



Whiskers & Tales

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News about pets, people, and making a difference

Fall 2006

Our annual auction celebrates its 10th year on Saturday, October 7 at a new location - the University Center mall. Proceeds benefit our spay/neuter assistance program, providing needed services to help fight pet overpopulation. With quilts and fine arts of all kinds, you'll fall in love with one (or more!) of these beautiful creations, to give as a holiday gift or cherish for a lifetime. People's Choice award winners will receive ribbons and gift certificates from Seams Like Home Quilt Shoppe. Featured artist Dina Pappas is our special guest, signing her popular quilting books. Check out our quilt display all this month at Great Harvest Bread Co! For more auction info, call LeeLani (566-7284) or Carol (243-8223), or email quilts@friendsofpets.org. Please join us!



Top: Auction co-chair LeeLani French looks at early entries, including a Charles Wysocki print "Maggie the Messmaker" donated by Loretta Delk. Above left: Marjorie Witt's quilt and pillow "Look Closely" features tessellated cats in bold black and white prints. Above right: Nancy Blunck has donated a sculpture of FOP's logo in warm tones of rusted steel.

Entry deadline is Sept 23!
Entry forms at local quilt stores
or on the Events page at
www.friendsofpets.org



October 7, 2006 • Anchorage, Alaska
 University Center Mall - 11am to 2 pm

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Dog Jog 2006
- our best yet!



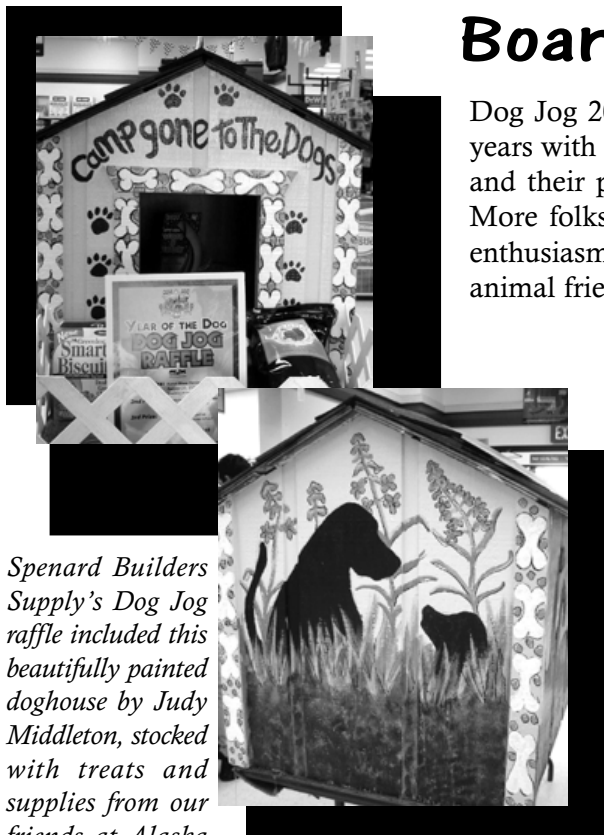
Pat Anderson (right) of Spenard Builders Supply presents a \$3,000 check from SBS's Dog Jog fundraising raffle. Dog Jog 2006 raised \$30,000 for FOP programs! Photos on page 4-5.

Board Notes...

Dog Jog 2006 was one of the most just-plain-fun days I can recall in my ten years with Friends of Pets! Perfect weather brought out 500 enthusiastic people and their pups, raising critical funds for us to keep our programs underway. More folks brought pledges this year, and our sponsors really kicked up the enthusiasm for a tail-wagging good time! The joy of companionship with our animal friends was evident all day long.

Our next event is the fall auction "Quilts & Creations." With ongoing construction in the downtown district, we're moving our 10th annual event to the University Center mall. As early entries are coming in, surprises abound in the creativity and ingenuity of quilters and artisans who contribute such delightful works to this cause. Quilts & Creations is the primary fundraiser for our spay/neuter assistance program. If you or someone you know lives in the Municipality of Anchorage and is unable to afford the cost of spay/neuter for your pet, please let us help. Our assistance coupons pay \$40 toward this important procedure. Last year 1161 pets were helped by this program so that they will never be part of the tragedy of pet overpopulation.

Our annual fall fundraiser at the Fly by Night comes to an end as Mr. Whitekeys closes the club this month. Friends of Pets is just one of many community nonprofits to have benefited from this partnership over the years. Thanks to the whole gang at the Fly by Night, for your big laughs and your big hearts.



Spenard Builders Supply's Dog Jog raffle included this beautifully painted doghouse by Judy Middleton, stocked with treats and supplies from our friends at Alaska Mill & Feed.

October is...



