Preparing for the Challenges of Summer

Spring is upon us and summer is coming quickly. For those in animal rescue we know this means we are embarking on the most trying time of the year.

We have a huge spike in the number of unwanted kittens and puppies born this time of year and into the fall. Animal abandonment and owner turn-ins are also higher. And this summer we’ve experienced an increase in animals needing extensive medical care (see Success Stories, page 3). Helping them heal them is top priority.

In the summer, donations decrease because fosters and other individuals and families want to escape the heat with vacations, which means our resources—food, money and space—are stretched to the limit. The time of year we need the most help is when it is least available.

Your financial donations are vital to saving the precious lives of the wee ones, and all of the pets needing special medical care, to give them “a new leash on life.”

In-kind donations are also essential, such as those on our Wish List. Some Companies like Fry’s Food Stores and AmazonSmile help make the in-kind donation go even further by donating a portion of the purchase price to us every time you shop and select Lost Our Home Pet Rescue as your charity of choice. Enroll today if you don’t already have a Fry’s Community Rewards or AmazonSmile account and enjoy the added bonus of saving pet’s lives when you shop. We cherish your generosity!

With gratitude,

Jodi Polanski

Meet Our Program Manager – Nicol Emerick

Nicol is from Long Beach, California, and began working in animal welfare with the Found Animals Foundation in Los Angeles. Her work as an Animal Care Tech, Vet Tech and Administrator, combined with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Policy and Nonprofit Administration from ASU, prepared her for hitting the ground running when she began working at Lost Our Home last year. Nicole has a Tabby cat named Helen that she admits she’s a little obsessed with.
Ensure Your Pet’s Future - New Legacy of Care Program

Our pets give us comfort, companionship and love. What happens to them if something happens to you and you’re not able to care for them?

Planning ahead to arrange care for your pet through our Legacy of Care program should they outlive you can provide peace of mind and prevent your pet(s) from ending up in a shelter where their future remains uncertain.

Enroll in our Legacy of Care program today and take comfort in knowing that your pet(s) will receive the best care. It is one of the best and simplest ways to plan ahead for pets that depend on you for their care, with three plans to fit your needs and preferences.

Contact us at donations@LostOurHome.org to request a brochure and learn more about the Legacy of Care program.

Comedy for a Cause!

Join us Saturday, July 9, at Stand Up Live at CityScape in downtown Phoenix for a night of laughs to support rescue pets in need. 100% of proceeds go to Lost Our Home Pet Rescue!

Tickets must be purchased on our website www.LostOurHome.org
New Enrichment Program Helps Dogs Combat Stress

To keep our dogs healthy and happy, Lost Our Home Pet Rescue recently implemented a formalized program that provides dogs with socialization, exercise and mental stimulation.

Our Kennel Enrichment Program provides staff and volunteers with simple and effective strategies for engaging the sound, smell, sight, touch and taste of our dogs. Hiding treats in a blanket gives dogs a search game that encourages mental and physical activity through sense of smell. Using sight exercises, dogs can learn to sit, walk on the leash, and other behaviors that allow them to think, interact and become more adoptable.

Petfinder donated several boxes of Kong toys, and stuffing them with kibble and peanut butter and freezing them gives dogs a healthy outlet for their natural desire to chew and lick. From walking and running dogs on a treadmill, giving them a puzzle toy or treat-dispensing ball filled with yummy treats, and dog massage to provide welcome human touch, our Enrichment Program creates a stimulating and challenging environment for our dogs while they wait for their new homes.

According to Tracey Varga, Shelter Director, "As animal care providers we are responsible for keeping our shelter dogs healthy, happy, and emotionally sound until they are adopted. Through a formalized kennel enrichment program, staff and volunteers can engage dogs and keep them well, both physically and mentally."

Thank you to PetSmart Charities for their recent donation of nearly $50,000. A portion of the grant was designated to hire an adoption counselor, increase marketing efforts and enhance our off-site adoption technology. The other portion, $20,000, was allocated to purchasing a van for the transportation of pets to PetSmart and other adoption events. We knew we would get more bang for our buck if we could raise an additional $5,000 for a newer model van. We held a ‘Doggie Drive’ to raise the funds and with your help were able to purchase a great van. We are incredibly grateful to PetSmart Charities and everyone that played a part in helping us get more of our pets on their way to a new forever family!

Success Stories

When Kodak came to Lost Our Home, staff immediately knew something wasn’t right. The vet diagnosed him with the highly contagious and life-threatening parvo virus. In order to survive, we quarantined Kodak for 10 days and he received over $1,000 in medical care. Staff and volunteers knew he felt better when he started giving big, wet kisses to say thank you for saving his life! He is now happy, healthy and living with his new family.

Molly’s owner couldn’t afford surgery after an accident that resulted in all the skin being torn from her left leg and shattered bones so he surrendered her to us. Her leg couldn't be saved, although the $1,500 surgery saved her life. The grandfather of a staff member at Lost Our Home fostered Molly through surgery and recovery, and he couldn’t resist her loving and affectionate personality, so he adopted her. Molly is very happy to have a wonderful family to call her own again.
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Featured Cat—Nigel

I came to Lost Our Home Pet Rescue and made friends with all the staff and volunteers right away. They always tell me what a handsome boy I am, and I agree!

I’m the sweetest kitty you’ll ever meet because I love making new friends. I really enjoy being petted and curling up in your lap too!

No one has adopted me yet, maybe it’s because I have to take daily medication for high blood pressure. Can anyone out there relate to me? I think I still deserve a loving home. Can you please help me find one??

Featured Dogs—Winky and Wilma

Hi, I’m Winky (the white dog in the photo). I had a rough start, living on the street and then losing an eye because I was stabbed (that’s how I got my name.) I got lucky when a nice man rescued me, but then after only one year, my new dad passed away. The nice landlord brought me and my sister, Wilma, to Lost Our Home Pet Rescue.

We prefer to be adopted together but can be separated. We’re both four years old and good with dogs, cats and kids. We’re house-trained and well-behaved. My sister Wilma is a bit timid but she just needs some TLC.

Can you help us find a loving, forever home?