

Happy Tails NEWSLETTER



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.

Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade: A Paws-itively Purr-fect Day!

Thousands gather for a heartwarming parade celebrating the furry, feathery, and scaly companions that brighten our lives!



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The 2023 Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade: Simply Un-furrgettable

The 2nd Annual Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade was a huge success on February 19th along the vibrant Historic 4th Avenue. Over 1,200 enthusiastic participants joined the parade, showcasing their beloved pets of all shapes and sizes—from dogs, cats, and rabbits to snakes, lizards, birds, goats, pigs, and so much more!

An impressive crowd



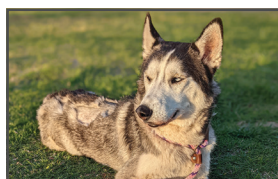
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A Parade participant walking with their cute pupper!

of 30,000 people gathered to cheer on the adorable participants and revel in the excitement

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A follow-up to our last Save Story. Read how Kolby is getting a second chance!

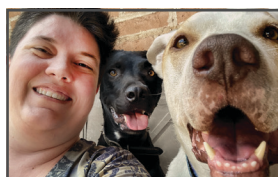
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Every pet deserves a second chance—will you be their second chance? They long for a loving family who will cherish them and give them a second chance. You could be the one to make their dreams come true!

Save More Lives, that is why we are all involved with PACC. That's why volunteers commit countless hours of help. That's why PACC staff work extreme, thankless shifts. That motivates Friends of PACC staff and Board to grow resources and public awareness. And that's why you provide us with your heartfelt and generous support.

Save more lives. It bonds us together for a shared purpose. Bonds of commonality are critically important in challenging situations. Situations like the one PACC currently faces as wave after wave of animals are flooding the Center. They are coming in as strays. They are coming from pet surrenders as families deal with economic hardships. They are coming as hoarding cases, as PACC looks to protect the well-being of animals. In some ways, we are the victims of our own success. PACC transformed into a safe haven for homeless pets,

making people more comfortable bringing animals to the Center. As we grew medical support, the result was that more animals live to need new homes. As we became more effective in saving animals from cruelty and neglect, it meant more animals to care for. The more lives we save, the more stress we put on the institution.

Save more lives. And given the choice—we would all do it again. We would provide that lifesaving surgery. We would save animals from abusive environments. We would remain committed to PACC being a place where animals get great care. And we would willingly accept the challenges that come with being so good at saving lives.

Save more lives. And then, we would find solutions to the new challenges together.

Friends of PACC is committed to helping identify and support these new solutions. If the result of saving so many more lives is even more work, then we'll

happily roll up our sleeves. And I'm confident you would agree. Friends of PACC is honored to be part of a community of volunteers, staff, and donors who continue to share that common goal—*Save more lives.*

If you'd like to help us save more lives, please visit www.friendsofpacc.org/donate



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**Torre Chisholm, Executive Director,
Friends of PACC.**

Kolby: The Husky That Got a Second Chance—Save Story Follow-up



Photo: R. Jablonski

Kolby with bandages on his paws.



Photo: R. Jablonski

Kolby's prosthetics, paid for by Friends of PACC.

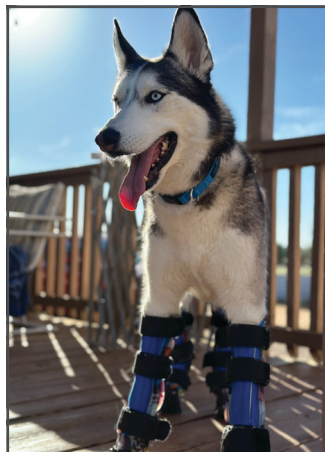


Photo: J. Hudgel

Kolby wearing his slick new prosthetics, finally!



Photo: J. Hudgel

Kolby living his best life with his new kicks.

