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OF YUMA

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2025 ANNUAL REPORT



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello fellow animal lovers,

I hope this past year has been good to you, as it certainly has been for us. Although our shelter saw more animals enter than the year before, we also experienced many successes and countless reasons to celebrate. With over 7,300 animals entering our shelter, we stayed very busy throughout the year. Even so, we achieved more than 5,700 successful outcomes through adoption, rescue, or return-to-owner. Your support makes numbers like these possible, and we are deeply grateful.

There were several difficult cases for the volunteers and staff at HSOY as well. Despite the challenges, we prevailed on many of them and saved numerous lives. Later in this report,

you'll read how our organization stepped up to remove nearly 30 animals from a home where they had been living in deplorable conditions. During moments like these, the generosity of our donors truly shines, giving us the resources we need to respond swiftly and compassionately.

We also celebrated our fourth community cat clinic. Dr. Muñoz and her incredible team of staff and volunteers have now altered nearly 1,500 cats through these four events. Altering this many cats prevents thousands of unwanted births in our community. Our TNR program remains extremely active, and Valerie, our Community Cat Coordinator, is doing a fantastic job assisting the community with their cat-related concerns.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for everything you do for the shelter and for the animals in our care. Without supporters like you—reading this message and generously standing by us—we would not be celebrating the tremendous number of lives we have saved so far. Thank you for continuing to believe in our mission and for helping us create a safer, kinder community for every animal who needs us.



Annette Lagunas
Executive Director



Linus, adopted 5/13/2025

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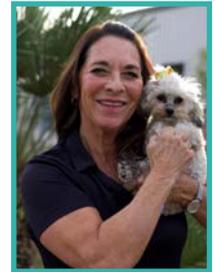
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Clinic Manager



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Development Manager



2025 STATISTICS



INTAKE

owner surrender..... 1,007
stray..... 6,025
other intakes..... 329
Total **7,361**

SPAY/NEUTER

shelter animals..... 2,794
owned animals..... 858
community cats..... 1,656
Total **5,308**

OUTCOMES

adoptions..... 2,676
transfer..... 1,547
return to owner..... 1,209
cats returned to field.... 299
shelter euthanasia..... 1,186
821 Cats 365 Dogs

Owner Requested Euthanasia

In 2025 the Humane Society of Yuma humanely euthanized 211 animals for the community. The owners of these animals felt that their pet should be euthanized because of age, injury or illness. In each of these cases HSOY staff concurred.

177 Dogs 34 Cats

These numbers are NOT reported in the number of animals entering our shelter. HSOY does reserve the right to deny owner requested euthanasia if HSOY staff does not feel it is in the best interest of the pet.

TRANSFER

dogs transferred to other shelters..... 918
cats transferred to other shelters..... 629

Total **1,547**

Cats: 3,077 Save Rate 65%

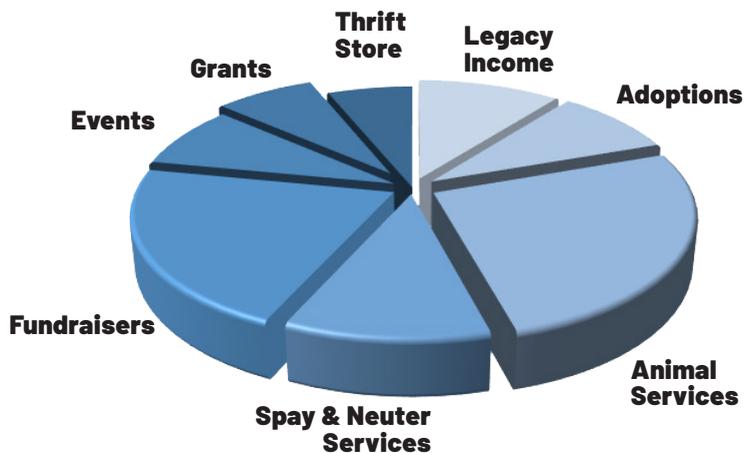
- 302 owner surrender
- 2,719 stray
- 56 other intakes

