



Trailin' Tails

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Another Successful Year!

As we begin a New Year, we look back at 2014 and are proud of all that we have accomplished.

Once again we saw a decrease in the number of animals entering our shelters. In 2014, we took in 36,401 dogs and cats (3,681 fewer animals than 2013).

We found homes for 11,504 dogs and cats, which was 639 more animals than the previous year. An additional 11,551 animals were transferred to various rescue partners and 4,284 dogs and cats were reunited with their

owners.

The decrease in intake numbers and the increase in adoptions resulted in a 24%

decrease in euthanasia from 2013.

We look forward to more success in 2015!



Community Task Force Aims to Help Pets



The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors is committed to the care and well-being of the pet population within our community. A task force of citizens with diverse backgrounds is currently reviewing several areas of MCACC in order to develop productive, implementable recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The initial meeting of the task force was held October 28, 2014 and the group meets every two weeks. Three subcommittees were formed to focus on Process & Service, Budget & Finance and Outreach & Marketing.

If you'd like to review information presented to the Task Force, or send a comment, please visit www.citizensforpets.com.



Send Us Your Happy Tail!

Did you adopt a dog or cat from MCACC? We'd love to hear how they are doing. Send your stories and a photo to:

Public Information Office
MCACC
2500 S. 27th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85009

Or email: gablem@mail.maricopa.gov



Happy Tail

Greetings to the Staff at MCACC!

I just wanted to update you on the incredible American Bulldog/Boxer mix named Bernie that I adopted a couple weeks ago at your Animal Care and Control facility in Mesa.

He has been such a blessing and wonderful addition to our family. We have relocated to San Diego and he is loving it out here by the beach!

Again, thank you so much!

— Briana G.



Bernie and Briana

Happy Tail

Four-week-old Apollo had a rough start to his life. The tiny kitten was found living in poor conditions with more than 80 other cats in a home in Gilbert.

Apollo was one of only two kittens in the home and the adult cats were not socialized or highly adoptable. Shelter staff

realized it was imperative to get Apollo into a foster home immediately so that he could grow up to be a friendly, happy and well-adjusted cat.

While in foster care, Apollo interacted with other cats, dogs and children. The little kitten quickly learned to play and began living life as a

normal cat. Soon he was big enough to return to the shelter and go up for adoption.

His story was featured in the Arizona Republic and he was adopted immediately from MCACC's PetSmart Charities Everyday Adoption Center in Scottsdale.



Apollo

Providing Services to Pets of the Homeless



Fund, pets of the homeless received free spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchips, licenses, pet food, supplies and toys.

Foundation, several local businesses contributed to the event's success by hosting toy and food drives. Photographer Jill Richards donated her time and talents to capture the day on film.

As a result of the event, six dogs were spayed or neutered, 19 received rabies vaccinations, 11 pets were microchipped and licenses were issued to 17 dogs — all at no cost to the owners.

On December 14th, MCACC's Medical Outreach, Clinic and Field Enforcement Teams provided no-cost pet services to the pets of clients at the Human Services Campus in downtown Phoenix.

Tank, Fat Girl, Diamond, Cesar, Willy and Bella were just some of the pets who received services at no cost. Several pet owners told us they'd rather sleep on the street with their dog if they couldn't bring him/her inside the shelter with them.



Thanks to a generous donation from the Timothy T. Day Foundation's Lulu's

In addition to the Timothy T. Day

Halo Pet Products Donates Food

For the second year, MCACC was a recipient in the Halo Pet Products Kibble Drop. On December 8th, MCACC received a food donation large enough to provide 20,000 meals to the animals at the agency's East Valley Animal Care Center in Mesa. MCACC was one of two Valley rescue groups that received food through the Kibble Drop.

Halo Pet Products in conjunction with Freekibble.com and Greatergood.org have partnered to feed more than 1.5 million meals per year to shelters and animals rescue groups across the country.

Halo Pet Products is co-owned by animal lover, Ellen DeGeneres.



Uno por Uno Targets Maryvale



Waiting for Surgery

In October, MCACC partnered with the Cesar Chavez Foundation, La Campesina Radio, Friends of Animal Care & Control and the City of Phoenix to assist residents of Maryvale.

The Phoenix suburb made national headlines in February 2014 with reports of stray Chihuahuas

Phoenix has significantly more reports of stray dogs and the agency felt it was important to address the issue.

