

Building Connections



Why does the Puppy Care Center have a separate Admissions Building? Best Friends sees this as a best practice in animal care – making sure infectious diseases from kennel cough to parvo are detected, contained and treated. Incoming puppies and moms will receive a medical evaluation when admitted, and will be quarantined until cleared by our vet team. There's even an isolation area for those who are sick.

In Admissions, puppies will bask in lots of love and attention. They'll also receive their vaccinations, get spayed or neutered, and be watched for any personality quirks. Then they'll move to their new digs in the Puppy Preschool Building!



Sanctuary



Paprika

It's really no wonder Paprika and her litter mates are so feisty; they came to us from a hot and dry area on the Navajo reservation called the Gap. It's an unforgiving place for strays, but Best Friends has a long-standing relationship with residents to help animals in need. Because their

mother was sick, the Pepper Pups started out at risk. Paprika, the "runt" of the litter, had the added burden of battling her siblings, who hadn't been

taught to play nice by their struggling mom. Luckily, a Best Friends staffer fostered Paprika until the start of puppy class, where the shy girl slowly came out of her shell. Her progress was nearly halted when a cougar was spotted in the area. The pups had to be locked inside at night because the outside area of their run was uncovered. Not able to "hold it" overnight, the puppies were too messy for volunteers to take to class in the morning. With the new Puppy Care Center, that problem will be gone, because the center has indoor runs attached to covered outdoor areas, a place where puppies can be bathed and an indoor room for puppy class.



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The Best Friends First Home Forever Home campaign focuses on all aspects of helping people make and honor a lifetime commitment to their pets. This commitment is much easier to keep when adopting a well-mannered pet in the first place. Puppy class – an integral part of the Puppy Care Center – helps to ensure that puppies are, indeed, well-behaved when they leave the sanctuary for their forever homes. Behaviors such as jumping up, nipping hands and tugging on leash can easily be changed. Best Friends intends to use the Puppy Care Center to continue to develop model programs for puppy socialization and training. What better way to support the outreach work of First Home Forever Home (foreverhome.bestfriends.org)!

