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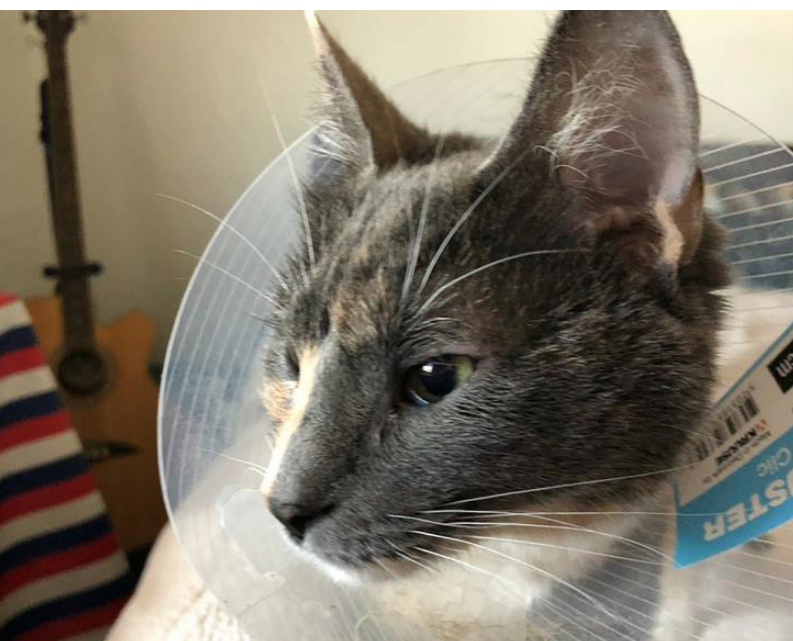
# Happy Tails

## Summer 2018

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



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### Pet Spotlight

#### Patches the Cat

When Patches arrived at Pima Animal Care Center, her eyelashes were growing into her eyes—a painful condition that made it nearly impossible for her to see. Friends of PACC teamed up with No Kill Pima County, to get Patches the critical care she needed. Patches underwent a special cryogenic procedure to remove her eyelashes. With the care of a loving adopter and incredible support from friends like you, Patches now spends her days relaxing beside her new family's indoor fireplace. Friends of PACC is dedicated to helping pets like Patches get the special care they need. **Thank you for investing in these precious lives!** 🐾

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### Your Love Saves Lives! A Comprehensive Campaign for Lifesaving Programs

If only our pets could thank you, they would say:  
*Thanks for saving my life!*

You've given our community's pets a voice and that **extra degree of love that saves lives**—every single day.

Every month **thousands of pets arrive at the shelter** or are at risk in the community. It's remarkable that **so many of the 16,000 pets that enter the shelter each year from throughout Pima County** can be cared for, protected, and in many cases healed.

While PACC's new voter-approved shelter provides a suitable space, we must **rely on private charitable support to sustain the pilot programs that have helped bring the save rate to nearly 90%**.

Programs like the pet support hotline that provides solutions and resources to help families keep their pets safe and at home. Last month, **over 8,000 callers were served!**

**Simply stated, we need your continued help to sustain this progress and save even more lives.** That's why I hope you will give to the **Your Love Saves Lives!** campaign.

Last spring, the Friends of PACC began to imagine what could be accomplished with a strong financial base to sustain these pilot programs for another two years. With the right funding we could save many more lives. *(Read more on page 2)*

### Ride with the PACC in the 2018 El Tour de Tucson

Pedal for pets in the El Tour de Tucson to help us raise critical funding! Dedicated dog-walking volunteers Ursula Schwarz and Jerry Rosen helped Friends of PACC start our very first El Tour de Tucson team, and we're looking for riders of all ages and abilities to join the pack! *(Read more on page 2)*





It is time to broaden our appeal to the entire community and announce **Your Love Saves Lives!** Our goal is to raise \$900,000 in the next six months.

Please join us in this exciting effort with a donation to Friends. **Your campaign gift is the essential key to reducing euthanasia, sustaining the programs that have helped bring PACC's save rate to almost 90%, and saving even more lost, injured, and vulnerable pets.**

Our community's pets still need you.

