



# Whiskers & Tales

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## Dog Fest Film Festival Comes to Anchorage! FOP's "Hero" spot wins Best PSA

The Dog Fest Film Festival began in Albuquerque some six years ago as a competition among creative and entertaining short films about (and starring) dogs. The festival now attracts entries from all over the world, and last year, the best of the show was selected to tour the country as a benefit for animal welfare groups. FOP's touching "Hero" commercial has won in the Best Public Service Announcement category. Join us at the Anchorage

Museum of History and Art on Saturday, March 4 for a special, family-friendly screening of the Dog Fest Film Festival! And while we're thanking the Academy, here's our most grateful thanks to our world-class friends at Sprocketheads for producing our PSAs as a way to reach the public with messages of compassion and responsible pet guardianship.

## Spot the Dog: Dogs in Art continues through May 2006

While you're at Dog Fest, be sure to visit the Children's Gallery for this delightful exhibition. The entrance to the gallery features the faces of FOP's rescued dogs and cats in portraits by David Jensen of Alaska Pet-ography.



## New PSA: "Commitment"

Our most recent collaboration with SprocketHeads is "Commitment" - it's a lighthearted look at a guy who knows the real meaning of love that lasts a lifetime! Check it out on the People page of our website at [www.friendsofpets.org](http://www.friendsofpets.org).



## Noah's Wish Brings Animal Disaster Training to Anchorage - May 19-21

This dynamic rescue group was central to the Hurricane Katrina effort and has saved animal lives in emergencies across the country and around the world. A three-day volunteer training will be held at Kincaid Park as a simulated disaster mobilization. Learn more about the training schedule, required gear, and how to register by visiting [www.noahswish.org](http://www.noahswish.org). Don't miss this valuable opportunity to gain knowledge and skills straight from the folks at the front lines.

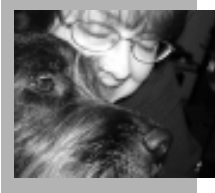


Saturday,  
March 4

2:00 - 4:30 pm  
Anchorage Museum  
of History and Art

In the festival:  
**animation and puppetry**  
*The Doggie Door*  
by Ron Yavnieli  
**cell phone micro-movie**  
*Spike* by Will Hartman  
**comedy**  
*The Wiener's Tale*  
by Deb Smith  
**drama**  
*Betty's Treats*  
by Kaye Kittrell  
*Conversation With A Dog*  
by Audacity Productions  
**music video**  
*Amigo the Potcake Dog*  
by Sand Films, Inc.  
**public service announcement**  
*Hero* by Friends of Pets  
and Sprocketheads

# Board Notes...



Our mailbag has been bulging over the holiday season! It's wonderful to receive cards, photos and notes from so many of you. The response to our December rescue update letter has been so uplifting. Your generous donations and your words of encouragement have made all the difference to us at the end of a financially challenging year. As I've opened the mail these last several weeks, your kindness has often touched me to tears. We are grateful for your faith in us.

In the New Year's spirit, we're making some changes for 2006. First is a change in our membership program. For some years we've had multiple donor tracks, with members and non-member supporters, which has sometimes led to confusion (for you and for us!). We'd like to create a single straightforward approach. On page 7 you'll see that our membership levels have been replaced with a simple option to provide either one-time or continuing support, in a program we call the *Friends of Pets Family*. We think that's the best word to describe our working toward common goals, with shared concerns and shared values, in the spirit of compassion.

Look below for a summary of significant changes in our spay/neuter assistance program, to focus exclusively on the local area in accordance with our mission. We've recently secured some grant funds to help support spay/neuter assistance to pet owners in financial need, and these program changes will also help us to meet those funding requirements.

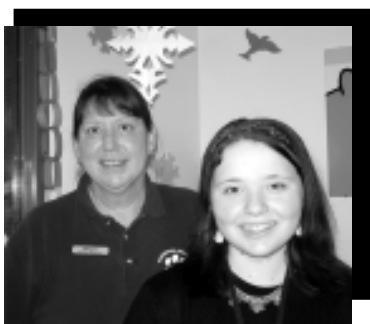
Over 600 people responded to the Muni's public survey on animal issues as part of the Animal Control Advisory Board's strategic planning process. The proposed plan is nearing completion and will emphasize the need to provide adequate enforcement of our laws, as well as to promote adoption and spay/neuter, reduce euthanasia, and provide education outreach to make our community a better place for companion animals. Thank you for adding your voices toward these goals.

