2010 Annual Report





ARIZONA'S OLDEST & LARGEST NO-KILL SHELTER

A Different Breed

LOOKING FOR A NEW BEST FRIEND?

Did You Know...

This dog could end up costing you well over \$1,200



Spay/Neuter	\$700
Microchip	\$100
Vaccinations	\$100
Behavior Assessment	\$200
One Month of Pet Insurance	\$100
Cost of Dog	varies

This AAWL & SPCA dog can be adopted for \$100



Spay/Neuter	included
Microchip	included
Vaccinations	included
Behavior Assessment	included
One Month of Pet Insurance	included
Adoption Fee	\$100

MEET YOUR MATCH = SAVE A LIFE = ADOPT

40% Basenji, 20% Australian Shepherd, 20% Pit Bull and 20% Bulldog

SUCCESS in 2010 We Saved More Lives & Reached Our Goal!



Judith, Penny and Bella

2010 was an incredible and historic year for the Arizona Animal Welfare League & SPCA. Our greatest achievement was reaching our goal of 3,000 adoptions this year, which is DOUBLE the number of adoptions we did just three years ago! Thanks to a really great, hard-working staff, our dedicated volunteers, our Board of Directors and YOU, our wonderful supporters, we stretched ourselves as far as we could given our current resources.

It's really important to us that we remain true to our "grassroots" heritage. Even when we rebranded and changed our "look" with new, brighter colors, new logos and more professional marketing materials, we kept it simple. When we implemented solid business practices, and reduced expenses, we made sure most of the money continued to go directly to helping save animals.

We hired a wonderful PR firm that donates much of their fees while getting our important message out about saving animals and eliminating euthanasia. Our fantastic marketing and events company took our events and publications to a whole new level, becoming part of the AAWL & SPCA family, and donating much of their time and talents. These changes generated more supporters, volunteers and donations than ever before, and have helped AAWL & SPCA reach new heights.

2011 is going to bring a new set of opportunities and challenges. Thanks to an amazing anonymous donor, we are going to make AAWL & SPCA even bigger and better over the next 16 months. Our entire facility is being expanded and renovated so that we can save even more lives each year. Conducting our regular day-to-day activities during construction will be challenging in itself, but we are determined to repeat our successes of this year. And, by the end of the year, we will all have much to celebrate, especially the animals.

YOU are the reason we are so successful today, and we're counting on you to help us raise this organization to the next level so we can save even more lives. Come along with us on this incredible journey — become a volunteer and do what you enjoy, from walking dogs and cuddling cats to helping out with one of our great fundraisers like Evening to Paws (March 5th), or Tailwags & Handbags, or the Walk to Save Animals. Help us obtain auction items or donations of supplies and materials. Become a volunteer adoption counselor and help us match families and pets at the shelter or at one of our off-site adoption events. Become a donor and help us perform medical miracles when no one else can. Sponsor one of our adoptable animals and help pay for their care or donate in honor of your own pet to help one that is homeless.

Please send a year-end, tax-deductible donation right now using the enclosed envelope, or you can go online at www.aawl.org and use a credit card on our secure website.

As we begin our 40th year of rescuing animals, it is important to remember that it is because of thousands of small donations from big-hearted people, combined with the relatively rare large gifts that have built AAWL & SPCA into a leading animal welfare organization. Let's keep building on this success together and make our 40th Anniversary in 2011 a year we will all remember!

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Judith A. Gardner President and CEO

THANKS TO All of YOU We have almost doubled the number of adoptions in the past three years!

Our goal in 2010 was 3,000 adoptions, which was quite a stretch for us considering we thought we had reached capacity last year with 2,610 adoptions. However, due to a couple of very large community-wide adoption events, and the opportunity to partner with Petco stores to do adoptions for us, WE MADE OUR GOAL!!

2011 will bring a new set of challenges for us. We are embarking on an expansion of our facilities, which means a lot of changes to our regular routines and our ability to use all our available space while construction is going on. On top of that challenge, donations are still much lower than in the past due to the economy, meaning that each dollar we receive is critically important.

