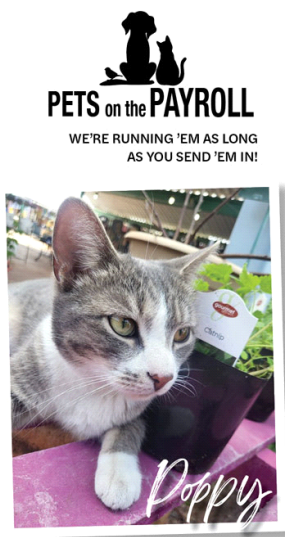


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Pets on the Payroll

Jennifer Polanz



This month's furry employee comes from Harlow Gardens, the oldest operating, family-owned garden center in Tucson, Arizona (it was founded in 1939!).

"Poppy is our official Harlow Gardens mascot," wrote in Cara Bohardt at Harlow. "She came to us as an abandoned kitty a few years ago and has stayed to help in the nursery (and keep a close eye on the catnip). She has a big fan base on our Facebook page and customers come in just to say 'hi!'"

Thanks, Cara! Tell me about your hardworking furry (or non-furry) pets at jpolanz@ballpublishing.com. **GP**