And to thank you for your campaign gift, the donor recognition plan for "Your Love Saves Lives!" is truly special. **All campaign gifts and three-year pledges of \$5,000 or more can be recognized in one of the beautiful new spaces at PACC.**

If you would like more information on our campaign for lifesaving programs **Your Love Saves Lives!**, please contact the Friends at (520) 724-5947 or [jennifer@friendsofpacc.org](mailto:jennifer@friendsofpacc.org).

On behalf of our community's pets, thank you.

Best wishes,

Jennifer Camano, CFRE  
Executive Director

**PS:** Our office can answer any of your questions, as well as assist you with campaign gifts and pledges, donations of stock or real estate, and/or gifts from your IRA, retirement fund, or donor advised fund. 🐾



*(Your Love Saves Lives continued from page 1)*

With the generous support of our donors we could...

- 🐾 **Increase PACC's medical staff and purchase essential medical supplies** and medications so PACC veterinarians can care for all savable pets.
  - 🐾 **Expand PACC's Community Support Services** to protect vulnerable pets, and give owners, fosters, and adopters the resources they need to provide compassionate care as a pet guardian.
  - 🐾 **Enhance PACC's Foster and Adoption Programs** so that the most at-risk pets can be saved and find loving adoptive and foster homes or rescue placements.
  - 🐾 **Bolster PACC's programs for shelter cats**, including systematic medical monitoring, enrichment, and specialized placement for non-social cats.
- ... and so much more.**

We began by talking to community leaders and gathering support to turn this vision for sustained programming into a reality. **Our plans grew into the \$5 million campaign called Your Love Saves Lives!**

Next, our volunteers began to raise the funds. New campaign contributions for programs added to the generous, ongoing support from our loyal monthly and online donors **have so far amounted to \$4.1 million – just over 80% of our goal!**



## Love for Today and Tomorrow By Neill Freeman

Neill and Nita Freeman are living a legacy of love and compassion in their support of Pima Animal Care Center. Neill shared a bit about the story behind his gift, below.

We have both worked long and hard for many years, and God has blessed us with wonderful children and a succession of wonderful dogs.

We decided to give back for all the love and fulfillment the dogs have provided – to pay it forward. Instead of leaving something to Friends of PACC in our will, we said 'Why not give today?' That way, we can meet the dire need and really get to appreciate the results of our gift.

So, we've made a contribution to Friends of PACC that has played a small part in the staffing and facilities you see here today, and we are told that a fourth vet has been identified to join Dr. Wilcox, Dr. Rios, and Dr. Wesley, so the gift continues its magic.

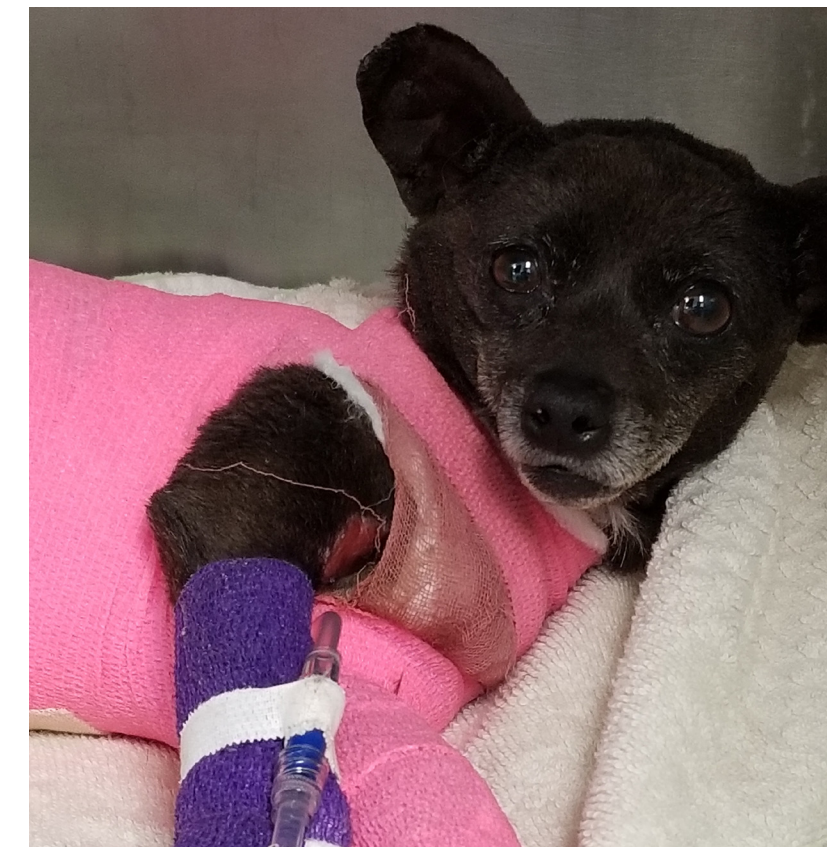
We'd love for other donors to view this as another of our challenges and ask themselves – why not give today? 🐾