Adoptions have Doubled in **3** years



HAPPY Adopters





Judith and Penny President and CEO

Penny was a terrified stray that was timid and shy and didn't know how to be a dog. I had been bringing my little spaniel mix, Bella, to work after we lost our longtime love, Huxley (Setter), to old age, to help her find a new brother or sister. After rejecting all my choices, she met Penny and we watched, amazed, as she spent about an hour teaching Penny how to be a dog. Bella taught her the play bow, how to chase a ball, how to chase each other and it was clear we had found our new family member. Today, they are inseparable and spend hours playing and romping together. Penny is still shy around strangers, but she is such a sweetheart and loves to sleep curled up as close as she can get to me every night.

Board of Directors

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65% Shih Tzu, 20% Miniature Pinscher and 15% Italian Greyhound • • 55% Irish, 25% English and 15% French



Shannon Blizzard and Olivia

Director of Shelter Operations

Before I moved to Arizona, I had let it be known that I was looking for a small dog to rescue. A friend told me about a dog at her vet's office that desperately needed help. When I arrived at the vet's office to pick her up, I learned the extent of this poor dog's failing health. The Vet said, "She is suffering from severe malnutrition and has such a severe intestinal infection that I will be surprised if she makes it another 24 hours." I was given some feeding instructions, antibiotics and a pat on the back for luck and sent on my way. Every bone in this 4 lb. dog's body was protruding and her eyes bulged out of her head like big black olives (hence the name Olivia) and she could barely walk or eat.

A lot of sleepless nights and white rice with chicken meals later, Olivia pulled through. I woke up one morning to a wiggly, bright eyed, loyal companion that has yet to leave my side these past 7 years. She has been a part of the biggest milestones in my life, including learning to share me with my husband and my 2 children. She is the protector of our family and home and most at peace on my lap. She is the definition of loyalty and gratitude. Olivia is the reason I believe - I KNOW - a rescue pet knows when they are given a second chance and they never forget it.



New Adoption Programs in 2010

WELCOME WAGGIN'

A new program, called Welcome Waggin', was born when we realized that communities like Flagstaff and Payson had a huge demand for small adult dogs, and that hundreds of these dogs were being euthanized each month in our community. AAWL & SPCA held meetings with the groups to learn about their needs, policies, practices and "styles". Our Behavior and Intake team then selected dogs from open intake shelters in Maricopa County, our medical team vaccinated, sterilized and checked each dog's health, and our wonderful volunteers transported the dogs up to the shelters where they were given a second chance at a forever home. So far, this program has helped place over 30 dogs in homes of families that can give them the life long love they deserve.

HOMEWARD BOUND

Homeward Bound is home-based adoption program designed to meet the needs of pets that really don't do well in a shelter environment. The program trains volunteers to be foster parents and care for the pet, while they help find that animal a forever home. This program is particularly beneficial for dogs but we have had a few felines thrive and find permanent homes through this program. We hope to expand the program in 2011 to enable us to save even more lives.

100K CHALLENGE

AAWL & SPCA was honored to be chosen as one of only 48 shelters to

participate in the nation-wide ASPCA \$100K Challenge in 2010. Our goal was an additional 300 adoptions, in a 3-month period or a total of 1,148. We ended up with a total of 1,640 adoptions for the three month period – almost 500 over the goal and one of the top ten in the competition!

AAWL and HALO teamed up for two huge adoption events: "Empty The Shelter" at AAWL which resulted in 200 adoptions in 12 hours, and "The Petsmart Charities Adoption Event" at Petsmart Corporate Headquarters, where 340 adoptions took place in just two days.

PETCO PARTNERSHip

This year AAWL turned a great deal of its attention to the cats. The most significant thing we did for cats this year was to find more adoption partners in our community. We were honored to be the first organization to receive support from PETCO Foundation to allow us to partner with five local PETCO stores to find more homes for our wonderful cats.