 Peg Banks  
President



## AACCC's 2005 Volunteer of the Year!

Jessie Eibeck spends time comforting shelter dogs and cats, assists the public in choosing an animal companion, grooms dogs and trains volunteers to use the groom room. She writes for the volunteer newsletter, takes website photos and participates in outreach events. Jessie's family also fosters kittens too small for adoption. FOP salutes Jessie and all of the 100+ active volunteers at AACCC for the vibrance they bring to shelter operations and the lives they help to save! *Above: AACCC Volunteer Coordinator Megan Premer with Jessie Eibeck.*



## Spay/Neuter Assistance Program Changes in 2006

We've helped to provide spay/neuter assistance coupons to pet owners in over 30 communities across Alaska for the last several years. This year our program will focus solely on the local Anchorage area and on families in financial need. Some of the reasons for this decision:

- *Although 94% of our Alaska donors live in the Municipality, increased coupon demands were sending nearly half of our spay/neuter funding outside the local community*
- *The euthanasia rate is rising at Anchorage Animal Care & Control*
- *Those who truly need assistance are our first priority*

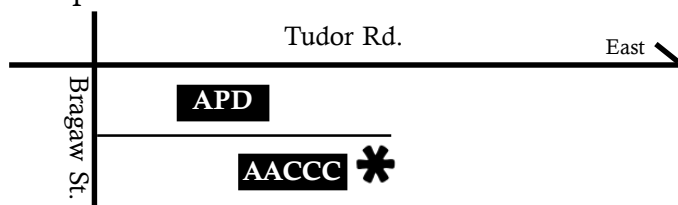
FOP's mission focus is the Anchorage area. In particular, FOP was founded to help save the animals at Anchorage Animal Care & Control through rescue/adoption, education, and spay/neuter efforts. With limited funding, this action is necessary for us to make a strong positive impact for local pets and their families in need.

**For more info or to apply for assistance,  
visit the Programs page at [www.friendsofpets.org](http://www.friendsofpets.org)**

### Anchorage Animal Care & Control Statistics

Year to date ending November 30, 2005

Adopted 3422 • Claimed 1402 • Euthanized 2831



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



## ...and even more Kind Kids!



**Jessica Browning** and her friends created knitting and needlework projects and sold them to raise funds for charity. Jessica presented our Board of Directors with \$130 from her share of the proceeds, all tucked into a truly lovely handmade purse that you can bid on at this fall's quilt auction!



**Lilly Harris** (second from right) had two themes for her birthday party - a role-playing mystery of clues and intrigue, and a benefit for FOP! Lilly and her family visited the FOP office with an amazing deluge of toys and supplies for our dogs and cats in rescue. The caring of these great kids is no mystery to us!

## Where are they now?



**Penny  
and  
Homer**



**Sterling**

"We thought you'd like this picture of Grace and Sterling. Grace is always hugging and kissing him. He's very tolerant and he just lays there and takes it. She calls him "Meow" and follows him everywhere."

Above: Penny.  
At right: Homer and  
a lookalike pal!



"Penny is super friendly, loving, and needy - but growing with understanding that I always come home. I've brought her to work with me many times and she is an angel. Homer is such a punch of total energy that everyone who meets him loves him. He loves to ride in the car, sits there right next to me, looking all around, and is a happy camper. He's happy and well loved, and gives 150% of himself back to me." - *Susan Rozar*



**Pudge**

"I just wanted to pass on this picture of Pudge and let you know how much we love him. He absolutely loves the University Lake dog park and the freedom he gets off leash! We are so happy with him and he brings us so much laughter. Thank you, guys!" - *Seana Hruska*

# Quilts & Other Creations



Our 9th annual auction raised \$12,000 to benefit FOP's spay/neuter assistance program! Our thanks to the quilters, artists and other donors who so generously gave their lovely works for this cause, the bidders and volunteers who made the day so successful, and our sponsors for their ongoing support. We're looking forward to next fall's 10th anniversary celebration!



