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Happy Holidays!

Keeping pets safe this holiday season

'Tis the season to be merry! Having your home decorated for the holidays is definitely cheerful, but may pose a few risks to your pets. Here are some helpful holiday hints to keep your home and your animals safe during this Christmas season.

- **Candles & Liquid Potpourri:** remember that holiday-scented candles and potpourri smell good to you AND your furry friends. Candles and liquid potpourri may be knocked over or licked, causing burns on the skin and/or mouth.
- **Snow Globes:** some imported snow globes may contain antifreeze, which contains a sweet-tasting toxic chemical called ethylene glycol. This chemical is extremely dangerous to animals and your veterinarian should be called immediately if you think that antifreeze has been ingested.
- **Holiday Plants:** Lillies, holly, mistletoe berries, poinsettia, and amaryllis are toxic to pets. Lillies are particularly dangerous to cats and may cause kidney failure with the ingestion of just a few leaves or petals.
- **Tinsel:** cats may be drawn to tinsel, which when eaten may cause a painful obstruction within the digestive tract.
- **Tree Tipping:** pets may try to climb or knock over trees to get to the ornaments or just for fun. Please safely anchor your tree to prevent falling hazards.
- **Edible Tree Ornaments:** edible ornaments entice pets to climb the tree, turning your tree into a falling hazard.
- **Glass Ornaments:** glass ornaments are attractive for pets to play with and chew. These ornaments are generally made of thin glass



that breaks easily which can cause cuts to your animal's skin, feet, and/or mouth.

- **Christmas Tree Lights:** Christmas tree lights may be pulled off and chewed on by your pet, causing risk of electrocution and/or electrical burns. It is recommended that only the upper limbs of the tree be lit to discourage pets from chewing on lights that are easily reachable.
- **Christmas gifts:** content and packaging of Christmas gifts need to be considered. Most Christmas gifts are not digestible and may cause obstruction if ingested.

Animals as Gifts

We recommend the giving of pets as gifts only to people who have expressed a sustained interest in owning one, and the ability to care for it responsibly. We also recommend that pets be obtained from animal shelters, rescue organizations, friends, family or responsible breeders—not from places where the source of the animal is unknown or untrusted.

If the recipient is under 12 years old, the child's parents should be ready and eager to assume care for the animal. If the gift is a surprise, the gift-giver should be aware of the recipient's lifestyle and schedule—enough to know that the recipient has the time and means to be a responsible owner.

The recipient's schedule should also be free enough to spend necessary time to help assure an easy transition into the home. This is especially important during the holidays and other busy times.

Nate Happy Tail



Nate was one of 123+ cats rescued by Pet Allies in August, 2021, and a little over a year later he was finally adopted. "Nate" was about 5 years old when he was rescued, & was checked out by the vet at Pet Allies along with all the other cats that were taken in. Unfortunately, the fact that he had breathing issues led people to shy away from adopting him, as he was considered a "special needs" cat. Being in the shelter & around other cats made him a bit anxious, which worsened his breathing issues. In May, 2022, Nate went to a foster home, which was so beneficial for him & where he was spoiled & loved on.

In a very serendipitous turn of events, the ladies who fostered "Nate" met a lady in their RV park who had read the articles about him in the White Mountain Independent & the Outdoors SW magazine. She said the articles brought her to tears & that she was interested in adopting him. Because she had a dog, she wanted to take "Nate" on a "sleepover" which is allowed by Pet Allies, so that introducing a new animal into an existing home with other animals can be monitored. And the dog said "YES!" After only 2 nights together, both animals started to play with each other & have since become "BFFs" as they were seen sleeping together. Nate truly was the "last cat standing" and it was thrilling to see such a happy ending to an unfortunate beginning to "Nate's" life.

THANK YOU!

From the smallest donation to the larger gifts, we appreciate the support. **YOU are Altering Lives.**



Ace Hardware and many individuals answered the call for food!

We also want to thank the good folks at PetSense in Show Low for keeping a donation box at the front of their store for their customers to contribute food, litter, toys and other items for the animals in need at Pet Allies.

Several dozen chew toys were donated to us by the fine folks at Nylabone. Look at those happy faces!

HUGE thank you to the members of the Venture In Computer Club who decided to retire their organization and sent Pet Allies a check for \$2,485. What a wonderful



gift and we surely appreciate the organization's members thinking of the animals in need at Pet Allies.

The awesome organizers of the popular Run to the Pines event donated \$1,000 from their proceeds to help animals in need. Thank you!



