

Morning Starr No-Kill Animal Sanctuary

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

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Newsletter

MORNING STARR HAS A WONDERFUL NEW GOAL!!

Anyone who reads these newsletters or has followed Morning Starr over the past 10+ years has always known that the heart of our organization has always been to help people with the needs of their animals in order to keep them out of shelters. Also assistance with our *spay/neuter programs* to stop the thousands of unwanted litters. We are excited to announce that Morning Starr has decided to pursue that goal by establishing our own low cost spay neuter clinic in the Verde Valley. With some of the funds on hand and a strong fundraising campaign we are on our way to building our dream. We know that it will take some time but we have started the process of looking for land with and without a building. Though we are in the very beginning stages we have already had many supporters who are willing to help with small gifts to help us reach our goal. In fact no gift is too small and they all add up to stopping the killing of dogs and cats. We are anticipating a high impact on the Verde Valley. We will offer spay and neuter to "owned" cats and dogs and feral and free-roaming cats. We will also offer, as funds permit, veterinarian assistance to low income families.

In order to start this venture we encourage the community to participate by donating any medical and/or office equipment necessary; including funds to purchase what is needed for this project.

By having our own in-house vet we will be able to assist with low cost spays and neuters and our dollars will go much further than they do now. We are planning to have a full time veterinarian who will have their own practice plus do the low cost spay and neuters for Morning Starr. We would also then have a location for fundraising events in order to cover the costs of this ongoing project. We do realize that this process will take some time to find just the right spot but we are very optimistic that whenever it happens it will be a great event that all can participate in. This will help the community to come together for the sake of the animals. It is important to note that until our clinic is open we will still be assisting with spay/neuter as per our Spay Neuter Assistance Program that we have now. Check out our SNAP counter on page 3 to see how many litters have been prevented so far this new year!



REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE

We use all means for raising funds because every penny counts! If you have any ink cartridges or old cell phones please let us know and we will pick them up! If you would like to collect them in your office we will bring you a box, or use your own and we will pick up and mail them for you when full!

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YOUR RECYCLING AND FUNDRAISING PARTNER

MAGGIE'S CORNER

DNA, we have all heard the term used today. As my puppy is growing and behaving in certain ways I wondered why she does this or that. One of our trainers suggested that I have her DNA tested to see what her breed mix was. We knew that her mom was a purebred but if she roamed the neighborhood who knows! *Who's her daddy?* I had her DNA tested and when it came back it explained so much. Why her eyes were so droopy, her body so long, why does she tire easily and why is she over 90 pounds at 8 months old? The results are in. Her mom was the purebred as we thought...and with a big smile on my face I read that... A purebred St. Bernard and a purebred German Shepherd were bred to create her dad. This result has really helped me to understand her needs much better. We used the test from Wisdom Panel Insights sold at PetSmart. I feel it was well worth it and fun! Just a note to siblings of Maggie, there may be different dads for each of you, who knows.



Want the best dog ever? THEN DON'T GIVE UP!!

I have seen too many people give up on their dogs because of what they believe is bad behavior. Actually it's easily modifiable behaviors that are allowed to become problems. Pet owners think the bad behavior can't be fixed. Whether it is barking, not getting along with other pets in the household, or being destructive. What they have been doing to correct the unwanted behavior is not working and the result becomes another sad statistic. When we adopt a dog, a new puppy, or have an older dog with issues it is up to us to learn new ways that will work to make our dogs "good citizens."

Many people tell me that they can't walk their dog because they pull too much. So what do they do? They stop walking the dog altogether never fixing the problem. The dog gets no exercise causing other problems and it all just gets worse.

Other people give up their dogs because they are out of ideas. When you see people with a dog that behaves so well...walks well on the leash, comes when called, never barks and actually does not chew up anything, what most people don't see, is the time someone took to train the dog. They make sure the dog has good exercise and finds out how to show their dogs what behavior gets rewarded and what does not. Never punish your dog as they don't understand it. You can however discipline them with a firm ahhh or NO whenever we see unwanted behavior. It is just as important that when we see them stopping the bad behavior that we also give them a big smile and a big "GOOD DOGGIE!" My best suggestion to frustrated dog owners is to find a trainer with kind positive methods. Make it a family event. Training classes are good social events for your dog and can be fun for the whole family!! If you cannot afford the classes, there are many dog owners who are willing to share their training tips with you who have gone through the same problems with their dogs, you are



not alone! Positive training enhances the bond between dog and owner and helps to ensure that if you put the time into your dog, he/she has a chance to be the *Best Dog Ever!*

TWO PUGGLES NEED HOMES

Golden Bone Rescue & Rehab have two Puggles (Pug/Beagles) who are looking for homes. Holly and Heather.

Both are spayed, house trained and use the doggy door with no problem. They love attention and give lots of kisses. They need a bit of leash training. They get very excited seeing new people and other dogs and want to go rushing over to make friends. Each would be best as an only dog, as they are competitive for food and affection. If you are interested in either of these two, please contact:

Nadia Caillou at Golden Bone Rescue & Rehab 928.567.8994 or:
goldenbone4pets@yahoo.com



← Heather



Holly →



The *Arizona Humane Society* has issued a **health alert** about distemper. Distemper is a highly contagious disease that is shed in secretions of infected animals and spread by breathing. The virus infects the lymph nodes and spreads to the blood and cell line of the respiratory, gastrointestinal and central nervous systems. Dog owners should be vigilant about updating their pets vaccinations at this time and being careful when allowing their dogs around unknown dogs. If you would like to have your dog vaccinated (with a 5-way) the cost for one dog is \$10.00 and \$5.00 for each additional dog, please call 928-821-2420.



The SNAP counter
 In 2011 we assisted with 383 spay/neuters. We are now resetting the counter to start over from Jan. 1, 2012. thanks to you!
Dogs & Cats spay/neuters so far 57
 Please donate to our spay neuter assistance fund today!



There's still time to WIN A SPAY/NEUTER for \$1.00!!

Look for the ticket box at Cornville Pet Clinic. Buy a ticket for \$1.00 for a chance to win a spay/neuter for a dog or cat! You don't have to be a patient to buy a ticket, just stop by. Buy as many as you like. The draw is on March 9, 2012. The second draw is on May 18, 2012.

If you win, you will be contacted by phone. You may donate the spay/neuter to someone else if you don't need it. Ticket box is emptied after every draw so come back to enter again and again! Surgery must be done at Cornville Pet Clinic, 634-1445



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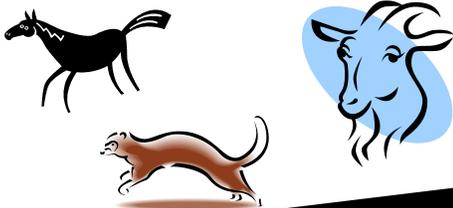
All proceeds from ticket sales go towards our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program

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Address _____

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Please give generously.

Thank you in advance for your generous gift.



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.

- **Gently used surgical tables and exam tables**
- **Gently used office furniture**
- **STRAW**
- **Equine Senior**
- Goat Cob, sweet feed.
- Donate to our spay/neuter fund!
- **Grant Writer**

**We need corral panels!
Old, new, rusty, it does not
matter. Will pick up.**

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