

# Arizona Animals

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## Spay/Neuter Success

*Dedicated Volunteer Leads  
ADLA's Spay/Neuter Hotline  
of Maricopa County on a  
Mission of Collaboration  
and Innovation to Reduce the  
Number of Unwanted Animals  
and Improve the Lives of Cats  
and Dogs in the Valley*

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Maricopa County spay/neuter programs offer a model for other communities looking for innovative ways to stem the tide of companion animal overpopulation.

“I really like working with cats, there’s no doubt about it,” says Pam Kalish. As the coordinator of the Maricopa County Spay/Neuter Hotline for ADLA, this would seem to be a prerequisite. The hotline runs a once-a-month high-volume spay/neuter clinic that sterilizes about 100 cats – half tame and half feral – in one day. “It’s like an assembly line,” she says.

For a typical spay/neuter day, Pam and her core crew of volunteers handle appointment scheduling, patient check-in, check-out, clean-up and record-keeping. “You have to be organized and keep good records,” Pam says.

In addition, she coordinates with the veterinary staff for pre-surgery exams, surgery prep, administering post-operative medications and fluids, and monitoring heart rates in recovery. Feral cats also are ear-tipped to identify which ones already have been spayed and neutered, thereby saving valuable time and resources.

Statistics on the number of animals, tame or

feral, gender and other variables are entered on a laptop computer, and the cost of caring for each cat is calculated.

To make the most of resources, ADLA has teamed up with another nonprofit organization, AzCats, to run the spay/neuter program. AzCats provides the loan of some expensive but necessary equipment and handles the feral cats, and

ADLA helps promote and administer the program and handles the tame cats.

Collaboration comes naturally for the hotline volunteers. “If you share resources, you can get more done,” Pam says.

ADLA is a member of the Alliance for Companion Animals, a coalition group bringing together animal control, the local humane society and rescue groups.

Pam says this collaborative approach reduces the cost of spay/neuter in the community, utilizes the excess capacity of existing clinics, reduces the duplication of efforts and fosters the creation of additional community-based alternatives.



Pam Kalish

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Spay/Neuter Hotline clinic volunteer Lind Bell comforts a feline patient in aftercare.

“Everyone has a niche,” Pam says. “Cooperation is really figuring out who does what best to make the most of the money.”

Pam has done volunteer work on behalf of animals and the environment for about 30 years, including working on initiatives for open space and against cockfighting. Sharing her home with six cats, Pam says she feels a special connection to the feline world. She says she enjoys the spay/neuter hotline project because it provides immediate results.

“You spay a cat and know that there will never be any kittens born that have to fend for themselves. Some other issues you can work on day and night and never see the results,” she says. “It’s a wonderful feeling to know that a

female cat will never have to go through having litter after litter of unwanted kittens, up to four times per year. Or males getting beaten up. Some don’t even have ears left from fighting. By spaying and neutering, their lives are so much improved.”

She has a special place in her heart for feral cats, and she says there are an estimated one million of them in the valley.

“They sometimes get the short end of the stick,” she says. “Feral cat programs might not get the money because ferals don’t have any economic value. Without funding, it would all have to come from caregivers.”

That’s where the spay/neuter hotline and other programs come in. Having a variety of spay/neuter options is the key to getting people to participate, Pam says.

The hotline provides referrals to lower-cost vet clinics and other organizations that have funding for spay/neuter programs. In addition to the monthly cat spay/neuter clinic, the hotline provides financial assistance for spay/neuter of both cats and dogs through certificates good at participating vet clinics.

How much the public contributes toward the surgeries depends on each individual’s financial status. People on public assistance programs such as AHCCCS may qualify for a program funded by a Maddie’s Fund grant, which requires only a small co-pay of \$10 or \$20. Additional financial assistance is subsidized by ADLA through a Petsmart Charities grant.