In March 2022, Kolby, one of three huskies suffering from severe chemical burns on their feet, found refuge at PACC. Thanks to Friends of PACC, super volunteer Robin Jablonski, A Loyal Companion, and a specialized foster home, Kolby received the care needed to heal. This smart, goofy boy loves his people, food, and binge-watching shows as a couch potato. Although he gets along with cats and dogs, he may thrive better as the only dog

in the home.

Friends of PACC played a vital role in funding prosthetics for Kolby, significantly improving his mobility. By January 23rd, 2023, Kolby received his prosthetic fittings and made great progress, all due to generous donations. These life-changing interventions enable pets like Kolby to lead happy, healthy lives.

One of Kolby's fosters shares their experience: "Kolby has had his prosthetics for about a month,

and WOW! I had never seen him run around in the nine months I cared for him. Once he got comfortable in his prosthetics, he got the ZOOMIES! He enjoys running, jumping, going for walks, and playing with other dogs. Putting on his prosthetics is as easy as slipping on shoes. Kolby has been incredibly tolerant and loving with everyone. He truly deserved these prosthetics. Thank you to all his donors for giving him his legs—and life—back!" —Jordan H.

483 Cats Altered—in Two Days!

In February 2023, PACC successfully held a free spay and neuter event called Snip 'N' Tip for community cats. The program was part of the Community Cat TNR Program in Pima County, which aims to reduce the number of homeless cats humanely and effectively. It was open to outdoor community cats and kittens living in Pima County who had committed caretakers to monitor them after surgery.



Photo: PACC Staff

A Pima County cat waiting to be altered.

During the Snip 'N' Tip event, cats received various medical

treatments, including vaccinations, parasite treatment, and microchip implantation, and were returned to their neighborhoods after the procedure. The event was made possible by Friends of PACC, Petco Love, Spay and Neuter Solutions, Bonnie Kay, and a small group of wonderful donors. Overall, the event was a success, and it helped improve the health of cats and prevent future generations of kittens from being born outside.

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Photo: M. Kloth

All pets were invited to participate.



Photo: BG Boyd

Approx. 30,000 were in attendance.



Photo: M. Kloth

Pets of all abilities are invited.

ment of the day. TV stations FOX11 and MY18 were on hand to capture the fun, rebroadcasting the event four times for everyone to enjoy.

But the festivities didn't stop there! After the Parade, the 4 Legs on 4th Festival featured a bustling vendor fair, a lively FunZone packed with kid-friendly activities, and lively live entertainment on the TFCU Stage, thanks to Arizona Music Connection.

The HSL Properties Adoption Extravaganza was a highlight of the event. As a result of the collaboration between PACC and other local rescue partners, 11 adoptions took place.

It was an unforgettable day for PACC, Friends of PACC, and the entire pet-loving community. A huge thank you to everyone who

came out to support and join in the fun! If you would like to walk with your pet in the next Parade, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram, or subscribe to Friends of PACC emails.

Congratulations to the following Parade honorees:
Top Fundraising Team: A Loyal Companion; Top Fundraising Individual: John Goordman; Best Pet-Themed Float, presented by UA College of Veterinary Medicine: Better Business Bureau; FOX 11 Co-Princesses of the Parade: Yoshi the bearded dragon with Joanna Grijalva and Moons with Melissa Stevens; Miss Pin-up of the PACC: Vixen VonRaven; 50/50 Drawing Winner: Alex Verdugo; Parade Grand Marshal: Supervisor Sharon Bronson; Dog Grand Marshal: Brook Mockler with Katherine Mockler; Cat Grand Marshal: Pepper with Stepha-

nia Falcon.

Thank you to the sponsors and Parade participants that helped make the 2023 Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade possible:

Tucson Subaru, Raising Canes, Central Pet, Copper Dog Whisky, Tucson Federal Credit Union, TEP, HSL Properties, Tucson International Airport, BBB, Comcast, UA College of Vet Medicine, Saguaro Solar, TMC Health, Sunlink, 4th Ave Merchant Assoc., iHeartMedia, AZ Daily Star, Fox11/My18, Tucson Comic-Con, Tucson Dog Magazine, Arizona Music Connection, Republic Services, and Thriveworks, Parade commentators: KOLD News 13 Chief Meteorologist Erin Christiansen and Former PACC Director José Ocaño.

