



girl scouts 
arizona cactus-pine

PetSmart Charities Paw Patch

Program Guide

*a patch program created in collaboration
with PetSmart Charities*

Dear Girl Scouts,

Girl Scouts–Arizona Cactus-Pine Council is proud to collaborate with **PetSmart Charities** and introduce to our Council’s Own patches: **PetSmart Charities Paw Patch!**

The PetSmart Charities Paw Patch is an opportunity for Arizona girls, grades K-12, to learn about the responsibilities of owning and caring for a pet, as well as careers involving animals and animal advocacy. This comprehensive patch program offers girls age-appropriate, hands-on learning opportunities.

Girl Scouts may earn the new PetSmart Charities Paw Patch and rockers in four areas – voices for animals, pet responsibility, pet care, and pet careers. A description of each of these areas follows:



| ROCKER | DEFINITION |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| VOICES FOR ANIMALS | Learning respect and empathy for animals through education, rescue, legislation and advocacy. |
| PET RESPONSIBILITY | Learning about basic pet necessities and care before adopting a pet. |
| PET CARE | Learning about basic pet care. |
| PET CAREERS | Learning about a variety of careers dedicated to helping animals. |

All Girl Scouts who meet the PetSmart Charities Paw Patch requirements will receive:

- » A PetSmart Charities center patch
- » Rockers for each specific area of the paw program completed.

Please check the website for latest information and updates on the PetSmart Charities Paw Patch program!

Need more info?

Contact Amanda Hofmann-Handy at girlprogram@girlscoutsaz.org or 602.452.7000

HOW DOES THE PAW PATCH PROGRAM WORK?

There are several ways girls can earn the Paw patch and four rockers: Attend one or more council-sponsored programs that focus on animals (i.e., horse programs, the zoo). A complete list of program offerings, dates and descriptions can be found at www.girlscoutsaz.org/activities.

Based on your Girl Scout level, complete the GSUSA level badge/journey or activity outlined in the following chart to earn a patch and rocker.

Girls who attend Camp Maripai, and participate in the horse program will also be eligible for the patch. Troop Leaders and parents can also reach out to a local PetSmart store in their area to arrange a visit with store staff and animal care professionals. For more information visit www.petsmart.com/store-locator.

You can receive your Paw Patch and rockers two ways!

When you attend one of our Council-Sponsored Event the Paw Patch and appropriate rocker will be distributed, or you can submit your request to GSACPC by completing the online PetSmart Charities Paw Patch program form at bit.ly/Paw-Patch-Program-Form. Patches and rockers will be mailed to adult leadership as forms are received.

GSUSA Badge/Journey By Level For Earning Rockers

| | BADGE/JOURNEY | ACTIVITY | VOICES FOR ANIMALS | PET CARE RESPONSIBILITY | PET CARE | PET CAREERS |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------|
| DAISY | <i>Sunny Petal – Friendly and Helpful</i> | Meet with a local vet or pet store to learn about careers with animals and how you can help care for animals at home. | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | <i>Mari Petal – Responsible for what I say and do</i> | Part of owning a pet, and agreeing to own a pet is owning up to this responsibility | | ✓ | | |
| | <i>5 Flowers, 4 Stories, 3 Cheers for Animals Journey</i> | Work with your troop or on your own to complete this journey and learn how to better care for yourself and the animals you love. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| BROWNIE | <i>Pets Badge</i> | Having a pet is a lot of responsibility. Work with your troop or on your own to learn about caring for pets and the responsibilities it requires. Complete all five steps. | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Wonders of Water Journey</i> | Oceans, rivers, and lakes are home to many wonderful water animals. Work on your Brownie WoW journey and learn about water animals, issues that may affect them, and careers | ✓ | | | ✓ |

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| JUNIOR | <i>Animal Habitats</i> | With your troop, or on your own, pick an animal that you are interested in and learn all about its habitat and how to care for it. Complete the steps of your Animal Habitats badge. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Horseback Riding</i> | On your own, or with a friend, learn all about horses! Learn how to take care of them, horse safety, and then practice the skills you've learned. Through this activity you'll complete step 2 of your Horseback Riding badge. | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| CADETTE | <i>Animal Helpers</i> | Animals can not only be nice to own, but they can provide benefits for you as well. With your troop, or on your own, complete your Animal Helper badge. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| SENIOR | <i>Voice for Animals</i> | Sometimes animals need our help! With your troop, or on your own, complete your Voice for Animals badge. Then it take it a step further and explore career options and how to care for these animals. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Don't forget! Take pictures and record your stories as you earn your rockers and submit them with your patch request!

Girl Scouts–Arizona Cactus-Pine Council-Sponsored Events:

- » The BIG Event Phoenix – Fall 2020
- » The BIG Event Flagstaff – Summer 2020
- » Jamboree – Fall 2020

Looking for more ways to earn your PetSmart Paw Patch? We'll be updating the Activity Calendar with new opportunities to help you earn this patch!