

Resource List

for alternative placement for Dogs

**ARIZONA
ANIMAL
WELFARE LEAGUE**
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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 can 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 dog, 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.

Maricopa County Animal Care and Control
Central/West Valley 2500 S. 27th Ave., Phoenix (602) 506-7387
Arizona Humane Society 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://www.maricopa.gov/162/Lost-Found-Pet/>
- Head to the County shelter and hang a "found dog" 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 "**Lost Dogs of Arizona**" or "**Straydar**" with the location they were found.

Animal Cruelty Hotlines

Organization	Type	Location	Phone	Email/Website
Animal Crimes Investigation Unit (ACIU)	Animal Cruelty Hotline	Maricopa	General Questions: 602-876-1000 Dispatch: 602-876-1011	tips@mcso.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

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office		Maricopa	602-876-1681	N/A
City Of Phoenix Crimestop		Phoenix	602-262-6151	
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 for 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. Rehome Your Pets: rehome.adoptapet.com/
 - b. Facebook.com
 - c. Nextdoor.com
 - d. 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.
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: The intake guidelines for the following rescues and shelters may be different. Please contact them individually to find out what their process is.

Resource List (Dogs)

Non Breed Specific Shelters and Rescues

For extensive online lists of shelters and rescue groups please go to:
<https://pacc911.org/pet-rescue-directory>

Organization	Type	Location	Phone	Email/Website
Almost There Rescue	Rescue Mom & Pups	Phoenix	480-336-9860	almostthererescue.org info@almostthererescue.org
Arizona Humane Society	Shelter	Phoenix	602-997-7585	azhumane.org
Az Small Dog Rescue	Rescue	Phoenix	602-944-2440	azsmalldog.org info@azsmalldog.org
Anthem Pets Animal Rescue	Rescue	Anthem	480-287-3542	rescue@anempets.org anempets.org
Caring for Canines	Foster Based	Phoenix	602-550-1981	info@caringforcanines.org/ caringforcanines.org/
Cooper's Chance Rescue	Rescue	Maricopa County	N/A	info@cooperschance.org cooperschance.org
Foothills Animal Rescue	Shelter	Scottsdale	480-488-9890	support@foothillsanimal.org foothillsanimal.org/
Friends for Life Animal Rescue	Shelter	Gilbert	480-497-8296	info@azfriends.com azfriends.org/
HALO	Shelter	Phoenix	602-971-9222	info@halorescue.org halorescue.org/
Heidi's Village	Shelter & Rescue Resource	Phoenix	602-241-4640	info@heidisvillage.org heidisvillage.org/
Home Fur Good	Shelter	Phoenix	602-971-1334	info@homefurgood.org homefurgood.org/
Lost Our Home Pet Rescue	Shelter	Tempe	602-445-7387	help@lostourhome.org lostourhome.org
Mini Mighty Mutts	Foster Based	Chandler	480-304-5654	info@minimightymutts.com minimightymutts.com
Maricopa Animal Care and Control	County Shelter	Phoenix	602-506-7387	https://www.maricopa.gov/5268/Animal-Care-and-Control
Sun Valley Pets	Shelter	Glendale	623-872-7941	contact@sunvalleypets.org sunvalleypets.org/
Valley Dogs Rescue	Foster Based	Gilbert	480-898-3647	valleydogs@valleydogs.org valleydogs.org/

Underdog Rescue of Arizona	Foster Based	Chandler	480-553-9311	info@underdogaz.com underdogaz.com/
Breed Specific Rescues All Foster Based				
Organization				
Arizona Basset Hound Rescue	Basset Hound	Phoenix	602-225-7800 603-203-8245	intake@azbassetrescue.org azbassetrescue.org/
Arizona Beagle Rescue	Beagle	Phoenix	623-977-1355	info@azbeaglerescue.org azbeaglerescue.com/
Arizona Border Collie Rescue	Border Collie	Arizona	480-422-5366	Burk.marg@gmail.com azbcr.org/
Arizona Boston Terrier Rescue	Boston Terrier	Scottsdale	N/A	info@azbtrescue.org azbtrescue.org/
Arizona Cactus Corgi Rescue	Corgi	Phoenix	N/A	azcactuscorgirescue@gmail.com azcactuscorgirescue.com/
Arizona Cattle Dog Rescue	Australian Cattle Dog	Phoenix	480-442-2237	arizonacattledogrescue.org/
Arizona Chihuahua Rescue	Chihuahua	Mesa	480-844-2447	rescue@azchihuahuarescue.org azchihuahuarescue.org/
Arizona Cocker Rescue	Cocker Spaniels	Phoenix	602-757-8225	azcockerrescue@aol.com azcockerrescue.org/
Arizona Golden Rescue	Golden Retriever	Arizona	623-566-9247	info@arizonagoldenrescue.org arizonagoldenrescue.org
Arizona Poodle Rescue	Poodle	Arizona	602-617-9920	arizonapoodlerescue.org/
Arizona Pug Adoption and Rescue Network	Pug	Mesa	480-964-3126	info@aparn.org aparn.org/
Arizona Saint Bernard Rescue	Saint Bernard	Arizona	602-920-1826	corinthians3418@aol.com facebook.com/arizonasaintrescue
Arizona Weimaraner Rescue	Weimaraner	Phoenix	N/A	azwr.org/
Aussies & Friends Rescue	Australian Shepherd	Payson		jane@aussiefriendsrescue.com aussiefriendsrescue.com/
Boxer Luv	Boxer	Phoenix	602-530-5671	intake@boxerluv.org boxerluv.org/

