



CHANCE SHELTER of Surprise

EVERY ANIMAL IN OUR COMMUNITY
DESERVES A CHANCE

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Upcoming EVENTS



Fire Station Open Houses

All Open Houses are 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

16171 W Cactus Rd (Cactus & Sarival)

January 11 - Fire Station 307

16171 W Cactus Rd (Cactus & Sarival)

January 25 - Fire Station 301

16750 N Village Dr E (Bola & Village)

February 1 - Fire Station 305

15517 N Parkview Place (Greenway & Parkview)

February 22 - Fire Station 304

24900 N 163rd Ave (163rd & Jomax)



Martin Luther King Day of Celebration & Service

January 18 - Time: 9:30 am (we will leave for our assignments at 9:45 am)

Location: Surprise City Hall Courtyard

16000 N Civic Center Blvd

Note: This meeting is for City Council to vote on a zoning change for land that will be donated to us from residential to commercial. We are in high hopes that this will pass. Showing our support of this at the meeting will be beneficial, so anyone able to attend with Chance Shelter shirt, please do so.

City Council Meeting

January 21 - Time: 6:00pm

Location: Surprise Council Chambers

16000 N Civic Center Blvd



Automotive Restoration Club of SCW 8th Annual Car Show

February 8th - Time: 8:00am - 3:00pm

Location: 19803 R H Johnson Blvd., SCW, AZ

(set up is Friday, Feb. 7th from 2:00-5:00pm)



Spring Training - Visit our Booth at Spring Training

February 21st - March 21st - Location: Surprise Stadium, 15960 N Bullard Ave,

Surprise, AZ85374 (Parking - will be in dirt lot on East side of Bullard)

Times: TBD (typical start time is 10:30am) We will need 1 cashier, 1 cook and 1 lead per day

Dates: Feb 21, Feb 22, Feb 29, March 1, March 7, March 8, March 14, March 15, March 21

AARP Health, Safety and Pet Festival **AARP**

February 29th - Location: TBD, Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm (will get more info on set up times)

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OUR MISSION

To provide
compassionate care
to animals through
adoptions, crisis
intervention, and
community
involvement.

SAVE THE DATE!

for our 3rd Annual Old
Fashioned Picnic

Guess Where I will be on
Saturday, March 28,
2020?



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Audra Colson's Corner... Volunteer Spotlight

Youth Pet Safety and Awareness



Ramona S.



Joyce H.



Beth M.

In addition to our Pet Safety and Awareness Program we continue to offer pet CPR (open to the public as well) and presentations to community groups. In order to register for this class or to request a presentation, please contact us at: info@chanceshelter.org

Ramona S. – My parents moved to AZ in 1962 with my two brothers and me. I received a Bachelors in Education from ASU and a Masters from NAU. I worked for the Cartwright Elementary School District working with special needs children, twenty-three years at Desert Sands JH and seven at Tomahawk Elementary. During this time I had my son Robert and helped raise two stepchildren, Kerri and Erik.

Ray, my husband, and I moved to Sun City Grand in 2003. Presently we work as a team for the Surprise Fire Department installing and rekeying lock boxes. We have a strong belief in giving back to the community that has offered us so much over the years. ■

Joyce H. – I am a retired elementary physical education teacher. I

taught for 40 years in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area of Minnesota prior to moving to Arizona. I adopted my three-year-old chihuahua/pug mix, Frankie from Chance Shelter two years ago. I enjoy being on the pet education committee because it is a great way to teach the youth about caring for animals. ■

Beth M. – I am a retired educator who has teaching experience at all grade levels K-12 and has taught in public, private, and charter schools. I have also worked with homeschool groups and taught adult classes. During my 35 years in education, I taught in Iowa, Nevada, Arizona, and in American schools in Germany. I currently volunteer with Chance Shelter, Italian Greyhound Rescue of Arizona, and Benevilla. ■

We are excited to be able to offer Youth Pet Safety and Awareness Classes to the community. The education team consists of Ramona Simpson, Ed Coordinator, and three retired certified teachers, Joyce Holoubek, Beth Miller and are newest member, Alison Burton.

Our **K-5th Grade Class** uses instructional aides to help children understand how animals take in information. This helps them safely approach and take care of pets.