A new pilot program through Maddie’s Fund provides free surgeries for pitbulls and pitbull mixes -- and even pays the owners \$20 as an incentive for them to get the dogs spayed or neutered. The hotline also is experimenting with a mobile spay/neuter clinic, utilizing the M.A.S.H. unit. The Mobile Animal Surgical

## What You Can Do

### Volunteer

These programs would not be possible without the dedication of volunteers. ADLA currently needs volunteers to monitor the hotline phone messages, help out at spay/neuter clinics, and research spay/neuter resources available to the public. To find out how to help out with spay/neuter programs in your community, please contact our Administrative Office at [adla@adlaz.org](mailto:adla@adlaz.org) or call (520) 623-3101.

### Donate

Financial support for these important spay/neuter programs is vital. For information on how to make a donation either online or through the mail, please visit our website donations page at [www.adlaz.org/donate](http://www.adlaz.org/donate) and be sure to mention that you would like your gift to support spay/neuter programs.

### Educate

Visit the hotline website at [www.spay.adlaz.org](http://www.spay.adlaz.org) for a fact sheet on the benefits of spay/neuter, and share this information with others. If you haven’t already, please have your companion animals spayed or neutered!

## Spay/Neuter FAQs

### The Procedure

Female dogs and cats are spayed by removing their reproductive organs, and male dogs and cats are neutered by removing their testicles. In both cases the operation is performed while the animal is under anesthesia. Depending on the animal's age, size and health, he or she will stay at the veterinarian's office for a few hours after surgery or perhaps overnight. Full recovery takes place within a week to 10 days.

The obvious reason spaying and neutering is so critical is to prevent unwanted, accidental pregnancies. However, there are many more benefits as well. Behavioral benefits include a reduction in hostility toward other dogs, roaming, territorial urine marking/spraying, and mounting/jumping.

### Minimum Age

Spay/neuter can be safely performed on animals as young as eight weeks of age. Veterinarians practicing this early-age spay/neuter technique report that the surgery is significantly quicker and easier to perform. Their clients report fewer post-surgical problems than those who have older animals spayed/neutered.

Unneutered males are at risk for a number of hormone-related medical problems as they age. They may develop prostate, perianal and testicular tumors and cancers. Neutering greatly reduces the risk of these medical problems. Spayed females also have a reduced risk for uterine infections, cancers and other health problems.

### Myths about Spaying and Neutering

MYTH: My pet will get fat and lazy.  
FACT: Companion animals who get fat and lazy do so because of being overfed and not getting enough exercise.

MYTH: It's better to have one litter first.  
FACT: Medical evidence indicates just the opposite. In fact, the evidence shows that females spayed before their first heat typically are healthier. Many veterinarians now spay/neuter dogs and cats as young as eight weeks of age.

MYTH: My children should experience the miracle of birth.  
FACT: It is unlikely that children will be able to see a companion animal give birth, since it usually occurs at night and in seclusion. There are videotapes and books available to share this experience with children without contributing to the overpopulation problem.

MYTH: My pet is a purebred.  
FACT: So is at least one out of every four companion animals brought to shelters around the country. There are already too many dogs and cats and not enough homes.

MYTH: I want my dog to be protective.  
FACT: Spaying or neutering does not affect a dog's natural instinct to protect home and family. A dog's personality is formed more by genetics and environment than by sex hormones. Most spayed/neutered animals are more reliable and easier to train because of stabilized hormones.

MYTH: My pet is so special, I want a puppy/kitten just like her.  
FACT: A dog or cat may be a great companion animal, but that doesn't mean her offspring will be carbon

copies. Even professional animal breeders who follow generations of bloodlines can't guarantee they will get just what they want out of a particular litter.

MYTH: It's too expensive to have my pet spayed or neutered.  
FACT: The cost of spaying or neutering depends on the sex, size and age of the animal, and other variables. This one-time cost is a relatively small expense when compared to all the benefits. Financial assistance programs are available in most communities for families that feel they cannot afford the surgery on their own.

MYTH: I'll find good homes for all the puppies and kittens.  
FACT: Each home you find means one less home for the dogs and cats in shelters who need good homes. In less than one year's time, each of your pet's offspring may have a litter as well, adding even more animals to the population.