**People's Choice - Favorite in Show  
and Favorite Cat Theme**  
"The Cat Sampler" by Jan Wills

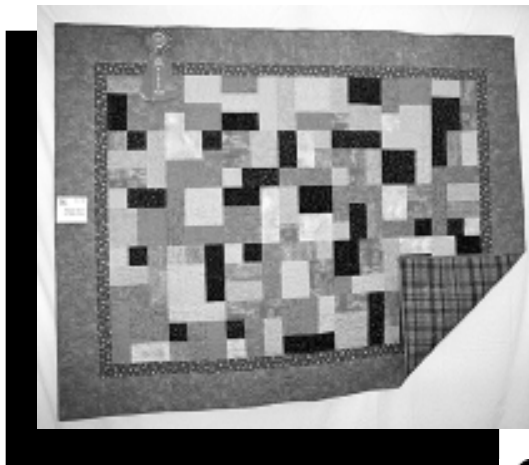


*Jan with her winning quilt*



**People's Choice - Favorite Other Animal Theme**  
"Barnyard Surprise" by Shirley Fraser

See these photos in color on the Events page  
at [www.friendsofpets.org](http://www.friendsofpets.org)



**People's Choice - Favorite Non-Animal Theme**  
"Bright Eyes" by Debbie Hingst



**People's Choice - Favorite Dog Theme**  
"My Dog" by Jean Whitney



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VCA Animal Hospitals*

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Spenard Builders Supply - Sylvia's Quilt Depot - Valley Quilters Guild*

*Dog-Fur Spinning Demonstration by Charilyn Cardwell, Woofers Wearables - Music by Double Helix*

# Coping with pet loss and grief

The death of an animal companion can be a devastating experience. Adults, children and other pets may each have their own unique difficulties in coping with the loss. Although in our culture it is common for pets to be considered “furry children,” pet owners often feel alone in their grief when others minimize the loss. With the help of Bubba’s family, FOP has assembled a grief support packet to let you know that we understand and care. We want to share Bubba’s story with you.



Portrait by David Jensen  
Alaska Pet-ography

In memory of Bubba

1996 - 2005

beloved companion of  
Chad Parker and Laurie Hummel

We adopted Bubba from FOP in April 1999. He had been rescued from Anchorage Animal Care & Control. We knew that he had been passed from owner to owner - we were his fifth home in just two and a half years of life. We had other clues to his history, like the shotgun pellets the doctor found under his skin. But Bubba proved early on that he carried no ‘issues’ other than a tremendous desire to love and be loved.

Bubba developed bone cancer in 2002, and endured the amputation of his right hind leg as well as multiple sessions of chemotherapy. His treatment

was arduous and yet he remained docile, compliant, and stoic. He’d burst through the door at Cornerstone Vet Clinic at a hundred miles an hour, eager to see his ‘girlfriends’ on the staff and to visit with Dr. Rapp. Never did he waste time feeling sorry for himself. For the next 31 months, Bubba charmed all he met as a three-legged Saint Bernard. We moved to a college town in New York state, and as a ‘ladies man’ he reveled in meeting the college girls who made quite a fuss over him.

Bubba passed away at home on July 12, 2005. He was the soul of our family, and we miss him terribly.

*“The message was: keep the faith,  
be grateful for what you’ve got,  
and make the best of every day.”*



*“In our family, there’s always  
been room for one more...”*  
Chad with Boomer, Bubba and Ruby

*“For those contemplating the risk of taking on a  
shelter dog or a dog with a multiple-owner past,  
we want you to know our story. Bubba enriched our  
lives immeasurably, and adopting him was one of the  
best choices we ever made.”*



FOP’s grief resource packets contain the booklet “Good-bye My Friend,” our new brochure “Paws in Passing,” info on coping with loss, phone contacts, books and Internet resources that can help. This project is sponsored by Chad Parker & Laurie Hummel in Bubba’s memory. For a free packet, contact Peg at 689-7787 or [peg@friendsofpets.org](mailto:peg@friendsofpets.org). To help others by supporting this outreach, mark your gift “Grief Project.”



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

**Amber** by Marjorie Carter ♥ **Annie Laurie** by Marjorie Carter ♥ **Baby & Sandy** by Kelly & Mike Keeter ♥ **Bare Naked** by Kelly & Mike Keeter ♥ **Beans** by Ron & Laurinda Kukes ♥ **Bessie** by Patricia McDearmon ♥ **Blue & Shelby** by Michael Cunningham & Mary Tesch ♥ **Bobbette** by Cindy Marshall ♥ **Bonnie J. Sey** by James & Jacqueline Sey ♥ **Born-to-Camp** by Sandy Edwards ♥ **Bugsy** by Luise Woelflein & Dan Bogan ♥ **Bully Girl** by Ron Webb Paving & Snow Removal ♥ **Buster Boy** by David and Carol Jensen ♥ **Charlie** by Carolyn Ellingwood & Dave Bateman ♥ **Chelsea the**

