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Friends of PACC is the official nonprofit partner to Pima Animal Care Center, working to enhance PACC's efforts to save the lives of pets in need.



Never miss a meow-ment of the life-saving work your support makes possible at Pima Animal Care Center!
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DIRECTORS REPORT: Monica Dangler



Monica Dangler, Director of Pima Animal Care Center, with a shelter dog.

2021 was PACC's best life-saving year ever, with **92.45%** of animals entering our shelter leaving alive! Friends of PACC and their donors played a BIG

part in achieving this. As we move through 2022, we are trying harder than ever to honor the human-animal bond—our Keeping Families Together Fund helps people provide minor medical care to their pets, our Lost and Found Program helps reunite pets with their families, and our Community Cats Program provides sterilization and vaccines to Pima County's outdoor cats.

As we enter the busiest time of year for PACC, there are three easy ways for our community to help PACC continue honoring the human-animal bond:

- If you find a healthy, friendly lost dog, look for its owner before bringing it to the shelter. Even though **85%** of lost dogs are found less than a mile from their

homes, only **25%** are likely to return to their homes if brought to the shelter.

- Become a short-term foster for PACC! With **50-100** animals entering PACC daily, foster homes expand our lifesaving capacity while also helping PACC learn about the pet's in-home behaviors.

- Donate to Friends of PACC! They make possible not only the previously mentioned programs but also important community events like the always popular Snip 'N' Tip. Your generous donations allow us to go the extra mile for every animal in our care.

Thank you for supporting PACC and our official nonprofit, Friends of PACC, in making Pima County a lifesaving community!!

Friends of PACC's first ever signature event!

Come parade your stuff with us on Tucson's Historic Fourth Avenue and help raise funds for pets in need!

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Pets of Pima Parade
Historic 4th Ave • Saturday, April 23, 2022

Forever friends together transforming animal welfare

Torre Chisholm, Friends of PACC's Development Director, explains Friends of PACC's commitment to PACC and animal welfare in Pima County.

As a Friend of Pima Animal Care Center, you are likely aware of the various challenges currently facing the shelter, from near overcrowding to COVID-related staff shortages, to the tremendous need for vaccines and wellness.

However, as a Friend of PACC, you also know there is great hope be-



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cause our community of supporters continues stepping up to help address these challenges.

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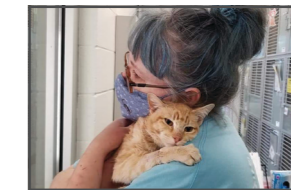
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Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade CON'T

Friends of PACC is pleased to announce an incredible new event to raise awareness and funds for Pima Animal Care Center—the **Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade!** The Parade celebrates the love between pets and humans, inviting community members from across Tucson and Pima County to show off their cherished companions. People are invited to participate with their pets of all shapes, sizes, and species. Plus, there will be bands, classic cars, costumed characters, entertainers, fire trucks, and so much more. Join us for the start of a new Tucson tradition! Here are some things to look for:

- **Raising Cane's Procesión de los Perros:** Dogs rule during this Parade segment. Hundreds of canines—cool, cuddly and cute—will strut their stuff down 4th Avenue. Some will be all dressed up, and some will just be the adorable way nature made them. Among the highlights of the procession will be the march of the PACC Fosters and the ride of the wheelie dogs from A Loyal Companion.

- **TEP Cat Convoy:** Cats are king during the TEP Cat Convoy. There will be cats on leashes and cats in strollers, and cats in carriers riding a double-decker bus. There will even be cats on Petsicles. We love our cats and want the whole world to see them.

- **Casino Del Sol Pet Pride:** All other companion animals take center stage during the Casino Del Sol Pet Pride segment of the Parade. Ever seen a turkey on a leash? Or a turtle in a trailer? Do you know what a heard of pigs is



The Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade website.

called? (fun to Google that one) See and discover for yourself at this one-of-kind experience.

