

PIMA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE newsletter

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Help kick off our 5,000-pet Summer adoption challenge!

June 1 is going to be a full-on Furball Fiesta to kick off our ASPCA \$100K Challenge!

We'll have a Zumbathon with live drumming, a community dog walk, a pep rally, entertainment from mariachi and folklorico artists. There will be adoption specials on all of our great pets!

It promises to be more fun than anything else happening on June 1!

We've picked June 1 because it's the first day of our Summer push to find homes for 5,000 pets by August 31.

Mark your calendars and come on down to the shelter at 4000 N. Silverbell Road.

We'll be starting early to beat the heat, so it's a great way to get your



exercise in and support a great cause. To make a good thing even better, it's all free!

Zumba fans will be shaking their tails for shelter pets from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., compliments of our sponsor, Tucson Medical Center.

The dog walk starts at 8 a.m. through 10 a.m. After that, there will be a pep rally with mariachi and folklorico entertainment.

We'll also be premiering our newly produced adoption video!

We hope to see you at the Fiesta!



Print and post our flyer on page 6!



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community for
people and pets!**



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LEFT- Lawakua as a puppy, and two years later after being reunited with her family.

RIGHT- The Ralstons are once again a complete family.

After Two Years Lost, Lawakua Comes Home

A much-loved pet has been returned to her family thanks to a Good Samaritan, a microchip and Pima Animal Care Center! We return hundreds of lost pets to their families each year, but some reunions – like Lawakua’s – are sweeter than others.

On a recent Monday, a motorist saw a large Rottweiler running down the middle of Valencia with a heavy, 20-foot-long chain tied to her neck. When he pulled over, she hopped into his car. He drove her to Pima Animal Care, where our staff scanned her and found a microchip registered to Chanti and Francisco Ralston – who’d reported her stolen from their yard two years ago!

“We are so happy to have her back home and in our lives again,” Chanti tells us. “She immediately started doing all the quirky things she used to do and we’re just like ‘Yup, that’s our dog alright.’”

Lawakua is now living with Chevy, a big, happy pitbull from Pima Animal Care, and they’re getting along famously.

“We are so happy to have her in our family again, and so thankful for PACC, 24PetWatch (the microchip company), and the man who brought her in,” Chanti says.

“There was always a little bit of hope knowing that she could come home to us one day because she was microchipped. Without the microchip, we would not have got her back. Thank you all again!”

Hooray for the power of microchipping and for Lawakua never having to be chained again!



Our Summer Shelter Wishlist

On your next shopping trip, please think of our homeless pets! As our community’s only open-admission shelter, we take in nearly 24,000 pets a year. You can help us save them by donating:

- Canned cat and dog food (pâté style, please)
- Kitten and puppy milk replacer
- Small litter pans for tiny kittens, and non-clumping cat litter
- KONG toys for our dogs and smooth peanut butter to stuff them with
- Large crates for nursing mother pets and their babies
- Towels and blankets without stuffing

You can also shop on our Amazon Wishlist, and have life-saving products mailed right to our doors:

<http://bit.ly/ShopForPACCPets>.

If you have questions, call our Development Office at **243-5984** or email karen.hollish@pima.gov.

FRIENDS OF THE FURRY



Tail Wags and Kitten Kisses to our community partners who helped our pets in April!

Tucson Electric Power helped us build dog beds, created mobiles for our cats, built a bridge between our clinic and administrative trailer AND took our dogs out for some fun in the park.

Thanks to all our generous community partners:

Arizona Daily Star and Northwest Explorer
Arizona Lotus Corporation, KFMA and KLPX
ASPCA
Bashas' Supermarket at Cortaro and Thornydale
Best Friends Animal Society
Bill Buckmaster Show and
1030 KVOI The Voice
Carrington College Veterinary Assisting Program
Community Foundation for Southern Arizona
Carl Oberg, DVM
Desert Dawg Sports Club
Found Animals Registry
Flight Safety International
Hale Pet Door
Loews Ventana Canyon Resort
Northwest Pet Clinic and Dr. Erin O'Donnell, DVM
No-Kill Pima County
Petfinder Foundation
PetSmart Charities
Petco Foundation
Raytheon
Town of Oro Valley
Tucson Electric Power
Tucson High School's Animal Rescue Group
Tucson Food Truck Roundup
Tucson Musical Canine Freestyle Club
Tucson Ruff Runners
Westin La Paloma

Sheriff's Department staff walks dogs, cuddles cats



TOP RIGHT- Chief Deputy Chris Nanos gets some lovin' from Cuddles.

CENTER- Sheriff Clarence Dupnik hugs Silly Sauce, his admirer.

BELOW- 204 dog walkers showed up for some exercise and fresh air.

The Pima County Sheriff's Department showed up in full force on April 27 to give our animals some much needed exercise and human contact.

More than 200 Sheriff's Department employees and their family members participated in a Community Dog Walk and Cat Cuddle. The shelter was closed to the public for deep cleaning the day of the event. Seven animals were adopted that day!

A big thank you to all who participated! If your organization wants to get in on the fun, contact Development Director Karen Hollish at 243-5984 or by email at karen.hollish@pima.gov.

Community, business leaders: Be our Challenge Champions!

This June through August, Pima Animal Care Center will be competing against 49 shelters from across the country in the ASPCA Challenge to see who can save more lives than ever before!

We'll need the community's help to find homes for 5,000 pets – and business partnerships in particular make the world of difference.