**Sheltie** by Denise Anthony ♥ **Chloe Raymond** by Karla Kolash ♥ **D.C. and Pogo** by Deeta Lonergan ♥ **Delilah Thomas & Raider Petrusa** by Anne Nevaldine ♥ **Frances Ray** by Susan Bremner ♥ **Ginger** by Frederick & Laurie Chadwick ♥ **Hannibal** by Susan Weimer ♥ **Hawker & Avro** by Kathleen & Richard Bouska ♥ **Henry & Murphy** by Stuart Hall ♥ **Henry** by Maureen & Jean Stage ♥ **Jackie Musgrave** by Ellen Williams ♥ **Jackie, Joel & Amber** by Jackie Carney ♥ **Jake** by Wally & Marie Soroka ♥ **Jazzy** by Steve Smirnoff ♥ **Kara Nissen** by Sue Mayo ♥ **Karl** by Linda Hodge ♥ **Karl Winston Gamez** by Lorryne Ellis ♥ **Kathmandu & Gus-Gus** by Roy Snyder ♥ **Katie-Sue** by Gary Boyd ♥ **Keith Reischl** by Carolyn Ellingwood & Dave Bateman ♥ **Kenneth E. Smith Sr.** by John & Donna Poff ♥ **Kenzie** by Linda Rustiga ♥ **Kyra & Olivia Anderson's 8th Birthday** by Jill & William Anderson ♥ **Lance & Kat** by Kenneth Newland ♥ **Libby & Willow** by Jim Thorson ♥ **Lightening** by Eva Loken ♥ **Lucy** by Robert Stanton ♥ **Maggie Mae** by Ken & Debra Jacoby ♥ **Maudie Lane** by Susan Lane ♥ **Max** by Kathleen Gilmore ♥ **Maxine Walker** by Ritchey & Shelly Walker ♥ **Maya** by Barbara Swenson ♥ **Meghan Johnson** by Stephen & Danielle Williams ♥ **Melissa Paquette** by Lawrence & Yvonne Shellhammer ♥ **Mickey & Doe Doe** by David & Geraldine Elliott ♥ **Mimi** by Sunnyslane Hinson-Walley ♥ **Mischief** by Claude & Atwood De

**In memory of Igor, our best friend**

"3,000 walks and every one a wonderful adventure. He is still missed."

- Jack & Susan Gallion



**Wandeleer** ♥ **Missy & Bitser** by Lori & Jim Kedrowski ♥ **Misty** by Carolyn Ellingwood & Dave Bateman ♥ **Munchie Henry** by Southside Animal Hospital & Wellness Center ♥ **Murphy Lyons & Zellie** by Anne Nevaldine ♥ **Nick** by Roy Scheller and Toni Merrigan ♥ **Noni** by Shar Stone ♥ **Nugget** by Norma Lepak Hannan ♥ **Obie, Issa & Spock** by Doug & Maureen Pollock ♥ **Penny** by Jean Jurvig ♥ **Penny** by Kathleen Brown ♥ **Penny** by Nancy Patterson ♥ **Rabbit Creek Kennels** by Janet Knudsen ♥ **Ray Henry, D.D & J.J.** by Jessica Henry ♥ **Rebel** by Bridget Bushue and Richard Williams ♥ **Robert A. Gonder** by Maxine Kelly, Ralph & Cheryl Feriani, Phillip Cunningham, Eugene Zola ♥ **Rosie** by Caroline Earl ♥ **Rosie** by Darla Siver ♥ **Roxie** by Shawn Williams ♥ **Sam** by Rose Stasco ♥ **Skippy, Stubby, Missy, Jo-Jo and Babby** by Jessica Henry ♥ **Smokey Joe** by Sylvia Short ♥ **Socks** by Jackie Carney ♥ **Stinky** by Cassandra Schimmel ♥ **Sue K. Wilson** by Loretta Short, Robert & Doris Keifer, Tina Salyers ♥ **Sunny Girl** by Martha Farris ♥ **Susan Lane's Birthday** by Kathleen Bryant ♥ **Tabitha** by Marti Hughes ♥ **Mr. Tahim** by Jyoti Chadda ♥ **Tavarish** by Michael & Cyndi Baranowski ♥ **Tigger** by Ron & Evangeline Harper ♥ **Tom Gebhart** by Jacqueline Musgrave, Rodney & Lynette Shamburger ♥ **Ukee** by Barry Walston ♥ **Verrochino & Carrera** by Andrew Brown ♥ **William The Supreme Mouser & Cords** by Elizabeth Stergiou ♥ **Winnie** by Richard & Susan Corey ♥ **Woodsey, Layla & Butch** by LeRoy & Donna Alderman ♥ **Zelda** by James & Sheila Woodcock ♥ **Zellie** by Tim & Jane Thomas ♥ **Zellie Grizelda Belda Bazvlioli** by Susan Miller ♥ **Zois, Tooter & Koa** by Conradine Zarndt

