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We want to hear from you!

Every day, clients of Altered Tails share their wonderful stories with us about their companion animals, and we love to hear them. We thought we'd pass a few on to you, and share a smile.

Sharon Cook of Phoenix recently shared her love-at-first-sight experience that occurred at Altered Tails. The following are excerpts from Sharon's letter:

"I wanted to thank Altered Tails for their help in bringing my new [companion] to me. It wasn't planned, it just happened as if it was meant to be. I had participated in a TNR [Trap/Neuter and Return] in mid-February and I was returning the traps we had borrowed from Altered Tails. As I was taking them in back, I heard a little bark...I walked around to see where it was coming from. I saw Sara holding a little puppy. In order to distract her from barking, she was rubbing her tummy...She looked like a little Ewok or Gremlin! What a face!"



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Sharon contacted the rescue and the rest is history. Poppy Joe or P.J. for short, is living the good life with Sharon and her other companion animals. Thank you, Sharon Cook, for providing a loving home to P.J.

and all of your other four-legged friends!!

Mary Henderson is one of our new feral cat care providers. She sent us the following note:

"Last week I came in to get a trap and yesterday I brought my first feral cat to your facility. Thank you so much for all you do to make it possible for low cost neutering. I released Al this morning and he is doing well. I appreciate you."

Mary, we appreciate you, and many more like you, who work tirelessly to help reduce the feral population in Phoenix.

If you have an animal story that you would like to share with us about your experience at Altered Tails and how we helped you make a connection, assisted you with some feral cats, or provided sterilization for your loving companion animals, please email our Executive Director, Ellen Clark at eclark@alteredtails.org.

New Team at Altered Tails

The New Year brought lots of change to Altered Tails. In January we acquired a new Executive Director, Ellen Clark, a new Veterinarian, Dr. David Maloney, and in April, new Clinic Manager, Ron Cleveland.

Ellen Clark comes to Altered Tails with 10 years of experience in animal welfare as the Deputy Director for the Wisconsin Humane Society and

22 years of nonprofit experience. Her work at the Wisconsin Humane Society included responsibility for finance, Human Resources, the veterinary clinic, adoptions, and the building of a new \$6 million facility. Perhaps more importantly, under Ellen's guidance, the Wisconsin Humane Society found loving homes for over 9,000 animals in the last year Ellen was with them. That's 9,000 happy

families created, and 9,000 euthanasia's avoided. Ellen is excited about this new position and the challenges she will take on at Altered Tails.



DONORS SPOTLIGHT



TNR donors,
Rochelle Rojas
& Derrick Irvine
(right photo)

Please give a "round of A-paws" to our special donors. They allow us all to continue the important work of caring for companion animals.

Seabury Foundation. Altered Tails is pleased to announce that we were recently awarded a grant from the Seabury Foundation. Through their generosity, Altered Tails upgraded to a new commercial grade washer and dryer, acquire more feral cat traps that will help us in our efforts to control the feral cat population in Phoenix, and acquire more spay/neuter individual packs that are used in each surgery for cats and dogs.

Our appreciation goes out to the Seabury Foundation and to Gaile Green for her invaluable assistance in securing this grant.

TNR Donors. Thanks to the tremendous generosity of our kind and caring donors, Altered Tails has already sterilized over 800 feral cats this year and as a result will have prevented the births of literally thousands of cats in the next year. With kitten season in full swing, it is more important than ever to be vigilant with the cats in your colonies. We would like to particularly highlight one of our TNR donors, Rochelle Rojas. If you cannot afford the

TNR fee of \$25.00 per cat, we have received a generous gift from Rochelle to pay for those who do not have the financial means for feral cat sterilization. Please contact our TNR Scheduler, Sara, at Altered Tails at 602-216-1160 or email tnr@alteredtails.org for information about this program.



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New Team at Altered Tails (cont.)

Dr. David Maloney has worked in high volume sterilization clinics his entire career. Most recently he was the staff surgeon at Ohio Alleycat Resources in Madisonville, Ohio. He also worked for Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, UT. Dr. Maloney received his DVM in 2005 from Ross University. He looks forward to making an impact in the Phoenix area through the high volume sterilizations he performs at Altered Tails.



Ron Cleveland brings to Altered Tails a high level of knowledge in management experience including nonprofit management, sales, customer service, computer technology, and a high level of determination to "just make it work!" Born and raised on a farm on a Sioux Reservation in South Dakota, Ron's passion is to provide excellence in customer service. He has been recognized throughout his career in private, public, and government sectors for managing programs that trained job skills to

individuals with disabilities and challenges. Ron has the motivation to share his high expectations in customer service with each Altered Tails employee. Visit Altered Tails often so we can demonstrate our new standards for customer care and satisfaction.



EVERYONE
LOVES A
"PRINCESS"!



