

Weekly Volunteer Update  
"Keeping you informed"



ARIZONA ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE & SPCA  
ARIZONA'S OLDEST & LARGEST NO-KILL SHELTER



Dear Michele,

Hi there everyone! Here is this weeks update! Please take the time to read through and let me know if you can help in any of these areas! Thanks for all that you do and keep up the great work!



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## Tailwags & Handbags - A Big success!



WOW! What an absolutely outstanding event! We don't have the FINAL numbers yet but it's looking like we raised somewhere around \$30K for the Animals! We adopted out 6 of the dogs as a result of the event (Jilly, the Labradoodle; Angel the Yorkie mix; Gucci, the Basset was adopted with her brother, Armani; Rupert the Chihuahua mix and Gravy the poodle). We had almost 200 in attendance!

A special "Thank you" to our Event Chair **Tammy Cozzi** for working tirelessly with the Silent Auction Committee to get those gorgeous handbags and great prizes in, to **Phoenix Speakers Bureau** for handling all the pre-event details, including online registration, to **Cory McCloskey** with FOX 10 for being an incredible emcee - you really made the event exciting, to **Lauren Froderman** for taking time out of her busy schedule and coming to the event, her mother, Betsy was at Volunteer Orientation on Saturday and will be an official AAWL Volunteer soon (what a nice family), to **Jackie Bacha** and [Oh My Dog Boutique](#) for providing those adorable and glamorous fashions for our adoptable pooches, to **Michele Zinser** with [Sudz & Style Mobile Grooming](#) for bathing and grooming ALL of our dogs who were there that night, she was at the shelter all day Wednesday and Thursday morning AND she even bought a ticket to the event and won a handbag in the silent auction - Congrats Michele!, and to **Sheri Hines**, who (as usual) worked til past midnight each night the week leading up to the event and on her days off (plus she has a Full time job!) and made the silent auction and registration process go as smooth as glass! And of course, to **ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS**, who we couldn't have done the event without your help!

Also a big thanks to **Darrylee Cohen** of Perfect Party Pictures for snapping up all the great shots that night. Here is a link to her site for the event if you're interested in getting any of the photos:

<http://www.photorelect.com/pr3/thumbpage.aspx?e=7598838>

Hope you all plan to help us make the event successful again next year!

Please Support Our Supporters!



If you need grooming or know anyone that needs grooming this holiday season, please support our very own Michele Zinser!

### What are you doing over the holidays?



Are you going to be home for the holidays? If so, we would like to extend a unique opportunity for you to participate in our "Gimmie a Break" foster program. Due to our holiday hours, if you would like to help one of our shelter dogs over the holiday weekend, you may take one of our adoptable dogs home on Thursday night and they don't have to return until Tuesday morning (12/28) by 11am. What a great gift to give one of our wonderful shelter dogs to give them a break from the shelter 4-whole days!!! We're also extending this to your friends & family to participate in (if you're willing to vouch for them) so we're willing to be a little flexible with the caveat

that we reserve the right to not place dogs in homes we're not comfortable with. But as you know you don't have to be a FOSTER parent to participate in this, any staff, volunteer or friend/family of yours can help our dogs this holiday weekend. If you are interested in participating, please contact Monika Sperke at [msperke@aawl.org](mailto:msperke@aawl.org) or 602-273-6852 x. 108. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

### Sweatshirt Season?



It's sweatshirt season!!!!

We still have Zip Hoodies for sale! AND we still have some regular navy hoodie pullover sweatshirts and some regular red sweatshirts (old logo).

**Price List:**

Full Zip Hoodies \$35 employees/volunteers - \$40 public

Pullover Hoodies \$25 everyone

Regular Red sweatshirts \$20 everyone

Available from Terri Hawkins or the front desk.

### Help AAWL get \$5,000



Click on this link <http://www.facebook.com/12news> and "like" the 12 News page.

Once they get to 30,000 Fans - AAWL gets \$5,000!

Please spread the word!!!!

## Winter Camp 2010 - Please spread the word

Winter camp is upon us and the AAWL is offering a great discounted price to all AAWL staff and volunteers! Register for either Camp Ruffin' It or Camp Vet and receive 30% off the registration fee! For more information and dates, visit our website at [http://www.aawl.org/ed/Winter\\_Camp.asp](http://www.aawl.org/ed/Winter_Camp.asp) or call 602-273-6852 x. 122 to register!



### Vacation over the Holidays

Please note that Tina will be on vacation from December 18, 2010-December 28, 2010. If you need immediate assistance, Amber will be here with the exception of Dec. 24-28. Wishing you and yours a very safe and Happy Holidays and we thank you for the many gifts you've given us this year by donating your precious time! We appreciate it!