MYTH: I can make some extra money selling the puppies/kittens.  
FACT: Breeding dogs and cats isn't a money-making experience. There are veterinary bills, food, advertising costs and more. There also is the time spent caring for the puppies and kittens and showing them to prospective owners. What if the pregnancy puts the mother in medical danger that causes her to suffer or even die -- can you put a price on the loss of a pet?

MYTH: My pet will be kept indoors and won't have the chance to breed.  
FACT: Companion animals have been known to escape or get lost from even the most careful of guardian. Males can smell females in heat, and many have been known to escape their homes to reach the female.

Hospital, operated by Dr. Trina Neufield, held its first hotline day January 22. There were 44 cats and 22 dogs, including nearly a dozen pit-bulls, spayed or neutered at this clinic.

Pam has been volunteering with the spay/neuter hotline for about eight years, starting out as a phone monitor. The program has a current need for additional phone monitors, she says. This involves signing up for one or more evenings per week to retrieve voicemail messages and return calls to provide referral information about spay/neuter services in the area.

For her role in local spay/neuter programs, Pam has received the 2004 Volunteer of the Year award from AzCats. In addition to her

work with ADLA's Spay/Neuter Hotline clinic, she also assists AzCats with trapping feral cats and provides a "trap depot," a repository for humane traps that are loaned out to feral cat colony caregivers so they can capture the cats and bring them in for spay/neuter. Pam also helps with transporting animals, grantwriting and other tasks. To ADLA, her contributions are invaluable.

ADLA's Spay/Neuter Hotline is a statewide program that provides both referrals and direct assistance. The hotline website currently lists resources in the following Arizona counties. Coconino, Maricopa, Mohave, Pima, Graham and Yavapai.

# Mixed Messages

*Arizona Game & Fish Department incorporates some of ADLA's comments when revising its mountain lion protocol but again proposes scientifically unsound hunting guidelines*

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has presented a new draft action plan for mountain lion/human interactions. The latest documents were posted on the department's website, [www.azgfd.com](http://www.azgfd.com), in early November, after two workshops were held in Flagstaff and Phoenix in August. ADLA representatives have worked with the AZGFD, expert lion biologists and other conservation groups to strengthen the proposals. In early November, ADLA's attorney, Stephanie Nichols-Young, submitted comments on behalf of ADLA and 19 other organizations and individuals. You may review those comments on our website at [www.lions.adlaz.org](http://www.lions.adlaz.org).

The process for developing a new protocol began last spring. The AZGFD and Coronado National Forest officials met March 5, 2004, and decided to kill up to four lions in Tucson's Sabino Canyon. The agencies presented a flimsy justification for their decision, but they said the lions were exhibiting aggressive, aberrant behavior. ADLA submitted a public records request to the AZGFD, and records did not indicate who was responsible for the decision to kill the lions, nor any true justification.

Nonetheless, professional trappers and hunters were sent into Sabino Canyon. After their efforts were unsuccessful, the hunt was suspended March 28, 2004. However, a female lion was soon after captured with a

snare, on April 9, as she went to feed on a white-tailed deer she had apparently killed near the Tucson Rod and Gun Club. There is no indication that this lion posed any risk to humans. She was taken to Southwest Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Foundation in



Scottsdale, where she remains in captivity today. A second lion was shot and killed on Mt. Lemmon on May 16 after she reportedly stalked a mountain biker and AZGFD personnel who went to investigate the biker's report. Another mountain lion was shot and killed in Ventana

Canyon by AZGFD personnel November 26.

Perhaps because the AZGFD realized that its procedures left a bit to be desired, it began an ambitious public involvement process May 1 in Tucson. It hired an outside contractor to coordinate the all-day workshop to develop new policies for human/lion interactions and to gather comments on key issues: legislation, research and education. A number of wildlife biologists who have special expertise on mountain lions and their behavior attended. AZGFD officials seemed surprised at the quality of information provided by participants.

ADLA and many others submitted a significant amount of substantive information on lion behavior, protocols used by other states and agencies, samples of legislation from other states and information on current research from other states and scientists. The AZGFD published a new draft protocol August 12 that relied heavily on a sample protocol that ADLA submitted from California's Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Ranger Operations Manual.

