

Remember:

- Animal cruelty is a violent crime and should be taken seriously.
- Animal abuse often occurs in homes where domestic violence, child abuse, and/or elder abuse are present.
- FBI studies confirm that several murderers, including Jeffrey Dahmer, David Berkowitz (the Son of Sam), and Albert DeSalvo (the Boston Strangler), all tortured and mutilated animals when they were children.
- MCSO Animal Cruelty Investigators depend on the public to spot and report animal abuse.

Animal Cruelty Hotline

(602) 876-1681



To learn more about MASH
visit us online at :
www.mcsso.org

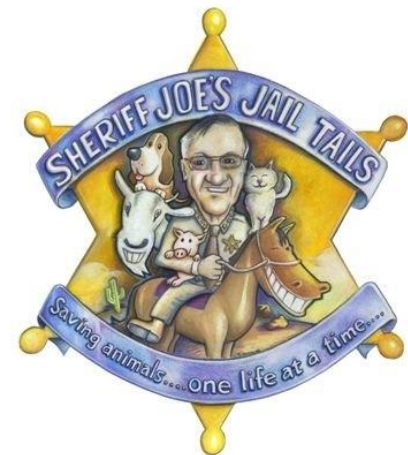
Or call: (602) 876-1212

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MASH



Sheriff Joe Arpaio
Maricopa County Arizona



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Animal Safe Hospice

Thinking of adopting?

MCSO Animal Safe Hospice



Sheriff Joe Arpaio's no-kill animal shelter, MASH, was created to house and care for animals that have been abused or neglected

by their caretakers, and have been rescued by the *Animal Cruelty Investigative Unit*. The purpose of the shelter is to provide a safe, healthy and healing environment for these tragic animals, who must necessarily await the outcome of their owners' cruelty cases in court. Hopefully, their ultimate outcome will be adoption into loving, permanent homes.

The MASH unit also houses the small pets of individuals who check into domestic violence shelters that do not accept pets. This is a no-cost service that can be provided for up to 60 days. The animals must have current shot records. Any medical costs expended while the pets are in MCSO care will be the responsibility of the owner.



Dogs and Cats in Jail?

The first shelter opened by Sheriff Arpaio is in the First Avenue Jail, located at First Avenue and Madison Street, Phoenix, AZ. This 30-year-old jail previously held inmates, but was closed for repairs to plumbing in 1999. Though it is no longer suitable for housing inmates, the jail is like paradise to the four-footed victims now housed and recovering there.

Detention officers, staff, and sentenced female inmates care for the animals. The shelter is air-conditioned and the cells have been reconditioned to comfortably house animals. Some critics have said



that it's inhumane to put dogs and cats in air-conditioned quarters when inmates don't have air conditioning. A good answer came from one of the inmates assigned to care for the dogs. When asked if she was resentful about not having air conditioning, she gestured to some of the dogs and said, "They didn't do anything wrong. I did."

MASH Donations

Cash donations are used for medical services. In-kind donations of food, equipment, and professional animal care and training are welcome.



You must promise to treat your adopted animals with care and affection, and:

- Provide adequate meals and water.
- Provide a safe environment.
- Check animals daily—including ears and toes—for anything harmful to them, like burrs, foxtails, ticks and fleas.
- Brush and bathe animals regularly, and keep their nails clipped.
- Use flea and tick prevention.
- Do not hit the animals, even with a rolled-up newspaper.
- Use praise and humane obedience training.
- Obey all leash laws.
- Return unwanted animals to a "no-kill" shelter, or to MASH.
- Mash animals available for adoption have started their shot series and have been spayed/neutered. Persons adopting animals will be responsible for continuing shot series and ongoing medical care, if needed.

For more information about MASH, or to find out about upcoming adoptions, call:

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Inmate Programs Division

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