



*For the Luv of Paws II, Inc.*  
*Domestic Animal Rescue & Sanctuary*

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Fiscal Year 2024

July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024

Annual Report

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- ◇ Holly Curry, President
- ◇ Deborah Herbert, Vice-President
- ◇ Carol Vine, Secretary
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## **LOCATION & WEBSITE**

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## **MISSION**

The Board of Directors reviews the mission objectives and activities once a year in order to assure that the activities of the organization strive toward attaining those objectives. Our mission has remained steadfast.

- ◇ Rescue unwanted, abandoned, neglected animals from county shelters, city streets and unsafe living conditions.
- ◇ Take in owner-surrendered pets.
- ◇ Provide a loving, clean and safe environment, appropriate shelter, food, and necessary medications to all the animals that come to us.
- ◇ Spay, neuter, and vaccinate all intake animals before adoption.
- ◇ Secure, safe, loving homes for all adoptable animals through an extra screening and follow up process.
- ◇ Provide lifetime sanctuary for those animals considered unadoptable because of illness, disabilities, etc.
- ◇ Develop educational programs for presentation to schools and community organizations, to include, but not limited to: The proper care of pets, spay/neuter, TNR, and over-population.
- ◇ Work with animal control, other shelters, businesses, and community organizations to reduce the number of pets and strays euthanized in our area.

## ***OUR STORY***

### *Who We Are*

For the Luv of Paws II, Inc. (FLP) is located in Mohave County which is in the northwestern corner of Arizona. It is the fifth-largest county in the contiguous United States by land area, having a total area of 13,469.71 square miles. The county seat is Kingman. Mohave County contains parts of Grand Canyon National Park and Lake Mead National Recreation Area. The Kaibab, Fort Mojave and Hualapai Indian Reservations also lie within the county. The Colorado River forms most of the county's western boundary, and California, Nevada, and Utah all border it. The river also runs east to west through Mohave County, dividing it between two of Arizona's geographic regions, the Arizona Strip in the north and the Mojave Desert in the south.

In 2005, Cherie DaLynn established For the Luv of Paws II, Inc., a domestic animal rescue and sanctuary, after seeing the tremendous need for an additional “no kill” sanctuary for domestic animals that had been neglected, abused, and abandoned within this large geographic area.

The rescue/sanctuary, located approximately 25 miles southwest of Kingman, AZ sits on ten (10) acres of land in Golden Valley, Arizona, is fully permitted and licensed by Mohave County and is recognized by the State of Arizona and the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. It houses on average 175 dogs and cats each month, some who have special needs. All animals receive professional veterinarian care and required immunizations. For the 14th year in a row, we have passed our yearly health department inspection without any violations or demerits.

Individuals or families who want to adopt a dog or cat from FLP must complete an application, have a secure, fenced yard for dogs and agree to a home check. No animal is

released to their adoptive parents until they have received their immunizations and been spayed or neutered.

### **Our Partners**

FLP collaborates with a variety of organizations, both locally and nationally. Adoptable animals are featured on multiple animal-related websites in addition to our own website. We have been donated dog and cat food from several organizations and businesses, including Petco, Tractor Supply, Walmart, BARK and the public.

Locally, FLP partners with the Mohave County Animal Shelter, Petco, and the Humane Society of Mohave County. FLP can showcase cats for adoption 365 days a year at the local Petco store, and dogs for adoption as logistics allow. Our organization will take animals from the animal network and Mohave County Animal shelter when their facilities are full and the animals are at risk of euthanasia. An excellent working relationship has also been established with Humane Society of Mohave County. FLP will take in animals that have been abandoned at the veterinarians' offices, and the veterinarians will provide discounted spay/neuter services.

Another area of need that FLP is helping to alleviate is with seniors, veterans and financially-challenged individuals struggling to keep their pets. FLP works with St. Vincent de Paul, a local charity, and the Food 4 Paws Pet Pantry to provide pet food to those who want to keep their pets but are struggling to feed them or seek appropriate medical care when needed. In addition, seniors and military veterans are given reduced adoption fees, transportation to a veterinarian and other help they may need.

We partner with local businesses that provide "in-kind" donations, i.e.: bathing/grooming, storage space and maintenance supplies. Our partners include the following:

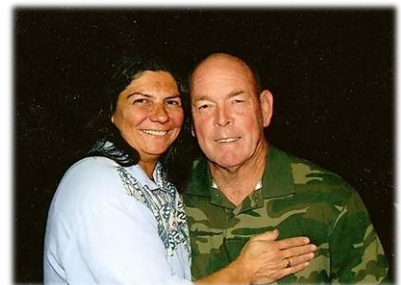
- ◇ Kingman’s Humane Society of Mohave County - The owner and employees of this clinic go above and beyond to provide excellent care and compassion to our animals.



