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 Donate \$25 to spay/neuter
 a dog or cat at a clinic!



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Adoptions

Adoptions are held at the Safeway Store in Show Low, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All dates are "weather permitting".

March 1	April 12
March 15	April 26
March 29	

PLACEMENTS IN JANUARY '03.....16
 PLACEMENTS IN FEBRUARY '03.....21



APRIL GENERAL MEETING is at noon at the Branding Iron in Show Low!

Food Distribution

10:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
March 1	March 5
March 15	March 19
March 29	April 2
April 12	April 16
April 26	April 30

Meetings

Board Meetings are held at R&R Pizza, beginning at 6 pm, and are scheduled for March 3 and April 7.

General Meetings are held at Pat's Pizza, beginning at 6 pm, and are scheduled for March 10 and April 14.

Vaccinations

A special thanks goes to P D Laboratories in Coleman, Texas, whose generous donations allow vaccinations to occur. In January '03, 59 animals were vaccinated; in February '03, 39 animals were vaccinated.

Foster Care

God bless the warm, loving caregivers of the less fortunate of our furry neighbors. January saw 28 animals in foster care, and February logged in with 20 fosters.

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HUMANE SOCIETY SURGERY SUITE

The Humane Society of the White Mountains (HSWM), with the generous help of the Arizona Animal and Wildlife League of the White Mountains, Inc. (AAWL), has created its own surgery suite where all animals, and particularly those served by the HSWM, can be altered and never leave the shelter with the threat of reproduction. Through a generous grant from the Bob Barker Foundation, the HSWM has been given the funds to create a surgery suite to perform the surgeries the shelter and the community need. Together, the groups will be able to service the community through no- or low-cost spaying and neutering services to the public.

Serving Apache County and northern Gila County as well as Navajo County, the shelter is never without an over-abundance of animals. Due to economic hardship, many people do not alter their pets, and the HSWM is the recipient of the puppies and kittens born to the animals which are not altered. Without a veterinarian on staff, many adopted animals are routinely sent home with the possibility of fathering or giving birth to yet another litter, and the spaying or neutering is never done, despite the fact that the HSWM has paid for the cost of the surgery. The majority of veterinarians in this area are opposed to juvenile alterations, thereby creating more chances of pregnancy.



Now, with the creation of this surgery suite a reality, a pool of volunteer doctors and technicians is being sought to perform the services so desperately needed. While working in the new surgery suite, the doctors and technicians will be rewarded with vacation opportunities in the wonderful, cool summer temperatures, and great skiing in the winter.

On the reverse of this page, you will find a list of equipment and supplies still needed by the surgery suite. The HSWM and AAWL are 501c3 non-profit organizations, and any donation will be eligible as a tax deduction. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

If you are interested in helping to decrease the alarming statistics in this area, write or call:

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In addition to the great need for doctors and technician assistants, there is a need for donated surplus equipment and supplies. Listed below are items that are still needed, and the groups would be very grateful for your donation. As 501c3 non-profit organizations, donations to the HSWM and AAWL are tax deductible.

EQUIPMENT

Stainless Steel Surgery Table
Pad for Surgery Table (water-circulating heating pad)
Autoclave
Surgical Packs (small and large spay; small and large suture)
Surgical Draping Material
Endotracheal Tubes-Cuffed (basic set)
Nose Cones (small and large)
Kick Buckets
Laryngoscope (with interchangeable blades)

Thoracic Positioners
Small Animal Mouth Gags (canine and feline/small, medium, large)
Surgical Scrub Sink
Surgical Lights (2) (ceiling mounted)
Instrument Stand (Mayo or similar stand)
Exam Stool
Clippers
Vacuum (small Shop Vac style)
Platform Scale (floor model)
Stainless Steel Multi-purpose Table (24" w x 36" h x 48" L - tub depth)

SUPPLIES

4X4's
Surgical Sutures (Multi-pack)
Scalpel Blades (Multi-pack)
Sterile Surgical Gloves
Betadine/Alcohol or Chlorhex (for prep)
Syringes
Rubber Re-breath Bags
Surgical Glue
Stethoscope
Instrument Milk
Autoclave Supplies (tape, sterilization indicators, wrappers and pin bags, autoclave cleaner)
Sharps Containers
Digital Thermometers
KY Lubricant



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www.Petfinder.org

The AAWL is now displaying animals ready for adoption on the Petfinder.org website, creating a wonderful opportunity for the animals. From the inception of this program on January 13, 2003, through February 2nd, 2003, the animals were viewed 4,179 times! Because of this exposure, several of the animals have been adopted into new forever homes.