- **Central Pet Prize Packs:** Register for the Parade and raise money to support PACC to win amazing prizes for you and your pets, courtesy of Central Pet. The more money you raise, the cooler the prizes!

- **HBO Max Pipes n Paws Car Show:** Part of the 4 Legs on 4th Festival immediately following the Parade, this car show will feature iconic vehicles from the Parade and an array of classic and customized cars from all across Pima County.

- **HSL Properties Adoption Extravaganza:** Looking for a new family member? Which will you take home? We got you covered! Join us immediately after the Parade for this diverse and fun adoption event.

- **Kids Court:** Post-parade fun and games to be had by the whole family, including face painting, balloon art, reading to pets, and more.



Samples of Petsicles.

We are introducing the Petsicle! Want to be in the Parade but concerned your pet can't handle the fanfare? We'll give you a photo representation, aka Petsicle, of your pet to carry in the Parade.

The Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade will be on Saturday, April 23rd, 2022 on Historic 4th Ave, from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. To join in on the fun please register at www.PetsOfPimaParade.com



COMING SOON – Kennel Claim!



Sample of the Kennel Claim nameplate.

What do you think of when you think about what a lasting legacy is? Much like our Honor Wall that holds the names and memories of loved pets, past and present, this Spring, Friends of PACC will be offering an incredible new opportunity to leave a lasting legacy at Pima Animal Care Center.

The Kennel Claim Project will enable supporters to attach a name and a quote to PACC kennels: PACC has 150 avail-

able dog kennels & 50 available cat kennels. Each kennel serves as a temporary home for as many as 40 pets per year. The Kennel Claim Project will be an opportunity to touch the lives of hundreds of animals and inspire future adopters. Friends of PACC invites you in continuing to make PACC a bastion of salvation for many homeless and forgotten animals by purchasing a Kennel Claim. Visit www.friendsofpacc.org this Spring for more info.

“Approximately 4.1 million shelter animals are adopted each year (2 million dogs and 2.1 million cats)...”

Source: ASPCA website // Pet Statistics

Did you know?

DOGS ARE NOT COLOR-BLIND.

They have dichromatic vision which means they have limited color perception and can only see shades of blue and yellow.

Source: stpaulpet.com/blog/dog-facts-cat-facts

Volunteer Spotlight



John Buehler

John's responses are in poem form, as requested by John. Who are you?: "John Buehler is grandfather, so I am

Buehler Two.

I'm a guy who's married, has a 3 small doggie crew. Slobbery morning kisses, we wake up to."

How long have you been at PACC?: "PACC's been my home away from home 5 years. Seen doggies come and go, and I shed fair share of tears. Joy and pain by doggies eyes, we're PACC volunteers."

What is a fun fact about you?: "A big red Irish Setter was my childhood best friend. My shaggy brother, companion, I'd say a godsend. By my heart he'll be, a doggies love I'd recommend."

Why do you love volunteering at PACC?: "Looking for life's purpose when a buddy said PACC. Doggie compassion wholesome pure kissing back. Loving PACC fido's fulfills my giddy soul knapsack."

John is a play yard sitter. Volunteers bring dogs to the yard for him, and he watches over them while the pups run around chasing after a ball and enjoying some fresh air. It's a big help, and the dogs love him! John always has a bag full of goodies for the pups, and they patiently sit while he shares with them. Thanks, John!

To sign up or find out more on how to volunteer at PACC visit, pima.gov/volunteer



Friends of PACC Staff Spotlight: Robyn Vanderburg **CON'T**



Entrance to cat adoptions at PACC



Inside cats adoptions at PACC

Why do you love working here?

Besides being part of one of the most progressive shelters in the U.S.—CATS!!! I am still excited to meet new cats every day. I also enjoy the challenge of working with some of the more difficult cats, whether they are angry house cats or actual feral cats. There is nothing more rewarding than gaining the house cat's trust or knowing that I had a part in nursing the feral back to health so he can go back home. Not all endings are happy in the shelter, but I cherish every happy one.