## Lovely's Legacy of Compassion

Lovely came to PACC after her owner intentionally doused her in gasoline and set her on fire. Over 50% of her body was burned. The community rallied to send her to a specialty vet and give her the best chance at life, but unfortunately, Lovely passed from cardiac arrest a few days after arriving at the new vet. Knowing that she is now pain free is only a small comfort to the vets, staff, and community members who cared for her so deeply.

While Lovely's case was extreme, the Animal Protection Officers at PACC **get over 200 calls per month to investigate possible neglect, abuse, and cruelty.** PACC will continue to answer the call, in every case, or every animal.

Donations to #SaveLovely have been used to start the Lovely's Fund for Neglected and Abused Pets. Lovely's Fund will help ensure that animals suffering from extreme abuse and neglect face no financial barriers to the best care possible. **Please share her story with #LovelysLegacy.** 🐾





## PetSmart Charities Cares About PACC Pets

PetSmart Charities, longtime supporters of Pima Animal Care Center, has made a tremendous difference in the lives of pets in need. With grants and in-kind gifts totaling over one million dollars, PetSmart Charities has donated dog food, bolstered PACC’s adoption programming (including a van to transport animals to events), provided emergency relief for hoarding cases, and supported innovative pet intake and diversion to reduce shelter admissions—including funding of the Pet Support Hotline.

“We’re committed to supporting both ends of the leash—pets and their owners,” says Jenny Aho, regional relationship manager for PetSmart Charities, and that’s just what the Pet Support Hotline does. Trained Pet Support staff answer over 8,000 calls per month,

with over 80% of callers in distress. This grant-funded community hotline helps pet owners with access to resources such as referrals for affordable medical care and training, information on pet-friendly housing options, spay and neuter clinics, and help networking lost and found pets.

The Pet Support Hotline helps pets stay in their homes or find suitable placement. The resources provided through Pet Support keep over 25% of the animals intended for surrender, out of the shelter—meaning families are staying together and the shelter is taking in fewer animals.

Thanks to PetSmart Charities for investing in the people and pets of our community! 🐾

*(Ride with the PACC continued from page 1)*

Jerry and Ursula, both seasoned El Tour riders, are excited to connect their love of animals with their passion for cycling. “I love volunteering at PACC because of the incredible satisfaction I get knowing that I can make a difference in the lives of the homeless dogs. After 66 years, I believe I have determined my purpose in life,” says Jerry Rosen.

Ursula first came to PACC on the wheels of a bicycle when she encountered a stray on an evening training ride last year. After taking him to PACC, she wanted to follow his progress, and she started volunteering. He is the dog in the photo on her fundraising page! She says volunteering “is rewarding and sometimes sad, but knowing that the volunteers make such a difference in the animals’ lives makes it all worthwhile.”

### Come Ride with The PACC!

Pedal for pets in the El Tour de Tucson to help us raise critical funding! We’re looking for riders of all ages and abilities to join the pack.

To ride for Friends of Pima Animal Care Center in the 2018 El Tour de Tucson, all Cyclists must have a fundraising goal of \$250 or more. Raise the minimum of \$250 and receive free entry to ride in El Tour!\* See all benefits on the application at [www.friendsofpacc.org](http://www.friendsofpacc.org).

