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News about pets, people, and making a difference

Fall 2005

the 9th annual auction to benefit
Friends of Pets' spay/neuter assistance program



Refreshments
FOP Merchandise
Music by
Double Helix

Quilts & Other Creations

Saturday, October 1st
11am to 2 pm
ConocoPhillips Atrium
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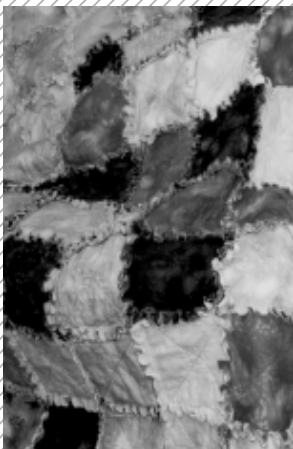


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Valley Quilters Guild

Entries close September 17th - Forms at local fabric shops or on the web at www.friendsofpets.org
For more information contact Patty 622-7289 / Sally 688-2270 or email quilts@friendsofpets.org



Quilts large and small, fine art, gift baskets, and so much more! Vote for the top quilts in five categories in our People's Choice Awards, with winners' gift certificates sponsored by Seams Like Home Quilt Shoppe. Proceeds benefit our spay/neuter assistance program, helping pets and their people fight pet overpopulation! Here's a peek at some of the items already entered in this year's auction:



This snuggly and colorful tie-dye is one of two quilts created by Junior Girl Scouts Troop 488. These ten-year-olds put their hearts and hands into helping animals!



Charlotte Phelps has donated several pieces of Native artwork, including these tiny, delicate dance fans.



Missy Bauby's adorable patchwork pups are in baby blue and pink!

Author Susan Conant has sent us a signed copy of her new Dog Lover's Mystery, *Bride and Groom*, and her first Cat Lover's Mystery - *Scratch The Surface!* The knit hat by Phyllis DeGioia incorporates pawprints in Malamute fur from Susan's real 'Rowdy' too!



"Surprise Visit" by Persis Weirs is one of many cat-collectible plates donated by Janet Bolvin from artists including Bill Bell, Gary Patterson, Lowell Herrero, and others.



Board Notes...

Thanks for your generous support which helped us raise nearly \$25,000 at this year's Dog Jog! It seems we barely get our breath until our annual Quilt Auction is just around the corner. Our auction has expanded over the years to include imaginative creations of all kinds - you're sure to find something that delights you! Proceeds of the auction support our spay/neuter assistance program, which last year helped to spay/neuter over 1400 pets in 30 communities across Alaska.



Deborah Voves

Our Board is expanding too! This summer we welcomed **Michele Czajkowski** and **Deborah Voves** to the Board of Directors. Michele is a three-time FOP adopter, and her background in public policy and civic activism is helping us to track proposed changes in municipal zoning ordinance (Title 21) as it may relate to pet owners. Deborah returns to the board after a former term in which she also fulfilled leadership roles as an officer and committee chair. One of our longest-serving foster homes, Deborah's heart remains with the rescue/foster program and we are glad for her voice of experience.



Michele Czajkowski with Oscar and Hemi. Photo by Alaska Pet-ography.

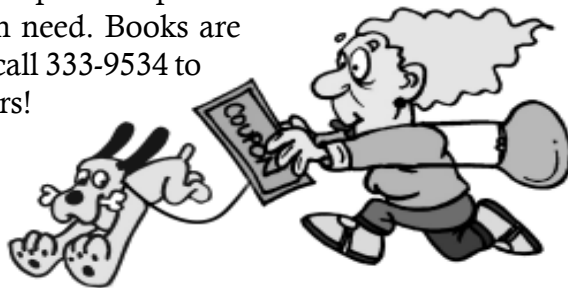
Along with summer events, we've also been helping to shape the strategic planning process recently initiated by the Anchorage Animal Control Advisory Board. As we go to press, a public survey is expected to be available very soon, so watch the **News to Use** page on our website for more information. Your feedback will help to complete the strategic plan which guides animal care and control issues for the next five years.

Peg Peg Banks
President

 we're on the web at www.friendsofpets.org

Northern Lights Coupon Books!

