

Morning Starr No-Kill Animal Sanctuary

an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization

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Newsletter

MARSHMALLOW IS "OVER THE RAINBOW"



In 2007 a couple of very kind ladies called Morning Starr to say they had found a very cute little ferret roaming around in the Prescott area. She was probably around 2-3 years old. They were nice enough to take her in and take the time to bring her to the sanctuary. Since then she was instant friends with Cocoa, another ferret that was found roaming around the Flagstaff area at around the same time. She had a small growth on the tip of her tail called a Cordoma. This growth was benign so she was still very healthy. The growth grew though and eventually it was very heavy for her so we had it

Our friends, who have always been involved with animal rescue, recently lost their beautiful dog, Maggie. We know that Maggie is over the rainbow, happy and healthy again. From all the critters at Morning Starr, we are sorry for your loss and are thinking of you at this time!

removed. This made her tail a little bit shorter. Still very sweet and happy but no family was wanting to adopt her. In September of this year she began to show signs of her age. She was always happy to play with Cocoa, who is missing her along with us. Marshmallow was around 6+ years old, which is a senior for ferrets. Now she can play with the many ferrets that have gone over the rainbow before her! I think her tail is long again too!

We miss and love you Marshmallow!

Hooves, Paws N Claws need help!

Jaime, at "Hooves, Paws N Claws," has been taking in a variety of animals for many years now. She, like many of us today could use a little help. If you would like to donate some food for dogs, cats, and farm animals she is caring for, please contact her at 567-7022. She could also use some volunteer handymen and funds for vet care. Many of her animals are in need of loving, forever homes. Please contact Jaime if you are willing to give one of her animals a permanent home or a foster home. Morning Starr has been helping Jaime with cat food and milk replacement. Morning Starr is not associated with Hooves, Paws N Claws and is not able to give tax receipts for donations for her. If you do make a tax deductible donation to Morning Starr we will continue to help Jaime and other rescue organizations as we are able.

Contact Jamie at 928 567-7022



RUDICING/PREVENTING SHELTER SURRENDERS



The stress of the economy has been hard for many sanctuaries but we have learned some very good lessons. Helping pet owners to solve problems so that they do not need to give up their animals is a great way to keep them out of shelters. Here at Morning Starr Animal Sanctuary we have been able to reduce the intake of the number of animals just by spending a little more time on the phone or in person with people who are thinking about surrendering their family pets. We feel that keeping loved family pets in their homes is always the best solution.

Many are just faced with behavior problems and just need a little training advice or contacts, i.e. trainers, animal behaviorists. Some may just need help with feeding their animals for a short time. Many are thinking that they don't have enough time and feel that their animals are being neglected because they are either working more hours or sometimes two jobs. They just need the reassurance that their animal appreciates every minute and sometimes just wants to sit by their side when they are home and that is enough for them. It sure beats taking an animal out of the environment it feels secure in and putting it into a new stressful situation. I am including animals that are tethered all day and night. I am talking about the average pet that maybe stays at home alone most of the day but is with the family in the evening and through the night. Our animals appreciate the little things.

For people with small animals like ferrets if you don't have time to play withy them it really helps to get an exercise pen and put lots of toys, food, litter box and lots of fluffy blankets. They love to play in them and then you know they are safe and keeping out of trouble. It is better than going to a shelter where they are sometimes one of hundreds of ferrets.

If pet owners are having to give up their pets because of home loss we usually ask them how much time they have and if they have 3 weeks or more we are usually able to get them together with someone who is looking for a pet and that way the animal only has to make one move right into the new home. We matched up 25 ferrets and 4 horses this last year.

People are also afraid to take their pet to the vet because they don't have the extra money to pay for all the tests, visits, meds. etc. After running a sanctuary for almost 10 years we have also learned a little bit about health care and can help some people with general health care issues which reduces their vet bills and in these times is very helpful. Especially with ferrets where sometimes loss of hair is just a matter of changing their food or making their sleeping area a little darker.

Helping people with feral (wild) cats and kittens is also very helpful. Most people think they must get them into a home. We say "trap, neuter, return." I would rather see a feral cat out in the wild and live a few happy years then be taken to a humane society just to be put under enormous stress only to be put down in the end.

Morning Starr is more than happy to try to help with any questions you may have i.e., training, health or anything you are having a problem with. If we can't help right away we will research and see if we can find you help. Maybe you just need a little help with food for your animals for a short time. No problem, we would love to give some cat, dog, ferret or farm animal feed.

LETS ALL AIM TO KEEP PETS OUT OF SHELTERS! MAYBE YOU CAN HELP A NEIGHBOR TO KEEP THEIR PET? ASK HOW YOU CAN HELP! MAYBE YOU HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE WITH ANIMALS WHICH WILL HELP AN ANIMAL STAY WITH THEIR OWNERS!

Help!

ROSIE FINDS A HOME



Just as I was about to write all the great things about Rosie to see if someone was interested in adopting her I was in touch with some ferret owners who have adopted from us before. I knew they would be the perfect home and sure enough they are now ready for a new family member. She was picked up yesterday and is probably already enjoying her new friends. We are happy for you Rosie!!!! I know she will really enjoy her new ferret friends and loving owners!

Way to go Rosie!



ROSIE

Greyhounds

Greyhounds of the Verde Valley has many wonderful greyhounds ready for adoption. They are also looking for foster homes and dog walkers. You may view their adoptable greyhounds on petfinder.com. If you are interested in adopting or fostering please contact:

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www.greyhoundsverdevalley.org
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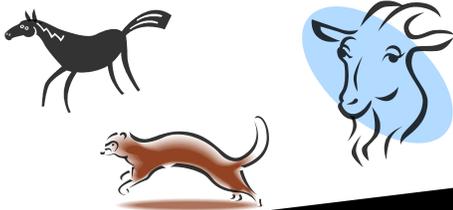
\$247.38 raised so far!

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Help! We Always Need Lots Of Stuff!



- **Alfalfa Hay** or any other feed may be purchased at Olsen's Grain. If you leave your name and address, a tax receipt will be sent to you. Call Olsen's at 928-649-3900 they know exactly what we need.
- Halters, lead ropes, new or used.
- **Lots of Equine Sr. for the Sr. horses.**
- **Corral Panels**
- Timothy hay for rabbits.
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- **Horse corral panels**
- Surgical bandages and equipment.
- Ferret pine pellet litter (must be wood pellets).
- Ferret Hammocks and baby blankets, litter boxes (small), ferretvite.
- **STRAW**
- **A BIG FARM TRACTOR**
- Goat Cob, sweet feed.
- **Ink cartridges (will pick up)**
\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Any amount is appreciated.

We need corral panels! Anyone who has any, old, new, rusty, it does not matter. Will pick up.



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**Little donations add up
to big miracles!**



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