PalPaw Personas

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Persona 1: Sarah The Compassionate Pet Owner

Name & Role

• Name: Sarah

• Role: Suburban pet owner, casual wildlife enthusiast

Quick Summary

Sarah is an elementary school teacher who owns a beloved cat, Mochi. She occasionally encounters injured or stray animals in her neighborhood and local parks. She wants a simple, reliable way to rescue these animals, share animal-related content, and help reunite lost pets with their owners.

Goals & Motivations

- Immediate Help for Found Animals: She wants to know exactly what to do if she finds a hurt or lost animal—no guesswork or wasted time.
- Community Connection: She values a friendly, welcoming community of fellow animal lovers where she can share stories, see updates, and get support.
- Convenient Tools: Prefers mobile apps or user-friendly websites that simplify complicated steps, like identifying a wild species or contacting a local rescue center.

• Supporting Wildlife Centers: Interested in donating and buying merchandise to support rescue efforts.

Environment & Context

- Uses her **smartphone** regularly for social media, messaging, and online shopping.
- Lives in a suburban area with frequent sightings of both domestic pets and common local wildlife.
- Busy schedule between teaching and personal life; needs quick, ondemand solutions.

Frustrations & Pain Points

- Fragmented Resources: Currently must check social media groups, forums, or multiple shelter websites to help lost or injured animals.
- Uncertainty Around Wildlife: Unsure how to identify certain animals or which rescue center accepts them.
- Emotional Stress: If Mochi is lost, she wants an easy way to reach her community quickly rather than posting on scattered platforms.

Typical Scenarios & Key User Stories

- Finding a lost pet: Sarah posts a detailed lost-pet notice on PalPaw. Nearby users see the post and notify her when they spot Mochi.
- Wildlife rescue: Sarah finds an injured bird and uses PalPaw's AI-powered image recognition tool to identify it. The app suggests the nearest wildlife centers that accept birds.
- Photography & engagement: Sarah participates in seasonal wildlife photography events, earning badges for her profile.
- **Donating & shopping:** She browses the PalPaw store and buys a wildlife rescue center's T-shirt, contributing to their fundraising efforts.

- Content sharing: Sarah uploads a post about her cat Mochi's birthday, interacts with comments, and filters posts by category to read adoption success stories.
- Following Wildlife Centers: Sarah favorites a local rescue center to receive updates about their latest rescues and donation needs.

Quote

"I want a single, easy-to-use app where I can find my lost pet, help injured wildlife, support rescue centers, and engage with other animal lovers—without getting lost in unrelated content."

Persona 2: PanHong - The Wildlife Rescue Coordinator

Name & Role

• Name: Pan Hong

• Role: Coordinator at "PanHong Wildlife Center"

Quick Summary

Panhong manages intake, volunteer coordination, and fundraising at a midsized wildlife rescue center. He needs a more efficient way to connect with volunteers and the public, while ensuring that only relevant rescue requests reach his center.

Goals & Motivations

- Streamlined Intake & Communication: Prefers receiving relevant rescue notifications based on the species his center can handle.
- Attract Volunteers & Donations: Seeks a user-friendly platform to share stories, post volunteer openings, and collect online donations.
- Educational Outreach: Enjoys sharing daily care tips and success stories to engage and inform the public.
- Fundraising Through Merch: Wants to sell branded products to help raise funds for wildlife care.

Environment & Context

- Uses a **desktop** at the office for admin work and a **tablet** for on-site rescue management.
- Familiar with local social media groups but finds them inefficient for handling inquiries.
- Works with a small team and relies on community engagement for volunteers and funding.

Frustrations & Pain Points

- Unfiltered Inquiries: Receives many rescue requests for exotic species or animals outside their expertise.
- Manual Coordination: Must manually track volunteers and donations, which is time-consuming.
- Limited Public Awareness: Struggles to keep potential donors and volunteers engaged.

Typical Scenarios & Key User Stories

- Managing animal intakes: panhong sets accepted species in PalPaw, ensuring that only relevant wildlife cases reach him.
- Volunteer recruitment: Posts a call for winter volunteers. Within days, interested users sign up.
- **Donation campaign:** Launches a fundraising event for medical supplies. Donors contribute directly through PalPaw's platform.
- Merchandise store: Lists wildlife-themed merchandise on PalPaw's online shop to generate funds.
- Community engagement: Shares daily updates about rescued animals and tips on wildlife conservation.
- Emergency alerts: Uses a pop-up notification to request urgent supplies from supporters.

Quote

"I need a platform that helps filter incoming rescue requests, engage volunteers, manage donations, and sell fundraising merchandise—all in one place."