



Trailin' Tails

OCTOBER — DECEMBER, 2014



Highlights from FY2014

For the first time in its history, MCACC shelters took in fewer than 40,000 dogs and cats. A total of 38,235 animals were surrendered in FY2014 (33,927 dogs and 4,308 cats).

Euthanasia numbers decreased 24% from FY13, adoptions increased 5% and the agency's Live Release Rate went from 68% in FY13 to 73% for FY14.

MCACC launched its Wag & Walk Adoption Hikes and Day Foster volunteer programs this past fiscal year. Both initiatives are designed

to provide exercise and socialization for dogs who have been at MCACC shelters for 30 days or longer.

Through its New Hope Rescue Program, MCACC transferred 12,129 dogs and cats to other animal welfare and rescue organizations. More than 40 Chihuahuas were sent to rescue groups in other states where the small breed is in high demand.

MCACC's Veterinary team was busy performing 18,203 spay or neuter surgeries to shelter pets.

Finally, MCACC's Spay Neuter Assistance Program provided 19,266 free spay/neuter surgeries to the pets of Maricopa County residents in FY14.



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MCACC Participates in Pit Bull Awareness



MCACC and six other animal welfare organizations are happy to present Pittie-Palooza 2014. The event, which will take place on Saturday, October 18th, is designed to celebrate the often misunderstood and at-risk dog breed. Pit bulls are one of the most common breeds at Valley animal shelters.

Pittie-Palooza will run from 9am to 3pm at Metrocenter Mall in Phoenix (9617 N. Metro Pkwy E). The free event will feature animal adoptions and booths focused on the many pet-related services throughout the Valley.

Pittie-Palooza is sponsored by Fix.Adopt.Save. and features MCACC, Animal Defense League of AZ, Altered Tails, AZ Animal Welfare League, AZ Humane Society, HALO and PACC911.





Send Us Your Happy Tail!

Did you adopt a dog or cat from MCACC? We'd love to hear how they are doing. Send your stories and a photo to:

Public Information Office
MCACC
2500 S. 27th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85009

Or email: gablem@mail.maricopa.gov



Happy Tail



Phoebe

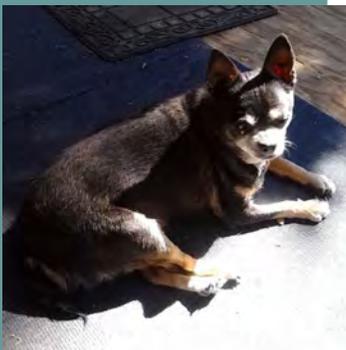
We adopted Phoebe from your East Valley shelter location in April 2014. We are keeping her name, but call her Feebs for short. We have other dogs at home and Feebs bonded immediately with her canine sisters. She has also adapted well to the foster dogs that we have in our home from time to time.

In May we took Feebs back home to Canada with us, which is where we spend the summer months. She is in love with the weather, lakes and grassy fields. We live on a lake and Feebs is learning to swim. She goes for daily walks and enjoys exploring the trails near our house.

Some of Feebs favorite things are chew bones and treats, sleeping in bed with us and hiding in bushes. Thank you so much for giving her a second chance!

— Whitney P.

Happy Tail



Zoey Mo

Zoey was featured on 12News Midday earlier this year. She barely had time to make it out of the TV studio before someone expressed interest in adopting the older, and slightly overweight Chihuahua.

Denise had been hoping to add another dog to her

family and Zoey seemed to be a perfect fit.

Shortly after adopting Zoey, Denise's father passed away. Zoey helped Denise through this difficult time with her always cheery attitude and unconditional love.

In a tribute to her father, Denise added "Mo" to

Zoey's name and she became Zoey Mo.

Zoey continues to thrive, she gets along with the other animals at home and enjoys spending her weekends with the family at their home in Prescott Valley.

