Resources for Animal & Pet Services in Arizona

Animals can make our lives better in many ways. A strong human-animal relationship helps to reduce isolation, maintain good health, and cope with stress.

The links below are to services found in the 2-1-1 Arizona database. Select a link and add a location under Custom Search at the top.

**Animals can provide assistance.** The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines a service animal as an animal trained to provide assistance to a person with a disability, such as a seeing eye dog.

- Service Animals

**Animals can provide healing.** Animal assisted therapy involves animals as a form of treatment. The programs are designed to improve people’s social and emotional functioning.

- Animal Assisted Therapy

**Animals can also be fun.** Pets can be good company and a great source of entertainment.

- Animal Adoption
- Zoos

**ANIMAL CARE RESOURCES:**

- Pet Care Information
- Pet Training
- Animal Lost and Found

**ANIMAL HEALTH RESOURCES:**

- Low Cost Neuter/Spay Services
  - It’s cheaper to fix/sterilize your pet than it is to care for a litter of puppies or kittens.
• Your pet may live a longer, healthier life and be better behaved if they are spayed or neutered.
• It’s kinder. The ASPCA estimates that every year 1.5 million dogs and cats are put to sleep in this country due to overpopulation.

• Animal Poison Information
• First Aid for Pets Training

GRIEF RESOURCES:

• Pet Loss Support Groups

RESOURCES FOR PET OWNERS IN NEED:

• Free Pet Food
• Veterinary Care Expense Assistance

RESOURCES TO HELP OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS:

• Animal Food/Supplies Donation Programs
• Animal Services Volunteer Opportunities

PETS IN THE ARIZONA SUMMER SUN:

• Never leave your pets alone in the car. It's:
  • **Illegal** - In Arizona, it’s a class 1 misdemeanor according to ARS 13-2910, subsection A, paragraph 7.
  • **Dangerous** - The American Veterinary Medical Association estimates that when it’s 85° outside, in just ten minutes it can get to 104° in the car. When it’s 95°, it can get to 114° in that same time. Because cats and dogs do not sweat the way people do, that puts your pet at risk of serious illness and even death.

• At home and about:
  • Make sure there is plenty of clean, fresh water.
  • Give them shade.
  • Don’t walk or stand with your dog on hot asphalt. If it’s too hot for your hand, it’s too hot for their paws.

• Look for snakes. They are most active from March through October, but can be out at any time.
  • The best treatment is prevention. Watch where you walk and where you lead your dog to walk. Stay away from brush which could be hiding snakes or other desert creatures.
  • If you are bitten, get to a hospital.
  • If your pet is bitten, get them to the veterinarian.
RESOURCES FOR DIFFICULT ANIMALS:

- **Snake & Wildlife Rescue/Relocation**
- **Animal Control**
- **Feral Cat Management Programs**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
- Animal assisted therapy, click: [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).
- Service animals: [Working Animals or Pets?](#)
- Responsible pet [ownership](#).
- Hot weather safety tips from: the [Adventure Sports Network](#), [ASPCA](#), and the [Pet Health Network](#).
- Snakes [here](#) and [here](#).

SOURCES: ADA National Network; Alliance of Therapy Dogs; American Humane Association; American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA); American Veterinary Medical Association; Arizona Department of Health Services; Arizona State Legislature; Humane Society of the United States; Pet Health Network; Pet Partners; Tucson.Com; United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service; United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section

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