Canine Rescue Coalition	Mastiff	Goodyear	N/A	neopup6@yahoo.com azmastiffrescue.com/
Cavalier Rescue Foundation	Cavalier	Scottsdale	480-332-0000	cavalierrescuefoundation.com
Dane Haven, Inc.	Great Dane	Phoenix	602-388-4370	danehavenrescue@gmail.com danehaveninc.com
Desert Harbor Doberman Rescue of Arizona	Doberman Pinscher	Phoenix	602-492-8139	contact@azdoberescue.org azdoberescue.org/
Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue	Labrador Retriever	Glendale	480-899-5227	dlrraz.org/
Fedwell Farm Rescue	Herding breeds	Arizona	602-316-8919	fedwellfarm@yahoo.com fedwellfarm.com/
Great Dane Rescue of Arizona Alliance	Great Dane	Phoenix	623-869-0409	greatdanerescueofazalliance@hotmail.com greatdanerescueofazalliance.com/
Happy Tails Dachshund Rescue	Dachshund	Chandler	209-647-1251	happytailsdr.com happytailsdr@yahoo.com
Rotten Rottie Rescue	Rottweiler	Gilbert	480-567-4328	rottenrottie.com rottenrottierescue@gmail.com
Rescue A Golden of Arizona	Golden Retriever	Phoenix	602-404-9663	web@golden-retriever.org golden-retriever.org/
Southwest Collie & Sheltie Rescue	Sheltie	Phoenix	602-525-3313	bkferrell@cox.net swcsrescue.com/
Southwest German Shepherd Rescue	German Shepherd	Phoenix	602-866-2880	SWGSDRescue@aol.com swgermanshepherdrescue.com/
White German Shepherd Rescue	German Shepherd	Phoenix	N/A	whitegsdrescue@aol.com whitegsdrescue.com
Bully Breed Rescues All Foster Based				

Moving? Search for bully breed friendly housing, go to: <https://www.mypitbullisfamily.org/housing>

Organization

All-American Bully Buddies Rescue	All Bully breeds	Tucson	520-370-4332	
Almost Home Bulldog Rescue	French and English Bulldogs	Phoenix	480-665-9524	AlmostHomeBulldogs@gmail.com almosthomebulldogrescue.org/
Big Bully Rescue	Pit Bull	Phoenix	602-725-1726	info@bigbullyrescue.com

Bulldog Rescue of Arizona	Bulldog	Phoenix	N/A	info@bulldogrecueofarizona.com facebook.com/bulldogrescueofarizona
Crazy Pitbull Lady Pitbull Rescue	Pit Bull	Phoenix	N/A	cpblpbr@gmail.com crazypitbulllady.dog
Pittie Me Rescue	Pit Bull	Gilbert	N/A	pittiemerescue@gmail.com pittiemerescue.org/
Specialized Rescue Groups				
Organization				
Lost Our Home Pet Foundation	Temporary Foster	Tempe	602-445-7387	help@lostourhome.org lostourhome.org
Medical Animal In Need (M.A.I.N)	Rescue	Phoenix	N/A	medicalanimalsinneed@gmail.com medicalanimalsinneed.com/
Cochise Canine Rescue	Foster Based Rescue and Sanctuary	Arizona	520-212-1718	info@cochisecaninerescue.org cochisecaninerescue.org/
Forever Loved Pet Sanctuary	Senior Sanctuary	Phoenix	N/A	intake@foreverlovedpets.org foreverlovedpets.org/
Rusty's Angels Sanctuary	Foster Based Rescue and Sanctuary	New River	480-250-0251	rustysangelssanctuary@gmail.com rustysangelssanctuary.org/

[Have you considered these options in place of rehoming?](#)

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

AAWL is here to help! For more information, check out our website at: <https://aawl.org/dogtraining>



Dog Training Program

Announcing an exciting partnership with GoodPup, the nation's leading dog training service by **live 1-on-1 video chat!** It's even easier, more enjoyable, efficient, and effective when done in the familiar surroundings of a dog's own home with its owner. GoodPup provides private training with certified trainers who teach cues and advanced behavior.

Anyone can get one week of FREE training and GoodPup will send a generous donation to The Arizona Animal Welfare League. Adopters receive the added benefit of 20% off GoodPup training for life, helping their adopted pets build bonds with their new owner and adjust to their new home. <https://shelter.goodpup.com/AAWLTraining>



COMMUNITY VET CLINIC

Clinic Hours: Saturdays 8:00am - 6:00pm
By appointment only

Dogs: Rabies, DA2PP, Bordetella, Lepto, Influenza

Cats: Rabies, FeLV, FVRCP

Microchips: \$20 each – includes registration

Call 602-358-7267 today for an appointment!

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 *a/so* 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 who are displaced from their family and or home.

www.cpicaz.org/

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.animalsandhumansindisaster.org

Pet Food Banks		
Name	Phone	Email / Website
CASS Az	602-330-5211	cassaz.org
Chuck Waggin' Pet Food Pantry	602-734-4117	info@chuckwaggin.org
Empty Bowl Pet Food Pantry	602-909-7153	Emptybowlpetfoodpantry@yahoo.com animalsandhumansindisaster.org
Foothills Food Bank	480-488-1145	foothillsfoodbank.com
Furry Friends Food Bank— Lost Our Home Pet Foundation	602-445-7387	lostourhome.org
Phoenix Pet Food Pantry	1-888-606-2299	
Community Resources Az Pet Project	602-882-8627	azpetproject.org/resources/