RASTA PASTA



Before



After

This poor little guy, named Rasta Pasta by the staff, was turned in to AAWL & SPCA by a Good Samaritan who found him livina on the street. He was so scared, unbelievably filthy and in constant pain due to the worst matting we'd ever seen. He was so matted he could hardly walk. Our volunteer groomer, Barbara Foster, spent an entire day grooming Rasta and removing all those horrible mats. The transformation was incredible, and he quickly found a wonderful home where he will never again be neglected and abused.

Foster Families

NURTURING FAMILIES

Our wonderful Foster families are so important to our success. We could not save a fraction of the lives we do each year without their help. In 2010, more than 80 foster families nurtured more than 1,200 animals, preparing them for their forever families. This included 868 kittens and 156 puppies who were too young to go up for adoption when we rescued them. There were also 92 cats and 91 dogs fostered this year, many of whom were recovering from surgery or other medical procedures. We often find that extremely shy animals benefit from fostering so they can learn to trust humans and to open up their hearts to the love they so deserve.



Bradlee Reginald

65% Jack Russell and 35% Chihuahua

60% Italian, 20% German, and 20% english

Medical

Libby



Libby's adopters

In October 2010, our team of animal rescuers found a cute 5 year old black and brown female Sheltie mix at Maricopa County Animal Care and Control sitting behind the alass, patiently waiting for someone to love her. We just couldn't pass by this sweetie, and brought her to our shelter to help her find her forever home. Our

caretakers soon noticed that she had blood in her urine. Upon examination by our veterinarian, "Libby" was found to a have a very large, painful bladder full of rock-like stones that felt to be grinding together on palpitation. X-rays revealed 7 golf-ball-size stones in her bladder! It would have taken months for those stones to develop and Libby had to be in excruciating pain that entire time. However, during the exam and x-rays Libby was a sweetheart the entire time, even though this condition is extremely painful and irritating. She was put on pain medications and antibiotics with surgery scheduled for the next day. First thing the following morning Libby was started on IV fluids, anesthetized and prepped for surgery. Once the stones were removed we could see the damage done to her bladder, which looked very red, angry and severely stretched. Even after having a major



Libby

abdominal surgery, Libby was kind, affectionate, and wagged her tail whenever someone came near her. She seemed to know we were there to help her. She recovered without complications and was adopted a week later to her forever home by a warm, loving young couple.

membranes, had grown across his nasal openings

and there were no holes present for him to breathe

through. Never had we come across such a situation.

So, we cut two small lengths of tubing and put them

up each nostril to keep the holes open (much like

keeping an earring in a new piercing so it doesn't

close), then sutured them in place. He was so tiny

we had to make a little collar for him so he wouldn't

actually hear him breathing through the tubes while

scratch or rub these tubes out of place. We could

BUTTONS

Buttons came into our clinic with such a severe upper respiratory tract infection that his nose was completely clogged. We decided to flush out his nose but he was so tiny and sickly we did not want to anesthetize him because we were afraid we'd lose him. We put our heads together and improvised, finding the tiniest of tubes to put into his nose and flush his sinuses with warm saline solution while he was awake. He was such a good boy and seemed relieved after the procedure. Buttons was placed in a kind and caring foster home where he was hand-fed, medicated and cuddled.

Approximately a month later he returned to our clinic with a severely clogged nose again. He was feeling much better in general and had grown a little, so we decided to put him under anesthesia to perform a more thorough flush. We attempted multiple times to pass a small lubricated tube into his nose, but to no avail. We found that the tissue in his nose, either skin or mucous



his little mouth was shut. He came out of anesthesia with no complications, was given pain medication and sent back to his foster home.

> Our last check, Buttons is said to be doing well! If his little nose heals without any complications, we expect him to make a full recovery. He has been so brave, sweet, and most of all tolerant through all of this. For such a tiny little guy, he has such a great spirit within him. We know he will have a great life with a wonderful family very soon!



Dr. Susan Iosca and Opal Chief Veterinarian

Two years ago a lady in Tucson was driving her car when she saw a black-and-white object being thrown from the window of the moving car in front of her. She thought it might be a kitten, so she pulled over to look and what she found was a 14-weekold female-terrier-mix puppy. Luckily enough, the puppy was not seriously injured. The lady took the pup, now named Minnie, to the vet and had her examined, vaccinated, and later, spayed. The puppy was so emotionally traumatized that she greatly lacked confidence, making it difficult to find her a home.

