



Whiskers & Tales

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News about pets, people, and making a difference

Winter 2007

Warm up with some early spring events ...



FOP at the Imaginarium Pet Science 101: Saturday, February 24 from 12 to 3 pm



Join us for some tail-wagging fun and learning about our animal friends! FOP and the Imaginarium team up to teach kids about keeping our pets happy, healthy and safe. We'll talk about animal care and answer your questions, and bring along a few furry surprises! The Imaginarium is at 737 W. 5th Ave. Admission is \$5.00 for ages 2-12 and \$5.50 for ages 13+.



Fur Rondy Mutt Show Alyeska Canine Trainers Sunday, February 25 from 12 to 4 pm

All you mutts out there! Get off the couch, pick up a leash and drag your family to the Mutt Show! It's free - and you might win a prize you can take home and rip into a thousand tiny pieces! Alyeska Canine Trainers hosts the annual Mutt Show, with vendor fair, demos of rally obedience, flyball and agility, a parade of adoptable dogs, and contests like priceless pet tricks and dog trivia! ACT is at 549 W. International. More info at www.alyeskak9trainers.com.

Brush up on these tips...

February is Pet Dental Health Month



One of the single most important things you can do to preserve your pet's good health is the practice of regular dental care. Dental health affects all of the body's major organ systems, especially as pets age. Many veterinarians offer specials on dental cleaning and related services during the month of February. Visit www.petdental.com for tips on toothbrushing and dental health, with fun activities for kids to understand more about this essential part of responsible pet ownership.





Board Notes

As the new year begins we're gearing up for spring events, though the snowy world around us is not exactly springy! With the challenges of winter weather, do you know someone who needs a little extra help in caring for their pets? 'Adopting' the pet of an elderly neighbor, a family member or friend in distress is one way to help companion animals even if you have no pets of your own. For a person experiencing life challenges, serious illness or other vulnerabilities, the comfort of a pet can make life more rewarding and sweet. You can help by simply taking an interest in the pet's welfare and offering a few maintenance tasks. Check in occasionally and take notice if a need arises. Offer to transport the pet to a needed vet visit, pick up a bag of food or do 'scoop' duty. Kids can get in the act by walking or playing with pets, filling water dishes and more.

As we consider our goals and program focus for the year, it's very sobering that euthanasia rates at Anchorage Animal Care & Control have continued to rise. The causes may be manifold, but resolving issues of pet care and behavior problems so that animals remain in their families, and continuing to promote spay/neuter are two primary tools in FOP's approach. Our challenge is to find new ways to aggressively address this problem in our community. FOP board members recently met with HSUS regional representatives to identify strategies for this and other animal care issues in Alaska.

UAA's Department of Journalism and Public Communications has made FOP the focus of a course project. Students in Paola Banchero's copy editing class have created a newsletter to be distributed to FOP volunteers, with agency information and items of general interest. We appreciate this enthusiastic support of our volunteer program.

 Peg Banks
President

A message to FOP supporters from Anchorage Animal Care & Control...

"I'd really like for FOP supporters to know how much we appreciate them. Rescue groups generously give another chance at life for those animals who would normally have no other option due to illness, behavior issues, age, or sadly, to lack of space. Nearly 370 animals (including cats, dogs, birds, rabbits, and even a goat) were rescued by community groups last year, and we are extremely grateful to all of you."

- Megan Premer
AACCC Volunteer Coordinator



Kind Kids!

Students in Mrs. Westermann's 5th grade class at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School made homemade dog biscuits, cat beds and cat toys for the animals at AACCC, then delivered them to the shelter personally with a dash of Santa's fashion flair!

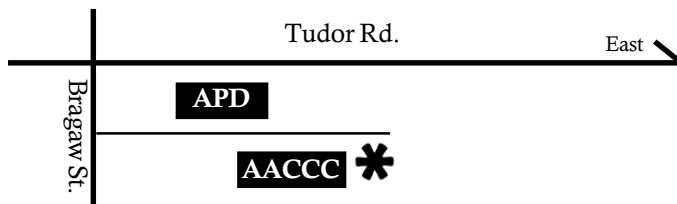


...and more Kind Kids!

Students in Ms. Hughes' and Ms. Smith's classes at Aquarian Charter School conducted a wish list drive for FOP all through December, collecting toys and supplies for our rescued cats and dogs. Fourth-grader Whitni emailed us, "We are trying our best to raise as much stuff as we can" - and they sure did! Thanks so much!