### Shelter Holiday Hours

With the Holidays upon us we have a lot of volunteers going on vacation. Some known shortages will be Tuesday 12/21 and Wed 12/22 from 6am-11am if you can come and help potty and walk dogs please let Amber Durand know [adurand@aawl.org](mailto:adurand@aawl.org). Also, our shelter will be closed to the public Friday 12/24 and Saturday 12/25 for Christmas but we still need volunteers to help potty dogs, walk them and clean in the cattery. Someone will be here at 6am both days but they're trying to get out of the shelter by 4pm and will be able to accomplish that the more help we have. So if you have time and find it in your heart to help, again please let Amber know what days/times you can come and we thank you in advance for your help! Happy Holidays!

### Reminders from Adoptions & Animal Care

A reminder to all volunteers that if you are yarding a dog (especially during a time when we are busy or are trying to get potty breaks done, please be courteous and cooperative with our staff members if they ask you to have the yards. We really aren't strict about a lot here at AAWL because we try to have an open and accepting environment, however when it comes to staff needing yards, if they ask you for a yard, please let them have the yard. If you are unclear about this policy or have any questions, you may talk to Monika Sperke [msperke@aawl.org](mailto:msperke@aawl.org) or myself, Tina, [volunteer@aawl.org](mailto:volunteer@aawl.org). We thank you in advance for your cooperation and willingness to

contribute to a positive working and volunteering environment.

## Behavior Department Reminders

### Reminders & Updates From the Behavior Department

#### Reminders:

**Bite Quarantine:** If a dog or cat is in Bite Quarantine; they are to be handled and/or yarded by Staff ONLY. This is for safety reasons and within the parameters of the law. Many times these dogs and cats have inflicted serious bite(s). On that note we should treat all bites as serious, because this demonstrates to us that this dog or cat has the potential for biting again. Just because they are friendly or you have positively interacted with them in the past, does not mean that circumstances could change quickly.

**Gentle Leaders:** If a dog has a Gentle Leader hanging on its kennel, please put it on even if you are just taking him a yard. If you are not comfortable putting on a Gentle Leader or do not want to "deal" with a dog that has one - than don't. Head halters and "no-pull" harnesses are helpful tools to help get the dogs exercised both physically and mentally. If they learn here that walking nicely gets them rewards (praise, pets, treats, long walks) it teaches them self control by keeping them from pulling. If you feel that a dog needs a Gentle Leader or a "no-pull" harness please let Dianne know - [ddecker@aawl.org](mailto:ddecker@aawl.org) .

#### Updates:

**Sparkles & Jewels:** You will need to take your time and gains some trust with them before being able to leash them; sitting with them in the kennel with them that will help them with their "shyness". If you do decide to take them out into a yard, make sure that go into one of the smaller yards and let them drag their leashes. Otherwise you will be chasing them around the yard and thereby reinforcing in their minds "people are scary" and continuing their distrust.

**Phoenix:** Is back as many of you have noticed. He was doing well in his new home but started being assertive with the resident dog (Dachshund/Jack Russell Terrier mix). Though they were able to redirect it sometimes as the days went by it became more and more frequent and intense. It culminated into the resident dog receiving a slight puncture mark around her abdomen. For this reason we have put a limitation on Phoenix - no dogs less than 40lbs. Otherwise, they said he was a perfect dog, and they really enjoyed having him in their family.

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

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Wag N Warehouse Sale - Dec 17, 2010 - 252 S. El Dorado Circle, Mesa, AZ 85202 (Broadway & the 101) Tina & Amber will be there in the afternoon as well.

Event is from 10-4, we will need the following volunteer positions & times:

Team Lead - Booth Volunteer/Dog Handler/ Adoption Counselor/Kennel Truck Driver 8:30am-

4:00pm-**Volunteer Needed**

Kennel Truck Driver/Booth Volunteer/Dog Handler 8:30pm-1:00pm-

Booth Volunteer/Dog Handler 9:30pm-1:00pm- Kristen Cittadino

Booth Volunteer/Dog Handler 1:00pm-4:00pm-**Volunteer Needed**

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Christmas Adopt-a-thon, Saturday- December 18, 2010 10am-3pm, Fetch Doggie Store 14885 N  
83rd Place, suite 106. Fetch is just east of Costco off Hayden and 83rd Place

Team Lead - Booth Volunteer/Dog Handler/ Adoption Counselor/Kennel Truck Driver 8:30am-  
3:00pm-Sarah Barr

Booth Volunteer/Dog Handler & Kennel Truck Loader 8:30-3:00pm-Liz Scavo

Shift #1

Booth Volunteer/Dog Handler 9:30pm-12:00pm-Tamara Woolfolk

Booth Volunteer/Dog Handler 9:30pm-12:00pm-**Volunteer Needed**

Shift #2

Booth Volunteer/Dog Handler 12:00pm-3:00pm-Joel Loewenthal

Booth Volunteer/Dog Handler 12:00pm-3:00pm-Patti Starr

Quote of the week:

Cute video you must watch!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KG3O6UBLGbA>

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Sincerely,

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