In June (before I joined AAWL) I was lookina at rescue doas available for adoption on the internet...and there was this mischievous, cute little black-andwhite young dog. I was drawn in. The foster woman brought Minnie to the clinic I worked at in Tucson. There stood a 12 pound, crazy-haired, scared little dog. I sat on the floor with her and she sat timidly in my lap.

She became my Opal. I've had her for 5 months now and she is gaining more and more confidence every day. She is doing so well. She is fun, happy, and just a joy to have in my life.

HAPPY Adopter



40% Chihuahua, 30% Wire Haired Terrier, 50% Irish, 30% German, and 30% Jack Russell 10% Dutch, 10% Native American

Medical Cont.

Mobile Clinic

The Mobile Clinic has been on the road for over a year now providing low-cost vaccines and microchip clinics to the general public. In addition, the Mobile Clinic provides other animal rescue groups with low-cost spay and neuter surgeries. For a schedule of services, visit the website at www.aawl.org.



Medical Stats

Canine Spays	
Canine Neuters	552
Feline Spays	577
Feline Neuters	532
Total number of animals sterilized	2,245
Other Surgeries Examples: Orthopedics, exploratory surgery, tumor	357
removals, eye enunciations, cherry eye repair, etc.	
Medical exams Examples: Illness exams, wellness exams, recheck exams & intake exams.	6,500



Vicky Eckerdt and Tina Director of Veterinary Operations

I was working for a rescue organization in northern California in 2003 when "Tina" was found as a stray wandering the streets of Fresno. Her little shaking body was cowering in the back of a crate, barking franticly at anything that moved. It was pretty obvious that she had been on her own for quite some time. She didn't want to be touched and she was very dirty and underweight. During her exam she had to be muzzled as she was so afraid of people, but then we found one of the reasons why...she was wearing a harness that obviously had been put on her when she was much smaller. Tina was estimated to be only about 11 months old. The harness had started to imbed itself into her skin. She trusted no one, and had to be sedated in our attempt to remove the harness.

In hopes of helping her regain her trust of humans and to let her wounds heal, I took her home to foster. We continued to try at adoption events; however, it seemed that she was destined to be part of our family.

That was seven years ago. Today "Tina Marie" Eckerdt is healthy and happy. She still carries the scars from the harness and is a bit shy with new people, but once she knows you, Tina gives all her friends lots of kisses. Our family wouldn't trade her for anything in the world!

Volunteer

Hiking with the Shelter Dogs

In January of 2010 AAWL & SPCA started a great monthly "Dog Hike" program. During the cooler months, a group of about 10 dogs and 10+ volunteers visit various hiking trails around the Valley. We have been to South Mountain Park, Papago Park, Dreamy Draw Park and McDowell Sonoran Preserve. What a fun time for both the volunteers and the dogs who really love getting out of the shelter!





203 Animals Adopted at the First Empty the Shelter Adopt-A-Thon!











40% PUERTO RICAN, 40% Scottish and 20% Irish

Stories

OUR STORY

Bob and I believe in the mission and vision of AAWL. After adopting two incredible dogs from them, we felt volunteering was our opportunity to give just a little in return.

AAWL is a no-kill shelter and this is really important to Bob and me.

They have veterinarians on-site so they are able to save animals that otherwise would be euthanized because it would take too many resources or cost too much to save. AAWL, however, will take on the challenge and support the animal through their healing process.

