



Morning Starr Animal Sanctuary

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MORNING STARR ANIMAL SANCTUARY WORKING THROUGH COVID-19

As you all know we are experiencing an unprecedented time in our world. As we are all doing our part to contribute to 'getting control' of this virus that has plagued us - by practicing social distancing, this will be the case until further notice. We are still working at our office...observing social distancing of course, in order to keep current with applications for assistance, arranging spay/neuter appointments, assessing applications and of course daily upkeep and maintenance of office duties.

Here is an update of the most recent Morning Starr spay/neuter grants. We have depleted all funds from our AZ Community Foundation spay/neuter grant. We were able to accomplish the spay/neuter of 35 dogs and 25 cats. Our grant for spay/neuter from the AZ License Plate spay/neuter has also been depleted. With that grant we were able to spay/neuter 39 dogs and 21 cats. A big thank you to the foundations for these wonderful grants. There is much more to be done so please consider donations and know that NO donation is too small.



"What part of 'social distancing'
don't you understand?"

With both these spay/neuter grants depleted we are now resourcing our own Morning Starr spay/neuter grant with which we pay half the cost of spay/neuter for dogs and cats. We still have 25 applications from these grants that have not yet been contacted. Each application will be approved on a case by case basis. Vaccines and other elective surgeries are the responsibility of the pet owner.

We have now applied for and submitted two more grants to the AZ Community Foundation. One grant request for \$20,000 and the other for \$10,000. Both these grants would pay 100% of spay/neuter costs for pet owners. Results and hopefully approval will be provided around July of this year.





COVID-19 - PET ADOPTION ARE YOU CONSIDERING ADOPTING A PET?

There have been a great many animals being adopted as a result of our COVID-19 situation. Many situations such as singular isolation, working from home, kids being home every day etc... bring about a temptation to do the same. If you are thinking of adopting, we urge you to think very carefully about such a life changing and 'long term' decision... 'commitment.' While a new pet in the home can have many positive effects on everyone, there is much to consider when going through your thought processes, your pro's and con's and decision making.

- If you're considering a new puppy, will you be able to provide spay/neuter or any necessary or unforeseen medical treatments?
- Will you be able and willing to commit to online/home training? All pets should have basic training when coming into a new home so they can learn what is to be expected of them.
- Once you are back to your daily 'normal' routine, how will you handle the change in home situation? Animals get attached and can suffer from separation anxiety when there is a sudden change of pattern.
- Are you prepared and able to take your pet out given the social distancing and park closure situation?
- Are you prepared with all you'll need to welcome a new member of your family?

When you are in your decision process, ask yourself these very important questions:

- If we were not in this current situation, would we be considering this commitment at this time?
- Is this something we had even considered at any point prior to the current pandemic situation?
- Are we prepared financially and responsibility-wise to take on this commitment?
- (If you have children) Are they prepared (if old enough) to take on their share of this commitment?
- (If you are living singularly) Will there be someone to help me care for my new pet if I become ill?

And with all this said, there is no doubt that a new pet in your home will bring many smiles, unconditional love and most certainly entertainment. They can fill the void of loneliness for sure and even provide children with a sense of responsibility.

If all the above has at least given you pause to consider carefully your decision, here is an alternative option to permanently adopting. Perhaps fostering is the way to go. That way you will know that you are ready and able to take on such a commitment. Often times, fostered animals do indeed remain in their foster homes as permanent pets. Fostering keeps that door open to choose what situation would be best for you and your family.





ACT OF KINDNESS FUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL UPDATE

From July 2018 to March 2020 this fund has enabled us to assist 69 pet owners. Expenditures for this time period were \$16,706.78. 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 Jan. to April we have received \$540.00 in donations. Due to high demand, consideration will only be given once it has been determined an 'emergency' by a veterinarian.

HEALTHY PET PROJECT SPAY/NEUTER ASSISTANCE SPONSORED BY MORNING STARR

UPDATE

Morning Starr continues to assist pet owners with spay/neuter, between grants, in order to help control the pet overpopulation in our area. From November 2018 through December 2019 Morning Starr has assisted with 73 spay/neuters. Expenditures to date are \$7383.96. These procedures were sponsored by your generous donations including funds received this year in the amount of \$875.00.

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

You may contact us by

Phone: 928.821.2420 or email: fran@morningstarr.org

Applications can be found on our website at www.morningstarr.org

YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!!

Donations to Morning Starr are a necessary and important factor in our ability to help accomplish our goal of controlling the overpopulation of unwanted dogs/cats. This is done in large part thanks to the GRANTS we receive. However, **your donations show community support that weighs heavily on grant approval.** This is considered a major qualification during the application process.

Thank you for your generous donations and know that **NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL.** Every dollar helps us to keep working towards our goal.





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Edmund Burke

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