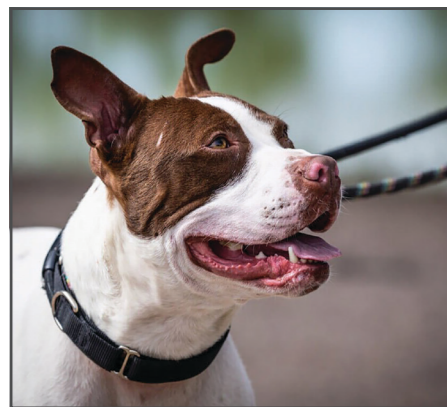
shy of 5 years. Before being hired, I was a very active volunteer and foster for about three and a half years. I was a retail manager for 20 years, but between my nursing degree and foster experience, working with medical cats was a

natural transition.

What's a fun fact about you?

Most people are surprised to learn that I have a human son who is 23—and not just a bunch of cats. I do also have a bunch of cats.

PEDIGREE Foundation & Finn's Fund – A winning combination



What is Finn's Fund For Good Dogs? Finn's Fund supports PACC dogs with special behavioral considerations—working with each dog's personality—the project provides post-placement support to their fosters and adopters. It really is a labor of love.

Finn's Fund also creates shel-

ter educational and awareness tools that reach a broad audience and normalize positive reinforcement training and dog behavior on a broader scale.

Over the last year, the Finn's Fund project has had an incredible 85% success rate in finding the perfect home for these lovable, but harder-to-place dogs.

We are excited to share the project has recently received a generous grant from PEDIGREE Foundation. With this big-hearted grant support from PEDIGREE Foundation, we will be able to help even more dogs who need extra help finding their new forever home. Together with Friends of PACC's Finn's Fund for Good Dogs project, these funds will

provide additional behavior training, equipment, and marketing to prepare these pups for life after PACC. With PEDIGREE Foundation's support, Finn's Fund's 85% success rate will be even better.

Thank you, PEDIGREE Foundation for all your support!

The PEDIGREE Foundation was established in 2008 to help dogs in need find loving homes. Created by Mars Petcare, the maker of PEDIGREE® food for dogs, it's an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It supports the good work of shelters and dog rescue organizations throughout the country.

For more info on Finn's Fund, visit www.friendsofpacc.org/finns-fund.



Raising Cane's is great at raising funds too! Thank you to the Raising Cane's team and the Tucson community for making the Plush Puppies a huge success and contributing \$5,700 to help animals in need. #onelove

U.S. Pet Stats
6.3 million
"...that's how many companion animals enter U.S. animal shelters nationwide every year. Of those, approximately 3.1 million are dogs and 3.2 million are cats."
Source: ASPCA Website

Save Story Follow-up: Angus



Sue, foster, and Angus.



All with Dr. Willcox.



Adoptor with Angus.



Angus being a ham.

Angus arrived at PACC severely injured after being hit by a car in Dec 2020. At PACC, he had one of his eyes removed but needed significantly more medical care to tend to his other injuries/issues. Most of the follow-up procedures required a foster. On top of the physical medical care, he also needed mental/emotional rehab. He was on Prozac at PACC and because he's blind on one side, he was INCREDIBLY wary of most people—barking, growling, snapping at many who tried to meet him and even some of his known handlers.

Because he was special needs, we brought him into Finn's Fund to find placement. Part of his plan in the program

was to practice meeting friendly strangers using treats. Having spent a lot of time in the clinic, he had a best friend, a volunteer named Sue. Sue helped him through his appointments and checkups. Sue walked him around campus multiple times a day, offering people on-site treats and then coaching them through introductions to Angus. He made significant progress.

A few weeks later, a single woman with previous reactive dog experience saw his on-line profile and was drawn to him because of her own health struggles. She hit it off with Angus, seeming to "get him" right away during their first meeting with Sue and myself, and she

became his foster. Over seven months with the new foster, she continued his medical care through the clinic. The foster built up his confidence and made sure Angus continued developing positive associations with people and sent regular photos of Angus healing and becoming more relaxed in a home environment.