To view the animals for adoption by the AAWL, go to www.aawl-whitemtns.org and click on the link "Animals for Adoption". You can view the page directly by going to the Petfinder home page at www.petfinder.com/shelters/AZ104.html, and click on the link "Our Pet List." Please visit, and share this information with a friend.

VoiceMail Calls...January 89...February 95



New Intake Requirements



FelV Test

Effective immediately, all cats must have a negative FeLV test. This test must be obtained no more than two weeks prior to intake, and must be paid for by the owner of the cat, or the person requesting the intake.



Fecal Test

All dogs and cats must be given a fecal test within twenty-four hours of intake, or the animal must be isolated until it is possible to get a fecal test done.

Expense Reimbursements

Expense reimbursements to volunteers for such items as toner cartridges, fuel, mileage, and long distance telephone calls are being discontinued.

Eliminating this type of reimbursement will make it easier to obtain grants by keeping overhead expenses in line with other rescue organizations similar to the AAWL, and allow more monies to be spent on the animals.



Dental care is a little known, yet absolutely necessary, component of caring for your pets. By the age of three, some 80 percent of all dogs and 70 percent of all cats show signs of dental disease, which can lead to the more serious problems of heart, lung, and kidney disease. Fido's dog breath and Tabby's tuna breath aren't something to be ignored — they are probably indicative of an oral problem, and the sooner you have it treated by your veterinarian (and learn to care for it, yourself), the sooner you and your pet can smile proudly.

Your veterinarian should perform a dental exam along with a puppy or kitten's routine booster vaccines at two, three, and four months old, and annually thereafter. In between exams, you are responsible for maintaining your pet's dental health — but the process is not as scary as it may seem. By starting slowly and gradually introducing your pet to the concept of teeth cleaning, the two of you can even learn to enjoy your sessions together.

The most important area to focus on is the gum line, where bacteria and food mix to form plaque. Start slowly and gradually. Dip a finger into beef bouillon (for Fido) or tuna water (for Tabby), and gently rub along the gums and teeth. Focusing on the gum line, start at the front of the mouth, then move to the back upper and lower teeth and gum areas. Once your pet is okay with a little bit of touching, gradually introduce gauze over your finger, and rub the teeth and gums in a circular motion.

When your four-legged friend can handle that, try it with a toothbrush specially designed for pets, or a very soft, ultra-sensitive toothbrush designed for people. Gradually add special dog/cat toothpaste (flavored with meat or fish), but NEVER USE PEOPLE TOOTHPASTE OR BAKING SODA, as both will upset your pet's stomach. The entire process should only take a minute or two. If Fido or Tabby resists, try gently wrapping them in a large bath towel with only the head out. Keep sessions short and positive; avoid overstraining.

To clean the inside surfaces of the teeth, place your hand over the muzzle, from the top. Gently squeeze and push the lips on one side between the back teeth (to keep mouth open). Pull head back gently so mouth opens. Brush the teeth on the opposite side, then repeat for the other side.



Signs of Periodontal Disease

- ** Yellow/brownish colored teeth
- ** Swollen, red, bleeding gums
- ** Persistent bad breath
- ** Loose teeth, loss of teeth
- ** Pus between gums and teeth
- ** Broken teeth
- ** Unusual growth in mouth
- ** Reluctance to play with chew toys or drink cold water
- ** Yellow-brown crust at gum line
- ** Receded/eroded gums
- ** Infected teeth



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Spring is Sprung!

Auction for Animals

We are looking forward to April 5th and the auction of the house donated to AAWL by a local developer. Once a successful bid is made and accepted, the house will be moved to the personal property of the successful bidder. The auction begins at 12 noon at the Southwest Auction Team's warehouse located at 105 North Main Street, in Taylor. You may inspect the house on April 4th, from 1 to 4 pm at 1182 Lone Pine Dam Road in Linden.



If you are aware of a merchant who would be willing to display a flyer advertising this auction, please make arrangements to get one posted. The proceeds from this auction will go far to enable AAWL to continue to provide care for our furry friends.

Friends of Feral Felines

We are looking at an increased number of feral cats as a result of the recent forest fire. AAWL, with the help of donations from members of our community, would like to offer the assistance needed by these unfortunate animals. More information will be posted as we develop the program.



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