NEW HOURS

Effective May 1, Altered Tails has new clinic hours. We will be open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Also, the clinic will be open every first Saturday of the month. Please note, VACCINATIONS are on Mondays @ 7:30 a.m. Please call us to schedule your appointment 602-943-7729.

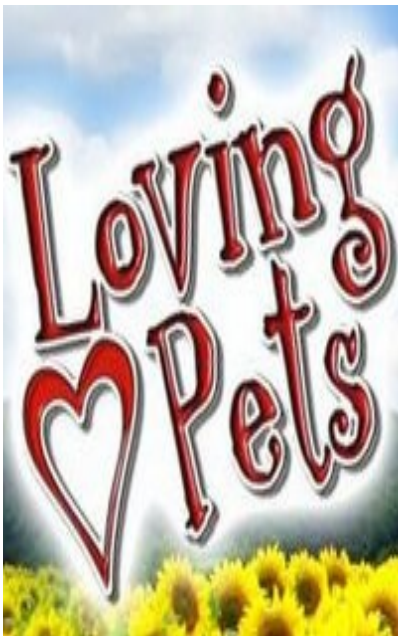
DONORS SPOTLIGHT (cont.)

Have A Great Spay has generously offered to sterilize the animals for residents living in the 85008 zip code. Funds are limited so call Altered Tails at 602-943-7729 right away to schedule an appointment for your cat or dog. Dog owners will receive a spay or neuter surgery, rabies vaccination, and DA2PP vaccination at no cost. Cat owners will receive spay or neuter surgery at no cost to them. Please contact us at 602-943-7729 to schedule your free sterilization appointment today!!!

PetSmart Corporation was a major sponsor of this year's Have a Heart gala that was held on February 12, 2011. Thanks to their generosity and the generosity of everyone who attended, Altered Tails was able to raise over \$160,000. Attendees enjoyed cocktails and hor' dourves during the silent auction followed by dinner, dancing, and a particularly exciting live auction. Special thanks to this years extraordinarily hard working committee which included Bea Barnhart, Cheryl Carr, Crystal Castrogiovanni, Shari Christie-Weber, Catherine Crandall, Janet Cussler, Kristy Field, Sue Fletcher, Susan Heywood, Claudia Levinson, Barbara Payne, Tracy Penwell, Donna Salcito, Alicia Simmons and Connie Wilson.

Save the date for next years Have a Heart which will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012.

Altered Tails is also currently working with PetSmart Charities on several other funding opportunities. We appreciate the extraordinary impact PetSmart Charities has made on the lives of animals in our community and across our country. Altered Tails needs your support. Please open your heart; use the enclosed envelope to make a donation. Gifts to Altered Tails provide unrestricted funds that touch every aspect of our work. Every gift strengthens Altered Tails and brings us closer to the day when euthanasia is no longer used as a means of population control.



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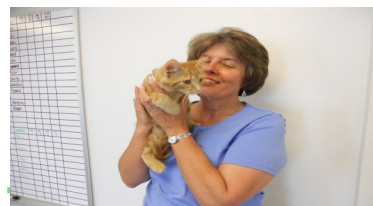
Volunteer in the Spotlight

Mei Mei Brown, a former State of Vermont employee, is not your typical snowbird. While she winters in the Phoenix area (November through May) and spends her summers in her home state of Vermont, she has devoted her retirement years to helping animals, specifically cats.

Lucky enough to have retired at a young age, she and her husband Bruce are dedicated to the welfare of cats in the communities in which they live. While in Arizona, she and Bruce live in Wick-

enburgh where Mei Mei is a board member for the Wickenburg Humane Society. As a volunteer for Wickenburg Humane Society, she transports feral cats and companion cats to Altered Tails once a week for sterilization. While in Phoenix, she spends her day volunteering at Altered Tails helping with checking clients and their companion animals in for surgery, vaccinations, and scheduling appointments. Mei Mei says she loves volunteering because she enjoys working with the staff, but mostly she enjoys helping animals.

Mei Mei's passion for animals began in Vermont when she helped initiate a Trap Neuter and Return program for feral cats. The program was established in cooperation with the Rutland County Humane Society (Vermont) where she is also a board member.



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PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE TO DONATE!



WISH LIST

The following is a list of common items that we are constantly in need of to help care for animals and maintain the cleanliness of our clinic. Please consider donating one or more of the items on our wish list.

- Towels
- Bleach
- Laundry detergent for high efficiency washers
- Newspapers
- Color laser printer
- Copy paper
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Liquid hand soap
- Clorox wipes
- Letter size file folders
- Letter size hanging file folders



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VISION:

To eliminate euthanasia as a means of population control for companion animals and free-roaming cats.

Mission:

Providing community accessible spay/neuter solutions for companion animals and free-roaming cats.