Fetch a new best friend by adopting from the Anchorage Animal Care & Control Center or the animal shelter in your area. Friends of Pets can provide information to help your new dog adjust to life in your family. Adoptable animals can be seen on AACCC's website - use our easy link from www.friendsofpets.org.

Peg Peg Banks
President

one year later...

Katrina remembered

The displacement of people and pets in the Hurricane Katrina disaster impacted animal care facilities across the nation, both in the demand for coordinated emergency response of an unprecedented scope, and for endurance to see each animal survivor through its

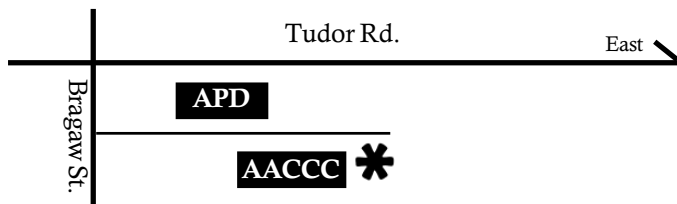


need in crisis. Gloria Dauphin of the Louisiana SPCA reflects, "Amidst the chaos emerged one of the most enduring of bonds – the human-animal bond. During the hours, days, weeks and months following the storm that bond has only strengthened. In our relationship with animals, it became painfully clear that we needed them as much as they needed us...The response and reaction to the animal tragedies of Katrina has hopefully marked a turning point in how we view and treat our animal companions. Reflecting on the past year compels us to do no less."

Anchorage Animal Care & Control Statistics

Year to date as of June 30, 2006

Adopted 1397 - Claimed 737 - Euthanized 1826



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the gift of Como-Tu

story and photos by Vicki Race

Twelve years ago I met a volunteer with Friends of Pets in the parking lot of the VFW in Eagle River. Michele was bringing me Como-Tu, a malnourished and mistreated McKenzie River husky, barely a year old. I had to look past his dull, lifeless coat, his protruding ribs, and deep into his eyes to see a fearful yet resilient soul, willing to give me the chance to be his friend.

Como's former owners had pushed him out of the cab of a pickup, to be hit by a truck in the other lane. VCA East Anchorage did the surgeries needed to save him, and gave exceptional follow-up care. He was also seriously undernourished. The first couple of months with me he consumed tons of salmon and lots of love, bringing back the sheen in his coat and the life in his eyes. He grew stronger and began to join me for those long, wonderful walks, our favorite activity until

his final days. In summer, Como loved to wade in the creeks. In wintertime, he loved the snow drifts. No matter the season, running through the trees, letting the wind fly past – he was in his element running free as part of nature. He belonged there.

“We went to FOP’s very first Dog Jog, and every one since...”

We went to FOP’s very first Dog Jog, and every one since. Como loved it! It was something we did to honor the people who had brought us together. And it was where Como belonged, in an extended family connected by the experience we all shared.



In February, Como was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, and he crossed the Rainbow Bridge on April 10. For the first time, I went to the Dog Jog alone. I heard Michele’s voice on the loudspeaker, recognizing the memory of Como and all the others who have brought such meaning to our lives. It was beyond bearable to be there without him. From now on, I’ll register for Dog Jog every year in his memory, and spend that time on one of our favorite trails, where he and I can be alone again for those few hours.



I’d like to believe Como is with me now, but I think he has more important things to do. But I know he’s checking up on me, and when I walk in the woods, I find him there. He runs on ahead, enjoying the sights and smells, and the air as it moves past his body, stretched out in a full run. But always he slows and waits, or returns to me, until we are together again side by side. For years I have thought of FOP with gratitude for bringing Como to me. What you do for the pets of our community is unparalleled in importance. Thanks are not enough for the friends you are to creatures who are unable to advocate for themselves. God bless you.



Kind Kids!



Kathryn (age 7) and Colby (age 5) Schmidt turned their Chester Creek Trail lemonade stand into a FOP project for the whole family. With fresh homemade gingersnaps supervised by dad Kevin, and mom Robyn at the sales table, together they raised over \$95 for FOP!

Dog Jog 2006 - Photos and Thanks!