Anchorage Animal Care & Control Statistics

Year to date as of November 30, 2006
Adopted 3294 - Claimed 1431 - Euthanized 3053



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



Angie Dewey FOP Volunteer of the Year 2006

We are delighted to honor Angie Dewey as someone who epitomizes the deep dedication of so many of FOP's volunteers. Angie joined us in 2001 and is a core part of our team, working events, staffing our phone lines, managing our cookie sales program, and cheerfully pitching in whenever a need (*or two, or more*) arises. You can't say that we haven't given Angie some help, though. Her volunteer partner Mattie was adopted through FOP and is always at Angie's side for Be Kind to Animals, Reading Rendezvous, Dog Jog, Kids' Day and more. Angie's reliability, intelligence and gracious good humor are gifts not only to our organization, but to each of us who are fortunate to work closely with her. The integrity that she brings to volunteer service is a tremendous asset to FOP programs and to our community. *At left: Angie and Mattie have volunteered at every Reading Rendezvous since it began in Anchorage six years ago. Photo by LeeLani French.*

Sweet dreams are made of these...

Kuranda Beds for FOP and AACCC

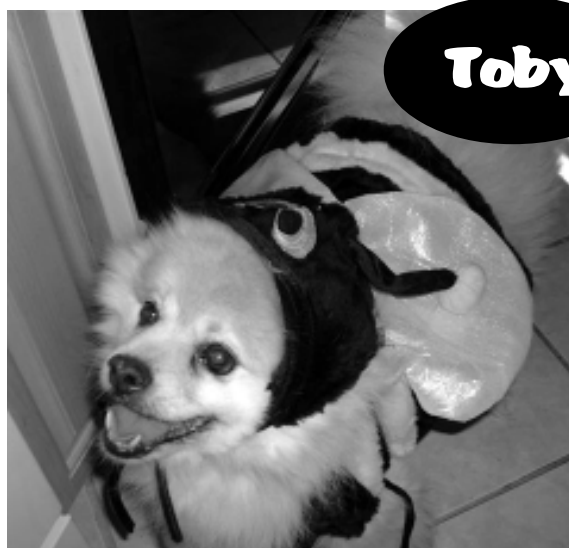


Both FOP and Anchorage Animal Care & Control need to renew their supplies of Kuranda beds. These durable beds make a dog's life so much more comfortable while in shelter or boarding care. The Kuranda company provides a "Donate a Bed" option on their website at www.kuranda.com and both FOP and AACCC are among the Alaska agencies listed. However, we're happy to handle this and save money too! Your gift of \$75 to FOP (for one large bed, with shipping) allows us to combine orders and save postage, and is tax-deductible for you. Please note "Kuranda beds" on your check, and sleep easy!

**Our thanks to
The Clothesline
consignment store
for including a FOP
benefit in their
grand re-opening!**



Where are they now?



We adopted Toby in August 2000. He traveled with us to the East Coast, and now lives with us and two other siblings in Juneau. He is the best, most loving and smart puppy a person could ever ask for, and we are happy for the day he became part of our lives."

- Tim and Penny Bundy

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to photos@friendsofpets.org**



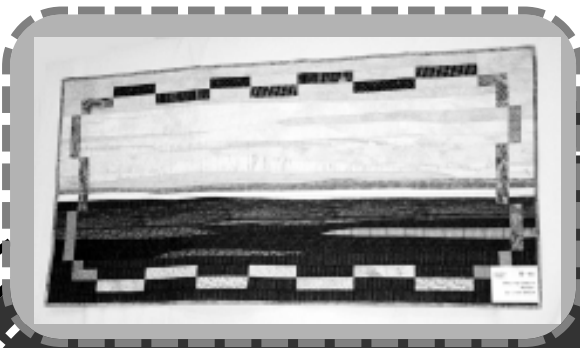
Our annual auction raised over \$11,000 for FOP's spay/neuter assistance program. In 2006, FOP focused its resources on Municipality residents in need, increasing the level of funding and helping to spay/neuter 696 companion animals last year.