Fix.Adopt.Save. Partners with Univision

On September 17th, members of the Alliance for Companion Animals participated in a Fix.Adopt.Save. phone bank at the Univision television studio in south Phoenix.

The goal of the event was to raise awareness and answer questions from viewers about spay/neuter, adoptions and trap neuter return programs.

119 calls were answered during the two-hour phone bank where the most frequently asked questions pertained to spay/neuter.

Many pet owners needed help to dispel the myths associated with spaying or neutering their pet. Once those myths were dispelled, callers were informed about free and low-cost spay/neuter services available through Fix.Adopt.Save. funded programs.



Compromiso con la Comunidad

The partnership with Univision allows the Fix.Adopt.Save. campaign to reach a demographic in need of pet related services.

Fix.Adopt.Save. is a three-year initiative aimed at helping end pet homelessness in the Valley. The campaign focuses its efforts on spay/neuter, adoption, and fostering.

It is a collaboration of seven Maricopa County animal welfare organizations who recognize the important of working together to accomplish a common goal. The campaign has been made possible through financial support from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust and PetSmart Charities.



Representatives from MCACC, AAWL, ADLAZ and PetSmart Charities helped answer questions from pet owners.

Radio La Campesina Supports MCACC

In September, MCACC partnered with Radio La Campesina to provide free and discount pet services to the radio station's listeners. During La Campesina's First Friday event in Phoenix, 35 dogs received free rabies vaccinations and five dogs were microchipped.

This is just the first of a series of events in which MCACC is partnering with La Campesina and the Cesar Chavez Foundation to help Maricopa County pet owners. In October, a community-wide effort in Maryvale will focus on reducing the area's stray dog population. Free and low-cost services will be offered to residents of the Phoenix suburb. The City of Phoenix is hosting many of the events in parks throughout the Maryvale area.



Councilman Michael Nowakowski Visits First Friday Event

Wag & Walk Program Kicks Off



Ready to Hike!

The cooler weather marks the start of MCACC's Wag & Walk Adoption Hike program.

Beginning October 4th, and continuing through April, hikers (both canine and human) are invited to attend the hikes at Usery



Hiking is always followed by cuddling!

Mountain Regional Park in Mesa.

The program started in 2013 as a partnership between MCACC and Maricopa County Parks and

Recreation Departments.

On the first Saturday of each month, hikers are invited to trek the park's Merkle Trail. The one mile path is barrier free, pet friendly, and takes hikers through one of the Valley's most scenic areas.

Volunteers attend the hikes with canine hiking partners from MCACC's East Valley Animal Care Center. The dogs are available for adoption, and if the perfect family comes along, they can leave the hike with their new four-legged family member in tow!

While the ultimate goal of the Wag & Walk program is to find adoptive homes for the dogs, MCACC staff believes the program is still beneficial even for those canines who may not



Wag & Walk Participants

get adopted at the hike. Most of the adoptable dogs that attend have been at MCACC for 30 days or longer and the hike gives them a chance to spend time away from the shelter environment.

Potential adopters appreciate the opportunity to see the dogs in a real world setting instead of a kennel.

Wag & Walk hikes are held at 9 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. There is a \$6 per car park entry fee.



Charon has been waiting since April

October is Adopt A Dog Month!

There are more than 500 dogs at MCACC adoption locations in need of loving homes.

To celebrate Adopt a Dog Month, MCACC will be offering reduced adoption fees on all of its adoptable

dogs. Any dog, any age will be available for a \$20 adoption during the entire month of October.

All dogs adopted from MCACC must be spayed or neutered prior to going home (that is included in

the adoption fee). All dogs three months of age are rabies vaccinated and will go home with their dog license/tag.

Visit the MCACC location near you and find a best friend!

AZ Pet Vet Donates Equipment To MCACC Clinic



Clinic Staff Prep a Dog for Surgery Using Equipment Donation

MCACC's West Valley Clinic is the proud recipient of a new anesthesia machine, surgery table and oxygen drop, courtesy of AZ Pet Vet. The company, which consists of a family of seventeen animal hospitals, donated the equipment (valued at \$4,831) so that MCACC veterinarians could perform even more surgeries.

