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[Puppies 'N Love/Animal Kingdom Pet Stores](#)

### **Hundreds of Homeless Animals Receive a Special Christmas at Maricopa County Animal Shelters**

*Blanco Tacos + Tequila and Puppies 'N Love team-up to feed homeless animals and shelter employees for the holidays!*

**Phoenix/Mesa** — Hundreds of homeless dogs and cats will be treated to an early Christmas this year thanks to Puppies 'N Love and Animal Kingdom pet stores in partnership with Blanco Tacos + Tequila restaurant.

“At any given time we have more than 800 homeless pets between our east and west Valley shelters plus more than 100 employees. That’s a lot of mouths to feed, so for this year’s employee recognition party we are grateful for so much help feeding the pets and our people,” says Ben Swan with the Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC).

Puppies 'N Love and Animal Kingdom pet stores is donating hundreds of gourmet homemade dog treats they make locally and sell in their stores and hundreds of donated items, such as toys, canned food, beds, leashes, collars, stuffed animals and a whole lot more.



“We have an ongoing donation drive at [three of our Valley pet stores](#) where people from the community have been dropping off new and gently used items all month for the pets at MCACC. We think no pet should experience the holidays without receiving something special,” says Linda Nofer, spokesperson for Puppies 'N Love and Animal Kingdom pet stores.



The first party is at the west shelter on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. That is when the toys and treats (by the box load) will be delivered to the pets, and when Blanco Taco + Tequila will cater the people food for the more than 70 shelter employees at this location during their regular annual employee recognition party.

The same type of party will take place the following day, Wed. Dec. 12 at 3 pm at the east shelter with more toys and treats for the homeless animals and more people food for those men and women who care for them.

**Note to media:** Please join us for a fun, visual event to celebrate the employees who tirelessly care for these animals every day and to shine a spotlight on the goodness of the community and all of the pets who need - not just toys and treats for the holidays - but who need homes right now. Please call Linda Nofer at (480) 510-2353 if you have any questions.