- ◇ Kingman Petco –Petco allows us to showcase many of our cats at their store every day that they are open. They actively participate in encouraging members of the public to view the animals and always greet our volunteers who go in to care for the cats twice a day with enthusiasm. In addition, they often offer discounted items and dog/cat food to us that they may be discontinuing. Adoption events and other special events that benefit the sanctuary animals are held at Petco.



- ◇ Chris & Butch Meriwether - For several years, this couple has held a fundraiser for For the Luv of Paws & Toys for Tots at Christmastime. They decorate their property in Golden Valley and invite the public to visit and enjoy the display, and encourage a contribution to the fundraiser by dropping off dog/cat food, a new unwrapped toy, and/ or money. Over the years, they have gathered thousands of pounds of pet food and other supplies, hundreds of toys and a lot of money for For the Luv of Paws and Toys For Tots.



### **Our Work, Projects & Accomplishments**

To accomplish our goals, we are involved in the following activities:

- ◇ The rescue/sanctuary is open to individuals by appointment, to meet and interact with the animals. Once a year we have a well- advertised “open house” which allows the public to visit and tour the facility during a two-day period.

- ◇ Foster care is provided by volunteers for some animals. At times, the rescue facility is at capacity and cannot take in additional animals until we have reduced the number of current rescue animals by finding them forever homes. Our goal is to never turn away an animal in need. Thus, we have a few loving, stable foster homes with appropriate facilities to take care of these animals on a short-term basis. All costs for feeding, vaccines, spay/neuter are borne by FLP.
- ◇ Cat adoptions are held at the local Kingman, AZ Petco store every day the store is open, staffed by volunteers.
- ◇ Canine adoption events are held at the local Petco and Tractor Supply Stores several times throughout the year.
- ◇ Pawsitively Charming Thrift Shoppe is a thrift store stocked with donations from the public and staffed by volunteers. After over- head, all proceeds go to maintaining our rescue facilities for quality care and comfort of the animals. It is also a great way to maintain a presence in the community on a regular basis.
- ◇ Special events within the county are attended and/or organized by FLP representatives, to educate the public and provide pet food and/or medical care to people in need who have pets and want to keep those pets.
- ◇ We maintain and regularly update our website ([www.fortheluvofpaws.org](http://www.fortheluvofpaws.org)) to keep the public up-to-date on the animals ready for adoption, events we are holding or sponsoring, and tips on how to care for a pet. All our latest financial information is also available on the website.
- ◇ We are active on social media, participating on Facebook regularly to keep the public up-to-date on the latest news regarding the rescue/ sanctuary.



## **Our Volunteers**

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the organization. We are fortunate to have many community members who understand the positive effect of having a no-kill rescue and sanctuary. Volunteers may work in the thrift shoppe, transport animals to adoption events or the veterinarian, help with the sidewalk sales at the thrift shoppe, maintain the website and create/send out e-newsletters to supporters, maintain our Facebook page, pick up and sort through donations, assist with paperwork, or work directly with the animals at the rescue/sanctuary and the cats showcased at the Kingman, AZ Petco.

Twenty-Five Thousand + hours have been donated by them this fiscal year.

Board members also serve as volunteers, not only administering the organization, but providing skills necessary to keep FLP running smoothly. Board members volunteer at the Thrift Shoppe, work on fundraising strategies, provide items to be sold at our sidewalk sales, and work directly with the animals; feeding, cleaning the facilities, transporting and providing basic medical care.

### **Rescue/Sanctuary Statistics—Calendar Year-2024**

Intakes & Adoptions	Dogs	Cats
Beginning Count	33	62
Intakes	66	88
Adoptions	42	74
Died in Care/Euthanized (End of Life)	8	12
Ending Count	40	64

Total Spay/Neuter

113

## **FUTURE PLANS**

- ◇ Continue to provide dogs, cats and other animals with a loving, safe sanctuary.
- ◇ Provide food, medical care, love, and training to all domestic animals at the For the Luv of Paws II rescue and sanctuary.
- ◇ Rehome as many cats and dogs as possible in a safe manner.
- ◇ Continue to partner with local, state, and national agencies to reduce the number of unwanted domestic animals through education and support.
- ◇ Maintain the number of seniors, veterans and homeless who are helped to keep their pets within the home.
- ◇ Attend community functions to provide educational materials about proper pet care.
- ◇ Ongoing upgrade of sanctuary facilities.
- ◇ Pursue new funding sources to accomplish the above objectives and continue fulfilling our mission.