Our **6th-12th Grade Class** uses a variety of resources so they can do the following; look at animal related careers and laws so they make smart choices when choosing and caring for their animals. We also introduce the teens to Chance Shelter and a few of the programs we offer and how they can volunteer.

We will start a series of twelve weekend and after school classes with Surprise Parks and Recreation, located at Sierra Montana Recreation Center. Please check the winter catalog for these free special interest classes and encourage children and teens to sign up. Our first classes will be held Saturday, Jan 11, 10:00 and Wednesday, Jan 15, 5:00 and 6:00. Surpriserec.surpriseaz.gov, Catalog, Special Interest Class located at Sierra Montana Recreation Center.

Successful Adoptions 2019:

HOORAY! These are just a few of the pets we were successful in finding forever homes for in 2019—Osa, Snippet, Sophie, Tyler & Buddy. *Thank you to their new families!* ■



Osa



Snippet



Sophie



Tyler



Buddy

Neighbor-To-Neighbor Program

Our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program continues to grow. This program has been very successful. We are proud and honored to be able to provide this service for our Community.



Freckles

Freckles was a very well trained, seven-year-old border collie who loved to play ball. The thing Freckles really loved to do most was go to the green belt where I would throw the ball about a 100 ft or so. Freckles would sit near my feet until I threw the ball and then retrieve it. When she returned the ball without any commands, she would lay the ball again at

my feet, take his position right beside me and wait for me to do it again. We were lucky enough to have Freckles for about 3 weeks while his mom recovered from a fall in rehab. I would update her on how Freckles was doing by email and send her a photo of Freckles weekly.

Freckles and her mom were reunited on the day she returned home. The best part of fostering is when you can reunite the pet with their owner. Every time we do this, it is like having Christmas all over again. ■

Chance Shelter was notified through a referral that a woman had been taken to the hospital with extreme illness. While admitting her it was learned that she had 5 pets at home and had no one to care for them.

Chance Shelter volunteers acted fast. Upon arrival at the home, we found that the owner did have family members but they lived out of state and were only in AZ long enough to assist with the owner's affairs. They were afraid of what would happen to the pets once they left.

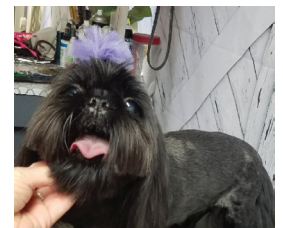
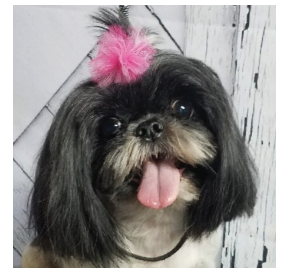
The family was unsure of the owner's financial situation and did not want to worry her with the financial burden of paying to board all 5 of the pets. No one should have to

be concerned about their pets and how much it will cost to have them cared for during a crisis situation.

We were able to take them into foster. The pets were well cared for and groomed (with permission) while the owner recovered. During this time it had been brought to our attention that the owner decided she would not be able to continue to care for all 5 pets when she came home.

Chance Shelter was able to find new homes for 2 of the dogs. The other 3 dogs had been together with the owner for a long time. We were happy to be able to return those 3 back to the owner once she returned home.

The reuniting, like all of our reunites, was heartwarming, to say the least. Not a dry eye! The 3 dogs were so excited to be home and the owner cried with joy.



The other 2 that were adopted to new forever homes went to wonderful new owners and made themselves comfortable and at home within just a few days. The new owners were proud new parents! This was a perfect outcome for all 5 pets and everyone involved. ■

Chance Shelter would like to thank all of our DONORS throughout this year. Without your generous support, what we do to help the pets would not be possible.



VOLUNTEER CONTACT INFORMATION
Please contact Angie Robinson at angie.robinson@chanceshelter.org if you have any questions, or are interested in volunteering with Chance Shelter of Surprise.



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THANK YOU
Toyota of Surprise
&
The City of Surprise
for a successful
2nd Annual Furry Festival and
Fashion Show

Join us in
November 2020
for our
3rd Annual Furry
Festival and
Fashion Show!



2019 – A Successful Year in Review



Coming Soon: Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day Picnic 2020 – Date: TBD