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# 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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