The new surgery table adjusts according to the veterinarian's height, which will also provide MCACC's clinic staff with a more comfortable work setting. The equipment was donated in July and installed for immediate use.

Last year, MCACC veterinarians performed 18,203 spay/neuter surgeries. A vast majority of surgeries are spay and neuter, but MCACC's clinic team perform a variety of other types surgeries including amputations, eye removal (enucleation) and laceration repairs. In FY14, the surgical team performed 1,759 of these types of procedures.

For more information on AZ Pet Vet, visit www.arizonapetvet.com.

Fashionable Event to Benefit Animals

Join MCACC on November 13th for SNIFF 2014. This casual and festive event features cocktails, appetizers, live and silent auctions, fashion show and of course, adoptable pets!

The event is held at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club in Scottsdale from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Be one of the first 150 to purchase tickets and receive a complimentary bottle of wine at the event.

Get your tickets today at www.sniffaz.org. \$50 per ticket or \$45 per ticket if two or more are purchased together.

Proceeds from SNIFF2014 will support FRIENDS of AC&C.

MCACC Website Gets New Look



With the help of the County's Office of Enterprise Technology, MCACC has launched a new and improved website. The new site aims to be more user friendly.

Visitors to the site can view animals currently available for adoption at MCACC adoption locations, renew their dog license online directly from the site, or report a stray dog in their area.

MCACC's Lost & Found Interactive Mapping Tool is also easily accessible from the site and allows pet owners to search for their lost pet. The site also features a calendar of events, educational comics for kids and links to the agency's annual report and past newsletters. Visit today at www.maricopa.gov/pets.

Save the Date - 12/13/14



2013 Event
Participants

The holidays are right around the corner and so is one of the season's most beloved events, the 12k's of Christmas.

The pet-friendly festivities are scheduled for Saturday, December 13th at Freestone Park in Gilbert and feature 12k and 6k runs as well as a 1.2k fun run/walk.

The event also includes Santa's Pet Village, Holiday Bazaar, carolers and MCACC will be there with adoptable dogs looking for loving homes.

Christmas-themed running events, best dressed pet and most Christmas spirit are just some of the contests that could earn participants a special prize.

For more information and to register, visit www.12krun.com.



Keep Pets Safe this Holiday Season

'Tis the season for holiday parties, family festivities and plenty of opportunities for your four-legged family members to get into mischief!

There are many safety tips to consider, but we've decided to highlight some of the more common tips for pet owners (and pets).

Beware of candy! Most

of us know that chocolate can be dangerous for our pets, but cellophane and foil wrappers can be hazardous if ingested by pets.

Don't force your pet to dress up in costumes or clothes if he/she doesn't want to! Make sure the costume doesn't restrict your pet's movement, sight or breathing. A festive holiday collar may be more appropriate.

Keep pets away from human food and alcohol. Our food tends to be too high in fat for our pets and can often cause stomach upset. Make sure alcohol is out

of paws reach and don't forget foods that contain alcohol in them (unbaked dough or fruitcake that has been soaked in rum).

Give pets a place to chill out. Loud parties and lots of strangers can cause anxiety in our pets and the constant opening and closing of the front door is tempting to door darters.

During parties and family gatherings, give your dog or cat a quiet place where they can relax and escape the celebration. Include bedding, litterbox for cats, toys and turn on the television or radio to help drown out some of the sounds.

Holidays aren't nearly as fun if you spend them in the emergency vet clinic.



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New Hope Spotlight: Saving Paws Rescue AZ

Oscar and Aza arrived at MCACC in August 2014. The original owner of the beautiful German Shepherds found herself in a situation where she couldn't keep them. After agonizing for months over what to do, she gave the dogs to a friend who promised to re-home the pair with a wonderful family. A few months after placing the dogs with the friend, Oscar and Aza were brought to MCACC as strays.

