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## **Foster Pets**

Foster pets can be seen and adopted at the Barkin' Basement, 1479 E White Mountain Blvd, Pinetop, Tuesday—Saturday 10am-4pm. Fosters are encouraged to bring their pets to the store in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon. Our thrift store clients enjoy seeing the pets and they can see just who their donations and purchases are helping.



## *Great Things Happening!*

Great news! In 2005 we were able to adopt 148 pets, an increase from 108 in 2004. Our goal for 2006 is to adopt 150 pets and to add two new foster homes. Can you foster a pet for 3 months? Cat, dog, rabbit or pocket pet? If so, please give us a call at 532-1602 or e-mail [fostering@petalliesaz.org](mailto:fostering@petalliesaz.org) for more information on how our foster program works.

Together we can make a difference for the companion animals in our White Mountain community.

We continue to travel to PetSmart at 20<sup>th</sup> Street

and Camelback in the Colonnade mall in Phoenix the second Saturday of every month. We are testing an adoption venue at the Flagstaff PetSmart the third Sunday of every month. We also attend special adoption events hosted by Pets911, typically the adopt-a-thon held at the Franciscan Renewal Center, 60<sup>th</sup> Street and Lincoln, in Paradise Valley every March and October. Partnering with PetSmart has been a great opportunity and we look forward to the time when there will be a store in the White

Mountains so we won't have to travel all the way to Flagstaff or Phoenix.

Our travel has been made easier by the donation of "Elizabeth (aka Dizzy Lizzy)" a Ford Van by Woody's Appliance Repair. Lizzy has been remodeled and now is our pet transport vehicle. Eight pet carriers and all the supplies needed for an off-site adoption event are stored in Lizzy, making it easier on those volunteers who pack up and travel to Phoenix, usually leaving in the very early morning hours.

## *A New Day At The Barkin' Basement*

The Barkin' Basement began opening Tuesdays on February 21st. Sales are up, little slow-down has been experienced since the summer people left. The Barkin' Basement generated between \$1500 and \$2000 each month after

operating expenses are met. This income is used to fund our Spay & Neuter program . If you have a couple hours one day a month, your assistance would be appreciated at the store. Everything from dusting to sorting

items and putting them out, straightening items on shelves and assisting customers is needed. Don't worry if you have no experience, it's easy to learn and very satisfying to know that you are making a difference for the animals.

# Make Mine Chocolate!

If supporters of the "Make Mine Chocolate!" campaign have their way, another ribbon pin will be proudly worn this spring. The blue ribbon attached to the ceramic chocolate bunny is joining the ranks of the pink breast cancer pin and the yellow "Support the Troops" pin. The cause? Educating the American public that live rabbits don't make good Easter gifts for children. The goal? Preventing impulse purchases that often result in yet another rabbit needing to be taken in by already overwhelmed animal shelters and rabbit groups. Rabbits are a common but

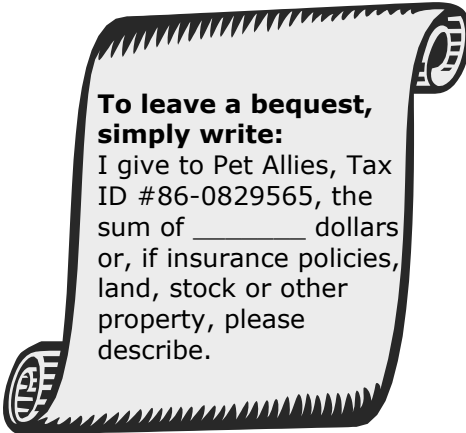
misunderstood creature. Contrary to popular perception, they are not cuddly pets happy to be toted around by their young owners. Nor are they low-maintenance animals, content to sit idly in their cages. Rather, rabbits are highly social but often fragile creatures that require regular interaction with their human family, an appropriate diet, and veterinary care provided by a rabbit-savvy veterinarian. Like cats and dogs, they must be spayed or neutered for both behavioral and health reasons. Properly cared for, rabbits can live as long as large dogs.

So keep an eye out for the ceramic bunny with the blue ribbon. And think twice before you take that cute little bunny home. Pins can be purchased locally for a \$5.00 contribution by contacting Pet Allies at 532-1602. For more information on the "Make Mine Chocolate!™" campaign, visit [www.makeminechocolate.org](http://www.makeminechocolate.org).



To order go to: [www.makeminechocolate.org](http://www.makeminechocolate.org)

# Legacy of Love



**To leave a bequest, simply write:**  
 I give to Pet Allies, Tax ID #86-0829565, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars or, if insurance policies, land, stock or other property, please describe.

Please remember the animals when you prepare your will or trust documents. They are counting on you.  
 Your gift will create a legacy of love that will save animals' lives.  
 If you are interested in more information about remembering Pet Allies in your will, e-mail us at [president@petalliesaz.org](mailto:president@petalliesaz.org) or call us at (928) 532-1602.

