

Resource List

for alternative placement for Cats

**ARIZONA
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What is the Arizona Animal Welfare League

The Arizona Animal Welfare League (AAWL) is the oldest no-kill shelter in Arizona. We are a no-kill shelter in that we do not euthanize animals except for the rare occasions when it is in the best interest of the animal to do so, usually from untreatable medical conditions. AAWL is a registered 501c3 non-profit organization, tax ID 23-7149453.

AAWL rescues, rehabilitates and re-homes more than 5,000 dogs and cats that are abandoned or that have been surrendered by their owners each year. We do this primarily by rescuing them from other shelters in Maricopa County where they are likely to be euthanized due to the lack of time and resources to care for them. At any one time our shelter will hold 140 cats and 190 dogs. We also have a foster parent network of approximately 90 families who provide care and shelter in their homes for puppies and kittens that are too young to be adopted, and those animals that are recovering from medical procedures or that need socialization before adoption.

All pets offered for adoption have been spayed or neutered; micro-chipped and are current on all vaccinations. Any medical treatments needed, including surgeries, are provided by our medical team and all animals are evaluated by our behavior department.

Why do pet surrenders require an appointment?

As Arizona's oldest no-kill shelter, the Arizona Animal Welfare League does not euthanize for time or space. This means that all animals accepted by AAWL will receive medical care, behavioral training, exercise, and attention until the day they are adopted. We may care for an animal for several weeks or months before they are adopted. To ensure we are able to provide the utmost care and quality of life for these animals during their time in our shelter, we must screen all surrenders to ensure there are no major issues that would impede us finding them a home. Between the at-risk pets rescued from our rescue partners and the 30 – 40 pets transferred in from our foster department as they reach adoptable age, AAWL must consider our space and resource limitations before agreeing to intake a pet, so that we may ensure all pets in our care receive the consideration they deserve.

I found a stray animal, what is AAWL's stray intake policy?

The Arizona Animal Welfare League helps treat and re-home more than 5,000 dogs and cats per year, but unfortunately, we are not equipped as a stray intake facility. On rare occasions we can provide care and placement for strays brought to us by Good Samaritans, but this is the exception, not the rule.

All healthy strays over three months of age should be taken to Maricopa Animal Care and Control (MCACC), for a stray hold to give owners a central location to claim their animals. For sick, injured or abused strays you may contact the Arizona Humane Society (AHS). Stray cats may be taken to either MCACC or AHS.

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| Maricopa County Animal Care and Control |
| Central/West Valley 2500 S. 27th Ave., Phoenix (602) 506-7387 |
| Arizona Humane Papago Park Campus* |
| 5501 E Van Buren St. Phoenix, Az (602) 997-7585 *Sick or injured strays only* |

Other suggestions if you have found a pet:

- Have the animal scanned for a microchip by a local veterinarian or shelter. (Call ahead to know if they have a microchip scanner on hand)
- Use 24petconnect.com to view lost and found dogs in shelters nationwide.
- Post flyers in and around your neighborhood or where the pet was found, after getting the OK from the proper authorities, of course.
 - Include an easy-to-read title, such as "Found Cat" or "Found Dog."
 - Provide a brief description of the found animal (e.g., Female, brown tabby with white tail).
 - Leave your name and number.
 - Omit one or two of the pet's unique identifying marks so you can make sure you have the true owner of the pet.
- Post on lost.petcolove.org – it's a free national database where citizens can post lost and found dogs (links stray dogs in shelters as well)
- Search Maricopa County Animal Care and Control's Interactive Lost & Found Map at <https://gis.maricopa.gov/ACC/Stray/index.html>
- Head to the County shelter and hang a "found cat" flyer on their bulletin board.
- Ask elementary schools in your area if you can post a flyer - kids often notice animals.
- Also try posting them at local dog parks, vet offices, pet stores and groomers. Talk to your neighbors, letter carrier, landscapers, pool cleaners, paper deliverers, and anyone else that is regularly in the area.
- Post a picture of the pet to the Facebook groups "**Straydar**" with the location they were found.

Animal Cruelty Hotlines

| Organization | Type | Location | Phone | Email |
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| Animal Crimes Investigation Unit (ACIU) | Animal Cruelty Hotline | Maricopa | General Questions: 602-876-1000 Dispatch: 602-876-1011 | tips@mcsso.maricopa.gov |
| Arizona Humane Society (EAMT/Animal Cruelty) | Animal Cruelty Hotline/ Sick and Injured Stray Line | Maricopa | 602-997-7585 Ext. 2073 | N/A |
| Animal Cruelty Hotline (Silent Witness) | Animal Cruelty Hotline | Arizona | 480-948-6377 | N/A |
| MCSO's Animal Save HAVEN (M.A.S.H) | Animals Cruelty Hotline | Maricopa | 602-391-9339 | mcsomash.org/ |

While you are searching for placement in a rescue we recommend trying to rehome on your own also. Here are some options and tips on how to begin that process.

