



# Whiskers & Tales

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News about pets, people, and making a difference

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**'Yago' the 2007 Poster Pup and  
the KTUU Late Edition News Team  
invite YOU to the 13th Annual Canine Carnival  
...stretching our paws for the cause!**



**Honorary Dog Jog  
Campaign Chairs:**  
Jackie Purcell  
Mike Ross  
Lars Peterson  
Megan Baldino



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details  
inside!**

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# Board Notes

As our Board members began to write on the large sheets of paper posted around the room, the list of “goals we need to accomplish” began to expand, and expand...and threaten to flow out the building and into the street! Our brainstorming provided many insights into each of us as individuals, but refining those ideas into a short-term strategic plan was a satisfying exercise in teamwork. The plan includes three major goals (from our original 22!) for the next 18 months. These include specific strategies for leadership succession planning; creating new collaborative efforts in issues of animal welfare, and increasing our revenues by 30% for service expansion.

Our planning sessions have also included a thoughtful reconsideration of our vision and mission. We want to honor our roots as a partner with Anchorage Animal Care & Control, but acknowledge that your support of our work has carried us far beyond in the ways we can touch lives. The longevity of our valued volunteers is a core part of our continuity, but developing new leaders is key to making fresh impacts. Beneath it all, a strong statement of shared values is the compass for our journey long into the future.

Meanwhile, behind all this big-picture thinking remains the need to raise enough money **today** to keep our programs in place, and our signature fundraiser is just around the corner. Dog Jog 2007 moves to Service High School this year, and we’re working hard to make it a great day for dogs and their families! Please take time right now to visit the Dog Jog website for information and registration forms, then start collecting those pledges. Your help makes all the difference. Then head to Service on Saturday, July 28 for the best pet party anywhere!

**Dog Jog 2007**  
**[www.friendsofpets.org/dogjog](http://www.friendsofpets.org/dogjog)**

*Yeg* Peg Banks  
President

*Mission and vision renewed, May 2007*

## ...mission

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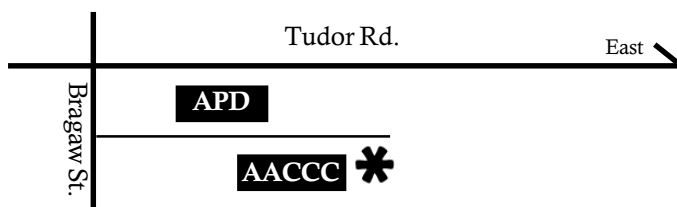
## vision...

**To make our community a place where all companion animals are loved, wanted, and protected.**



### Anchorage Animal Care & Control Center Statistics

Year to date as of May 31, 2007  
Adopted 1498 - Claimed 578 - Euthanized 1038



### Emergency Animal Rescue Service offers FREE Training Workshop - Saturday, July 21

To become part of EARS’ national response team to help animals during and after disasters, attend a free day-long training which prepares you to set up and operate animal disaster relief shelters and much more. Workshop costs (usually \$50) are being paid by Mat-Su Borough Animal Care & Regulation. (Note: The July 22 workshop in Anchorage has been cancelled.) EARS is a service of United Animal Nations. For more information or to register, visit [www.uan.org](http://www.uan.org) or call 746-5500.

# A word from 'Yago'

## Dog Jog 2007 Poster Pup!

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So I'm sitting in this cage at Anchorage Animal Care & Control, wondering how I ended up here, when someone walks up and reads the sign they'd hung on my door:

**"No one left to care for him."**



Huh? I'd been with my family since I was just a pup. But now I'm eight years old and I'm just supposed to...*start over?*



**(I know. I couldn't believe it either.)**

Naturally it helped that I am such a calm, handsome and sensitive guy. And FOP rescues lots of us with Advanced Life Experience, because we already know how to fit into a family. So I checked out of the shelter and didn't look back.

Went to a great foster home at Maggie and Mike's, and of course my photo shoot was a classic.

**Rin Tin Tin, eat your heart out!**

You bet the phone calls started coming in. 'No one left to take care of me?' I had my pick! So I chose Ron and Roxanne Watkins for my new parents, and now I have a posse of cats on command too. Well, mostly they give the commands, but Dog Jog is MY day to shine!



**Friends of Pets knew  
that someone out there  
would see what they see -  
that the best of life  
is still to come for me.**

**Catch you on the trail.**

## 2007 PFD Pledge - Five Percent for FOP Sharing your dividend pays off!

Just a small portion of your PFD will help save lives! How it works:



Right now: Complete a PFD pledge by visiting the News to Use page at [www.friendsofpets.org](http://www.friendsofpets.org), or call Peg (689-7787) for a form.