Throughout October, MCACC's Uno por Uno (Spanish for one by one) team visited Maryvale parks to provide free spay/neuter and rabies vaccination



Dr. Kit takes a break from surgery.

the 85031, 85033 and 85035 areas.

On October 25th, the largest spay/neuter event of the month took place at Sueño Park near 43rd Avenue and McDowell.

As a result of the extensive outreach efforts, 457 dogs and cats were spayed or neutered, 579 animals received vaccinations and 21 received microchips.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this worthwhile effort!



One of the grateful families who received services.

roaming city streets. MCACC statistics show that the area of west

services to pets of neighborhood residents. Seven events took place in

Friends of AC&C Hero Awards 2015



Save the Date!
February 28

Join us for one of the Valley's most beloved animal events! Friends of Animal Care & Control's Hero Awards honors dogs and cats who have acted to save the life of a person or another animal, performed invaluable services to their

community, or have overcome circumstances to survive against the odds.

Last year's event raised more than \$190,000 and helped fund MCACC's Spay Neuter Assistance Program.

The Hero Awards takes place on February 28th at the Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.azfriendsofanimals.org.

February is Pet Dental Month!



Just like us, our pets can get periodontal disease. According to the ASPCA, veterinarians estimate that 85% of dogs over five years of age suffer from periodontal disease. If plaque and tartar isn't removed from your dog's or cat's teeth, it can eventually lead to inflamed gums and possible infection.

The good news is that brushing your pet's teeth can help! Aim to brush Fido's teeth once a day or at the very least, several times a week. You will be amazed at the selection of dental brushes and tools available at your local pet supply store. If your pet doesn't like the toothbrush, there are small brushes that can fit onto the tip of your finger. If all else fails, try wrapping your finger with gauze. Don't use

human toothpaste to brush your pet's teeth — the fluoride in our toothpaste can make our pets ill. And remember, tartar control treats may help, but they shouldn't be used as a substitute for brushing!

To get started on the right paw, schedule an exam with your veterinarian today.

Group Raises \$50K for Spay/Neuter Efforts

On December 8th, The Power of One Good Deed (POGD), a not-for-profit, all-volunteer Valley organization, donated \$50,000 to fund spay/neuter surgeries of companion animals in Maricopa County.

The donation represents proceeds from 2014 POGD-sponsored events, including SNIFF 2014. The donation is

earmarked entirely to support MCACC's essential Spay/Neuter Assistance Program.

The POGD donation is a 67% increase from the previous year. SNIFF 2014 was held at Gainey Ranch Golf Club in November and hosted more than 250 guests. For more information, visit <http://www.sniffaz.org/>.



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Join MCACC at the Home Show in March

We've been selected as the Maricopa County Home & Garden Show benefactor for the March event. The spring Home & Garden show takes place March 6-8 at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale.

Anyone who donates at least two cans of new/unused, dog, cat, puppy or kitten food will be given one FREE admission ticket into the show. In order to receive your free ticket, you must bring your donation of at least two cans of pet food to Gate 2.

We'll be attending all three days with plenty of cute, adoptable animals. For more information, please visit www.mchomeshows.com.

MCACC Alum Hosts Toy Drive



Shelter Dogs Enjoy Donated Toys on Christmas Eve

The animals at our East Valley Animal Care Center received a special treat on Christmas Eve. After the shelter closed, MCACC volunteers and staff stayed late to give each animal a special meal of ground turkey and canned food.

To make the holiday even more special, each dog and cat was given a new toy.

Thanks to the generosity of Solutions Real Estate and MCACC alum, Calista the Pit Bull, hundreds of toys were collected for the Christmas Eve distribution.

Calista dropped off her donations (two car loads) of toys, food, bedding — making the holidays a little happier for those dogs and cats who didn't have a home.



Calista Dropping Off Gifts!

Chi Town Goes Mobile

On December 3rd, ten teeny Chihuahuas hit the road to attend MCACC's first Chi Town Ugly Holiday Sweater adoption event.

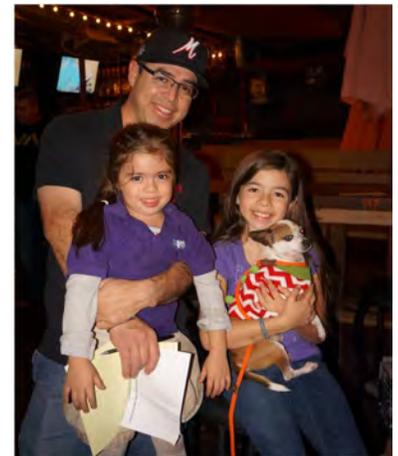
Chi Town gained popularity in 2014 as news stories about the "shelter within a shelter" began to circulate.

