

MEDIA RELEASE

Town of Sahuarita to launch Animal Services Division on July 1

SAHUARITA, Ariz. — The Town of Sahuarita will launch its Animal Services Division on July 1, 2017.

The Sahuarita Town Council voted May 8 to contract with the Humane Society of Southern Arizona to provide shelter services, and the Town is hiring a half-time animal control officer to enforce the Town's Animal Control Code and respond to resident calls.

The Town is committed to providing the best customer service to its residents while ensuring fiscal responsibility. The Town truly believes that providing its own animal services will allow it to better serve Sahuarita residents.

"The Town has created the Animal Services Division to improve animal-related services, better respond to resident calls, keep our community safe, ensure animal welfare and provide the accountability our residents expect and deserve," said Sahuarita Town Manager Kelly Udall. "Residents will still be able to license their dogs, adopt pets and report strays and other animal-related issues. We hope they will be impressed with the improved level of service."

What does the creation of the Town of Sahuarita Animal Services Division mean for Town residents?

- Town residents will license their dogs online through PetData (www.petdata.com), the nation's only full-service animal licensing and registration provider. Dog owners can obtain assistance with licensing or renewal at the Anamax Recreation Center, 17501 S. Camino de Las Quintas. Pima County licenses will be valid until they expire. At that time, the pet owner will receive a renewal notification from PetData.
- The Humane Society of Southern Arizona (HSSA) will accept and shelter all animals brought into its main shelter in Tucson at 3450 N. Kelvin Blvd. by the Sahuarita animal control officer or police officers.
- Town residents are asked to call the Sahuarita animal control officer at (520) 445-7877 (PUPS) to report stray dogs, leash law violations, barking and noise, bites and other Animal Control Code issues.
- Town residents are asked to call HSSA at (520) 327-6088 if their pets get away and are taken to the Tucson shelter. HSSA will make every effort to reunite owners with their pets.
- To surrender a cat or dog that a pet owner can no longer care for, the owner is asked to schedule an appointment with HSSA by calling (520) 327-6088 x111.

Please visit the Animal Services Division webpage at sahuaritaaz.gov/animalservices for further information and updates.

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