This fall: When the PFD amount is announced in September, you'll receive a reminder to return your pledge to FOP when your PFD arrives.

### ...a Pet's Future Depends on you



*Shedding light on an American tragedy . . .*

### National Homeless Animals Day Candlelight Vigil

Saturday, August 18 at 5:30 pm  
Anchorage Animal Care & Control

*Please join us for a brief gathering at AACCC to renew our commitment to homeless pets, to support the courageous efforts of staff and volunteers, and to acknowledge the lives of the animals we could not save.*

Friends of Pets - 11th Annual Auction  
**QUILTS & CREATIONS**



October 6, 2007 - Anchorage, Alaska

Entry forms available on the Events page at [www.friendsofpets.org](http://www.friendsofpets.org) or at local fabric stores. There's still space in our Fabric Challenge to win a \$50 gift certificate from Dina's Cozy Cabin Quilts! The whimsical fabric design by Nancy Wolff features dogs, cats and birds bundled for skating and sledding on a winter pond. View the design on our website to see the color version in bright blues, reds and greens. To get your FREE fabric swatch and challenge instructions, send a business-sized SASE to FOP, P.O. Box 240981, Anchorage, AK 99524. **BE SURE TO WRITE 'QUILT CHALLENGE' ON YOUR ENVELOPE!** Limited to 50 participants, so enter soon! For more info, call LeeLani 566-7284 / Carol 243-8223 or email us at [quilts@friendsofpets.org](mailto:quilts@friendsofpets.org)



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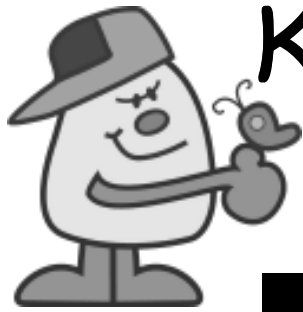
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Up to \$750 donated to FOP per loan closed -  
your referrals can really count!!



# Kind Kids!



## A Dishful of Dollars!

"The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Rabbit Creek Elementary recently performed a music program called "It's Raining Cats and Dogs." We turned the show into a fundraiser for Friends of Pets and collected \$197.17.



We hope you are able to put this to good use. We appreciate your organization and all that you do for our furry friends!" *Karen Arnold, Music Teacher*

## Happy Birthday to us!

*Kayla Rowe* turned her 11th birthday into a party to raise money for FOP! Together Kayla and several friends, all fifth graders at O'Malley Elementary, gathered a substantial gift to help with rescue medical costs. Above, Kayla presents her contribution to FOP. At left, Kayla snuggles one of her cats, Silver. She recently spent a day observing with Dr. Scott Rapp at Cornerstone Animal Hospital, as she would like to be a veterinarian one day.

## Be Kind to Animals Day

A gorgeous day brought kids by the hundreds to Reading Rendezvous / Be Kind to Animals Day, sponsored by FOP along with Anchorage Municipal Libraries and the Alaska Center for the Book. Our dogs were on hand with their favorite books to share with young readers. According to Deene (*below*) the only thing that beats a good book is a good bellyrub!



**Dog Jog 2007**  
**Saturday, July 28**  
**Service High School**  
**5577 Abbott Road**

**Pre-Register by July 25!**  
**Registration and Pledge Forms**  
**[www.friendsofpets.org/dogjog](http://www.friendsofpets.org/dogjog)**

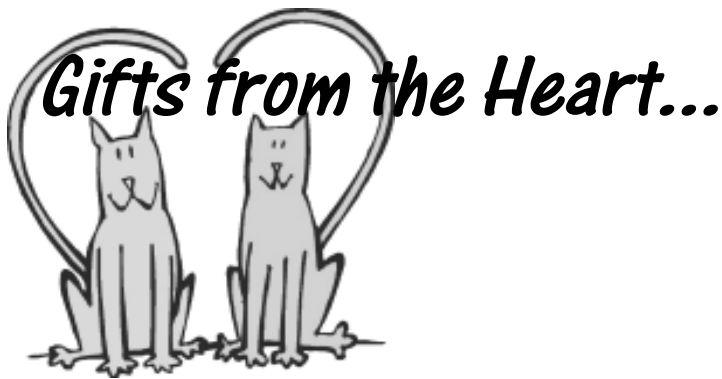
**Schedule of Events**  
**8:30 am Sign-in and**  
**Goodie Bag Pickup**

**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
**Family Fair**

**10:00 am - Dog Jog starts!**

**After Jog - Demos and Contests**

**New location - new friends -**  
**new trails - same great fun!**



Memorials and honors through June 20, 2007. Our listings also appear on the web at [www.friendsofpets.org](http://www.friendsofpets.org) - the News to Use page will lead you to the newsletter archive and memorials.