In addition to urging the AZGFD to adopt ADLA's revised protocol, we need to urge the agency to develop an internal training program to teach its personnel how to properly investigate alleged lion sightings and interactions. This includes proper investigation of physical evidence and development of interview techniques to ensure that witnesses aren't inadvertently prompted or led to provide inaccurate information.

The AZGFD should also partner with community groups to develop education programs that will assist people who live and recreate in lion habitat to avoid problems and to know what to do if they see a mountain lion.



## Mountain Lion Hunt Guidelines Proposed

The Arizona Game & Fish Department again has proposed hunt guidelines for mountain lions that are not scientifically sound. To add insult to injury, a collared lion that was part of a U.S. Geological Survey study in Flagstaff was legally killed by a hunter in December.

In response to this incident, the Arizona Game & Fish Department has not even suggested that hunters should voluntarily refrain from shooting collared lions in order to allow scientists to gather data about lions. ADLA volunteers are following this process, and we will be asking AZGFD to restrict hunting of lions that are part of scientific studies and to develop an integrated lion plan.

Please review the proposed guidelines at [www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/h\\_f/fall\\_biggame\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/h_f/fall_biggame_guidelines.pdf) (see Order 10). The Arizona Game & Fish Commission will vote on the proposed hunt guidelines April 16.

For details about how to submit comments, go to [www.azgfd.com/h\\_f/hunt\\_guidelines.shtml](http://www.azgfd.com/h_f/hunt_guidelines.shtml).

## Aerial Gunning of Coyotes Continues

This is the third year of a three-year contract between the Arizona Game & Fish Department and Wildlife Services for shooting coyotes from aircraft in three areas of Arizona, purportedly to benefit antelope.

However, the real problem in these areas is overgrazing and drought, not coyotes. In the first year of the current contract, 120 coyotes were killed by aerial gunning, and 88 coyotes were killed last year. Gunning is slated to begin again in April and May. For an AZGFD report of all coyotes killed by aerial gunning since 1981, go to [www.adlaz.org/coyotes.pdf](http://www.adlaz.org/coyotes.pdf).

The AZGFD talked of expanding the gunning into game management unit 21 (in the Agua Fria National Monument and Prescott National Forest east of Interstate 17 north of Phoenix, but that did not happen.

The Arizona Game & Fish Department killed 88 coyotes with aerial gunning in three areas of Arizona this year (see sidebar for breakdown).

## Aerial Gunning Statistics

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<b>Number of coyotes killed in 2004</b>	47	11	30
<b>Number of coyotes killed in 2003</b>	72	11	37



It was the second year of a three-year contract with Wildlife Services (a subdivision of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that used to be called Wildlife Damage Control).

Please contact AZGFD Director Shroufe and Governor Napolitano to ask them to stop this cruel and wasteful program.

If you would like to volunteer to get involved on this issue, please contact us at [adla@adlaz.org](mailto:adla@adlaz.org).

## Hernbrode Appointed to Commission

Gov. Janet Napolitano has appointed Bob Hernbrode to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. He will need to be approved by the state Senate. Hernbrode is retired from the Colorado Division of Wildlife and has worked for other agencies. For the press release from the governor's office, visit [www.governor.state.az.us/press/0501/05\\_01\\_21.pdf](http://www.governor.state.az.us/press/0501/05_01_21.pdf).

## Flagstaff Activities Update

The Flagstaff Chapter has been busy. Our raffle was a great success, bringing in more than \$1,300. Our devoted volunteers Pat Dawn and Denyse Lockard (who also coordinate the feral cat program) are starting on a quilt for next year's raffle.

We've had several outreach tables during the summer, all at big events with great attendance. ADLA's Jean Myers, Stephanie Nichols-Young and Karen Michael, among other wildlife advocates, attended a mountain lion workshop in Flagstaff sponsored by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. ADLA also co-sponsored a meeting featuring expert speakers the night before the workshop.

