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Big THANKS to the kids of Camp E.D.G.E.!

The children attending Vacation Bible School at **Hope United Methodist Church** in Tucson have donated over \$170 to SAFE! After learning the story of Noah's Ark the kids decided they wanted to help animals, and voted for SAFE to receive the donation. Additionally, they rescued 3 kittens and turned them over to SAFE. SAFE is currently getting the kittens fixed, vaccinated and 'chipped so they can head off to their new forever homes!

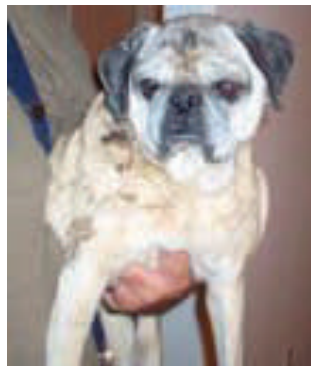
Wags & purrs to the kids of Camp E.D.G.E.!!

Chopper & Lucy Find a New Home

Chopper and Lucy are two older Pugs rescued and fostered by SAFE. Thanks to the determination of **Betty Galla** to meet this pair, they finally made their way to their forever home where they will live happily ever after.

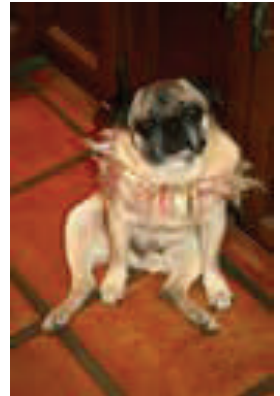
Thanks Betty!

Good afternoon! Just a short note to update you on the pugs. They are adjusting wonderfully to their new home! Chopper and Lucy



loved meeting their new friend Bugsy and they all get along fantastic! Any time I sit down I have

them both sitting with me. They are very loveable and I am sooo happy that we are together.



They have been eating and doing fine. There have only been 2 accidents which they did on the ceramic tile and not the carpet! We all enjoy our walks outside and our together time. They don't let me out of their site. Wherever I go they go too. Thank you so much!!!!

Sincerely, Betty Galla

Save The Date!

Crazy but true: the **Arizona Animal Fair**, the largest event of its kind in the Southwest, is going on its 9th year!

SAFE hosts this fun, unique event each February in Tucson. It is FREE to the public and all proceeds are returned to the animal rescue community.

But what makes this event so special? It is a wonderful opportunity for rescue groups, pet-related businesses and animal-loving people to gather together and exchange information, share ideas, collaborate on projects and



celebrate animals — all in one place on a single day! There really is nothing else like it.

The 9th Annual Arizona Animal Fair, proudly hosted by SAFE, is taking place on Saturday, February 20th, 2010 from 10am-4pm at Reid Park.

WWW.AZANIMALFAIR.COM

Buttons the Basset

One recent afternoon in Tucson, a woman who was unsuccessfully trying to sell Bassett Hound puppies dumped a pair of them off with a SAFE volunteer, indicating she no longer had room for the puppies. The volunteer brought the puppies inside her home, only to realize they were starved and emaciated. She drove them to the vet immediately where it was determined they were not ill, simply lacking food and nutrition.

In foster care, the puppies were carefully monitored and given food, fluids and warm beds. Although they were hand-fed hourly, one of

the puppies just didn't have the strength to hang on and passed away the following night. The other puppy, Buttons, slowly became more active and very interested in food; with each meal he became more energetic. Soon he was chowing down chicken with rice, veggies and goat's milk.

Buttons is now the happiest, healthiest puppy. He loves cuddling, ear scratches and of course belly rubs. Playing ball is a favorite pastime. He is now ready to be vaccinated, neutered and micro-chipped so he can find his forever home.



Do you have room in your home for a loving Basset puppy? If so, **Buttons** is the guy for you!

Please call CT for more info:

520-349-8637

Dear Pierce:

An Advice Column by Pierce Brosnan the Persian

SAFE's handsome spokescat Pierce will answer your questions and offer helpful advice. Pierce would like his readers to know that indeed he is not the Fancy Feast model, but rather a SAFE rescue!

Dear Pierce:

When I was at Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) last week, I noticed many people dropping off box-loads of kittens. Why does this happen and is there anything I can do to help?