Dogs: 4,284 Save Rate 90%

- 705 owner surrender
- 3,306 stray
- 273 other intakes

80% **SAVE RATE FOR DOGS AND CATS IN 2025**

REVENUE

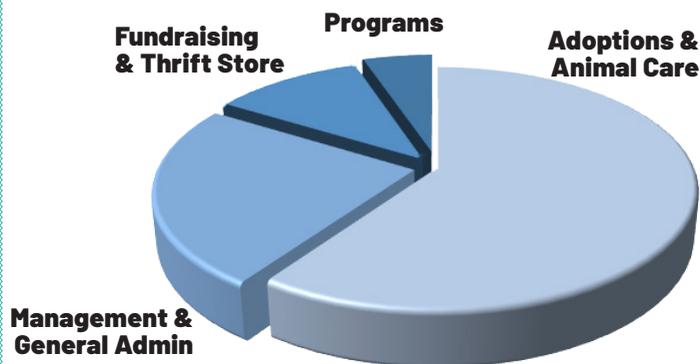


\$2,725,156
in total
revenue

Animal Services	\$799,881
Fundraisers	\$649,747
Spay & Neuter Services	\$332,456
Adoptions	\$275,088
Events	\$254,201
Grants	\$224,850
Thrift Store	\$188,933
Legacy Income*	\$321,934

*Legacy Income not included in revenue total

EXPENSES



\$3,618,463
in total
expenses

Adoptions & Animal Care	\$2,158,659
Management & General Admin	\$872,045
Fundraising & Thrift Store	\$400,599
Programs	\$187,160

GRANTS

Spay/Neuter Grants - \$107,800

- \$2,800 Arizona Community Foundation-Imperial County
- \$20,000 Arizona Pet Plates
- \$50,000-Petsmart Charities
- \$35,000-Arizona Community Foundation



General Grants - \$117,050

- \$64,550-ASPCA-Keeping Families Together
- \$30,000-ASPCA-The Rescue Effect Campaign
- \$10,000-The Latham Foundation-BeHumane
- \$10,000-Fidelity Charitable Foundation-Yuma Insurance
- \$2,500-Community Foundation of Greater Richmond



\$224,850
in total
amount
of grants

ADOPT, DON'T SHOP

During 2025, the Humane Society of Yuma continued to save lives through adoption. We couldn't do it without the support of PetSmart Charities, the Bissell Foundation and our community partners.



Shelter dog adoptions **1,173**

Shelter cat adoptions **747**

Petsmart dog adoptions **556**

Petsmart cat adoptions **200**

Total **2,676**

SAVE RATE

$$\text{Save Rate} = \frac{\text{Total Intakes} - \text{Non live Outcomes}}{\text{Total Intakes}}$$

BENCHMARK

"No Kill" = 90% or more

Save Rate

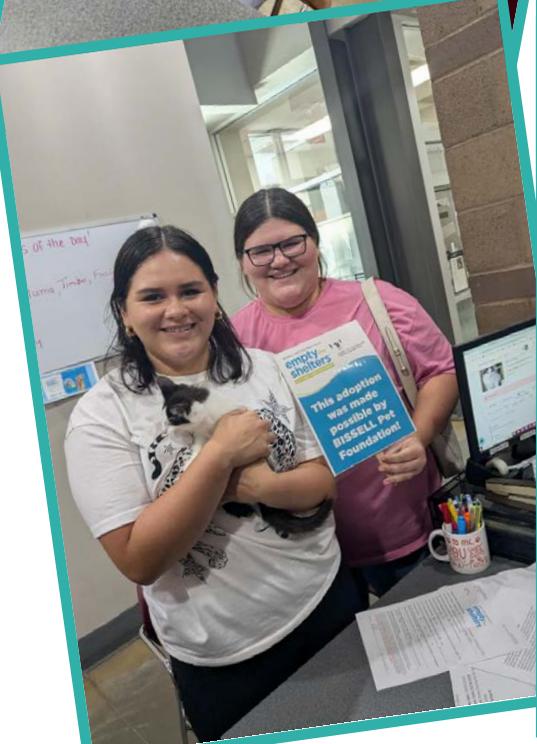
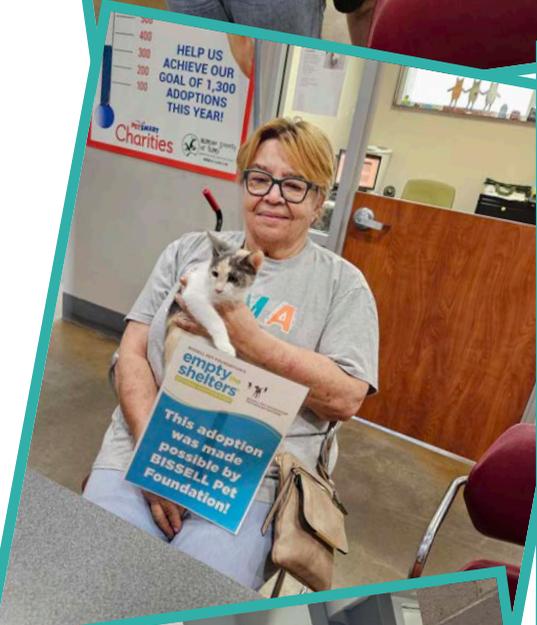
80% SAVE RATE FOR DOGS AND CATS IN 2025