We co-sponsored a very well attended All Creatures Great and Small Day with the Flagstaff Activist Network and Sierra Club on Sept. 18. It was held downtown at Heritage Square and was an all-vegan, cruelty-free event. There were lots of groups tabling, great food, great music, cat and dog adoptions, a people circus and a raffle. For the kids, we had a dress-as-your-favorite-animal contest, face-painting, a bounce-house and other activities.

Our feral cat program has been busy this year, spaying/neutering and vaccinating about 125 cats so far. We

expect to break our record this year.

The Flagstaff Steering Committee has new faces! Lara Schmit and Brittney Williams have graciously accepted our invitation to join. As you may know, we lost David Ortiz when he moved to Kenab, Utah, to take a job with Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. Sharon O'Connor has stepped down as well, after years of faithful service. Of course, she will continue to be an ADLA volunteer. Lara and Brittney bring some great talent and fresh enthusiasm to the Flagstaff leadership. Welcome aboard!

*Jean Myers*

## Help Animals While You Shop with eScrip Program

Now you can support ADLA every time you go to the grocery store. ADLA has joined eScrip, a fundraising program that allows participating merchants to contribute a percentage of your grocery loyalty card, credit card and debit card purchases to ADLA.

Here's how the program works:

You can register any or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program. Just visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) to sign up on their secure site.

Participating national, regional and local merchants will make contributions to ADLA based on purchases made with a registered cards.

By using these registered cards at participating merchants, supporters generate donations based on a percentage of total purchases, as determined by each merchant.

The list of merchants includes Safeway, Whole Foods, Wild Oats, Office Max, Payless ShoeSource, Pep Boys, American Airlines, Big 5 Sporting Goods, Macy's and many restaurants and hotels.

For more information, visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) or contact ADLA's Administrative Office at (520) 623-3101 or [adla@adlaz.org](mailto:adla@adlaz.org).

## Prescott Activities Update

The Prescott low-cost spay/neuter program is joining forces with United Animal Friends of Prescott. The program will be a joint effort shared by the two nonprofit groups and will continue focusing on preventing cat and dog overpopulation as well as working with TNR of feral cats. United Animal Friends formed about one year ago. They are involved in rescue and fostering, spay/neuter, and adoption of dogs from the Prescott Animal Control facility.

In August, ADLA-Prescott and United Animal Friends organized a fundraiser which raised \$900 for spay/neuter. The fundraiser was hosted by Coyote Joe's restaurant which generously provided free wine tasting and food for the guests. Entertainment included a hoola hoop contest, pepper eating, and live music by area bands.

*Rae Fredrickson*

## Tucson Activities Update

The Tucson Chapter is busy this spring, with educational exhibits planned for several community events. Volunteers are needed to set up, staff and tear-down the exhibit at these and other events in the future.

The chapter also scheduled its annual Tucson Rodeo protest action for the day of the rodeo finals competition, Sunday, February 27.

For information about attending a monthly chapter meeting or volunteering, contact ADLA's Administrative Office at (520) 623-3101 or [adla@adlaz.org](mailto:adla@adlaz.org).

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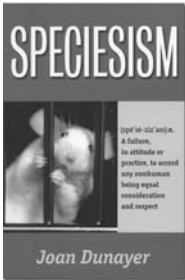
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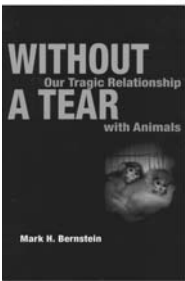
## Recommended Readings



### Speciesism

By Joan Dunayer  
Ryce Publishing, 2004  
Paperback, 204 pages

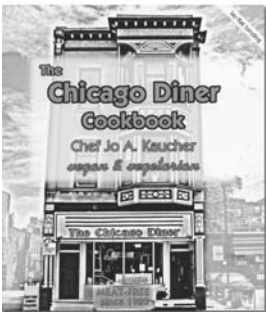
Defining speciesism as “a failure, in attitude or practice, to accord any nonhuman being equal consideration and respect,” Joan Dunayer compellingly critiques speciesism both outside and inside the animal rights movement. She examines philosophy, law and activism in terms of three categories: “old-speciesists” limit rights to humans; “new-speciesists” advocate rights for relatively few nonhumans, those who seem most human-like; and nonspeciesists advocate basic rights, such as rights to liberty and life, for all sentient beings. Uniquely egalitarian, *Speciesism* outlines nonspeciesist thought, law and action.