Quilts & Creations 2006 underwritten by generous donations from University Center Mall - Seams Like Home Quilt Shoppe
VCA Animal Hospitals

Woods Plumbing & Heating - Tom and Anna Woods
and supported by Alaska Mill & Feed - Anchorage Log Cabin
Quilters Guild - Chugach Mountain Quilters Guild
Dina's Cozy Cabin Quilts - Grinning Gecko Design
Great Harvest Bread Co - The Quilt Tree
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People's Choice Winners

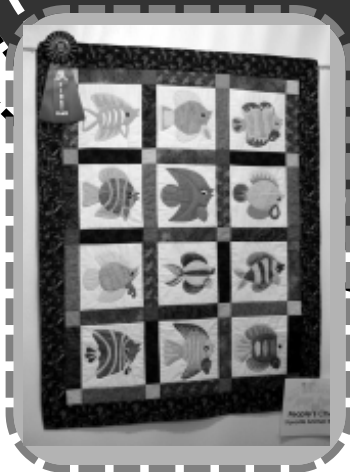
Color photos of all past years' winners on the Events page at www.friendsofpets.org



Favorite Non-Animal Theme
Sleeping Lady in Winter
by Linda Beach



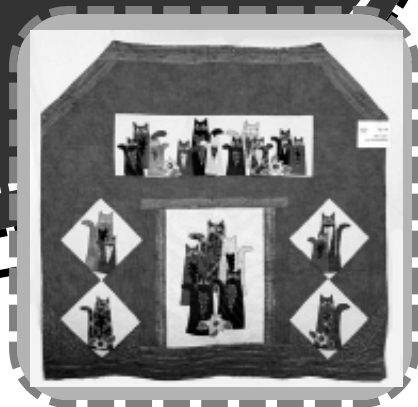
Favorite in Show
Happy Cats
by Shirley Fraser
quilted by Maria C. Shell



Favorite Other Animal Theme
Fish Out of Water
by Stevie Larson



Favorite Dog Theme
Wins By a Nose
by Linda Swanke



Favorite Cat Theme
Barn Cats
by Glenda Burk



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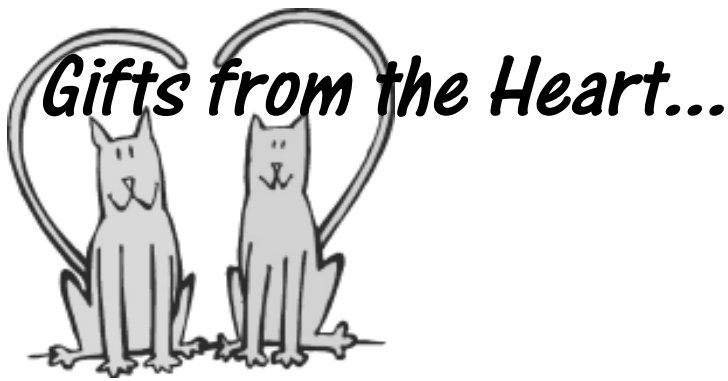


Mac

My husband and I adopted Mac in September 2001. He's a wonderful dog and a great companion for us. Mac was always considerate of our late chihuahua 'Rosie', letting her take a chew bone right out of his mouth even if he wasn't done with it, or yielding the whole dog bed if she got on it first. Mac lets our cat Bella curl up beside him and doesn't bat an eye at her playful swats. He loves to go for a R-I-D-E or a W-A-L-K, or to the dog park for a game of fetch. Sometimes his carb addiction takes over and he'll swipe a loaf of bread - which is not his normal good behavior. If you show him the empty bread bag he'll hang his head with the biggest "I'm sorry" brown eyes. This year for Halloween he accompanied my husband and my nephew for trick-or-treating, and loved to wear the super-dog costume (really). Thanks for letting us adopt Mac, and thanks to FOP for your work and dedication to all pets. - *Sharon Padilla*

