



# Paws Patter

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## *Needing Forever Homes:*

## **SILENT AUCTION**

If you haven't made plans to attend our March 28 silent auction, 5:00pm-7:30pm, in the Sculpture Garden at the Karin Newby Gallery in Tubac, you will miss out on a terrific evening. Remember the importance of this event—all funds raised will be used for spay/neuter/vet expenses of feral cats in Green Valley, Sahuarita, Tubac, Amado, Arivaca and surrounding areas.

There are at least 30 auction and raffle items, including:

- \$300 weekend package at Mi Gatita bed and breakfast
- One hour scenic flyover the Santa Cruz valley (value \$160)
- Several beautiful paintings and pastel portraits
- Many fabulous jewelry items
- Round of golf for 4 with carts at Desert Hills (value \$200)
- Gift certificates
- Cat and dog treat baskets from The Dog House in Green Valley (values \$85-\$120)
- Mata Ortiz pot
- Machine stitched quilt for wall-hanging or crib; kitty motif (value \$200)
- Faux suede floral arrangement in rustic vase (35" tall) valued at \$249
- Scores of other terrific items

Signature food dishes will be provided by Shelby's Bistro, along with wine compliments of Anza Market and TS Construction and Remodeling. There will also be soft drinks, coffee and dessert. Harpist Joel Taylor will entertain you as you tour the beautiful sculptures in the garden and place your bids on several great items. Advance tickets are only \$15 or 2 for \$25 and are available at the Karin Newby Gallery or by calling Paws Patrol at 520-207-4024. Tickets at the door will be \$20 and 2 for \$35.

## **KVOA INTERVIEW**

Paws Patrol was pleased to do an interview with KVOA's Matt Brode featuring two of our cats available for adoption and announcing our upcoming silent auction. Watch for the special on Sunday morning, March 15. The segment is called One on One and should air at 6:30am.

## ECONOMIC TIMES AFFECTS OUR CATS

We all know the economy is having an impact on our personal budgets but we also want you to know how it is affecting the area's feral cats. Your donations of dry or canned cat food, litter and cash are needed to help feed our colonies.

- In Amado, one of our foster moms, who is also a feral colony caregiver, lost both of her jobs. We are providing food and litter to help continue the excellent work she is doing. Meanwhile, she is volunteering her time with us in several capacities.
- In Arivaca, a feral colony caregiver whom we have worked with for a few years, recently lost her husband, and her house is in foreclosure. We are attempting to relocate some of the already sterilized feral cats in our barn program, sterilize the remaining ferals as funds are available (currently we know 3 of the cats are pregnant), and provide food for these 24 or so cats so that she can hold on to the indoor cats she loves so much.
- More strays that were obviously someone's pets are appearing in areas where we trap. It appears as people tighten their financial belts, many cats are being forced to fend for themselves.



*Matt*



*Danny Boy*



*Shakespeare*

## OUR STATISTICS

Paws Patrol began in April 2006 with the primary objective of reducing feral cat overpopulation through Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR). During our almost three-year history, we have learned many things, particularly that there are SO many more ferals in the area than we imagined and there are scores of tame kittens and adult cats we find which need to be placed in foster homes until they can be adopted. We are proud to say our efforts are being successful: We have trapped nearly 600 cats, returned only 35% to their colonies, relocated 9% in our barn program, and found permanent indoor homes for 50%! What we can continue to accomplish is limited only by two things: funds available for vet bills, and foster homes for adoptable cats.

## KITTEN SEASON IS COMING

Several rescue groups have commented that the beginning of kitten season is later this year. Mind you, we are not complaining! In the past few weeks, every feral female we have trapped is pregnant but so far, we have no reports of newborn litters. That is the good news. Unfortunately, we know it is coming and we expect an abundance of kittens to arrive all at one time. You can help us in several ways. First and foremost, we need fosters who will be ready at a moment's notice to take in one or more bottle babies when needed. These are kittens that are found without a mom and are still at a nursing age. This is a rewarding experience but does require someone who doesn't need a full night's sleep for a few weeks! We provide everything needed, including backup support and training. We still need bottles of clear corn syrup, canned evaporated milk (not condensed), electric heating pads, flannel baby blankets or covers, Benebac and most importantly, windup alarm clocks, like the Baby Bens. These simulate a mother cat's heartbeat and are in very short supply.

## CAT OF THE MONTH



**Johnnie Boy**

### **Support Local Businesses**

*We are grateful for local businesses that support our work with feral cats. This month, we want to highlight The Dog House of Green Valley.*

*Deborah at The Dog House has been remarkable in her support of Paws Patrol--donating goodies for all of our special events, fostering a special needs kitty, creating a "palace" for us to display one or two cats who are available for adoption, clipping nails on our difficult felines, special ordering items for us, occasionally bathes our difficult cats for events, and has adopted a shop cat (have you seen "Her Majesty?").*

*The Dog House carries a wide variety of high quality cat and dog food, as well as lots of toys, leashes, and scratching posts. Grooming is available for cats and small dogs. And now vaccinations and other limited services are provided by a licensed veterinarian on alternate Wednesdays without appointments.*

*Stop by and say "Hi" and thank*



**Chandler is a big love. This beautiful orange and white male was born around October 2007 and is being fostered with other cats. He does fine with cats and kittens but has not been exposed to dogs. Chandler is very people oriented and will enjoy being with you no matter what you are doing. He is a quiet, self assured, social kitty. Such a handsome guy with a great temperament. If you want a cat that will bond with YOU, he is definitely worth considering!**

### **BARNS NEEDED**

**Paws Patrol never wants to relocate feral cats because their best chance of survival is generally where they are living. However, there are times when cats must be moved, such as when a new development is being built or the safety of the cats is being threatened. For these limited situations, we have a Barn Relocation Program—we provide sterilized, vaccinated feral cats at no charge to approved barns and in return, we ask that the cats receive food to supplement their daily hunts, and that we be advised if one is injured. We currently need more barns on our list. If you know of a ranch, warehouse, etc. which might like some great mousers, please let us know.**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Please make plans to see us at one of our upcoming events. And let us know if you can volunteer your time!**

**March 8—Cat Adoption Fair, 1pm-4pm, Green Valley Canine in Green Valley**

**March 14—Spring Home Show, 9am-3pm, Desert Diamond Casino on Pima Mine Road—we'll have cats for adoption in an RV in the parking lot**

**March 15—One on One TV special, KVOA channel 5, 6:30am-7:00am**

**April 19-- Cat Adoption Fair, 1pm-4pm, Green Valley Canine in Green Valley**

**Every Wednesday at the Farmer's Market at the Green Valley Marketplace; currently 10:00am-2:00pm**

*Deborah and Bev for all they do  
for us, and take home some  
treats for your cats and dogs.*

*The Dog House is at 620 W. Ward  
Lane in Green Valley, 648-0480.*

### **How to Make a Donation**

*Paws Patrol always welcomes  
donations. Credit card donations  
can be made securely through  
PayPal on our website*

*([www.greenvalleypawspatrol.org](http://www.greenvalleypawspatrol.org))*

*. Alternately, checks can be  
mailed to Paws Patrol, P.O. Box  
1642, Green Valley, AZ 85622.*

*In addition to monetary  
donations, we gladly accept any  
type of dry cat food for our feral  
colonies, and bags of Innova,  
Evo, Chicken Soup for the Soul  
Cat Food, and Taste of the Wild  
for our foster kitties.*

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