For pictures of the event, visit facebook.com/PACCfriends, or instagram.com/petsofpimaparade.



Photo: PACC Staff

Shari Mollencopf, helping to feed a PACC dog.

Friends of PACC Staff Spotlight: Shari Mollencopf CON'T

In this edition, we highlight Shari M., a PACC volunteer turned Friends of PACC Staff, who has shown much dedication to the pets and the community. Shari has played a key role in PACC's Outreach Program. After retiring, Shari knew she still wanted to work with the community and the people. She got

involved with the PACC Outreach Program and has since helped the program grow to serve 500 families a week at three locations. The project relies on donations and the support of Greater Good Charities, Friends of PACC, and the community.

Shari's favorite part about volunteering at PACC is being out



Photo: M.Kloth



SAVE STORY: Moose

We are excited to share the heartwarming story of Moose, a lovable 6-month-old puppy who captured the hearts of everyone at PACC and at our recent Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade.

Found without a family and facing increasingly severe paralysis in his hind legs, Moose's chances of finding a loving home seemed slim. However, with the help of Friends of PACC and our generous supporters, Moose's life took a turn for the better.

The Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade, held on Sunday,

February 19, 2023, played a crucial role in Moose's journey as a team was created for him, and community members were invited to walk on "Team Moose" by donating to his "team." By participating in the event, Friends of PACC and our community came together to raise funds for Moose's costly medical treatment. Thanks to the overwhelming support, Moose received the necessary care to improve his mobility and boost his chances of finding a forever family.

Moose's story is a testament

to the power of our community and the incredible impact Friends of PACC can make in the lives of animals in need.

As we celebrate Moose's success, we extend our deepest gratitude to all our supporters for their continued dedication to our cause. Your generosity truly changes the lives of pets in need in Pima County.

If you'd like to continue to help PACC pets, please donate via the enclosed donation envelope or visit friendsofpacc.org and click on the "Donate Today" button.



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in the community and helping to keep pets safe and fed with their families. Her mission is to keep every pet with their family and out of the shelter by giving them the support they need. During her time as a volunteer, Shari saw a growing need for pet assistance due to the economy. The Out-

reach Program allows PACC to assist the community by providing food and pet supplies and offering resources when medical help is needed.

The dedicated volunteers who support the Outreach Program make it all possible. Every week, they have a "Fill the Pantry Day,"

where volunteers fill gallon-size bags to hand out. Shari could not do it without them and is eager to expand the project to make an even bigger impact.

If you would like to help save more pets and keep more families in Pima County together, please visit friendsofpacc.org/donate.

Meet the New Additions to our Dream Team: Yvette and Dave!

Drumroll, please...We are excited to introduce the newest additions to our dream team: Yvette and Dave! We recently welcomed Yvette as our executive administrator and Dave as our finance manager, and we couldn't be happier to have them both on board with us.

Yvette is a Tucson native, born and raised in the city she loves. With over 10 years of experience as a medical assistant, Yvette has always had a passion for caring for patients and their furry companions. She started volunteering with Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) a decade ago and quickly fell in love with the work they do. Yvette has worked in PACC's clinic and outreach program, helping

families in need with their pets. She has also worked with Central Pet in PACC's local store, where she witnessed countless furry friends being adopted into loving

to escape the harsh winters of southern New Hampshire. With a background in finance and accounting, Dave has worked with numerous non-profit and for-profit

organizations in the Tucson area. His passion for financial management is driven by his desire to ensure that his clients have accurate financial data to help them serve their mission and clients better. Dave is also a proud pet parent and adopted his senior



Yvette Somoza with her dog, Cha-Cha.