Save rate is calculated by using total lives rather than averages of the species saved.



90% Dogs • 65% Cats

THANK YOU TO OUR ADOPTERS



WE ❤️ VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the heart of the Humane Society of Yuma, providing the time, care, and compassion that help animals thrive while they wait for their forever homes. From walking dogs and socializing cats to assisting with daily care and special events, volunteers make it possible for the organization to serve the community and improve the lives of countless animals. The Humane Society of Yuma welcomes young volunteers as well. Children ages 12 to 15 may volunteer alongside a parent or guardian, while teens 16 and older can volunteer independently. This inclusive approach allows people of different ages to learn responsibility, empathy, and the importance of giving back.



Volunteering at the Humane Society of Yuma is a deeply rewarding experience for both the animals and the people who help them. Animals benefit from extra attention, exercise, and affection, which reduces stress and increases their chances of adoption. At the same time, volunteers often find that working with animals brings a sense of purpose, joy, and fulfillment that lasts long after each shift ends. Whether it's seeing a shy animal gain confidence or knowing you played a role in helping an animal find a loving home, volunteering creates meaningful connections and lasting positive impact for everyone involved.



WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?

- | | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Walk Dogs | PetSmart |
| Cuddle Cats | Marketing |
| Help at Events | Transfer Team |
| Thrift Store | 4 Paws Pantry |
| Foster Care | Glamour Photos |
| Spay & Neuter | Front Desk Assistant |
| Clinic | Answer Phones |
| Greeter | |

577
Active
Volunteers

21,690
Donated
Hours

519
Active
Fosters

175,003
Donated
Hours

***does not include foster to adopt**

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please visit us at
www.hsoyuma.com/volunteer.html

VOLUNTEERING IS REWARDING



HUMANE SOCIETY OF YUMA RESCUES 27 DOGS FROM UNSAFE CONDITIONS IN NORTHWEST YUMA COUNTY

On September 29, 2025, the Humane Society of Yuma (HSOY) responded to reports of numerous animals living in unsafe and neglectful conditions in the northwest portion of Yuma County. Concerned citizens had made several calls to local authorities before HSOY was ultimately alerted and stepped in to take action. A board member of HSOY first reported the situation to the Executive Director, prompting an immediate response.

When HSOY staff arrived on-site, they discovered dozens of animals of various ages—most of them small terrier mixes—living in distressing conditions. Several of the dogs were pregnant, and others were young puppies who had grown up in this environment. Many animals roamed both outside and inside a deteriorating mobile home, which had a large hole that allowed them to move in and out freely, as well as underneath the structure.

A police report obtained by HSOY noted that while a large bag of dog food was present, dogs confined in cages had little to no water and limited access to food.

Upon assessment, HSOY staff immediately determined that all animals would need to be removed that same day. With the help of dedicated staff and volunteers, the team spent hours safely capturing and transporting all of the dogs to the shelter for care. Once at the shelter, each animal received a full medical evaluation. Many were found to be in better condition than expected, though several required treatment for internal and external parasites.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our rescue partners across Arizona, HSOY was able to place the animals into foster homes quickly, relieving pressure on an already overcrowded shelter.