### Without a Tear: Our Tragic Relationship with Animals

By Mark H. Bernstein  
University of Illinois Press, 2004  
Paperback, 207 pages

In *Without a Tear*, author Mark H. Bernstein begins with one of our most common and cherished moral beliefs: It is wrong to intentionally and gratuitously harm the innocent. Throughout the book, he shows how this apparently innocuous commitment requires that we drastically revise many of our most common practices involving nonhuman animals. Bernstein details the realities of factory farms, animal-based research, and hunting fields, contrasting these chilling facts with our moral imperatives. He clearly shows the need for fundamental changes to some of our most basic animal institutions.



### The Chicago Diner Cookbook

By Jo A. Kaucher  
Book Publishing Company, 2002  
Paperback, 159 pages

Meat-free since 1983, the Chicago Diner stands out as a vegetarian jewel in Chicago's historically meat-eating landscape. Founded by Jo Kaucher and Mickey Hornick, the diner helped elevate vegetarian cuisine from its humble beginnings to a delicious, even artful, experience.

This collection of recipes includes some of the Chicago Diner's most popular dishes, from comforting lentil and tempeh Shepherd's Pie and Scrambled Tofu to ethnic treats like Stroganoff and Moussaka.

## ADLA-Flagstaff Remembers Volunteer Wayne Marinelli

ADLA-Flagstaff members always will fondly remember Wayne Marinelli, who has moved on to the next adventure. He passed away Oct. 4, 2004, at the age of 42. Wayne was a wonderful friend to the animals and an all-around great guy. He was “The Food Doctor,” running an all-vegetarian (mostly vegan) catering business. He cooked all the goodies for our annual fundraiser, “Bean Cuisine” and spread the message of vegetarianism through his delicious cooking.

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## Wolf Reintroduction Comments Due March 15

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has released its five-year review of the Mexican gray wolf reintroduction program. The agency still is not ready to take necessary steps recommended in the previous three-year review to allow the program to succeed.



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Those steps include allowing released wolves to disperse beyond program geographic boundaries, requiring ranchers to remove dead livestock (so they don't train wolves to eat livestock), and allowing direct release of wolves into New Mexico.

USFWS held open houses at the end of January in Arizona and New Mexico to gather comments on the five-year review.

March 15 is the deadline for written comments

To read the five-year review and instructions about how to submit comments, go to <http://ifw2es.fws.gov/mexicanwolf/FiveYearReview.cfm>.

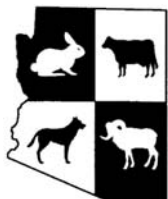
## Animal/Ecological Terrorism Bill Resurfaces

Thanks for all your calls and emails to legislators on the Animal/Eco Terrorist Bill, as it has been resurfacing in various forms in both the state House and Senate, despite the fact that a similar measure was vetoed by Gov. Janet Napolitano last year.

The bill is bad because it contains vague language and penalties for crimes that are already covered under existing laws. It defines an "animal or ecological terrorist organization" in a manner that could be used to prosecute mainstream groups engaged in nonviolent advocacy work, including lawful boycotts, permitted marches or demonstrations, and investigations. An animal facility is defined as a "zoo, rodeo, circus, amusement park, hunting preserve and horse and dog event."

The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), along with the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance, is responsible for promoting animal/ecological terrorism legislation in states around the country. ALEC is funded by groups including the NRA and oil companies.

If you have not yet contacted your House members, please ask them to oppose animal and ecological terrorism bills. Legislative contact information is online at [www.azleg.state.az.us](http://www.azleg.state.az.us). If you're not sure who your legislators are, you can find them by visiting [www.azleg.state.az.us/MemberRoster.asp](http://www.azleg.state.az.us/MemberRoster.asp) or calling toll-free 1-800-352-8404.



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