- Wish List:**  
 Masking tape  
 Non-clumping cat litter  
 Puppy & Kitten food  
 Milk carton-like containers  
 Paper towels  
 Gorilla Racks  
 Gas & Phone cards

**Do you have time to volunteer? Helping the animals is fun and rewarding. Fostering a pet in your home is only one way to help. For more information on volunteering opportunities call (928) 532-1602 or go online at [www.petalliesaz.org](http://www.petalliesaz.org).**

# Warning: Easter Lily Poison To Cats

With the Easter holiday quickly approaching, cat owners should be aware that Easter lilies pose a potential health hazard to their pets. From clinical experience, between 50% and 100% of cats poisoned by Easter lilies die from the poisoning. This is because the toxin is not identified yet and there is no antidote. Dogs, mice and rats are reportedly not sensitive to Easter lilies. Symptoms start within 30 minutes of ingesting leaves or flowers and include depression, followed by vomiting, loss of appetite, and loss in body weight; acute renal failure starts at about 48 hours.



## 500 Ounces Of Prevention!

Pet Allies assisted clients in spaying and neutering 500 pets in 2005. WOW!!! Think of how many litters of unwanted pets were prevented. Our goal for 2006 is to alter 500 more pets. We are well under way with this goal.

During the last quarter of 2005 we found that while we had funding to assist clients, there were no veterinary appointments available at local clinics. Because our local veterinary clinics are so busy with clients of their own, we had to find a way to accommodate Pet Allies' clients.

We have hired Plateauland Mobile Veterinary Clinic and the Arizona Humane Society's mobile veterinary clinic to come to the White Mountains to increase capacity for our clients. Both clinics will set up their vehicles at the Barkin' Basement.

Plateauland will be here March 15th & 16th and Arizona Humane Society will be here June 27th—29th.

We're very excited by this opportunity to work with these two organizations and to increase our ability to assist the pets of this community.

## Its Official

Pet Allies, Inc., is now our new legal name. We've been using it as a 'doing business as' name for a year now, but no longer. It's a permanent change.



## Land Raffle A Success!

Several years ago Pet Allies received a donation of a piece of real estate in Show Low Pines. Previous board members considered building a shelter, selling the real estate and other options, but nothing was done. This year we raffled off the property netting \$2000 for Pet Allies. A real estate agent was consulted, valuing the property at \$2000. One hundred raffle tickets were offered for sale at \$20 each. Tickets sold out in one week!!! This was a great success and fun for the volunteers and ticket purchasers as well. Do you have some land that you would be able to donate for another raffle? We'd love to do this again.

## Building For The Future

The rent at the Barkin' Basement is \$1900 per month. The board has a vision and our wish is to purchase a building and property to become the permanent home of the Barkin' Basement. This property will also provide space for the storage container and for a spay & neuter clinic. Our vision is to open a spay & neuter

clinic in the same building as the Barkin' Basement so that the thrift store can cover overhead such as the mortgage payment, electricity and taxes. Clients who bring their pets to the clinic can spend time volunteering or shopping at the store. Volunteers can assist at either location depending on need. Do

you know of a suitable location? We currently have 2800 square feet for the store and it's adequate for our merchandise, but not sufficient for storage or for a clinic. Do you own a property you can donate? The store and clinic can operate in Pinetop, Lakeside, Show Low, Snowflake or Taylor.

## Membership Form

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

My Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically include your e-mail address here: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Annual

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|------------|--|---------------------|--|---------|
| Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (1 vote) | \$ 25.00            | <input type="checkbox"/> Family (2 votes)    | \$50.00 |
|            | <input type="checkbox"/> Business (1 vote)   | \$ 40.00            | <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary (0 vote)   | \$ -0-  |
|            | <input type="checkbox"/> Life (1 vote)       | \$500.00 (one time) | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster (1 vote)     | \$ 5.00 |
|            | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (1 vote)     | \$ 5.00             | <input type="checkbox"/> Low Income (1 vote) | \$ 5.00 |

I would like to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to benefit our animal friends.

My interests include:  Committees  Voice Mail  Fostering  
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Stop Critter Litter! Have your pet spayed or neutered. We can help!



## *Pet Tails*

To view all of our adoptable pets visit [www.petalliesaz.org](http://www.petalliesaz.org)

### **Maggie finds her forever family**

Several months ago a family of four from Tucson adopted Maggie. She was relinquished by her family because she was killing their chickens. The family that adopted Maggie sent a letter from Mom and one from each child. Here are some snips from those letters: (from Mom) "Just wanted to let you know what a gift Maggie has been for our family. We are all crazy about her and can't imagine being without her...we'll always be grateful to your group for making it happen" From Matthew (he's 11)- "Thanks so much for bringing Maggie into our family. She really understands what we're talking about. My favorite thing about Maggie is that she has great defense in soccer. When I first played her I took it easy on her and boy was I surprised when she actually beat me! I couldn't believe my eyes!" From Rachel (she's 7) "Thanks to your group for finding Maggie for us. We love her very much and we love it when she smiles at us, and we love playing with her" Enclosed with these notes were photos of Maggie smiling. Letters like this really help hard working volunteers keep going!!!



**Maggie**



**Buster**

### **Buster is interviewing humans for playmates**

Buster is full of energy and joyful at being alive. He gives everyone back their gusto for living. Buster loves people. He wants to be your best friend, lay on the sofa and gaze up at you, sleep next to your chair and snuggle in bed. Buster needs lots of attention and appropriate toys because he is at the chewy stage of puppy-hood and is quite fond of sneakers and other not-so-appropriate toys. Buster was born December 2004. He is neutered, micro-chipped, vaccinated. Buster is ready for a forever home with no other dogs because he is not willing to share his person, toys or food, and he wants a home with people who love to get lots of exercise or who can spend lots of play time with him.