One special rescue, now named Toby, has since found his forever home in the Phoenix area through our trusted partner, Foothills Animal Rescue. Toby's new family reports that he is an "absolute doll" who brings them joy every day.

Because of the compassion and support of our community, donors, and local animal advocates, 27 dogs were rescued, treated, and given a second chance at life. This effort would not have been possible without the collective dedication of so many.

From all of us at the Humane Society of Yuma—thank you for helping make stories like Toby's possible.



Toby in his new home

HUMANE SOCIETY THRIFT STORE

The Humane Society of Yuma Thrift Store plays a crucial role in supporting our spay and neuter program. Proceeds from thrift store sales directly fund these essential services, helping to reduce pet overpopulations in the community. By shopping at the thrift store, supporters are not only finding affordable, unique items but are also making a meaningful difference in the lives of homeless pets.

In addition to shopping, the thrift store gladly accepts donations, making it easy for community members to support animals in another impactful way. Donated items are sold to raise much-needed funds, giving gently used clothing, furniture, and household goods a second life while benefiting pets in need.



\$188,933

**in revenue to support
spay and neuter
surgeries**

FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

The Humane Society of Yuma's foster program is essential to saving and improving the lives of vulnerable animals by providing them with a safe, loving home environment outside of the shelter. Foster homes help reduce overcrowding while giving animals—especially puppies, kittens, seniors, and those recovering from illness or injury—the individual care, socialization, and comfort they need to thrive. This one-on-one attention often helps pets heal faster, build confidence, and better prepare for adoption. By opening their homes and hearts, foster families play a critical role in giving animals a second chance and helping them transition into permanent, loving homes.

If you would like more information on fostering or would like to become a foster you can fill out an application on our website, www.hsoyuma.com, or call our shelter at (928) 782-1621 ext. 104

2,568
Fostered
Animals

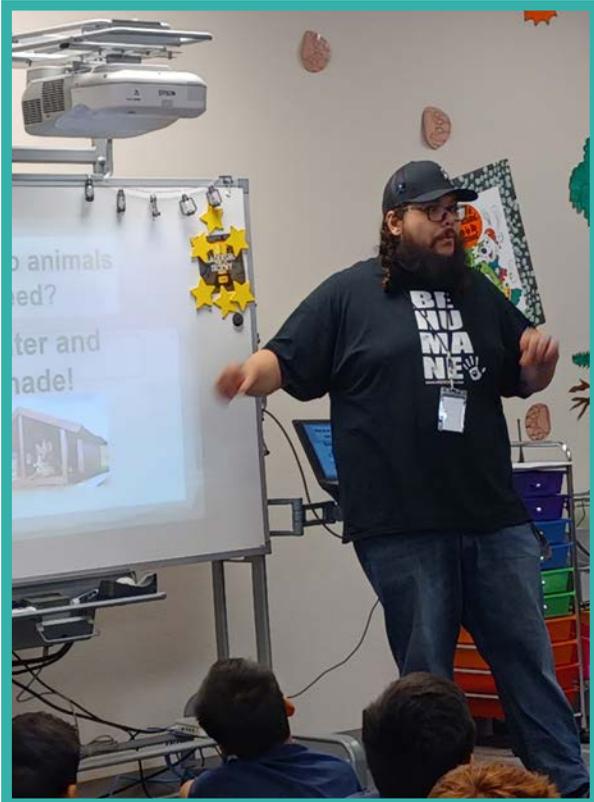
519
Foster
Parents

BEHUMANE



PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Desert View Academy
Orange Grove Elementary
Ed Pastor Elementary
Mesquite Elementary
Mary A. Otondo Elementary
Southwestern Christian School
Dorothy Hall Elementary
Gowan Science Academy



The Humane Society of Yuma's BeHumane program in local schools is important because it teaches children the values of compassion, empathy, and responsible pet care at an early age. Through age-appropriate lessons and engaging activities, students learn how to treat animals with kindness, understand their needs, and recognize the impact their