Coupon books are back this fall to help support FOP programs while saving you money on your favorite food, entertainment, services and more! Unused veterinary clinic coupons can also be mailed to FOP to help other pets and families in need. Books are just \$45 - call 333-9534 to order yours!



National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week

November 6 - 12, 2005

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is gearing up for this year's National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, designed to highlight the important contributions and the lifesaving work of animal shelters around the country. Friends of Pets is grateful to the staff and volunteers of the Anchorage Animal Care & Control Center, as well as many other municipal animal control agencies across Alaska, for their valued partnership with us in education outreach, in promoting the importance of spay/neuter to fight pet overpopulation, and in saving lives through rescue and adoption.

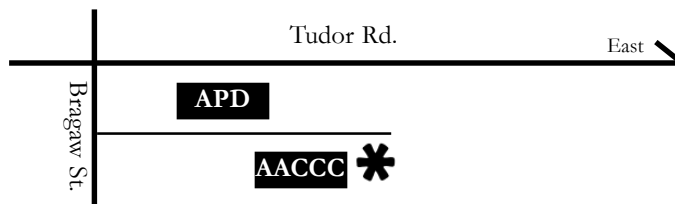
Mooch and Earl and the whole "Mutts" cartoon gang will be back this year with another week of "Shelter Stories" in Patrick McDonnell's beloved and award-winning syndicated comic. This year there's a twist - HSUS ran a "Super Shelter Stories" contest, and the selected winning story will be incorporated into this year's comic strip series. To learn more about McDonnell's dedication to the work of animal welfare or to enjoy the collection of touching "Shelter Stories" comics from past years, visit his website at www.muttscomics.com/animals.



Anchorage Animal Care & Control Statistics

Year to date ending July 31, 2005

Adopted 2136 • Claimed 955 • Euthanized 1736



Anchorage Animal Care & Control Center • 4711 S. Bragaw St. • 343-8118

First, hope...and then a home?

No one could look into these beautiful faces and turn away from their need. FOP urgently seeks homes for these and several other cats. With limited foster homes, many of our cats are now in boarding care for which we pay a daily fee. The lives saved are worth the cost, but we need your help. Can you adopt? If not adopt, then foster? If not foster, then sponsor with a donation? To learn more about these and other cats awaiting homes, call 333-9534 or visit the Pets pages on our website at www.friendsofpets.org. Help us write the happy endings.

“When there is
no more money,
no more
room,
no more homes...



Cinder



Jenna



Chester

you open your heart
a little bigger,

STRETCH
the money a little tighter

make just a
little more
room



Jill



Smokey

...to save one more
like me.”

Excerpt from
“The Reason,” by
Kim Senke-Rocka.
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author’s permission.

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Alaska Pet-ography

Dog Jog 2005!

Many thanks from 'Luuka' and all of us for a day of fun in the sun!

Presented by KTUU Channel 2 - Anchorage Daily News - KOOL 97.3 fm
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Dog Jog mascot Luuka with the Hawn family.
Photo by Peg Banks.



Top Pledge Earners

Joan & Mike McKinnon
Fourth year in a row!
\$1630.00 in pledges
Second Place - Jacque Briskey
Third Place - Linda Brooks



photos by Peg Banks

Behind the Scenes

Alaska Business Supply
Amateur Radio Emergency Services
Michael Cross, Crossroads Productions
Credit Union 1 Employees
McLaughlin Youth Center



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Special Guests

"Luuka" the Dog Jog Mascot

Jackie Purcell - KTUU Ch. 2

Big Joe Marshall - KBEAR 104.1 fm

Gold Rush Productions



see more photos - or submit your own!
www.friendsofpets.org/dogjog



More Kind Kids!

Olivia and Kyra Anderson celebrated their eighth birthday by asking guests to bring gifts - for Friends of Pets! Their mom Jill adds, "Milo is such a wonderful addition to our family and we can't imagine life without him!" We can't imagine this lovely cat in a better family! Photo by David Jensen Photography.



Where are they now?