Signed,

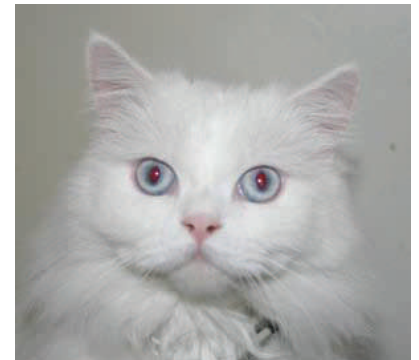
Concerned Pet Lover

Dear Concerned:

Box-loads of unwanted kittens unfortunately make their way to PACC every year and many of them never make it back out. These litters are a result of cats not being spayed or neu-

tered and allowed "out & about" during mating season (or really any time of year, though summer is considered "kitten season"). Some folks claim they want their children to 'witness the miracle of birth' or some such thing, and feel it's OK to have a litter or more despite not having loving homes for the offspring.

This ignorant attitude is very sad, as people don't realize there are already far too many homeless pets in shelters and even a single litter of kittens worsens the problem exponentially. When animals are dropped off at PACC and don't immediately find a home, they are euthanized in order to make room for more incoming animals. You, dear Concerned Pet Lover, can make a difference by ensuring all of your pets are spayed or neutered as soon as they are old



enough and urging your friends, family and neighbors to all do the same! Spaying, neutering, vaccinating and microchipping are all critical actions to help combat the problem of pet over-population. The fewer animals than end up at PACC, the better! Additionally, you can support SAFE with their rescue efforts by making a donation. 100% of SAFE's budget is used to benefit homeless animals and all of SAFE's staff is comprised of volunteers.

For more information about how to help SAFE combat pet over-population, please visit www.safeanimals.com .

Why Vaccinations Are Critical

In early May, SAFE rescued Lucky Lady and her eight new puppies after she was found in the hot Tucson desert. Mom did a great job taking care of her pups, as they were all plump and healthy-looking (though she herself was very thin).

Once in foster care, Lucky Lady began to get over her fear of men and was soon seeking love and treats from everyone. She was on an excellent diet and gained weight while she continued to take wonderful care of her puppies. The puppies were starting to show interest in puppy food, so Mom's nursing days were nearing an end (goodbye needle-teeth)!

Suddenly the SAFE foster mom noticed one of the puppies was thin and having difficulty eating. He was taken to the vet right away and diagnosed with pneumonia and distemper. Distemper can be passed from mother to puppies during or soon after birth if the dog is not vaccinated.

Vaccinations allow the puppies to have antibodies to fight disease, which these puppies unfortunately missed out on.

The puppy was given antibiotics and lots of love, but that was not enough — within 24 hours two puppies were



Lucky Lady

dead and the remaining litter was extremely ill.

After many tears, the very difficult decision was made to euthanize the remaining ill puppies. Poor Lucky Lady searched for her puppies for several days and we know she'll see her babies again over the rainbow bridge.

For more information about low-cost vaccinations for your pet, please call Animal Birth Control of Tucson: 520-745-4564 or visit www.animalbirthcontroltucson.com for hours, locations & prices.

Leave the Poop Scoopin' to the Robots!

If you have ever thought that the glamour of scooping the litter box would be better left to the dogs, then we have the solution for you!

SAFE is now a proud distributor of the **Litter-Robot**, the most reliable

The automatic self-cleaning litter box that really works.

and easy to use self-cleaning litter box on the market today!

Visit www.litter-robot.com for all the details about this amazing product, including a video demonstration on how it works (no, it does not scare the tar out of your cats). While you're on the site, notice how it sells for \$329...then jump for joy



when you learn that SAFE is selling the units for only **\$250!**

Life is too short to scoop poop by hand...time to use your time doing something better like giving love to your kitty!

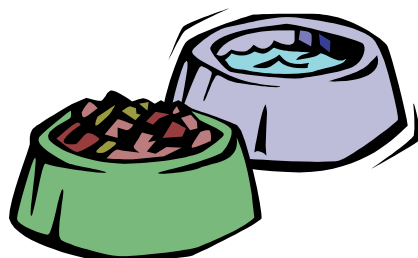
Please call 520-349-8637 or email staff@safeanimals.com to purchase a **Litter-Robot** today.

SAFE's Wish List

If you happen to have excess quantities of anything below, please give us a call! We're happy to pick up food and litter donations, or they can be dropped off at PetSmart on I-19/ Irvington on any Saturday. Please indicate your donation is for SAFE.

