

Resource List

for alternative placement for Cats

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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 cat, 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.

For sick, injured or abused strays you may contact the Arizona Humane Society (AHS).

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
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
4Paws Rescue	Shelter	Youngtown	623-773-2246	info@4pawsrescue.org 4pawsrescue.org
All About Animals Rescue	Foster Based	Phoenix	602-923-2278	allaboutanimalsaz@gmail.com allaboutanimalsaz.com
Animal Rescue Friends, Ltd. (ARF)	Foster Based	Mesa	623-428-9119	info@animalrescuefriends.org 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.org	rescue@catado.org catado.org

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	N/A	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
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
Lucky Angel Animal Rescue	Foster Based	Phoenix	480-399-1224	cristina@luckyangel.org luckyangel.org
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

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	602-601-2604	h.a.r.t@cox.net www.hart-az.org

Specialized Rescue Groups

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
Fiona's Family	Senior & Special Needs	Glendale	N/A	fionasfamilyrescue@gmail.com fionasfamilyrescue.com

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: Saturdays

Vaccines: 8 am – 12 pm

Wellness Checks: 2 pm – 6 pm

Appointments must be scheduled in advance at:

<https://aawl.org/cvc-services>

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
CASS Az	602-256-6945	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	602-445-7387	lostourhome.org
Phoenix Pet Food Pantry	1-888-606-2299	
The Good Dog Food Bank	N/A	thegooddogfoodbank@gmail.com

