



# Morning Starr No-Kill Animal Sanctuary

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## WHY DO CATS SPRAY?!



Many cats and kittens are surrendered because they spray or urinate outside the litter box. Here are some tips to help keep your cat in your home.

Some reasons for spraying or urinating outside the box may be medical. The first step is to make a visit to the vet to be sure the cat is healthy. There are other reasons a cat starts to spray or urinate outside of the litter box. The first and most obvious, is a dirty litter box. There are some homes where you know a cat lives there when you enter the house. That means the

litter is probably only cleaned once a week or two! Yikes!

Another reason for cats spraying is fear that their territory is being invaded by another cat. You should have at least one litter box per cat. If you have multiple cats they may feel afraid to enter a box with a lid because they feel they will be trapped. Removing the lids will help. If your cat is looking out the window and all of a sudden goes and sprays on the wall there is probably another cat or even another animal outside. They think they are protecting that area from them. You can use water or air deterrents to keep other animals from approaching your house.

Declawed cats are prone to peeing outside the box because the litter may be too coarse and may hurt them to scratch in it. Make sure the litter for them is a nice fine, soft, litter.

Make sure your cat is spayed/neutered. It is natural for males and females to mark areas to let other cats know they are ready to mate.

You may be your cats last hope for a happy, long life. If you surrender a cat with a history of spraying there is a good chance they will be euthanized and deemed unadoptable. As a responsible pet owner - before coming to the end, first try to resolve the problem and therefore possibly saving the life of your cat.



SPAY & NEUTER



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## **TRAINING, TRAINING, TRAINING!**

Many realize the importance of taking a new puppy for training. Just as important is taking your older and newly adopted or rescued dog for training.

Perhaps the thought is that they are older and set in their ways. We simply work around their habits and attitudes. They need training so they can learn and adjust to your family and your ways.

How well do you really know that dog you rescued or adopted — how much time did you actually spend with him/her? Training will help to reveal those habits, fears and possible anxieties that had not shown themselves. Training will also let your dog know what you expect of him/her and will come to know the benefits of what they learn. Every puppy and/or older dog needs and deserves training. This will help them become your perfect dog! A dog that others will enjoy being around and if you have children, then training becomes even more important.

Training should be done as a family so all will learn the proper and effective commands. This with consistency (which is key) will eventually result in a well-behaved and happy dog and family.

Training that uses positive reinforcement techniques have been proven to be incredibly effective (according to Animal Wellness Magazine, Dec. 2019 issue). For example, a fun way for the family teaching your dog to "come" when called, is to play hide and seek. The whole family can participate. Your dog will try to find each of you and when they find you, their reward is you giving them love (and a treat) and they know how pleased you are with them (positive reinforcement).

Do the right and responsible thing as a pet owner for your puppy and/or newly rescued or older dog... Train them! You and them deserve it. It will make a world of difference for them and your family. Believe it or not your cat can be trained too!





## ACT OF KINDNESS FUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL UPDATE

From July 2018 to Dec. 2019 this fund has enabled us to assist 65 pet owners. Expenditures for this time period were \$16,774.78. Because we did not receive a grant as applied for, Morning Starr will continue to fund this program with donations from animal lovers like you! From Oct. to Dec. we have received \$225.00 in donations. Due to the demand, we only consider assisting after it has been determined by a Vet that it is an "emergency".

## HEALTHY PET PROJECT SPAY/NEUTER ASSISTANCE UPDATE

All funds from our Arizona Community Foundation of Sedona grant for spay/neuter assistance have been spent. We received \$4885.00. We spayed/neutered 35 dogs and 25 cats.

Great News! We received \$9,750 from the AZ License Plate Grant for spay/neuter! These funds will pay the full amount of dog/cat spay/neuter. Our goal is to assist with 30 dogs and 35 cats in the Verde Valley & Sedona area. It is only with your commitment and donations to Morning Starr that we are able to be considered for these generous grants. Please continue to donate.

When 'grant' funds are depleted, Morning Starr continues to assist pet owners with spay/neuter. From November 2018 through December 2019 Morning Starr has assisted with 73 spay/neuters. Expenditures to date were \$7210.33. These funds were sponsored by your generous donations. We have received \$150.00 in donations.

Donations can be made on our website through Paypal or mailed to our P.O. Box 1363, Cornville, AZ 86325.

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