The small area, which is located inside MCACC's Phoenix location, is devoted to caring for dogs who are at risk for euthanasia due to medical or behavioral issues. Most of the dogs selected tend to be Chihuahua mixes, and hence the name Chi Town.

The Ugly Holiday Sweater

adoption event was held at OHSO Eatery in Phoenix and featured Chi Town dogs donning their most festive (and ugliest) holiday sweaters. Of the ten dogs that were brought to the event, SIX found new homes!

Thanks to everyone who participated!



Chip and His New Family



Ludwig and Cricket Went Home Together!

Stay tuned for more Chi Town mobile adoption events!

New Hope Spotlight: M.A.I.N.

Medical Animals in Need (M.A.I.N.) was formed in January 2012 by a group of compassionate volunteers who were interested in helping sick and injured animals that were surrendered to Valley shelters. Since that time, M.A.I.N. has rescued and found homes for more than 300 animals.



Sasha is Looking for a Home

The animals that M.A.I.N. rescues often have serious illnesses or injuries that make them unadoptable to the general public. Most of the dogs and cats require extensive veterinary assistance, surgeries and aftercare.

The rescue group is always in need of qualified foster families who are committed to caring for the animals as they recover and adjust to life outside of the shelter environment.

Annie (pictured) came to MCACC with a severe skin infection, multiple tumors in her ears and mammary tumors. M.A.I.N. stepped in to help Annie and she has been in foster care since February 2014.



Annie Still Needs Help!

Annie is just one of nearly 40 dogs currently in foster care through M.A.I.N.

If you'd like to help M.A.I.N., either through fostering or by giving a donation, please visit their website at www.medicalanimalsinneed.com.

Our New Hope Rescue Partners are one of the reasons our euthanasia rates have decreased. Each quarter we will showcase one of these amazing groups!

Resolve to Adopt a Homeless Pet!



Kick off the New Year by adopting a dog or cat from MCACC. Typically the winter months signal a slowing of animals coming to the shelters, but both of MCACC's Animal Care Centers continue to see high numbers of stray and unwanted dogs and cats. The "Resolve to Adopt" adoption promotion will run throughout the entire month of January at all MCACC locations and off-site adoption events.



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During the promotion, shelter visitors can adopt any dog for just \$20. Kittens and young adult cats (six months and younger) are also adoptable for \$20 and we've waived the fees on cats over six months of age.

All animals must be spayed or neutered prior to going home (the adoption fee covers the cost of surgery). Dogs three months of age and older will also receive their rabies vaccination and dog license. To see the pets at MCACC, visit <http://www.maricopa.gov/pets/adopt.aspx>.



**Maricopa County Animal
Care & Control**

Visit One of Our Three Locations!

West Valley Animal Care Center
(Adoptions, Lost & Found, Licensing)
2500 S. 27th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85009

East Valley Animal Care Center
(Adoptions, Lost & Found, Licensing)
2630 W. Rio Salado Parkway
Mesa, AZ 85201

PetSmart Everyday Adoption Center

Old Town Scottsdale
(Adoptions Only)
4380 N. Miller Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

(602) 506-PETS (7387)

www.pets.maricopa.gov



Crash



Lila

FRIENDS of Animal Care & Control



Friends of Animal Care & Control (FRIENDS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As a “friends of” group, FRIENDS goal is to raise money to support MCACC.

FRIENDS provides a valuable service by supporting MCACC’s non-mandated programs. The largest (and we believe most important) of these programs is the SNAP (Spay/Neuter Assistance Program).

SNAP provides no-cost spay and neuter services to low-income residents of Maricopa County.

Without FRIENDS financial support, SNAP would not be as successful. And without your support, we would be unable to make a difference in the lives of animals in our community. If you’d like to make a financial contribution to FRIENDS please visit our website at www.azfriendsofanimals.org.

You can also support FRIENDS and MCACC by shopping at the FRIENDS Thrift Shop. Proceeds from the shop’s sales help fund SNAP.

FRIENDS Thrift Shop
12625 N. Cave Creek Road
(just north of Thunderbird)
Phoenix, AZ 85022
(602) 923-6914

Store Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 10am—4pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 10am—6pm

FRIENDS Thrift Shop also accepts donations of gently used clothing, accessories, furniture and home goods.