When the dogs came to the shelter, MCACC staff immediately reached out to Trish at Saving Paws Rescue. Trish is the go-to person when it comes to German Shepherds and shelter staff knew these two seniors would require some special assistance.

In the meantime, MCACC staff were also able to track down the dog's original owner and let her know Oscar and Aza were at the shelter.

She came to visit Oscar and Aza at the exact same time that Trish from Saving Paws was in the dog's kennel. Trish was worried about separating the bonded pair and running through a list of possible foster parents who might be able to help.

Trish was able to speak to the owner, who still couldn't take the dogs back. Rather than judge her situation, Trish told

the woman that Oscar and Aza would be leaving the shelter and going to Saving Paws Rescue.

Since that time, the owner has visited them in their foster home and is even helping the foster mom learn Polish to help the dogs with their commands.

If you'd like to help Saving Paws and their lifesaving work, visit www.savingpawsrescueaz.com.



Our New Hope Rescue Partners are one of the reasons our euthanasia rates have decreased. Each quarter we will showcase one of these amazing groups!

Cars, Cigars and Man's Best Friend



INAUGURAL
Cars-Cigars &
a Man's Best Friend
CAR SHOW
Charity Night
Saturday, October 18, 2014

Join us Saturday, October 18th for the Cars, Cigars and Man's Best Friend Car show at Mesa Riverview Shopping Center (Dobson Road/Loop 202). The inaugural event will feature food, drinks and entertainment.

Local car clubs will be on-hand to display their cars and car owners and clubs are invited to participate. Prizes will be given for Best Car, Largest Car Club Attendance, Most Unique Vehicle and Best Man's Best Friend. Potential participants are encouraged to register early online at info@hard-n-fast.net.

The event is pet friendly and MCACC will be there with plenty of adoptable dogs in search of loving homes for anyone looking to add a four-legged family member.

The event is sponsored by The Brass Tap, Hard-N-Fast, Matta's Grill & Cantina and Big Sticks Fine Cigars. For more information, please visit <http://hard-n-fast.net/wp/events/cars-cigars-mans-best-friend/>.



**Maricopa County Animal
Care & Control**

Visit One of Our Three Locations!

West Valley Animal Care Center

(Adoptions, Lost & Found, Licensing)
2500 S. 27th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85009

East Valley Animal Care Center

(Adoptions, Lost & Found, Licensing)
2630 W. Rio Salado Parkway
Mesa, AZ 85201

PetSmart Everyday Adoption Center

Old Town Scottsdale
(Adoptions Only)
4380 N. Miller Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

(602) 506-PETS (7387)

www.maricopa.gov/pets



Khalua



Monkey

FRIENDS of Animal Care & Control



Friends of Animal Care & Control (FRIENDS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As a “friends of” group, FRIENDS goal is to raise money to support MCACC.

FRIENDS provides a valuable service by supporting MCACC’s non-mandated programs. The largest (and we believe most important) of these programs is the SNAP (Spay/Neuter Assistance Program).

SNAP provides no-cost spay and neuter services to low-income residents of Maricopa County.

Without FRIENDS financial support, SNAP would not be as successful. And without your support, we would be unable to make a difference in the lives of animals in our community. If you’d like to make a financial contribution to FRIENDS please visit our website at www.azfriendsofanimals.org.

You can also support FRIENDS and MCACC by shopping at the FRIENDS Thrift Shop. Proceeds from the shop’s sales help fund SNAP.

FRIENDS Thrift Shop
12625 N. Cave Creek Road
(just north of Thunderbird)
Phoenix, AZ 85022
(602) 923-6914

Store Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and
Saturday: 10am—4pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 10am—
6pm

FRIENDS Thrift Shop also accepts donations of gently used clothing, accessories, furniture and home goods.