1. **Give yourself time to rehome your pet.** It can often take weeks or even months to find a new home.
2. **Increase your pet's adoptability.** Make sure they are spayed/neutered, groomed, and up to date on vaccines. We can provide you with contact information to low-cost clinics.
3. **Market your pet!** Create an attention-grabbing pet profile that you can copy/paste on multiple platforms.
4. **Tell your friends, family, and co-workers.** Ask them to spread the word. You never know who may be looking for a new companion.
5. **Promote your pet online.** Post your pet profile on as many rehoming sites as possible. Here are just a few to get you started:
 - a. Pet Housing Help AZ: phaaz.home-home.org/
 - b. Rehome Your Pets: rehome.adoptapet.com/
 - c. Facebook.com
 - d. Nextdoor.com
 - e. We recommend using caution when using Craigslist.
6. **Use caution when considering unknown individuals or families** as your pet's new owners. Hold the initial meeting in a public place and ask questions to screen adopters. Share your expectations for your pet's new family. When you find a family that meets your and your pet's needs, ask for identification and contact information to follow up on how your pet is doing in its new home. More tips can be found at home-home.org/tip/.
7. **NEVER ABANDON YOUR ANIMAL.** It is not only unsafe for your animals, but it is a class one misdemeanor with the possibility of serving jail time, heavy fines, and years of probation.

Please note: Due to the COVID pandemic, the intake guidelines for the following rescues and shelters may have changed. Please contact them individually to find out what their process is.

Resource List (Cats)

Shelters and Rescue Groups

For extensive online lists of shelters and rescue groups please go to:
<http://pacc911.org/coalition-partner-list> and
<https://www.petfinder.com/animal-shelters-and-rescues/>

| Organization | Type | Location | Phone | Email / Web address |
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| 4Paws Rescue | Shelter | Youngtown | 623-773-2246 | info@4pawsrescue.org 4pawsrescue.org/ |
| All About Animals Rescue | Foster Based | Phoenix | N/A | allaboutanimalsaz@gmail.com allaboutanimalsaz.com/ |
| Animal Rescue Friends, Ltd. (ARF) | Foster Based | Mesa | N/A | animalrescuefriends.org/ |
| Anthem Pets Animal Rescue | Foster Based | Anthem Area Only | 480-287-3542 | Rescue@AnthemPets.org anthempets.org/ |
| Arizona Humane Society | Shelter | Phoenix | 602-997-7585 | azhumane.org |
| AZ Claws | Foster Based | Phoenix | 602-770-8865 | azclaws@cox.net azclaws.org/ |
| AZ Paws & Claws | Foster Based | Apache Junction | N/A | pet911@azpawsandclaws.com azpawsandclaws.com/ |
| AZ R.A.I.N. Rescue | Foster Based | Phoenix | 614-385-2868 | azrainrescue@gmail.com azrain.org/ |
| Cactus Cats | Foster Based | Phoenix | 480-814-8801 | inquiry@cactuscatsrescue.net cactuscatsrescue.org/ |
| Carrie on Rescue | Foster Based | Gilbert | 480-603-7680 | carrieonrescuers@hotmail.com carrieonrescue.org/ |
| Cat A Do | Foster Based | Phoenix | General Info: info@catado.org Cat Adoption/ Questions: adoptions@catado | rescue@catado.org catado.org/ |

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| Desert Paws Rescue | Foster Based | Gilbert | N/A | info@desertpawsrescue.org desertpawsrescue.org/ |
| Fearless Kitty Rescue | Cat Specific Shelter | Fountain Hills | 480-837-7777 | info@fearlesskittyrescue.org fearlesskittyrescue.org/ |
| Foothills Animal Rescue | Shelter | North Scottsdale | 480-488-9890 | support@foothillsanimal.org foothillsanimal.org/ |
| Four Peaks Animal Rescue | Foster Based | Scottsdale | 480-471-3520 | 4par@desertinet.com (include phone #) fourpeaksanimalrescue.org/ |
| Friends for Life Animal Rescue | Shelter | Gilbert | 480-497-8296 | info@azfriends.org azfriends.org/ |
| Grateful Hearts Animal Rescue | Foster Based | Queen Creek | | info@gratefulheartsrescue.org gratefulheartsrescue.org/ |
| HALO | Shelter | Phoenix | 602-971-9222 | info@halo.com halorescue.org/ |
| Home Fur Good | Shelter | Phoenix | 602-971-1334 | info@homefurgood.org homefurgood.org/ |
| Jin's Bottle Babies | Foster Based | Phoenix | N/A | info@jinsbottlebabies.org jinsbottlebabies.org/ |
| Kattered Tails | Foster Based | Phoenix | 480-382-5289 | kattertails@coello.org https://katteredtails.com/ |
| Kitt's Kitten Rescue | Kitten Specific | Mesa | 480-939-9017 | info@kittskittenrescue.org kittskittenrescue.org/ |
| Kitty Kat Rescue | Foster Based | Mesa | 480-236-9453 | Lflack2@cox.net kittykatrescue.com/ |
| Living the Dream Rescue | Foster Based | Phoenix | N/A | livingthedreamrescue@gmail.com livingthedreamrescue.com/ |
| Lost Our Home Pet Rescue | Shelter | Tempe | 602-445-7387 | help@lostourhome.org lostourhome.org |