**We love to hear from our FOP family!
Send your photos and stories to
photos@friendsofpets.org**

Gifts from the Heart (continued from page 6)... ♥ Mark Hickok by Amy Alps ♥ Max & Kitty by Judith Webb ♥ Max & Molly by Lori Stevens ♥ Max by Tammy Ketchum ♥ Max, the wonder cat by Richard Ullstrom ♥ Maxine by Ritchey & Shelly Walker ♥ Maxwell by Judy Jonas ♥ McKinley by Kim & Robin Hamelin ♥ Melissa Marie Wilson Paquette by Lawrence & Yvonne Shellhammer ♥ Micah by Boyd & Beverly Fannesbeck ♥ Midnight by Kim & Robin Hamelin ♥ Miko by Major R.A. Gallant ♥ The Miles/Kastendieck family by Patricia Freeman ♥ Minnie & Max by Clyde & Carlene Heiman ♥ Misty & Georgie by Stephen & Kathleen Jolley ♥ Misty & Muffie by Nina Prockish ♥ Molly by Cathy Loughlin ♥ Molly by Sharon Keller ♥ Morgan Schmitt by Nancy Schmitt ♥ Muffin by Heidi Barnett ♥ Mystic Charm by Mary Shields ♥ Nancy Ruddock by Patricia Freeman ♥ Napoleon by Gary & Carolyn Bruce ♥ Neal Huckins by Beverly Simmons ♥ Nicky Myers by John Tuckey & Barbara Armstrong ♥ Nimbus Holloway by Rachel & Dion Batres ♥ Normand, Spunky, Gremlin & Otter by Betty Worthington ♥ Oliver by Jerry & Julie Witmer ♥ Pam Petrie by Nancy Wrocklage ♥ Panda by Mike & Deena Bradley ♥ Pastafermata by Evelyn Brown ♥ Patrice O'Connell by Elizabeth & Gregg Roberts ♥ Patricia Marie Shirley & Nigel Amos by Polly Amos & Charles Mellin ♥ Patrick McDonnell by James & Sheila Woodcock ♥ Patty by Tammy Ketchum ♥ Peanut by Lois Rockcastle ♥ Pearl by Stephanie J. Gelhart ♥ The Peter Grey family by Howard & Lois Grey ♥ Pooter-Pie & Born-to-Camp by Sandy Edwards ♥ Prince & Princess by Raymond and Carolyn Bromley ♥ Puffin by Maureen O'Neill ♥ Pug by Barb Smith ♥ Quincey by Cheryl Chamberlin ♥ Rascal by Drs. Nancy & Joel Schiffman ♥ Rascal by James and Beverly Sandberg, Marjorie Carter, Rita & Robert Eder ♥ Rascal by Phyllis Dawson ♥ Rocky & Abbey by Angela Rojas ♥ Rosemary Bentley Poussard by Clair & Jeanette Shearer, Dave & Charlene Howe, Norma Erickson, Orlo & Gloria Park, Paul & Lisa Serventi, Thomas & Frances Bentley ♥ Rosie T. Jewel and Sir Winston by Carol Johnson ♥ Ruff, Wink, Sophie, Silke, Tux, Twink and Fancy by Linda von Bose ♥ Ruth Moen by John & Cynthia Minier, Daniel Hewko & Tharp CPA's ♥ Sal & Toby by Adela Estelle ♥ Sally by Barb Smith ♥ Sammy by Jennifer Arnold ♥ Sammy by Larry Lorenzo ♥ Scotty by Bec & Stan Smith ♥ Seneca by Pamela Schamber ♥ Sharon Sacaloff by Susan Sacaloff ♥ Sheika & Koko by Mark & Pam Burmeister ♥ Shilo by Sabey Grange ♥ Shirley Lou Horrell by Robert Horrell, Donald & Joyce Horrell, Karen Morris, Mary Suzanne & Dennis Amtmann ♥ Skye & Raina by Pat McDowell ♥ Sparky by Marlene Kanner ♥ Spooner, Candy, Nike, Jenny & Libby by Jim Thorson ♥ Stu Hall and Pal by Kathleen King ♥ Stubbie by Hal & Bren Rodgers ♥ Tang & Tabitha by Marti Hughes ♥ Tawney by Kathy Jones ♥ Taylor Schmitt by Nancy Schmitt ♥ Tekla by Larry Rundquist ♥ Thunder, Augie & Angle by Ken & Patty Anderson ♥ Tiffany Ann by Jeanne Macri ♥ Tiger Schmoker by Richard Schmoker ♥ Timber by Patty Hoffman ♥ Tinker & Penney by Bonnie Donahue ♥ Tinker by Elizabeth Eldridge ♥ Tito by Nancy Kavan ♥ Tyler by Dave & Sandy Harrington ♥ Vinita Murray, Dorothy Gardner and Wendall Gardner by David & Marilyn Gardner ♥ Violet Crumble by Dorothy Martin ♥ Wasilley by Dwayne McConnell & Anne Preston ♥ Wendie Howard by Julie Millington ♥ Wendy Angus Howard by John & Fredricka Siegel ♥ Wiggles by Linda Parrigin ♥ Winky by Carol Wedemeier ♥ Woodsey, Layla & Butch by LeRoy & Donna Alderman ♥ Yanni by Paul Chanek & Karen Lester ♥ Zack by Carolyn Ellingwood & Dave Bateman ♥ Zack by Joyce Zorick ♥ Zeppelin by Patty Hoffman ♥ Zeus by Terri Atwell



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

Memorials through January 3, 2007. Our memorials also appear on the web at www.friendsofpets.org - the News to Use page will lead you to the newsletter archive and memorials.