Savovich, Barbara & Floyd Smith, Kenn & Judy Moon ♥ **Eiger** by Carla Beam ♥ **Elfriede Pinney** by David Pinney ♥ **Fluffy & Sami** by Carole Comeau ♥ **FOP's Volunteers** by Andrea Allemani ♥ **Fritz** by Kim & Peter Blanas ♥ **Gracie** by JoAnn & Rick Nelson ♥ **Gwennie** by Nancy Wrocklage ♥ **Gwennie Harrington** by Jonnie & William Lazarus ♥ **Hannah** by Michele Girault ♥ **Harley Dawg and Dragon the Cat** by Thomas Porter M.D. ♥ **Jack** by Bob & Susan Satin ♥ **John B. Davis** by Deborah Mager-Strah ♥ **Kathmandu & Gus-Gus** by Roy Snyder ♥ **Kate Spade** by Elaine Tricker ♥ **Katie Lefebure** by Linda Johnson ♥ **Katie-Sue** by Gary Boyd ♥ **Laura McDonald** by Allen Mitchell ♥ **Layla, Cody & Russell** by Donna & Alan Bolton ♥ **Libby** by Mary McCormick ♥ **Lois & Dale Osier's birthdays** by Dr. & Mrs. Thomas K. Hathaway ♥ **Luna** by Mike & Nicole Thibodeau ♥ **Marky** by Grace Arai ♥ **Maxx & Phana** by Johanna Schropp ♥ **Melissa Marie Wilson Paquette** by Lawrence & Yvonne Shellhammer ♥ **Merry** by Leslie Gale ♥ **Mischa Gowen** by Carole Ann Black ♥ **Mustard** by Nancy Schmitt ♥ **Mystic** by Linda Comerci & Douglas Johnson ♥ **Nancy Ruddock** by Patricia Freeman ♥ **Negrita & Margarita** by Christina Gudor ♥ **Nick** by Barbara Karl ♥ **Nick** by Michele Girault ♥ **Norma Goodman** by Glenn & Linda Morrison, Patricia Mack, Kelly & Donald Jelich, Colleen Ryan, Alaska Broadcasters Association, Bob & Susan Satin, Julianna Guy, Dave & Ruth Crowell ♥ **Oliver** by Theresa & Thomas Kimble ♥ **Oscar** by Lois Rockcastle ♥ **Patches** by Michele Girault ♥ **Pickle Rayl** by Kathleen Brown ♥ **Rascal Sandberg** by Andrea Allemani ♥ **Rascals Campbell** by Kari & Dirk Campbell, Marjorie Carter, Peg Banks ♥ **Riley** by Cynthia Juettner ♥ **Robert & Shirley Horrell** by James & Holly Horrell, Michael & Mary Redemske ♥ **Robert Horrell** by Cheryl Chapman, Glen Chambers, Mary Suzanne & Dennis Amtmann, Karen Morris ♥ **Roxie & Libby** by Mac & Jessie Salway ♥ **Sally Schiebold** by Caroline Earl ♥ **Sara Lee Harley** by Stephanie Boutwell ♥ **Sarah** by Guy & Judi Hegerberg ♥ **Sassy** by Leha K. Uehling ♥ **Shadow** by Andrea Allemani ♥ **Shadow & Jerry** by Abirami Chidambaram ♥ **Shadow, Sheba and Noble** by Linda Howard ♥ **Sharlene Locoshanas** by Mary Grisco ♥ **Sheba the Wonder Dog** by Diane Foley & Bob Lohr ♥ **Sibyl Schutz** by Nina Prockish ♥ **Simba** by Charlotte Phelps ♥ **Simon** by Tina Altstatt ♥ **Sister & Ole** by Frederick & Laurie Chadwick ♥ **Skye & Raina** by Pat McDowell ♥ **Smokey Hankins** by VECO Corporate Benefits Group, Deborah Jones ♥ **Starr** by Michele Girault ♥ **Suzie & Porter** by Ronald and Ina Offret ♥ **Sweetcake** by Jacqueline Copley ♥ **Tango** by Mary McCormick ♥ **Tess** by Michele Girault ♥ **Tavarish** by Michael & Cyndi Baranowski ♥ **Trixie** by Kathy & Tom Murtiashaw ♥ **Weasel Klein** by Mary Lu Harle

