our Education and Training Center. Thanks to the generosity of additional donors, we are well on our way to our goal of \$3,000,000. The Capital Campaign runs through March 31, 2012. Join these great supporters who have already left their paw prints on our new facility:

PetSmart Charities PETCO Foundation Dan Harkins/Harkins Theatres Don Tapia Charles and Mary Graf Col. Philip Smith and Peggy Herz Ruth Martin Trust Western Refining John and Heidi Fransway Doug and Karen Grochowski Robert and Marla Brill Carolyn Pendergast/ CBCC Foundation Mayor Phil Gordon James and Evelyn Gore Mary Todd Benson Foundation The Walton Family Foundation Carlos and Kathryn Granado

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