The foster came in on March 7th and adopted Angus! He was lying down at her feet in the middle of a busy adoption lobby and happily greeting people, miles away from where he was when he first arrived.

Story contributed by Rachel Jones, Urgent Dog Case Manager, Pima Animal Care Center.

Forever friends together transforming animal welfare CON'T

I have the opportunity—or more precisely, the pleasure—of seeing this hope every day as individuals, families, businesses, and foundations help us find ways to support animals in the shelter and the community. The evidence is everywhere.

I see it in how Pima County is embracing our new signature community and fundraising event—the Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade. Local businesses are eager to partner with us on this unique opportunity to bring awareness and financial support to pets' needs in our community. The event is shaping into an incredible, one-of-a-kind event worthy of Pima County's love for our companion animals.

I see it in the early success of our Looking Forward, Saving More Initiative. With support from donors and foundations, we're on the verge of acquiring

a mobile medical unit, aka the PACC Rescue Rover, to blanket Pima County with new lifesaving services—taking our terrific Clinic on the road into every nook and cranny of the County.

I see it through increased donations for the Keeping Families Together project—enhancing the lifeline provided to families and pets in crisis. I see it in the funds we are receiving for new Innovative Programs—empowering PACC to launch new lifesaving initiatives.

The most significant body of evidence is in the growing support for Furever Friends—Friends of PACC's legacy giving program. Every week new supporters tell me they include care for Pima County's animals in their wills, insurances, and IRAs. These funds represent the entirety of a person's life efforts and hard work, and the fact that so many want to



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dedicate them to creating a better life for the pets in our community is truly moving.

Such gifts have the potential to be profoundly transformational, allowing Friends of PACC and PACC to enhance and implement projects that improve animal welfare across our entire County—touching thousands of lives both four-legged and two-legged.

People from all over Pima County see value in the lives of our animal companions and in the joy they bring, in the hope they inspire, and in the many other ways animals enhance the quality of our lives.

Thank you to all our Friends who are rising to the challenges—both the daily challenge at the shelter and transforming animal welfare in Pima County.



Friends of PACC Staff Spotlight: Robyn Vanderburg

Tell us who you are?

My name is Robyn Vanderburg and my title is Cat Care Technician, under the supervision of the clinic. I work the first half of the week, and I have a partner who works the second half of the week.

What do you do?

I like to think of the position as a "cat nurse." We are the eyes for the vets, recognizing illness and abnormalities. We do physical and behavior evaluations, provide

daily treatments, and use protocols to order meds and give those meds. We spend a lot of our day weighing cats and giving anorexia protocol to avoid weight loss and hepatitis lipidosis. We coordinate with other departments to advocate for the best live outcome for each cat. Most importantly, we are "the consistency" in a scary place and provide support.

How long have you been with Friends of PACC?

FoP has employed me for just

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PAW SAVE STORY: Andromeda

Andromeda came in around the beginning of January with her entire bottom jaw hanging down; this made it impossible for her to eat normally—as food would fall out. It is unknown as to what could have caused this injury.

Typically, at PACC, with a jaw fracture, they do what's called a "tape muzzle," using tape to keep the mouth shut, but in her case, that wouldn't have worked—due to the severity of her fractures.

Other surgeries would be wir-

ing the jaw closed and installing a feeding tube. Feeding tubes are brutal to maintain and are typically only done with cats at PACC. Since the procedure couldn't be done in-house at PACC—due to the severity of the injury—a team of dedicated PACC staff got to making calls to find an off-site veterinarian for Andromeda.

She now has an external fixator with pins to attach to so that the bottom jaw moves as one and keeps the mandibular bones from

moving apart.

It will be a long recovery for Andromeda, but anyone who has met this brave pup knows there is every reason for hope. Andromeda has been a great sport through the whole process and her foster knows once healed, Andromeda will live a happy life in her future forever home.

With amazing support, from donors like you, Friends of PACC was able to pay for Andromeda's medical care.