Cat LANDia Comes to a Close

Pet Allies held the drawing for the "Catlandia" raffle October 15th at the shelter at 1:30 p.m. If you



didn't attend, you missed out on the "kitty litter box" cake, Show Low TV filming the event, and just a general good time.

The Animal Control Officers from the Show Low Police Dept. were there, as they had been directly involved in rescuing the 123+ cats at Timberline RV Park in Show Low last August.

The winning ticket was drawn by Pet Allies supporter Jane Harris, with Executive Director RJ Owens overseeing the process.

And the winner is . . . Ms. Blue Thompson! She was contacted immediately after the event to be told she had won 40 acres of land in the Holbrook, AZ area.

Thank you to ALL who bought "Catlandia" raffle tickets over the past year - we sold a total of 919 tickets, netting a total of \$18,380 for the shelter. The cost to care for all of the cats was over \$51,000, and the money raised from the raffle helped offset this tremendous expense.



staff spotlight: **Christina Elenes**

Christina (“Chris”) Elenes joined the Pet Allies staff in August, 2022, after having recently moved to the Vernon, Arizona area from Norco, California. Chris previously worked at the Norco Animal Shelter in many capacities, starting as a volunteer at the age of 12. She was hired at the age of 15 as a kennel attendant/tech and eventually became an Animal Control Officer with them, where she was on call many times after hours.

Chris has always wanted to live in a small town, so she was very happy to find that Pet Allies had a position open when she was looking to make a move. Chris has volunteered at a wildlife sanctuary and has worked with everything from horses,



peacocks, birds, dogs, cats & more in her lifetime of helping animals. At one time, Chris fostered 30 kittens who were “bottle babies” in her home! Pet Allies is happy to have such an experienced & talented person working for the shelter.

PET ALLIES BEGINS WORKING WITH NAVAJO COUNTY **2 KENNELS AT PET ALLIES**

On November 1, 2022 Pet Allies began working with Navajo County to care for animals in 2 kennels at its shelter. There are 28 dog kennels and 12 cat kennels in the Pet Allies Animal Shelter. Pet Allies welcomes the opportunity to work with the County.

Pet Allies does not accept stray animals at the shelter but does partner with the City of Show Low and now with Navajo County to care for animals that officers bring to the shelter. Pet Allies also assists Snowflake/Taylor Animal Control *as shelter capacity allows.*

You can make a difference for stray animals that you encounter by

caring for them while you look for their owner or for a new home for those animals.

Shelters are struggling due to a slowdown in adoptions, as more animals are entering the shelters than are leaving them. Your help is greatly appreciated during this time. If you can foster an animal, call us at 928-537-8009.



To find out more ways on how you can support Pet Allies please contact RJ Owens
928-537-8009
or visit our website at www.PetAlliesAZ.org



It's no secret fostering save lives

By being a pet foster parent, you provide a temporary home for an animal prior to adoption. Fostering animals is a wonderful and personal way to contribute to saving homeless pets.

Why do animals need foster care?
There are several possible reasons:

- Foster care can help save an animal's life when a shelter is full.
- Some animals don't do well in a shelter environment because they are frightened or need a little extra care.
- Newborn animals that need to be nursed or bottle-fed usually need foster care.
- Some animals need time to recover from an illness or injury before adoption.

Whatever the reason, these animals need some extra love and care before they can be adopted. Providing foster care for a few days, weeks, or months can be a lifesaving gift for an animal.

If you want to do something to help the animals, fostering can be a flexible, fun and rewarding volunteer job. It's a great way to enjoy a pet if you are not in a position to make that lifetime commitment right now. Taking animals into your home, loving them, and then letting them go requires a special kind of person. Your role as a foster parent is to prepare the animal for adoption into a loving home. Interested? Call us!

Pet of the Month

Quill is an energetic boy with lots of love to give. He is 3¹/₂ years old and loves long walks, rides in the car, and playing with other dogs. He is very well-behaved and wants to please. He has a calm demeanor but he does not do well with cats or other small animals. Quill is neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. The adoption fee for Quill is \$75. Come on in and meet him today!



Yummy treats to pass the time

Want a fun way to get a little exercise? Come take a shelter dog out for a walk! We welcome and appreciate our dog walkers.

What do the many shelter dogs want for Christmas? Or for any time? Marrow bones! We know that people want those bones too and they cost more now than previously, and are harder to find. Malapai meat packing in Taylor (phone 928-536-7161) does have them very reasonably priced and will cut them to the size (2 to 3 inches) for shelter pets if you ask for that service. Safeway and Bashas also have the bones. The bones are frozen to take even longer to enjoy so the dogs have something to do while confined to their kennels on these cold winter days. Thanks in advance!



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