

Dear Friends of ALF,



The Dog Days of Summer are upon us, but the heat is felt by us all, cats included! The Arizona Humane Society has reported 19 heat-related dog deaths in the past three weeks, 8 of them during this past weekend, when the intense weather conditions in Arizona prompted several days of Excessive Heat Warnings. Sadly, cats are rarely found when they perish, but we've seen plenty in distress recently.

The Heat is On to Raise \$400

Animal Loving Friends has the opportunity to add an air-conditioned building to our outdoor enclosure. Someone has already donated the air conditioner. Our handyman can construct the building for just over **\$400**. We've made use of this enclosure recently, but even with the misters, it was unbearable after the last week of June. We need you to help us by spreading the word, and sharing the link to our [Sponsor page](#), where our most critical needs are described.

Meet Decker!

Decker was our most recent resident in the outdoor enclosure. He began his career with ALF as a runway model for feral cat trapping. You can see his before picture on our "[Volunteer!](#)" page. The next assignment for Decker was New Volunteer Orientation. When he was picked up after his neuter by a new volunteer on her very first task, he escaped from his trap, and had to be tackled by clinic staff. Whew! That was a close one! Decker never stopped loudly telling anyone who would listen, about all the cards life had dealt him! That is, until now. For his own safety, we had to remove him from his feral colony. You see, Decker finally healed from the trauma of being abandoned, and let us know that he's really a big ol' mush after all! He didn't *belong* outside! He began pushing his head under our hands while we fed, winding between our legs and nearly tripping us when we tried to leave, and finally running down the road after our vehicles, meowing frantically! I kid you not! A freeway interchange is mere yards from that colony, and we couldn't bear the thought of him being hit out there! He spent a week and a half in the enclosure, then finally got to come inside when there was room. Now Decker spends his days greeting everyone who comes for a visit, insisting they pick him up for hugs and non-stop attention. He spends his nights curled up against his humans, kneading and purring, kissing right smack on the mouth, and caressing their faces with his paw. Decker needs his own family and his furever home. How can you resist his charm? Meet Decker and other [Adoptables](#).



Go Green to Save Lives

We've come up with a simple way for you to do something that helps the environment, clears your clutter, and helps homeless animals at the same time. Instead of tossing your items in the trash or recycle bin, consider cashing them in, or selling them, and then donating the proceeds to ALF's [Landfill Cats](#) fund. It's a **win-win!** You won't be filling the dump with yet more STUFF, and you'll aid the poor animals who have been discarded there as though they were trash. We have a trapper committed to spaying the colony, and a caretaker who will provide nutritional food. All we need is **\$600** for the initial sterilization costs. You can create your own fundraising page, place a widget on your Facebook page, or just direct your friends to our [Sponsor page](#).

Extra Special Pets



Curious George is indeed one of our Extra Special pets. You'll recall that he was injured during his capture in the hot summer of 2007, from the very location that Willow, our paraplegic cat, was also injured. We're grateful to all of you who helped us to provide for George, and kept him in your prayers. He's a happy, healthy, thriving cat these days. You'd think he would have had enough of those sink baths! Help us celebrate August 12. Read ALF [Mews](#).

Willow continues to be unable to walk, and remains incontinent. While they've told us it may take six months or more, and it's been only four, we'd like to have her checked by a specialist, to be sure we're not omitting something that may help. She seems to have stabilized without further improvement. History has shown us that it's usually more than **\$1000** just to walk in the door, so we've started a fund to try to raise the initial costs. If you can help us, and spread the word, we'd be SO appreciative! Visit our [Sponsor page](#) and keep those healing thoughts coming her way!

Well, "**Kitten Season**" brought the stork out of hibernation. We have a litter of 5 youngsters almost ready for homes, and have discovered another nursing female - a new arrival at one of our colonies. With abandonment at an all-time high, many find their way to our feeding stations, and we can't get to them all in time. The newest litter are apparently tucked away somewhere in the brush. It's a rugged desert wash area, with lots of things we don't like to think about. But we need to find them before it's too late. If you can help hunt for them, and capture them, **please** let us know. It's rather urgent, and not safe for a person to attempt alone.

ALF would like to thank you for contributing to our Go Fetch! Food Drive. You collected enough to get us through the summer. The feral cats really appreciate you, and so do we!



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Special thanks to [Artistik Design Studio](#) for our clever, new logo! Visit them on the web at <http://www.artistikdesigns.com/>, or call 480-275-4593 for your web and printing needs.

Don't forget to check out all the latest news on [ALF.Petfinder.com](#).

Thank you for all that you do for animals everywhere.