*Honorary Dog Jog campaign chairs
Lars Peterson (with RuPaul) and Jackie Purcell
of KTUU Channel 2, with Duster and his family
Carole, Randy, and Emma Black*

**'Duster' the Dog Jog Mascot and all of us at FOP
thank you for the best Dog Jog ever!
Presented by KTUU Ch. 2 - KBEAR 104.1fm - La Mex
Alaska Mill & Feed - Alaska Pet-ography
Dog Tired Doggie Daycare
Spenard Builders Supply - VCA Animal Hospitals**

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*(left) Lorie and Skoaly, age 17.5
oldest dog at Dog Jog*



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photos by Peg Banks and Chuck Wright



Behind the Scenes

Alaska Business Supply
 Amateur Radio Emergency Services
 Blunck Financial
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 McLaughlin Youth Center



Top Pledge Earners

Grand Prize - Joan & Mike McKinnon
 Fifth year in a row! \$1,855 in pledges
 Second Place - Linda Brooks - \$1,809
 Third Place - Carolyn Ellingwood - \$1,240
 Fourth Place - Peg Banks - \$721
 Fifth Place - Jacque Briskey - \$570

A peach of a pair

These are pets in our rescue program seeking to be adopted as pairs. We don't think that a lifetime home should come at the price of a lifetime friend. Double the love, double the good feeling inside when your heart is big enough for two.

For more info call 333-9534 or visit the Pets pages at www.friendsofpets.org.

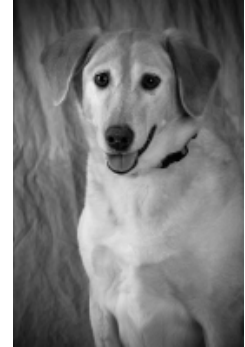
Portraits by Alaska Pet-ography.



Jones and Blue

Orange shorthair tabby male with extra toes, 18 months, and Russian Blue mix male, 3 years.

Jones is shy and needs his buddy for security.



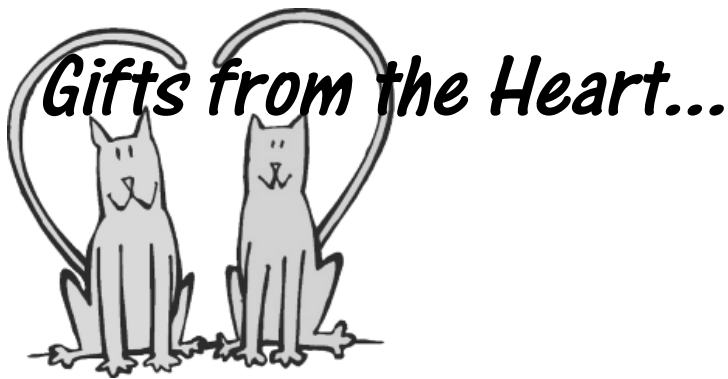
Blue and Blondie

Australian Cattle Dog female and Yellow Labrador female, both 7-8 years old. Taken to Mat-Su Animal Control when their owner died.



Sable and Peanut

Domestic shorthair females, both 5-6 years old. Quiet, gentle, declawed in front. Abandoned by their owner.



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

All the Velvets by Kate Fariday ♥ **Annie** by Susan Quay
♥ **Aurora** by John & Susan Armstrong ♥ **Bandit** by
Amanda Jensen ♥ **Bare Naked** by Kelly & Mike Keeter
♥ **Bear** by CeCe Bales ♥ **Bella Casey** by Dana Edwards
♥ **Blue & Shelby** by Michael Cunningham & Mary Tesch
♥ **Bob Nance** by Dave & Ruth Crowell ♥ **Bobbette** by
Cindy Marshall ♥ **Brad & Jann Palach** by Brigitta
Windisch-Cole, Kari & Thomas Brookover, Nicole & Daniel