Here are some ways you can be a Challenge Champion for the nearly 24,000 homeless pets we take in each year:

- Post one of our Furball Fiesta flyers in your store or leave them out for customers;
- Distribute our adoption coupons to customers with their purchase;
- Share the news on Facebook (and like us while you're at it! [facebook.com/PimaAnimalCare](https://www.facebook.com/PimaAnimalCare))
- Sponsor adoptions at the shelter for just a few hours or a whole day;
- Donate a gift card to adopters who bring home a new pet, or to Pima Animal Care Center.

Our Development Director, Karen Hollish, would be thrilled to discuss corporate partnership ideas. Reach her at 243-5984 or karen.hollish@pima.gov.

May Adoption Events



May 3 La Encantada Shopping Center

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

May 3 Arizona Feed Country Store Spring Expo, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

May 4 Pura Vida 2nd Annual 5k Run/Walk at the U of A Mall.

Run/walk starts at 9:15 a.m. Adoptions at the event.

May 10 Steam Pump Ranch Farmers Market and Family fun day. 8 a.m. - noon

May 10 Petco

22nd & Harrison 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

May 17 PetSmart Oro Valley

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

May 19 Meet me at Maynards

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

May 31 Ace Hardware Rita Ranch

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

May Adoption Specials

Since April showers bring May flowers, adopters can pick a flower out of a pot to see if they might qualify for an additional discount off our regular adoption fee of \$30!

During the week of May 9th, all of our cats will be only \$9! Plus, we'll be waiving adoption fees on Mother's Day and we'll be offering free adoptions the week of Memorial Day for all current military or veterans!

A standard licensing fee of \$15 applies to all adult dogs.





Shelter vet team serves injured animals

Their treatment room is just 600 square feet, modern equipment is scarce, and it was their day off, but our shelter vet Dr. Jennifer Wilcox and her team STILL performed a dozen life-saving surgeries on a recent Saturday.

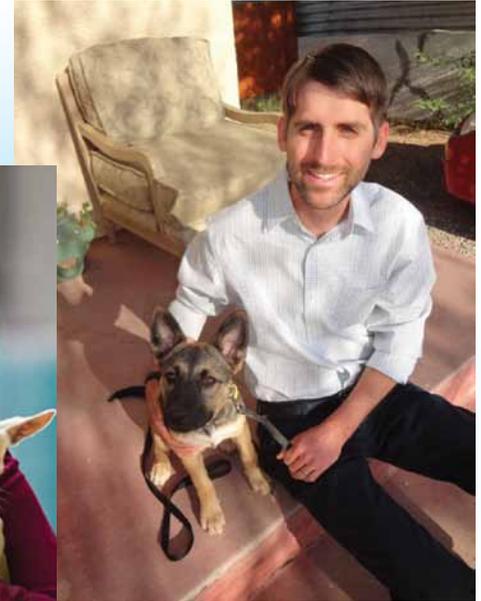
From treating a senior dog with a large tumor to helping a cat in dire need of dental work, our team gave these animals a second chance at happiness.

Cheerio the Chihuahua (ABOVE) was treated that day for a badly fractured pelvis and leg. He was adopted days later, getting along just fine on three legs.

His pet-mom reports that he's rapidly healing, he has made friends with her other dogs, and is sleeping in bed with her every night.

"He is just the sweetest dog in the world and he's very happy," she said.

Help pets like Cheerio by making a tax-deductible gift to our special needs medical fund at <http://bit.ly/HelpPimaPets>



Two new faces at our shelter

Our new development director and volunteer coordinator are ready to help Pima Animal Care Center keep building momentum!

Pima Animal Care Center has long relied on our volunteers and often turns to businesses and community organizations to help the 24,000 pets that come to us each year.

A big welcome to **Andrew Stocker**, who came to us from the Flagstaff Family Food Center, and will serve as liaison for our 700 volunteers. Stocker became interested in working at Pima Animal Care Center after adopting his new dog on Valentine's Day: Valentina Corazon, or Cora for short.

"As an animal *and* people person, I look forward to building relationships with the volunteers and staff at Pima Animal Care Center," Stocker said.

Karen Hollish, meanwhile, came to us from the Petfinder Foundation, a Tucson-based nonprofit that issues grants to adoption groups across North America. Prior to that, she was with the fundraising department for the Humane Society of Southern Arizona and volunteered at the Humane Society of St. Thomas in the Caribbean, which has a serious pet-overpopulation problem.

"I am so excited to be part of the transformation happening at Pima Animal Care," Hollish said. "We're in the midst of turning our County's only open-admission shelter into a truly progressive operation."

Fur Ball



June 1, 2014

**Come help us win the
ASPCA \$100K
Challenge
at our Kickoff Fiesta!**

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| 6 a.m. to
8 a.m. | Shake Your Tails for Shelter Pets at the
ZUMBATHON with live drumming!! |
| 8 a.m. to
10 a.m. | Community Dog Walk and Cat Cuddle
Event |
| 10 a.m. to
10:30 a.m. | Pet Pep Rally and Video Premiere |
| 10:30 a.m. to
11:30 a.m. | Folklorico & Mariachi Entertainment |

**There will be vendors, food trucks, games and
great adoption specials until 5 p.m.**



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at Sweetwater Drive**



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Pima Animal Care Center is competing this Summer with 49 Animal Shelters for a \$100K Prize for medicine and shelter improvements.