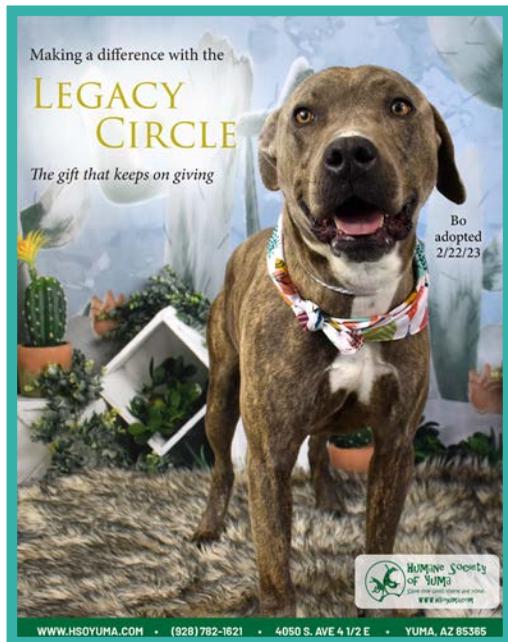
actions have on animal welfare. By educating young people, the program helps shape a more humane future, encouraging lifelong respect for animals and strengthening the connection between the Humane Society of Yuma, families, and the community. For more information on the program contact Hilary at hmulherin@hsoyuma.com.



Lexi the ambassador dog

LEGACY CIRCLE

The Humane Society of Yuma's Legacy Circle program is an important way for supporters to make a lasting impact on the lives of animals for generations to come. Through planned giving, such as including the Humane Society of Yuma in a will or estate plan, members of the Legacy Circle help ensure the long-term sustainability of lifesaving programs, medical care, and shelter services. As an added assurance, members of the Legacy Circle can arrange for the Humane Society to care for their beloved pets after they pass away, providing peace of mind that their companions will be loved and well-cared for. By joining the Legacy Circle, individuals leave behind a legacy of compassion, helping to rescue and protect animals in the Yuma community long into the future. For more information contact Annette Lagunas at annettel@hsoyuma.com.



LEGACY CIRCLE

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

MONTHLY DONORS

Monthly donors play a crucial role in advancing our mission "to reduce the number of homeless pets through adoption, rescue, and spay and neuter programs." Their ongoing support provides a reliable source of funding that allows us to plan ahead, respond quickly to animals in need, and sustain lifesaving programs year-round. Consistent monthly gifts help ensure pets receive medical care, shelter, and second chances at loving homes while also supporting preventative efforts that reduce future homelessness. Through their commitment and compassion, monthly donors make lasting change possible for animals and help create a more humane community.

\$37,904
in monthly
donor
donations

IN MEMORIAM

Laura Merrill • David Roberts • Joseph Robu • Robyn Suci

GLAMOUR TEAMS

The volunteers who run the Glamor teams at the Humane Society of Yuma play an essential role in helping animals find loving homes. By taking high-quality, eye-catching photos, these dedicated volunteers showcase each pet's unique personality and charm, making them stand out to potential adopters online and on social media. Great photos often mean more views, more interest, and faster adoptions, reducing the amount of time animals spend in the shelter. Through their creativity, time, and compassion, Glamor volunteers help tell each animal's story and give them the best possible chance at a happy future.



FACEBOOK FUNDRAISERS

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has created a Facebook fundraiser in 2025 to support the Humane Society of Yuma. Your generosity and willingness to share our mission with your friends and family make a meaningful difference for the animals in our care. Every fundraiser helps provide food, medical treatment, and a safe, loving environment for pets while they wait for their forever homes. We are truly grateful for your compassion, support, and commitment to helping us save lives and strengthen our community.

If you would like to create a Facebook fundraiser, click "Menu" at the top right side of your homepage and then click "Fundraiser." Type "Humane Society of Yuma" in the search bar.



Donations
received from
Facebook
Fundraisers
\$4,062

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

CRITTER COUNTRY

\$58,523



FORE! PAWS GOLF TOURNEY

\$42,674



FUR BALL XIX

\$95,160



POKER FOR PAWS

\$50,824



2025 was another successful year with fundraising. We held 2025's Critter Country at Britain's Farm again and everyone had a blast! We auctioned off 67 silent auction items at this event which was a great start to 2025's fundraising efforts.

Our Fore! Paws Golf Tournament took place in May at Desert Hills Golf Course. A total of 136 golfers took part in the event. Everyone enjoyed lunch and raffle prizes in the club house after hitting the greens.

