

Saving Animals From Euthanasia

2009 Holiday Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear SAFE Supporter,

2009 has been a difficult year for homeless animals in Pima County. The recession has caused more animals than ever to be abandoned by their owners. The number of animals found in the desert and brought into SAFE for rescue has almost tripled.

For example, SAFE received a call from 'Fran' who lived in a mobile home park. She reported that several cats and kittens had been left behind by their owners. Worse, some person or persons in the area had started to torture and kill the cats for sport.

Fran had been trying to protect the cats and kittens and was using her Social Security income to pay for food, vaccinations and spay/neuters. Fran called several animal related resources in the community looking for assistance. SAFE's Adoptions Director, Jacque Howell, was the only call back Fran ever received. SAFE was able to rescue nearly all of the abandoned cats and kittens. Many are still available for adoption.

The recession has impacted animals in a cruel way. It has also reduced the amount of donations SAFE receives to support its rescue efforts. More animals need rescuing than ever before and SAFE is having a difficult time keeping up with the financial demands of their medical care and boarding costs.

Without SAFE's intervention, the hundreds of animals SAFE rescues would have been euthanized. This is what SAFE does.....we rescue victims of human indifference and neglect. We cannot continue without your support! Our primary source of funding comes from individuals just like you. With your help, we can save animals who are facing euthanasia because either the shelter or their owner cannot afford to care for them. For additional information, please visit www.safeanimals.com.

In these hard economic times, please consider making a donation to SAFE. You'll be saving a life.

Sincerely,

Reagen Kulseth



POE is a trailer park kitty. He appears to be a Main Coon mix.



Trisha is another trailer park rescue, but unlike Poe, she's almost feral. She's as much fun as she looks....

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CELEBRITY LOOK-A-LIKES AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION



Nyle and Ryan O'Neal share a messy do and compelling blue eyes.



Bridget is a Yorkshire Terrier mix who, like Lindsey Lohan, perpetually looks like she's had a rough night.



Sinatra and Elvis have big ears and a smooth look in common.



Michael and Priscilla are both just a little bit scary.

Passing It On....



SAVANNAH spent her days roaming the alleys looking for something to eat. She was very thin when she showed up at an abused women's shelter where scraps were provided her by some of the residents. Shortly after SAFE rescued her, it was determined that Savannah was very, very pregnant. She was quickly placed her in an experienced foster home. Almost immediately, Savannah gave birth to eight healthy puppies. SAFE provided Savannah and her puppies with medical care and the security of a safe loving environment. The foster parent, a retired wildlife rehabilitator, adopted Savannah and now Savannah is providing care and comfort to baby birds! Savannah helps her mom out by herding birds around the kitchen floor when they are strengthening their

legs, and by licking their faces clean after they are hand fed. Savannah watches after those baby birds the way SAFE watched over her and her babies.

THE TAX MAN COMETH!

As we approach the end of the year, now is a great time to consider making a charitable gift to SAFE. A year-end gift may result in desirable tax benefits. Charitable contribution deductions on your current income tax return and capital gains tax savings are tremendous benefits. For those who itemize deductions, a gift made before January 1 is deductible in the year in which it is made. If you have had to take the standard deduction in the past, a gift in the appropriate amount may increase your deductions above the standard. Remember, a donation by credit card is deductible in 2009 even if you don't pay the charge until 2010.

Residentially Challenged

Have you ever seen a residentially challenged person with a dog? Ever wanted to save the dog? Well, with your contributions, SAFE was able to do just that.



Ralph's owner surrendered him to SAFE and with a little bit of rehab behind him, Ralph now has his forever home. Emphasis on home.