When you see the animal care technicians interacting with the dogs, it's amazing. The AAWL staff provide care that is truly as wonderful as it can be until the doas can find a loving family to adopt them. So you can see why Bob and I love AAWL and consider it a privilege to volunteer here. God Bless AAWL and all of the animals past, present and future! -Rillio I ont



Bob and Billie Lent



Ms. JR. TEEN ARIZONA SUds N' Style



Taylor Mulholland

Taylor Mulholland was crowned Ms. Jr. Teen Arizona United States on April 18th. This is a pageant with a purpose. Taylor's chosen platform was the Arizona Animal Welfare League & SPCA. Taylor attended several of our "Camp Ruffin' It" camps when she was younger, and still raises funds selling lemonade!. She has donated all her proceeds to AAWL. In fact, several of her adopted animals are from our shelter. Taylor is 14 years old, still too young to meet the age requirement of 18 before volunteering at the shelter, so she helps by talking about the importance of animal compassion, the need to spay/neuter all pets, responsible pet ownership, etc. Taylor also formed a team to raise money for our WALK TO SAVE ANI-MALS on November 13, 2010.

Volunteer Stats

We couldn't do everything we do without our wonderful Volunteers!!! These generous people who love animals find their way to AAWL & SPCA, where they do everything from office work to dog walking, cat cuddling, helping with special events, and a myriad of other things. To volunteer for AAWL & SPCA, you

Number of Number of Number of Total numb must be 18 or older and attend one of our monthly orientation sessions and training classes. Then we pair you up with a "buddy" who helps you learn your way around. We also offer more in-depth training for anyone wanting to expand their involvement at AAWL & SPCA and volunteer in many different areas.

Active Volunteers
docents (over 250 hours/year)
[•] Hours Donated for 2010
per of people who went through Orientation/Training466

We have been very lucky this year to have Michele Zinser, bring her mobile grooming van, "Suds N' Style" to AAWL each week. Michele donates her services to the dogs that are matted and dirty and makes them look so handsome they have a much better chance of being adopted. Here is an example of her great work.



Before

After



Suds N' Style



TINA EACRET, HARRY and Madel

Director of Volunteer Services and Special Events

Mabel came into the Maricopa County Animal Care & Control's East Side Shelter on February 2, 2009. She was put on the euthanasia list due to her age. The list read "Kennel 429, 15y.o. F Chihuahua, no teeth". I could NOT let this poor sweet soul die in a shelter after living a long life. So I went down and picked her up. Despite the potential danger of putting a senior dog under anesthesia, AAWL helped by pulling the last of her badly infected teeth and spaying her. She sailed through the surgery and has a pampered life today, where she gets to come to work every day and is the official "areeter" in the Volunteer/Events Department. Once alone and frightened, wandering through a Mesa neighborhood, Mabel now has the life that every dog should have. She is an example that shelter dogs, although sometimes old, still have a LOT to give.

BANK OF AMERICA

Bank of America sent three teams of volunteers on three different days to AAWL & SPCA - a total of 66 volunteers!! They were fantastic and did everything from landscaping, planting, painting, washing vehicles, administrative tasks, washing dogs and grooming cats! We had a great time and we know they did too!





60% Significant Breed unknown, 30% Shih Tzu, and 10% Border Collie 50% German, 40% French, 5% Dutch, 5% Native American 🌩



Michelle Ramos and Kai

One fateful day I went to speak to the Foster Manager and was greeted by this adorable, sixweek-old gray-colored puppy with striking blue eyes. I took one look at him and fell in love. The staff explained to me that he had a broken leg and was in need of a foster. Impulsively, I volunteered. My heart sank deeper as they explained to me that he had been found wandering through downtown, alone, with this horribly broken leg, and he had been scheduled to be euthanized. Our staff rescued him just in the nick of time.

My family, and the AAWL staff, quickly fell in love with this broken little puppy we called Kai. Kai went through months of casting, X-rays and medications. In addition, he experienced several seizures and infections. I was up long nights with this sick little puppy, and the longer I cared for him the more I fell in love. As he grew stronger and his leg healed, the time grew closer for him to go up for adoption. I could not do it and neither could my children ... we could not part with our new little friend.

So we officially adopted Kai, and he now shares his home with three children, four dogs, and four cats and enjoys every minute of it. Bonding closely with one of our labs and a once-feral tabby cat, Kai has formed bonds that will last for life.

Education Stats

In 2010, more than 2,100 children and adults participated in our on-site camps, education and training programs. In addition, more than 14,000 people learned about AAWL & SPCA's Education program at various off-site events in which we participated.