Dave Picard with his dog, Buddy.

homes. Yvette has even fostered and adopted five furry friends of her own from PACC! She is thrilled to be a part of an organization that makes such a positive impact in her hometown.

Dave, came to Tucson in 2014

papillon mix, Buddy, from PACC in 2019. Buddy, who is now 17 years old, is living his best life with Dave. Dave is excited to join Friends of PACC and contribute to their mission of providing forever homes and services to the pets at PACC.

We are beyond excited to have Yvette and Dave as part of our team. Their experience, passion, and love for animals will be invaluable in helping us continue to make a difference in our community. We look forward to seeing the amazing contributions they will make in their respective roles here at Friends of PACC.

As we welcome Yvette and Dave, we want to remind everyone

of the importance of supporting local animal shelters like PACC. They provide much-needed care and services to pets in need, and their work wouldn't be possible without the support of our community. So, the next time you're looking for a furry friend, consider adopting from PACC.

To see all the adoptable dogs and cats in the shelter, please visit pima.gov/adopt

Volunteer Spotlight



Photo: S. Hegmann

Sarah Hegmann with her pups.

A New Way to Donate: Travels with Buck!



Photo: Buck's Automotive Staff

Buck in Paris, admiring the Mona Lisa at the Louvre.



Photo: Buck's Automotive Staff

Buck in the French Quarter, New Orleans.

Buck's Automotive has come up with a delightful way to support PACC animals while having a blast. Picture this: you, your family, and your very own Buck stuffed dog, hitting the road together and capturing memories in the form of adorable photos. It's time to let your inner photographer shine and explore new destinations with your trusty canine companion, Buck!

For every Buck photo you snap during your travels and email to buck@bucksautomotive.com, the repair shop will generously donate to Friends of PACC. Not only

will you be creating cherished memories with your loved ones, but you'll also be contributing to a fantastic cause! And let us tell you, Buck has already been to some incredible places—from sunny beaches to snowy mountaintops, and bustling cities to serene nature reserves.

Join the "Travels with Buck" journey, and let's explore this amazing world together, all while giving back to our beloved four-legged friends in need. So what are you waiting for? Grab your Buck stuffed dog and let the adventures begin!

We are excited to feature Sarah Hegmann, who has been making a difference in the lives of animals at PACC. Sarah's journey started when she lost her beloved dog, Oshie, in 2020, and felt the need to give back some of the love that her furry companion had given. Sarah was impressed by the caring community at PACC and has been grateful to have the chance to volunteer.

Sarah's favorite part of volunteering at PACC is the opportunity to help in a variety of ways. From taking pup portraits to social media work, from administering medication to supporting stressed-out dogs, there is always a meaningful way to help out. Sarah has also found joy in getting to know the dogs she draws, each with their unique personalities and stories.

One of the most urgent needs at PACC, according to Sarah, is for dog walkers. Sarah hopes to leave a lasting impact through her creativity and alternative ways of support. We are so grateful to have Sarah Hegmann's talents and a passion for animal welfare.

If you'd like to buy some of Sarah's amazing and beautiful art, and support FoP, please visit finnsfundshop.threadless.com



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT: **Monica Dangler**

In these unprecedented times in animal sheltering, we rely on Friends of PACC and the kindness of donors like yourself more than ever. Thanks to our community's support, we are able to continually expand and grow our services.

This year alone, we have been able to keep more than 1200 pets with their families. FOP support of programs like the Safety Net foster program and Keeping Families Together Fund help keep animals in their homes, while continued support of necessary items and medical care for the animals in the shelter help improve and even reduce the amount of time they

spend in the shelter.

Also thanks to you, Friends of PACC was able to provide shelter medicine experts' recommended antibiotic to treat the recent Strep Zoo outbreak, saving countless lives across the shelter.

Seeing the community support Friends of PACC and PACC through events like the Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade is a continually humbling experience, and I know I speak for every staff member and volunteer at PACC when I say Thank You.

Monica Dangler is the Director of PACC. For more information on available pets and services, visit pima.gov/animalcare.



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