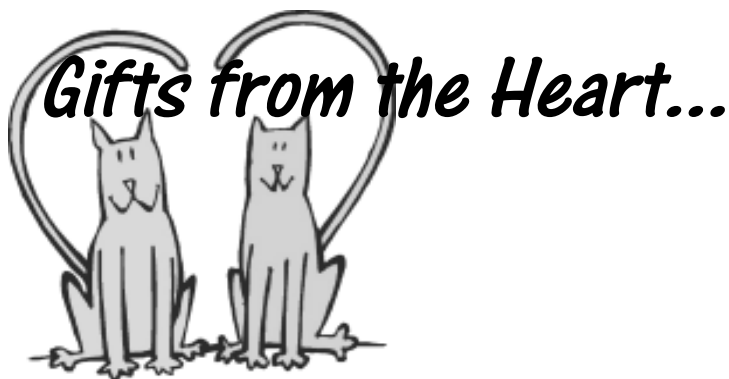
Toby (the Yorkie) was adopted many years ago and is still going strong! Yvonne Williams writes, "The pups are all fine. They have acclimated to the Houston weather but still opt to stay out only a few minutes on really hot days!"



Toby



reminder - the Spot the Dog exhibit continues in the Children's Gallery at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art - come enjoy the show!



...to celebrate the dear ones in our lives today, and remember those in our hearts...

Abigail by Rebecca & Glenn Sebald ♥ **Bare Naked** by Kelly & Mike Keeter ♥ **Barlow** by Lois Rockcastle ♥ **Betty Linnemann's husband & son** by Betty Linnemann ♥ **Bill 3 or Living Cat** by Kara Nissen ♥ **Billy Jean Craig** by Sheena Craig ♥ **Bobbette** by Cindy Marshall ♥ **Brenda Hollingsworth & Dave Knoll's wedding** by Sally Hoffecker and Philip Trumbly ♥ **Casey** by Brian & Rose Schoof, Michele Girault, Roy Scheller & Toni Merrigan ♥ **Casper** by Frederick & Laurie Chadwick ♥ **Cher** by Toni LaChapelle ♥ **Chrissy Jensen** by Marie Ward ♥ **Dagger, the gentle giant** by Virginia McLeod ♥ **Daisey** by Michele Girault

♥ **Diablo & Delo** by Clarence & Laura Milster ♥ **Ed & Althea Loughlin** by Cathy Loughlin ♥ **Elsie Stevenson, Yotus & Kit-Tee** by Jim Stevenson & Kathy Zins ♥ **Guizmo** by Lois Rockcastle ♥ **Igor** by Jack & Susan Gallion ♥ **Jake** by Denise Anthony ♥ **Katmandu & Gus-Gus** by Roy Snyder ♥ **Keeta and Poo** by Frederick & Laurie Chadwick ♥ **Keisha** by Caryl & George Morgan ♥ **Kenai** by Alice & Mike Messick ♥ **Lance & Kat** by Kenneth Newland ♥ **Larry Crawford** by Bob Wienhold ♥ **Lizzie** by Michele Girault ♥ **Maddie** by Patricia Ann Rapp ♥ **Maia Arians Schwartz** by Patricia Joyner ♥ **Mauli** by Mike & Deena Bradley ♥ **Max** by Lois Turinsky ♥ **Miss Dolly** by Alice & Mike Messick ♥ **Mukluk & Tiger Boy** by Jackie Gunnarson ♥ **Olive** by Sheila Clark ♥ **Princess Sunshine** by Myra Wilson ♥ **The Reed Family** by Lori Josephson and family ♥ **Rufas** by Sandee Bray ♥ **Sadie** by Arlene Palermo ♥ **Sam & Buddy** by Marion Odden ♥ **Sampson & Chirp** by Matt & Julie Hellrung ♥ **Skittles** by Linda von Bose ♥ **Tinkerbelle & Muffin McKee** by Annette & Ralph McKee ♥ **Vicki Bailey** by Russell & Natasha Parker ♥ **Zippi** by Piper Windsor and Tamera Windsor



Choosing a Petsitter

Petsitting is an alternative to boarding care when traveling, allowing pets to remain in their own home while their families are away. With familiar smells, sights, and sounds, your pet's routine stays more constant, and they are not exposed to potential illnesses of other animals. For elderly or frail animals, this option can be a special comfort. The cost of petsitting varies, depending on the number of pets being cared for and on the other services that you may need, such as transport to veterinary or grooming appointments. Some petsitters will stay overnight at your home, while others provide multiple visits daily.