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

♥ **Albert** by Sheila J. Clark M.D. ♥ **Angus & Tank** by Andrea Allemani, Marjorie Carter, Michele Girault ♥ **Ashley** by Marian Weisz ♥ **Bare Naked** by Kelly & Mike Keeter ♥ **Blue** by Jennifer Wells ♥ **Bully & Scooter** by Ron Webb Paving & Snow Removal, Ron & Trudy Webb ♥ **Bunky Greenwalt** by Peg Banks ♥ **Cleo & Sadie Wepler** by Kari & Dirk Campbell, Bridget Bushue, Peg Banks ♥ **Cricket Coan** by Caroline Earl ♥ **Daisy** by Laura Eide ♥ **Daisey & Dee Dee** by Clyde & Carlene Heiman ♥ **Danna Nystuen** by MCN Construction, Inc. Hailei & Terry Nystuen ♥ **Danny** by David & Pamela Brennan, Michele Girault ♥ **Edith Jean Golay** by Angelina

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](mailto:peg@friendsofpets.org).



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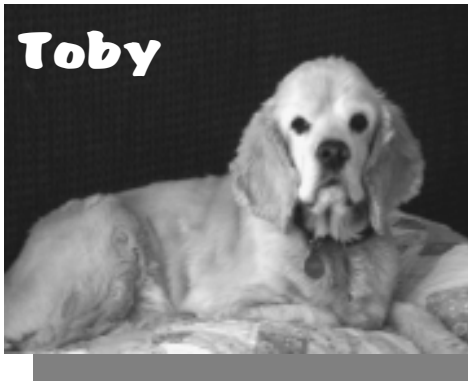
## In memory of Cleo and Sadie

*Our hearts are broken for the loss of two precious members of the FOP family, who perished in the Park Place Condominiums fire in Anchorage on June 5, 2007.*

*Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?  
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,  
somewhere very near, just round the corner.  
All is well.*

— Canon Henry Scott Holland

# Meet our sanctuary animals...



**Toby**

This dear old man was an unclaimed stray at Anchorage Animal Care & Control. We were asked to provide rescue for medical assessment.

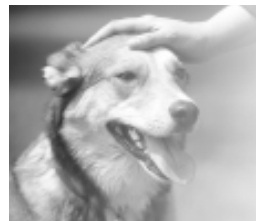
Toby's ears had been horribly infected over a long period of time, resulting in deafness and pain. His age and poor health made surgery too risky an option. Toby needs regular treatment and ear flushing procedures to keep him comfortable, but this gentle sweetheart enjoys life with the other dogs in his foster home and loves his meals!

**Sanctuary updates:** Jackson (dog) is now one of our long-term fosters. With a monthly gift of \$20, you provide needed rescue program support as a sanctuary sponsor.

Our rescue program cares for two groups 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 a forever 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 nine dogs and two 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 hope that each of these special souls may find a loving family of his or her very own.

## Your heart unlocks that door...

Your gift of \$135 (for a dog) or \$90 (for a cat) covers FOP's fee to rescue a pet at the Anchorage Animal Care & Control Center. It's the first step to a new life!



Being patted is what it's all about.

-Roger Caras



## Be part of the Friends of Pets family!

Please mail completed coupon to FOP, P.O. Box 240981, Anchorage, AK 99524

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Include me in occasional e-news updates

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

### Gifts from the heart:

In honor of:

In memory of:

Send an acknowledgment to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to make a one-time general donation. New donors receive a window sticker to alert emergency services of the pets in your home.

\$25    \$50    \$75    \$100    \$250    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I want to make regular monthly donations. Thank you for your ongoing support! Indicate the monthly amount:

\$15    \$25    \$35    \$50    \$100    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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...

### Sarah & Max

Sarah and Max came to us as the casualties of a domestic violence situation. They are sweet companions with each other and very affectionate with people. Because of a health risk to which he was exposed, it would be best for Max not to be in a home with any other cats. For adoption info, call 333-9534 or use the online adoption application on the Pets page at [www.friendsofpets.org](http://www.friendsofpets.org).



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**we're on the web at  
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## Arctic Rainmaker Touchless Car Wash

Wash on Wednesdays! That's FOP Day, with \$1.00 donated from every car wash. These funds support our rescue program and it really adds up! Arctic Rainmaker is open 24 hrs at the corner of Arctic & International.



Arctic Rainmaker owner Acey Fuller  
with Hans, adopted from AACCC

### FOP Board of Directors

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**Dog Jog is July 28  
at Service High!**