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| Lucky Angel Animal Rescue | Foster Based | Phoenix | 480-399-1224 | cristina@luckyangel.org luckyangel.org/ |
| Maricopa Animal Care and Control | County Shelter | Phoenix | 602-506-7387 | https://www.maricopa.gov/5268/Animal-Care-and-Control |
| Meowness Cat Adoptions | Foster Based | Phoenix | N/A | Live.love.meow@gmail.com meowness.com |
| Paw Placement Animal Rescue | Foster Based | Scottsdale | 602-712-1599 | pawplacement.org/ |
| Save The Cats | Cat Specific Shelter | Phoenix | 602-582-2693 | info@savethecatsaz.org savethecatsaz.org/ |
| Saving One Life | Shelter | Phoenix | 602-715-2700 | info@savingonelife.org savingonelife.org/ |
| Sun Valley Pets | Shelter | Glendale | 623-872-7941 | contact@sunvalleypets.org sunvalleypets.org/ |

Feral Cat Resources

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| Animal Defense League of Arizona | Feral Cats | Phoenix | 602-265-7729 | feralcats@adlaz.org somanycats.org adlaz.org/ |
| Cat Cavorting | Feral Cats | Phoenix | 602-432-5410 | info@catcavorting.org catcavorting.org/ |
| Foundation for the Homeless Cats | Feral Cats | Phoenix | 602-410-2972 | Jewell@TheFoundationForHomelessCats.org thefoundationforhomelesscats.org/ |
| Homeless Animal Rescue Team | Feral Cats | Mesa | N/A | h.a.r.t@cox.net www.hart-az.org |

Specialized Rescue Groups

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| Hermitage No Kill Cat Shelter | FeLV/FIV + Cats | Tucson | 520-571-7839 | lee@hermitagecatshelter.org hermitagecatshelter.org/ |
| Humane Society of Southern Arizona | FeLV/FIV + Cats | Tucson | 520-327-6088 | hssaz.org/ |

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| Fiona's Family | Senior & Special Needs | Glendale | N/A | fionasfamilyrescue@gmail.com fionasfamilyrescue.com/ |
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Have you considered these options in place of rehoming?

Many times, owners find themselves in difficult situations. We offer low-cost medical care to help keep our best friends right where they belong— in their homes!



COMMUNITY VET CLINIC

(Formally known as MD PetCare)

Clinic Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 4:00pm
By appointment only

Low-Cost Vaccine Clinics:

Vaccination clinics are held the 3rd Saturday of every month by appointment only.
Appointments must be scheduled in advance at:
aawl.org/vaccineclinic

Dogs: Rabies, DAPP, Bordetella
Cats: Rabies, FeLV, FVRCP

Vaccine Cost: Rabies, DAPP, Bordetella and FVRCP are \$20 and FeLV is \$27.
Microchips: \$20 each – includes registration

Call 602-358-7267 today for an appointment!
aawl.org/vet-services

Family Crisis Assistance

The Arizona Pet Project

The Arizona Pet Project keeps pets with the people who love and need them most by connecting our vulnerable community members and families in crisis with services and resources to prevent the unnecessary surrender of their beloved companions. We support families while *also* reducing the number of dogs and cats in our Valley shelters.

azpetproject.org/

Lost Our Home Pet Rescue

Our mission is to be a resource for real estate professionals and other members of the community who discover an abandoned pet, and to provide options for pet owners faced with difficult economic circumstances while promoting the spaying and neutering of pets.

www.lostourhome.org/

Companion Pets in Crisis

Keeping Pets and their families together in times of crisis. Providing emergency services to families displaced from their home due to residential disasters. Our organization is the primary resource to our local Fire Departments and Red Cross to assist families with pets in a crisis.

Providing on-scene emergency supplies, resources, emergency transportation and emergency temporary shelter for pets whom are displaced from their family and or home.

www.cpicaz.com/

Animals and Humans in Disaster, Empty Bowl Pet Food Pantry, Inc

Keeping Arizona disaster ready. No one should have to choose between feeding their pets or feeding themselves. Empty Bowl Pet Food Pantry, a division of Animals and Humans in Disaster, helps pet owners facing financial challenges keep the promise they made to their pets to love and care for them forever. Our attention is to special needs groups and gap service areas such as the "new homeless" (lost job or home), the disabled, veterans, seniors and those using assistance/therapy animals.

www.emptybowlpetfoodpantry.org/

Pet Food Banks

| Name | Phone | Email / Website |
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| CASS Az | 602-330-5211 | cassaz.org |
| Chuck Waggin' Pet Food Pantry | 602-734-4117 | info@chuckwaggin.org chuckwaggin.org |
| Empty Bowl Pet Food Pantry | 888-679-1109 | Emptybowlpetfoodpantry@yahoo.com emptybowlpetfoodpantry.org |
| Foothills Food Bank | 480-488-1145 | foothillsfoodbank.com |
| Lost Our Home Pet Foundation | 602-445-7387 | lostourhome.org |
| Phoenix Pet Food Pantry | 1-888-606-2299 | |
| The Good Dog Food Bank | | thegooddogfoodbank@gmail.com |