Education

Anne Marie Rivera – Teen Tracks

AAWL's Teen Tracks program has provided mentorship to over 300 hand-selected teens since its inception in 2002. Through this program we have the privilege of working with many outstanding young peo-

ple. Anne Marie Rivera is one such

youth. She joined our Teen pro-

aram during the fall of 2009 and

since that time she has captured

the hearts of the staff and volun-

Despite overcoming the challenges

of Autism, Anne Marie is extremely

dedicated to helping the animals

that call the shelter home. Working

side by side with other teens in the

program, as well as staff and volun-

teers at AAWL.

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her peers. She is a

very loving and kind

girl who is always will-

ing to go above and

beyond for the cause

pace and is equal to



Anne Marie Rivera

ELFARE LEAGUE & SPCA

that she holds close to her heart. Since being selected for the program, Anne Marie has enthusiastically volunteered over 100 hours to helping homeless animals. Watching Anne Marie overcome obstacles to achieve

her goals and grow as a person has been a very rewarding experience for the Education staff at AAWL.

"AAWL means so much to her...I think she hopes to work there as an adult! You have all been so patient and accepting, helping her to grow and gain confidence and self-esteem. In short, the program is wonderfu!!" ~Jeanne Rivera (Anne Marie's Grandmother/Guardian)

> We feel very privileged to work with such a special young person and hope to see Anne Marie join our team someday in the future.

Alex Moniuszko

The Moniuszko family was immediately drawn to the AAWL & SPCA table at the Raising Arizona Kids Camp Fair when they saw a huge 51/2 foot iguana, a ball python and an adorable furry chinchilla. They were excited to find an organization that offered all the things their animal-loving children were interested in and immediately became regulars at many of our programs. Their eldest son Alex began by attending Camp Ruffin'

It and Paws n' Claws Kids Club, then graduated on to attend multiple sessions of Camp Vet, in addition to being chosen as a member of the Teen Track program. Alex is a bright young boy with a strong love of animals and a desire



Alex Moniuszko

to become a veterinarian someday in the future.

Alex took his desire and dedication to helping animals above and beyond when he turned thirteen and celebrated his Bar Mitzvah, a Jewish tradition to celebrate a young man's rite of passage. In honor of the celebration, monetary gifts are often given to the boy. Alex was gifted \$750. Imagine what a teen could do with that kind of money! Video games, electronics, or maybe even a new bike...but

not Alex! He donated every last penny to the homeless animals of AAWL & SPCA.

What a demonstration of character for a young boy to love animals so much that he would give something so significant.

Dog Training



One day when I was volunteering as a dog walker at AAWL & SPCA I saw a small blonde 16 lb. puppy named Nicole curled tightly in the corner of her pen. She had just come in from County the day before. I got down to call to her, but she just stayed curled tightly in the corner shaking. I tried for 20 minutes but couldn't get her to come to me. Finally, I picked her up and carried her to the yard where I put her down. She just froze in place and then urinated down her lea. I stood there and cried. When I went back to the shelter three days later, I went right to her kennel. She had been spaved by then. She actually wagged her tail. I knew she was special and I couldn't guit talking about her. The following week when my husband, Bob, volunteered, he adopted her and brought her in to work to surprise me.

I talked to some friends who also volunteer at AAWL and had just adopted a dog there. They were signed up for behavior classes at AAWL, so we signed up also to expose Nicole (now Nikki) to other people/dogs. The first night of class, I thought "this will never work". Nikki nipped at two other dogs in the class. Kim Kowalski, the trainer, talked to us at length even before classes started and had suggested many things to help Nikki get over her shyness.

By the end of the 7 weeks of classes Nikki had done a complete 180 degree turn. She is now a 45 pound confident, happy puppy who loves people and other dogs, cats, and walks, thanks to AAWL. We are now in the Intermediate class and Nikki thinks she is the Welcome Wagon for the whole class. Thank you AAWL for another wonderful addition to our family! You make such a difference in so many furry lives and so many loving families that adopt them.

