

Pet Allies

Shelter Happenings:

2026 brought its share of 'water-related' issues to the shelter! First, the shelter water pump failed. Big bill. Then, the hot water heater sprung a major leak (and since it was in a 'closet', we weren't aware of it until we received a very BIG water bill.) And, as things do come in three's – the shelter washing machine took a break - literally! Another big bill. Thanks to our generous donors, we were able to repair our washing machine. **We can't do it without you.**

Some of our long-term resident dogs – Bond, Abbey, Jager - found homes during 2025 and we couldn't be happier. We still have a few long-termers – Scruffy, Oogie and JJ, but we know they'll have a forever home soon - 2026 is their year! It has been for Sargent!



Clinic Happenings:

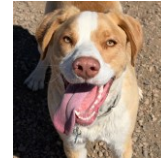
Our Spay/Neuter Clinic received a \$10,000 Arizona Pet Plates grant in January, enabling us to offer no-cost spay and neuter for up to 90 owned dogs and cats in our White Mountain community for pet owners in need. So far, we have spayed and neutered 24 dogs and 24 cats through March 31st. We've expended just over half of the funds and have until July 31st to expend the balance of the grant – only a few appointments remain. In addition, we have partnered with the Holbrook Animal Shelter to provide spays and neuters for pets of Holbrook residents, which will be paid for by their Pet Plates grant. We applaud Holbrook's spay/neuter efforts.

Last August, we partnered with the City of Show Low Pickleball Tournament and 'set up shop' for an offsite vaccination clinic for dogs at the pickleball grounds. We offered canine vaccinations for \$5 (Distemper/Parvo and Rabies) and microchips for \$25. We vaccinated 60 dogs! We plan on doing the same again this year, as well as some additional low-cost vaccination clinics for pets in our community. Future Vaccination Clinics will be announced on Facebook and our website (where you can also book your pet's spay or neuter!)



Featured Shelter Pet

Dog



Squiggy – Yep – he's that lovable character! His sisters Laverne and Shirley have already been adopted – now it's Squiggy's turn!

Important Announcements!

Thank you to all our donors for your thoughtful and generous donations on Arizona Gives Day! If you haven't donated already – it's never too late! Just click 'Donate' on our website.

Trap/Neuter/Return

We have many community members who are willing to participate in TNR for feral and community cats to prevent more homeless kittens. Spaying and neutering is the answer! We want to support TNR efforts; we just need the funds to do so. If you would be willing to donate to a TNR Fund, or need more information, please email pat@petalliesaz.org

More Important News

We couldn't do it without our Donors!

Thanks to very generous individual donors and companies –

The Clinic now has its own washer and dryer!

The dog play yard has undergone improvements!

The cat suite playroom door now has a window – to promote air flow as well as to watch the little scooters during playtime!

The Clinic has received a mobile dental station! (Now we just need dental x-ray equipment to enable us to do dentals properly!)

Future operations goals include:

A Cat Sleep and Play condo to properly house litters of kittens available for adoption during kitten season – we just don't have enough feline kennels. (Cost: \$9,000)

Dental x-ray equipment, which is necessary to provide appropriate dental care, not only to our shelter animals, but also to provide affordable dental care for pets in the community. We have the mobile dental unit, now all we need is the dental x-ray equipment to put it to good use! (Cost: \$16,000)

The Shelter Staff has grown!

We have a dedicated team of 3 canine caregivers – Joseph, our Canine Supervisor, and Kathie and Thomas, canine kennel team. A huge thank you to our dedicated dog walking volunteers!

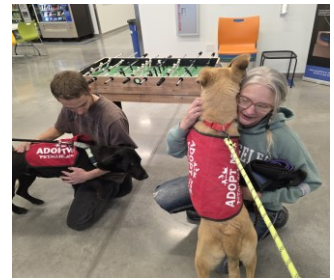
We now have a much-needed dedicated team of 2 feline caregivers – Heather, Lead Feline Caregiver, and Amber, support feline caregiver, and another huge thank you to our dedicated feline volunteers!

And now we have a very professional front desk receptionist -Stephanie!

Kibbles and Bits:

The Clinic provided 3,000 spays and neuters in 2025 – quite an achievement! Thank you, Dr. Curtis, Sherie, Lori, Amanda, Rhonda, Teresa, and our dedicated team of recovery volunteers!

The clinic now has a mural! A volunteer team of artists from the Art Alliance of the White Mountains donated their artistic talents and painted a pet-themed wall in clinic reception. Be sure to check it out!



In the Community

Good Neighbors!

Our good neighbors, the Amazon Distribution Center, held 'Puppy Days' on Monday March 23rd and Friday, March 27th. Can you guess who the 'pups' were? Our very own Pet Allies shelter pups!

Amazon employees donate their time and supplies whenever they can to help Pet Allies – and boy, do we appreciate it!

Thank you, Amazon team!

More 'In the Community'

On Thursday, March 26th, our Canine Supervisor, Joseph, was invited to present information about Pet Allies and what we do to the students of Sequoia Village Middle School. The presentation included career opportunities in animal welfare, the importance of preventing pet homelessness through spay and neuter, and a photo presentation of our current shelter animals.

Maybe some of these students will be next generation animal welfare professionals and pet owners!



Wrap Up!

We've all heard the saying it takes a village, and in animal welfare it often takes a whole lot more – sometimes a whole 'mountain'!

Our Spay/Neuter Clinic is open to anyone, from anywhere, and our donors and adopters come from everywhere!

While our Clinic, for the most part, is self-sustaining, it does rely on generous donors and donations to enable us, through our Surgery and Medication Fund, to offer special surgeries such as mass and tumor removal and some additional services such as vaccinations, pain medications, antibiotics at the time of spay/neuter that a pet owner would not otherwise be able to afford.

Our Shelter, on the other hand, is not self-sustaining – it's nearly impossible for any shelter to sustain itself without donations and adoptions, and very often a government sheltering contract. In addition to donations and adoption revenue, Pet Allies does have an agreement with the City of Show Low to provide sheltering for stray animals, animals that are 'holds of the court', bite quarantines, and safe-keeping for pets whose owners are temporarily unable to care for their pet due to an urgent medical situation. (That is why not all of the animals in the shelter are eventually available for adoption – sometimes they are returned to their owners.)

99% of the animals that enter the shelter are directly from the City of Show Low Animal Control or Police Department. The City sheltering agreement currently covers 23% of the shelter's operating costs for January 2026 through June 2026 - it was only 17% in 2025 - and we desperately need it to be at least 30-35% - it's only fair. The Shelter's operating costs are \$350,000.

Please support our efforts as we negotiate with the City of Show Low regarding a new sheltering agreement, to be effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Thank you.

The Pet Allies Board of Directors, Volunteers, Staff, and our precious shelter animals

Recent Adoptions!



Tina



Jacob



Sargent



Riley