### To Register...

1. Go to [www.friendsofpacc.org](http://www.friendsofpacc.org) to download the application.
2. Email your application to [sara@friendsofpacc.org](mailto:sara@friendsofpacc.org) or snail mail to P.O. Box 85370, Tucson, AZ 85754.
3. Watch your email inbox for a confirmation link and invitation to create an individual fundraising page.
4. Create your fundraising page once you’ve received your confirmation and instructions and share your story with all of your friends!

### Important Notes...

- 🐾 Registration closes on October 31, 2018. Absolutely no refunds.
- 🐾 If you wish to register after November 3, 2018 you will need to register with Perimeter Bicycling.

Email [Sara@FriendsofPACC.org](mailto:Sara@FriendsofPACC.org) with any questions or for more information.

\* Entry fees paid to Friends of Pima Animal Care Center are not tax deductible. Donations paid to Friends of Pima Animal Care Center may be tax deductible as allowable by the I.R.S. 🐾





## Pawprints: Notes from PACC's Director

By Kristen Auerbach

With your help, we're making PACC a true safety net for lost, abandoned, neglected, and abused pets, affording them lifesaving care as well as love, exercise, and affection. Your support is critical to ensuring our team can save those pets most at risk, including orphaned kittens and puppies, geriatric pets, dogs and cats with broken bones, and pets with treatable illnesses. PACC is the only open-admissions shelter in Pima County, which means we never turn away an animal in need. When you give to this campaign, you can be sure your dollars are going directly to save the lives of local pets. We are proudly saving nearly 90% of the animals who come into PACC and with your help, we can save even more. For our cats, dogs, puppies, and kittens with the greatest needs, you are their lifeline, and your gift is their second chance. 🐾

## Maddie's® Apprenticeship Program



Thanks to Maddie, rescue and shelter workers came from all over the country to learn from Pima Animal Care Center's progressive, nationally-renowned team. During the Maddie's® Medium and Large Adult Dog Foster Apprenticeship, participants learned how to create and/or expand the fostering program at their shelter, how to market fostered pets for adoption, and ways to get their communities more involved.

"Ultimately, we want to empower animal rescue organizations to make their foster programs successful. Something as simple as taking a dog out of the shelter overnight can work wonders for their behavior and, ultimately, their adoptability, too," said Kristen Auerbach, Director of PACC.

In addition to the invaluable programming from Maddie's Fund®, participants also toured PACC, met with staff, and learned about many of PACC's own life-saving programs. Tanna Riggs from Utah Valley Animal Rescue in Spanish Fork, Utah, was particularly interested in the PACC foster program that pairs orphaned kittens with memory care center residents, saying that the program could be game-changing for her shelter.

Thanks to Maddie's Fund®, a \$60,000 grant has empowered twenty-four communities this year! 🐾



## Be a Lifesaver

There are lots of ways to share your love and save lives!

**Donate:** Make an investment in the lives of PACC pets by giving a gift at [www.friendsofpacc.org](http://www.friendsofpacc.org). Your donations go directly to the animals that need that extra bit of love through PACC's transformative programming.

**Volunteer:** PACC is always in need of volunteers to walk dogs, socialize cats, work in the clinic, and much more! Be a part of the team that makes a difference in the lives of animals every day.

**Share:** Spread the good news about the new PACC and its lifesaving work via social media using #FriendsofPACC and #YourLoveSavesLives. Tell the world you support animals in need!

Join our campaign today and become a vital part of history in the making. It's only with your support that PACC can continue saving the lives of homeless pets. 🐾



## Friendship Tip: Be a Friend to Orphaned Kittens

Here we are at the beginning of kitten season! In our warm climate, kittens can be born at any time of the year, but there is always an abundance starting in spring and lasting well into fall. During this time, orphaned kittens are brought to PACC almost daily. While they range in age from a few days to several weeks, these tiny guys and gals require a lot of loving care.

When you find a kitten all alone, be sure to step back for a moment and watch the area from a distance. There's a chance that the mother cat could return. If the kitten is in obvious distress, (such as being wounded, lying in the middle of the road, etc.) go ahead and remove them from danger. Wrap them in a blanket or towel and put them inside of a carrier or box. Keep them warm and either take them to an emergency vet in your area or to Pima Animal Care Center

To learn more about fostering newborn kittens contact [pacc.foster@pima.gov](mailto:pacc.foster@pima.gov) 🐾