EVENTS

EVENING TO PAWS



AAWL & SPCA's largest fundraiser raised \$175,000 towards our powerful mission to 'end euthana-

sia in Maricopa County'. Author and TV Personality, Larry Winget and his famous bulldog, Ralph, were the Honorary Co-Chairs of this fun-filled evening. Held on March 6th at the Scottsdale Hilton, nearly 400 guests enjoyed an



Sam McMillan with Gary and Krista Pederson

Larry and Rose Mary Winget with Ralph

SAVE THE DATE - EVENING TO PAWS 2011 - SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH

Holiday Donation Drives

Each year several local businesses play "Santa" to AAWL & SPCA and the wonderful animals we serve by holding supply drives. Last year, Scottsdale Insurance and Progressive Insurance both



Scottsdale Insurance Supply Drive



evening filled with over-the-top

gourmet dinner, and dancing

We are grateful to Sue Della

of PetSmart Charities, and

to live music well into the night.

Maddalena, Executive Director

PetSmart for their endless support

PRESENTING SPONSOR

PETSMART

of animals and AAWL & SPCA.

silent/live auction items, fabulous

Susana Della Maddalena and Judith Gardner

donated a huae amount of supplies and other items off our "wish list", which saved us a lot of money! Also, Aetna Insurance is sponsoring specific pets and collecting donations on their behalf.



Progressive Supply Drive

Walk to Save Animals

AAWL & SPCA's Annual Walk to Save Animals drew our biggest crowd ever with over 1500 people (and pets) enjoying the festivities! Held on November 13th at Tempe Town Lake, PETCO proudly served as the Presenting Sponsor and helped lead the way for AAWL & SPCA to raise a record \$140,000 to help save animals. We thank all the Walkers and Walk Teams who worked so hard to raise pledges and who care so much for the animals. And we are grateful to everyone who donated pet food as part of the Food Drive and to the 60 volunteers who graciously donated their time to make this Walk one to remember.



Over 100 alumni proudly paraded their rescued animals



Walk Crowd

Tailwags & Handbags



AAWL & SPCA's Second Annual Tailwags & Handbags event is December 9th at the beautiful Montelucia

Resort & Spa. Targeted toward professional women, this wonderful evening of wine & hors d'oeuvres, a fabulous fashion show, and a silent auction featuring high-end handbags is hosted by Channel 10's personality, Cory McCloskey.





Girl Scout troop #2172 Team with the Most Spirit



Walk Team



35% Wire Haired Dachshund; 25% Saint Bernard; 20% Boxer; 20% Doberman Pinscher —

95% German and 5% Native American

Your Dollars Make A Difference

17% Fundraising Events



TERRI HAWKINS AND HYRUM

A young, stray male came to AAWL in 2004 and was named Bosco by the folks at AAWL. He was neutered, microchipped and adopted out to a family. Two years later, a fearful adult dog with no tags was picked up as a stray in a field by Maricopa Animal Care and Control. His microchip provided a name and address; however, his registered owner had not kept their information current and could not be found. AAWL was still listed as a secondary contact so the dog was returned to us.

Bosco stayed at AAWL for over three months. He did not take well to kennel life and spun and snarled in his kennel but was a dream when he was in a yard with people. Bosco was one of the first to be part of what is now called the "Gimme a Break" program, where volunteers take dogs for a short-term stay or overnight fostering. As his foster family, we fell in love and adopted Bosco, giving him a new start and a new name - Hyrum. Hyrum has now been in our home for almost four years and lives with three other AAWL dogs - Juli, Kazi & Isis. Hyrum always wears his tags and his microchip data is current, including having AAWL as the backup.

AAWL STAFF

Judith Gardner President & CEO

Shannon Blizzard Director of Operations

Tina Eacret Director of Volunteer Program & Special Events

Vicky Eckerdt Director of Veterinary Operations

Terri Hawkins Finance Director

Susan Iosca, DVM Chief Veterinarian

Jay Johnson, DVM Veterinarian

2.6% Medical

Michelle Ramos Director of Education

A NEW Vision – A NEW HOME AAWL & SPCA Adoption CENTER

Projected Completion Date: March, 2012 New facility = 58% increase in adoptions







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