Whether it's an informal arrangement or a professional service, a reliable petsitter provides peace of mind to know that your pets are comfortable and you have the security of a house that looks "lived-in" while you are away. Your vet clinic is often a good place to find petsitter recommendations. Professional petsitters should meet these basic standards:

- **Is bonded and insured**
- **Provides references**
(make sure you check them!)
- **Visits your home in advance**
- **Provides written information about their services and fees**
- **Is genuinely interested in your pets**

Make your petsitter's job easier with some basic steps of your own!

• **Provide detailed pet info:** Describe in writing your pets' daily routine, provide health info and proof of vaccinations, show food storage area, dishes, litterboxes and supplies, treats and leashes. Carefully review all medications. Make a list of your pets' favorite hiding places, toys, music or activities, any restrictions on treats and exercise. Show which household areas are off-limits, and make sure your pets are wearing ID tags.

• **Before you go:** Refill pet food, medications, and supplies, leave a phone number where you can be reached and a local contact in case of emergency. Contact your vet's office to let them know who is caring for your pets, and how pets should be treated in your absence if a problem arises. Make sure your house key works before giving it to the sitter. Inform your sitter if there is someone else you have asked to check on your pets as well, or others who may be arriving at your home.

• **Special services?** Petsitters may be willing to water your plants, take in newspapers and mail, set out trash for pickup, turn lights on and off at various times, or run errands. Don't assume – if you want these services performed, be sure to ask and to discuss any extra costs involved.

**For more tips visit
Pet Sitters International
at www.petsit.com**



Meet our Sanctuary Animals...

Sara



Sara is one of our long-term fosters along with her companion Mac (on page 8). Both are beautiful Himalayans whose special need is to be adopted as a pair. Sara is shy and demure and very dependent on Mac, who takes good care of her! For adoption information, call 333-9534 or fill out the online application at friendsofpets.org.



...Sanctuary updates

Sanctuary dogs Pearl and Coquette recently went in for dental cleanings and general checkups, and are still doing pretty well for a couple of old ladies!

Be a sanctuary sponsor! A commitment of just \$20 each month greatly assists in the care of a sanctuary pet. Thank you for caring!

Our rescue program includes two categories of animals who have been with us long-term. *Long-term fosters* are those pets with no particular issues to prohibit adoption, but who after one year still have not yet found the right match. *Sanctuary animals* are those with poor adoption prospects due to old age, medical issues or other problems, but whose quality of life is good and for whom euthanasia is not recommended. Currently two dogs and six cats are part of this family (they don't know they are homeless!). But the reality is that our commitment to their support diverts both space and finances from other animals that could be saved. We continue to hope that each of these special souls may yet find a loving family of his or her very own.

Properly trained,
a man can be
dog's best friend.

- Corey Ford



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I want to make a general donation. Donations of \$10 or more receive a newsletter subscription. If you do not wish to receive a newsletter, please check here .

I want to sponsor a sanctuary animal. Sponsorships are \$20 monthly. If you'd like us to send you a supply of donation envelopes, please check here .

I want to become a member. New members receive a window sticker to alert emergency services of the pets in your home. Renewing members receive a small thank-you gift. All members receive a newsletter subscription. In 2005, members at Associate level and higher will receive the Pet Perks member discount card.

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**Looking for a warm heart...
big enough for two!**



Photo courtesy of © Alaska Pet-ography

Mac is a neutered male, one of two chocolate point Himalayan cats that must be adopted together. (*His companion Sara is on page 7.*) Mac is gregarious and confident, and considerate toward Sara. They are a charming pair! For adoption info, call 333-9534 or use the online application at www.friendsofpets.org.



Arctic Rainmaker Touchless Car Wash

Don't be a mud puppy! Every Wednesday is FOP Day, with \$1.00 donated with each Premium and Ultimate wash. Join the FOP Wash Club - with every 10 washes you'll get one free, plus an extra free wash during your birthday month. See an attendant to sign up and save!

FOP at the Fly By Night

We'll be there this fall! Watch the **Events** page on our website for the date to be announced.



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