

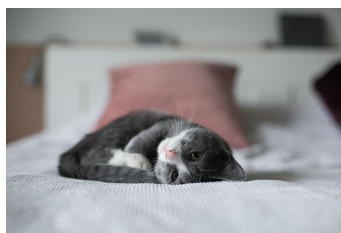
Community Animal Shelters in Need During Pandemic

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With the health crisis on the rise and supplies running low, our community's animal shelters need crucial help from our community. Here are some Valley shelters in need, and what little things you can do to help our furry friends and their rescuers.



Arizona Animal Welfare League

With kitten and puppy season fast approaching, small donations of wet or dry puppy and kitten food will be crucial to help feed the little ones. The rescue anticipates 1,300 kittens and 400 puppies to feed this year. Arizona Animal Welfare League is holding a virtual baby shower to get much-needed donations for its young cats and dogs. Visit [AAWL.org/BabyShower](https://www.aawla.org/BabyShower) and order via a wish list on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) or deliver the items directly to the shelter at 25 N. 40th St. between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Primary needs are puppy pads, wet or dry kitten and puppy food, small kitty litter trays and heating pads. Learn more about the shelter and how to help them [here](#).

Lost Our Home Animal Rescue

The local rescue is in need of foster parents or adoptions. With adoptions decreasing and the intake of animals increasing, Lost Our Home needs help reducing the number of pets in the rescue and get sweet animals a place to call home. They are also in need of any amount of hand sanitizer, bleach, canned dog and cat food. You can learn more ways to help [here](#).

Liberty Wildlife

The animal rehabilitation center is in need of toilet paper, paper towels, bird seed and cat food. All donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated. You can find more ways to help [here](#).

Maricopa County Animal Care and Control

The organization is in crucial need of adoptions, foster parents and unopened canned food and supplies. You can find more shelters in need and more ways to help [here](#).

Saving Paws Rescue

[Phoenix Animal Care Coalition](#) (PACC911) is the umbrella organization of more than 100 501c3 nonprofit animal rescue groups in Arizona, with most residing in Maricopa County. One of those groups is [Saving Paws Rescue](#) that specializes in German Shepherds. Trisha Houlihan, founder and president, says the group is seeing a dramatic increase in requests from the public. "We are feeling this in so many ways," says Houlihan. "Our phones, emails, Facebook messaging have been nonstop with urgent and emergency needs. People are in a panic as they try to rehome pets they can no longer keep. We are turning away strays and owner surrenders but accepting those we can. Our kennel space is full."

Boxer Luv

Another local rescue group, also part of PACC911, that is being hit hard is [Boxer Luv](#). Randy Rotondo, operations director, says, "Nearly every new Boxer that has come in since COVID-19 has required immediate, urgent medical care and, most, have required hospitalization. The conditions of these strays indicate we've had many Boxers (and so many other breeds out there) suffering from neglect for some time or they're not street savvy and have been seriously injured as a result of being abandoned on the streets."