Our Poker for Paws Texas Hold-Em Tournament was held in August this year at Sage and Sand cocktail lounge again with 81 players participating. A great time was had by all and much needed funds were raised for the shelter.

Fur Ball 19 "Whiskers in Wonderland" was held in September at the Pivot Point Event Center. This is our signature event and it

continues to get better each year! We had 85 items for the silent auction and 14 awesome items for the live auction. We recognized our Legacy Members and sponsors and then we danced to live music! This event was originally started to obtain funds to build our new shelter and sustain the mortgage year after year.

These were our four core events of the year. In addition to these 4 events, we were also able to host several auctions to boost our fundraising revenue. We had our fifth annual quilt auction and our PetStar calendar auction both held online.

\$254,201
in total
events

4-PAWS PANTRY

The 4-PAWS PANTRY is a volunteer program that provides supplemental food to those in our community who may be struggling to feed their pets. By offering this program we can keep pets in their homes and out of the shelter.

47,370 lbs
of pet food was distributed
to low income households



DATES OF DISTRIBUTION FOR 2026

8 - 10am

January 28	April 29	July 29	October 28
February 25	May 27	August 26	November 18*
March 25	June 24	September 30	December 16*

*Changed from last Wednesday of the month

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BARKS AND BOOSTERS

The Barks and Boosters Mobile Vaccination Clinic is vital to keeping pets healthy and communities safe by providing convenient, affordable access to essential vaccines and preventative care. By bringing services directly into neighborhoods, the clinic helps remove barriers such as transportation and cost that can prevent pet owners from keeping their animals up to date on vaccinations. The clinic also offers microchipping services, ensuring that if your pet ever gets lost, they can be easily identified and reunited with you. Accessible and affordable, the Barks and Boosters Mobile Clinic ensures every pet owner has the opportunity to provide their beloved companions with the health and security they deserve. Don't wait—protect your pets today!




Mobile Vaccination & Microchip Clinics

Jan 17	Wellton-Butterfield Park*	10am - 12pm
Feb 7	Somerton Pet Palooza Council Park*	9am - 1pm
Feb 21	San Luis Joe Orduno Park*	9am - 1pm
March 7	Humane Society of Yuma	9am - 1pm

	Rabies ----- \$34
	DAP ----- \$35
	Bordetella ----- \$35
	FVRCP ----- \$35
	Microchip ----- \$20

*For the safety of your cat, these mobile vaccine clinics will not vaccinate cats or kittens. Please visit our website for information on our walk-in vaccine clinic's dates and times where cats are welcome.



TRANSFER PROGRAM

The Humane Society of Yuma works with over 60 transfer partner organizations from across the state and the country who accept dogs and cats from our shelter.

The transfer partner organizations include groups such as Friends for Life Animal Rescue and Dogtree Pines Senior Dog Sanctuary. They also include a mix of other shelter-type organizations, breed specific groups and those that facilitate adoptions with the help of foster homes. Transfer runs to Phoenix from Yuma have been completed every Thursday for the past 19 years, including the weeks of Christmas and New Year, with the support of a dedicated group of volunteers.

dogs transferred to other shelters..... 918

cats transferred to other shelters..... 629

Total 1,547



SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC

The Humane Society of Yuma's Spay and Neuter Clinic continued to be a cornerstone of our lifesaving work in 2025, providing essential medical care that directly improves animal welfare and helps reduce pet overpopulation in our community.

This year marked an important milestone with the addition of Dr. Peg Fricke to our veterinary team. Her arrival allowed us to restart our biweekly public vaccine clinics, expanding access to affordable preventative care for owned pets throughout Yuma. These clinics play a critical role in keeping animals healthy, protecting public health, and reducing the number of preventable illnesses we see in our shelter and community.

Through our spay and neuter services, we surgically altered 5,308 animals in 2025. Of these 2,794 were shelter animals, 858 were owned animals and 1,656 were community cats. In addition, 2,377 animals received vital vaccinations through our clinic services, ensuring they are protected and better prepared for healthy lives in loving homes.



Beyond routine procedures, our clinic also provided specialty surgeries for shelter animals in need. In cases where it was medically necessary to relieve pain or save a life, our veterinary team performed complex procedures including leg amputations and eye enucleations. While these decisions are never taken lightly, they reflect our commitment to doing what is best for each individual animal's quality of life.