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**Give a dog a bed...**

FOP uses Kuranda Dog Beds because they're sturdy and comfy too! Kuranda's donation program supports shelters and rescue groups. Click the "Donate a Bed" link at [www.kuranda.com](http://www.kuranda.com) and select FOP, or just let us know you'd like your next regular donation applied to this need.

**We'd love to hear from you!**

**Share your pictures and stories with us at**

**FOP, P.O. Box 240981, Anchorage, AK 99524**

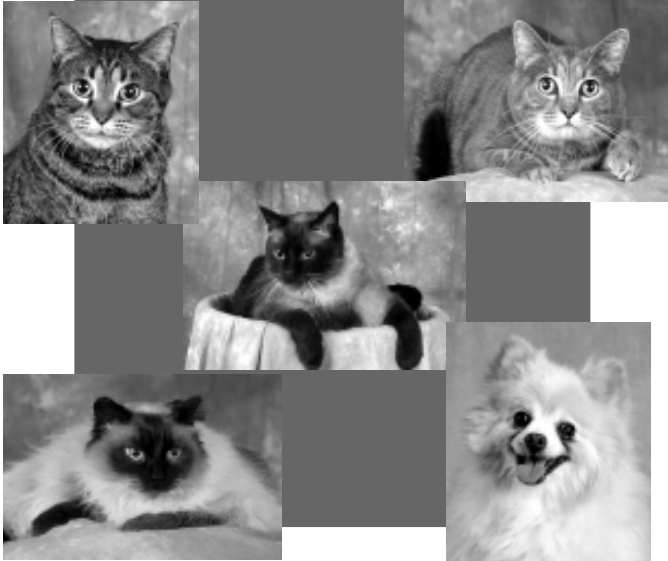
**or by email at**

**[photos@friendsofpets.org](mailto:photos@friendsofpets.org)**



# Meet our Sanctuary ~~Animals.~~ 2005's Happy Tails GRADUATES!

This past year, more of our sanctuary animals than ever before were blessed with permanent homes, some after a very long wait in foster care - patience pays off! These are the happy endings you've helped make possible.



Clockwise from top left: Mom, Dot, Mr. Fuzzy, Sara, and (center) Mac. Portraits by Alaska Pet-ography.

Our rescue program includes two categories of animals who have been 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 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 hold the hope that each of these special souls may yet find a loving family of his or her very own.

## Be a Sanctuary Angel!

A commitment of just \$20 each month greatly assists in the support of our sanctuary pets. Thank you for caring!



In a cat's eye, all things belong to cats.

- English proverb



## 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...



**Barney**

Photo courtesy of © Alaska Pet-ography

This 6-8 year old mixed breed neutered male was abandoned at AACCC in bad physical shape - he was matted and in need of care. What we found underneath was a sweetheart in disguise! He loves to walk, go for car rides and to cuddle. He'd like a home with adults or older children, and has done well with other dogs who are submissive. For adoption info, call 333-9534 or use the online application at [www.friendsofpets.org](http://www.friendsofpets.org).

*Friends of Pets, Inc. is a nonprofit organization formed in 1989 to make Anchorage a community where all pets are loved, wanted and cared for, through education, prevention and intervention.*



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## Fur Rondy Mutt Show

Sun, Feb 26 - 12 to 4 pm  
Alyeska Canine Trainers  
549 W. Intl Airport Rd.



## Purr Rondy Cat Show

Sat/Sun, Feb 25 and 26 - Sat 10-5 / Sunday 12-3  
First United Methodist Church, 725 W. 9th Ave.

## Arctic Rainmaker Touchless Car Wash

Every Wednesday is FOP Day, with \$1.00 donated from every Premium and Ultimate wash. Your patronage really helps to make a difference! Arctic Rainmaker is at the corner of Arctic & International.



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