Traxinger ♥ **Brandyice** by James & Barbara Shake ♥ **Bruno** by Randal Dowler ♥ **Carona Ro-Ro** by Denali Fuel & HVAC,
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♥ **Gidget** by Donald & Georgette Frantz ♥ **Ginger & Toby** by Cathy Loughlin ♥ **Gryphon, Diva, Max, Courtney, Baby
& Nikki** by Peggy Gallatin ♥ **Hailey** by Kathy Purviance ♥ **Harvey** by Jim Dokoozian ♥ **Hawker & Avro** by Kathleen &
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Susan Klein ♥ **Jasmine Muscio** by Carla Chesbro ♥ **Jubal** by Betty Smith ♥ **Karen Martin** by Jeanne Bonar ♥ **Kathleen
Wardlaw** by Jacqueline Musgrave, Jill Galbraith, Paul Putz & Karen Lester, Robert & Barbara Krevitz ♥ **Katy** by Donna
Prewitt ♥ **Keisha** by Rachel & Dion Batres ♥ **Lady Jennifer** by Carol Pendarvis ♥ **Ladybug & Toby** by Patt & Frank
Schlehofer ♥ **Leo Wagnon** by Shirley Fraser ♥ **Liz, Max, Gus & Rax** by Lynn & Tom Alberter ♥ **Louise Tripp** by Al &
Charleen Bentson ♥ **Mac & Jessie Salway's wedding** by Celilia Hopper ♥ **Madison** by Cynthia Juettner ♥ **Maggie** by
Susan Lane ♥ **Mammy Joannides** by Darlene Peters ♥ **Mandy** by Craig & Monique Stowers ♥ **Mark Hickok** by Leon &
Roberta Hickok, Louise Bremner, Susan Bremner ♥ **Marlo** by Stephanie Rhoades ♥ **Mary Garcia** by Gary & Gloria
Hinerman ♥ **Mary LaFollette** by Barbara & Floyd Smith, Devin Nix ♥ **Merlin & Gandolf** by Judy Chadwick ♥ **Mick
Boutwell** by Stephanie Boutwell ♥ **Missie Dog** by Letti Delk ♥ **Molly** by Debi Richmond, Lois Turinsky, Mary Ann Earles,
Sheila Clark ♥ **Morgan Shanley** by Starr vanMersbergen ♥ **Nelchina** by Shirley Fraser ♥ **Nicholas Potts** by Frozen Music
Productions - Kathleen Bielawski ♥ **Odo** by Norma Lepak Hannan ♥ **Oliver** by Jean & Ray Lee ♥ **Onyx** by Lou Anne
Curley ♥ **Opal Anne Sacaloff** by Susan Sacaloff ♥ **Oscar Goebel** by Amy Frankenburg ♥ **Oxo & Grizz** by LeRoy &
Donna Alderman ♥ **Ozzie** by Robert Stanton ♥ **Parky** by Bonnie Schrader Godfred ♥ **Patches** by Robert Horrell ♥ **Patricia
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Tricker ♥ **Shadow** by Merlyn & Shirley Berke ♥ **Shadow, Boo Boo and Nicki** by Craig & Monique Stowers ♥ **Skye of
Newcastle** by Louise Colbert ♥ **Stinky the Cat** by Denise A. ♥ **Stoli** by Jeffrey & Jean Sherman ♥ **Susie Husseini** by Susan
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♥ **Tiger, Tinker & Kimo** by Debra & Corey Grundman ♥ **Tollah** by David Thayer ♥ **Van R. Henry** by Jessica Henry
♥ **Wendie Howard** by Michael & Arlene Wilson ♥ **Wyle Coyote Packard** by Kay Packard

If you have recently experienced the death of an animal companion and need help coping with grief,
FOP offers a free information packet that can help. Contact Peg at 689-7787 or peg@friendsofpets.org



A meow massages the heart.

- Stuart McMillan

Editor's note: We regret that a computer error
omitted a number of memorials in our last issue.
These are reprinted above along with our current
memorial donations. Our memorials are now also
published on the web at www.friendsofpets.org -
the News to Use page will lead you to the
newsletter archive and memorials.

Meet our Sanctuary Animals...

Sammie

This sweet little girl is one of several older Pomeranians that have come into our rescue program this year. She needs surgery for luxating patellas, but once she has recovered she will be ready to find a loving lifetime home.



Our rescue program includes two categories of animals who are with us long-term. **Long-term fosters** have no particular issues to prohibit adoption, but after one year still have not found the right match. **Sanctuary animals** have poor adoption prospects due to old age, medical issues or other problems, but their quality of life is good and euthanasia is not recommended. Currently five dogs and three 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 who could be saved. We hold the hope that each of these special souls may yet find a loving family of his or her very own.



Sanctuary updates: Willie and Sammie have joined the sanctuary program.

With a commitment of \$20 each month, you can become a sanctuary sponsor - we are so grateful for your help!

Be a Teacher's Pet!

A gift of \$20 to our education fund provides info materials for public events, or behavior problem-solving resources to help pets remain in their homes. Thank you for caring!



If a dog will not come to you after having looked you in the face, you should go home and examine your conscience. -Woodrow Wilson



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I want to sponsor the sanctuary animals.

Sponsorships are \$20 monthly.

Please send me a supply of donation envelopes.

Please charge my credit card below each month.

Total donation: \$ _____

Check or money order enclosed

VISA MasterCard Expiration date: _____

Account # _____

Signature: _____

Looking for a warm heart...

Bonnie Blue

This happy 2-year-old female Labrador Retriever was left by her family at Anchorage Animal Care & Control. She needs some obedience training but is very eager to please. Will retrieve a ball forever! For adoption information, call 333-9534 or use the online adoption application at www.friendsofpets.org.



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Arctic Rainmaker Touchless Car Wash

Every Wednesday is FOP Day, with \$1.00 donated from every wash. Gift cards available. Join the Wash Club for member savings and free birthday washes. Your support helps us so much! Arctic Rainmaker is open 24/7 at the corner of Arctic & International.



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**Quilts & Creations
is October 7!**