The impact of our clinic extends far beyond numbers alone. Every surgery, vaccination, and treatment represents a step toward a healthier, more humane community for both the animals and the people who care for them.

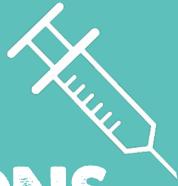
MICROCHIPS

A microchip is a small, permanent form of identification—about the size of a grain of rice—that is safely implanted just under your pet’s skin, usually between the shoulder blades. The microchip contains a unique identification number that can be scanned by veterinarians, animal shelters, and rescue organizations to quickly access the owner’s contact information. Microchipping is important because collars and ID tags can break or fall off, but a microchip stays with your pet for life. If a pet becomes lost or separated from their family, a microchip greatly increases the chances of a happy reunion, helping pets return home safely and giving owners peace of mind.



4,916
2025 TOTAL
ANIMALS MICROCHIPPED

LOW COST VACCINATIONS



Distemper
& Parvo
Vaccines

FVRCP
Vaccines

Bordetella
Vaccines

Rabies
Vaccines

2,377
2025 TOTAL
VACCINES GIVEN AT HSOY



Vaccinating pets is essential to protecting their health and preventing the spread of serious, and sometimes life-threatening, diseases. Vaccines help strengthen a pet’s immune system so they can fight off infections such as rabies, parvovirus, distemper, and feline leukemia. Keeping pets up to date on vaccinations not only safeguards their well-being but also helps protect other animals and people in the community by reducing the risk of outbreaks. Regular vaccinations allow pets to live longer, healthier lives and give pet owners peace of mind knowing they are taking an important step in responsible pet care. The Humane Society of Yuma’s spay and neuter clinic offers a variety of low cost vaccinations for your pets. Vaccinations are given by appointment only.

SPAY-A-THON

2025 saw a record breaking 742 community cats receive surgery for spay and neuter. Each spay-a-thon weekend, local veterinarians and visiting medical professionals and volunteers come together to make the 2 day event a success.

Our community cat caregivers reach out to our community cat coordinator, Valerie Beebe, for spay-a-thon TNR appointments. "Our cat colony caregivers really look forward to the spay-a-thons as they become inundated with cats throughout the year."

Dr. Danielle Munoz is passionate about helping our community cats receive TNR appointments as she works effortlessly at the Humane Society of Yuma and Picacho Animal Care helping our outside cats come through the TNR program to help reduce our population of cats living outside in Yuma County. During our spring and fall events for Spay-a-thon, her outside resources for help brings in many vets and volunteers who are passionate about helping the community cats as well.



To register a cat colony, go to catstats.org/Yuma or contact our Community Cat Coordinator, Valerie Beebe, at vbeebe@hsoyuma.com.



Scan to donate



QUICK STATS ON CATS

Comparing data at the beginning of each year helps us to identify where the organization needs to improve when it comes to animal lives. Cats clearly continue to be problematic for the Yuma Community. Though this year we saw an increase in the number of cats that were returned to their owner, we also saw a 52% increase in the number of cats that entered the shelter and 25% increase in cats being euthanized.

With all that said, there is still much work to be done. Cats continue to roam the streets in huge numbers. Though we have an amazing community cat program here at HSOY and a staff member who does an outstanding job helping our community, the lack of veterinarians to sterilize more cats is more and more prevalent each year. HSOY currently is fortunate to have three part time local doctors and three part time doctors who come from California a couple times a month to help us out.



Cat Intake - 2,717 in 2024 vs. 3,077 in 2025 - a 13% increase.

Cat Euthanasia - 655 in 2024 vs. 821 in 2025 - a 25% increase.

Cat Adoption - 1,292 in 2024 vs. 947 in 2025 - a 27% decrease.

Cat Rescue - 673 in 2024 vs. 629 in 2025 - a 7% decrease.

SOME GOOD NEWS

Community Cat Surgeries - 1,560 in 2024 vs. 1,656 in 2025 - a 6% increase!

Cat RT0 - 32 in 2024 versus 62 in 2025 - a 94% increase!

Sun Graphics



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