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GLENDALE'S BUILDING SAFETY DEPARTMENT LOOKS OUT FOR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS

GLENDALE, Ariz. – With National Homeless Animal Day around the corner (Aug 20), staff from the Building Safety's department came up with a treat for homeless pets in the West Valley.

The group is hosting a pet food drive Aug. 1- Aug. 31 to benefit two West Valley animal shelters who are in need of canned and dry food. Due to the recession, many animal shelters have reached full capacity and are seeing recording-breaking number of animals.

People may donate pet-related items at the Glendale Visitor Center, all three Glendale libraries or the Building Safety Department, located on the second floor of City Hall. The shelters are seeking the following items: pet food, cat litter, cat and dog toys, cat nip, Neosporin and cat litter pans.

Inspectors have been noticing a number of stray animals upon inspections and in some cases are taking these animals back to work to provide some extra assistance. Some staff members have become foster parents to these abandoned animals and have worked closely with the shelters to help rescue and provide the necessary care for the cats and dogs discovered on the streets. In fact, several employees have adopted the pets found.

“The heat and the economy are certainly playing a factor in the increased number of animals we are finding during inspections,” said Bryan Woodcox, senior plans examiner for Building Safety. “This is why we determined that a

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public pet food drive was a great way to give back and engage the community in helping out on such an important cause.”

For more information on the pet food drive, visit www.glendaleaz.com or call Allisa Deneke at 623.930.3148.