- 🐾 Storage shed for food & litter
- 🐾 Cat food (quality dry & canned)

- 🐾 Dog food (either dry or canned)
- 🐾 Clumping kitty litter



DID YOU KNOW?

It costs SAFE approximately \$51.00 to spay a single cat. All cats & dogs must be altered before becoming available for adoption. If SAFE rescues just 20 female cats or kittens per month, that would be an annual expense of \$12,240 — and that's just for female cats and does not include male cats, dogs, vaccinations, meds, food or microchipping!

CAN YOU SEE WHY THE ANIMALS AT SAFE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP??

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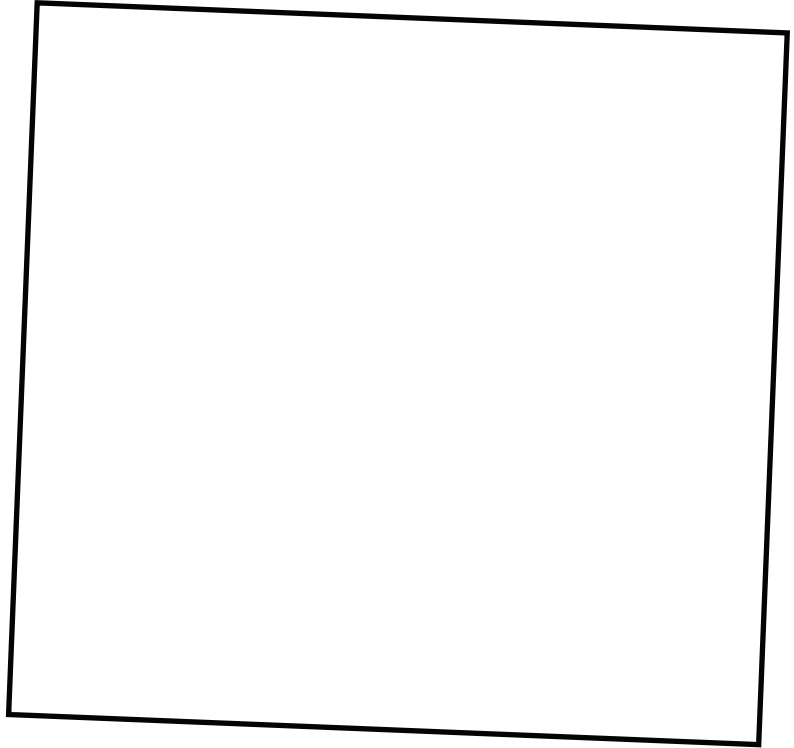
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Making it happen.



SAFE Needs Fosterers!

Interested in saving animals but are unable to adopt? Then please consider becoming a FOSTER for one or more of SAFE's many rescued dogs or cats.

For every new foster home we find, we can rescue one more dog or cat.

When in foster care, an abused or abandoned dog or cat learns to trust people. This gives the animal a chance to become a happy, healthy pet. Being in foster care greatly increases the chance of a pet's new home being successful and stable.

What is involved with being a foster for SAFE?

Fosters work with the pet on basic house manners, potty training and other behavior issues. The most important lesson the animal learns is that they are not going to be hurt any more. SAFE's foster system is

nice because it does not require you to be at the adoption site on weekends; you may simply drop the pet off at the designated location and site volunteers will take it from there and work hard to find the pet a home!

Your most critical role as a foster is to provide a safe space, time, attention, care and love to the animal.

What does SAFE provide?

It is possible that an animal being fostered has a medical condition that requires attention, in which case we provide all necessary medications for the animal along with care instructions. Additionally, we send you off with food and supplies necessary to properly care for your foster animal, such as kitty litter, carriers, food, etc.

No experience necessary!

Although it's great if you happen to have prior experience with animals, such as obedience training, bottle feeding, grooming or giving medications, it is not necessary.

Certain skills allow us to place animals with medical or behavioral issues with the right foster...but we have plenty of animals that just need your space and love and they'll do JUST GREAT!



Foster applications can be found online at www.safeanimals.com, by emailing fosteringanimals@aol.com or calling CT for more information:

520-349-8637. Feel free to stop by PetSmart on I-19/Irvington on a Saturday to chat with a SAFE staff member.