All the Velvets by Kate Fariday ♥ **Abbey** by Barbara Hodges ♥ **A-Bear** by Patricia Korsmo ♥ **Abigail** by Rebecca & Glenn Sebald ♥ **Allan Murfitt** by Jim & Mavis Brydone ♥ **All our chows!** by Ta Lisha & Joe Desjarlais ♥ **Ally, Cody & Nutmeg** by Nevis Smith-Boone ♥ **Amanda & Tyler** by Roger & Nancy Nagarkar ♥ **Amber** by Susan Laroche & Mark Pilnick ♥ **Aries** by Mandy La Rose ♥ **Artia** by Fred & Angela Wade ♥ **Atonement Offering** by Terri and Blake Reves ♥ **Augie** by Dana Orlosky ♥ **Baggins** by Fred & Angela Wade ♥ **Barbara & Fred Gaar** by Sara Gaar & Bruce Ehrens ♥ **Bare Naked** by Kelly & Mike Keeter ♥ **Basil & Fraser Ellingwood** by Bernadette Huston ♥ **Bea McPortland & Ginger** by Carolyn Ellingwood & Dave

Bateman ♥ **Belle** by Carolyn Ellingwood & Dave Bateman ♥ **Benji** by Monica Anderson ♥ **Bill, Josie, Sidney & Ilora Dannon** by Charlotte Phelps ♥ **Bishop** by John Carey ♥ **Black & White** by Mary O'Connor ♥ **Blackie** by Karla Kolash ♥ **Blacky & Casy** by Brian & Rose Schoof ♥ **Bo Spradling** by Caroline Earl ♥ **Bobbette** by Cindy Marshall ♥ **Bonnie J. Sey** by James & Jacqueline Sey ♥ **Brandy** by Clifton & Patricia Olmstead ♥ **Buddy Shank** by Susan Lane ♥ **Buttons** by Mark & Marquerite Iverson ♥ **Caillou** by Barbara Stauffer ♥ **Cairo** by Emily Becker ♥ **The caring staff of Anchorage Animal Care & Control Center** by Jacob & Deanne Tuckerman ♥ **Carolyn Ellingwood** by Bonnie Sue Hice ♥ **Casey** by Phil & Bonnie Cohen ♥ **Charles P. Brazin** by Deborah Mager-Strah ♥ **Chauncey** by Dwayne McConnell & Anne Preston ♥ **Chloe** by Ronald Desjardins ♥ **Cocoa** by Deidre & John Miller ♥ **Crazy Georgia "Boo-Boo"** by Andrea Allemanni ♥ **Crybaby & Skittles** by Linda von Bose ♥ **Dargle** by Dave & Sandy Harrington ♥ **Darlene Peters** by Barbara Winkley, Brian Shortell, Dave & Ruth Crowell, Edwin & Edith Fisher, Flora Stearns, Jack & Frances Leonard, Keith Clark, Kurt Pasch, Jeanne McArthur, Lawrence & Wendy Buklis, Letitia Keppenhan, Marjorie & Robert Paulson, Patricia Anderson, Robert & Judith Tope, Sharon & Kevin Headley, Vicki Jorgensen ♥ **David & Chelsey** by David Brust ♥ **Delores "Dee" Wiederholt** by E.V. Cornelius, Fern Proctor, Kathryn Janssen, Spenard Builders Supply, OPA Admin Section ♥ **Dexter & Zoe** by Erika Moore ♥ **Diamond** by Betty Allen ♥ **Diamond** by Patty Hoffman ♥ **Dogus** by Paula Port ♥ **Donner** by Marion Meyers ♥ **Dorothy Smithson** by John & Sharon Berry, Teresa Sammis, Thomas & Sheryl Moore, Toni & Ken McLaughlin, Ann Cunningham ♥ **Dr. & Mrs Gilden** by Raymond & Crysta Ellis ♥ **Elfriede Pinney** by David Pinney ♥ **Freckles & Hercules** by Kelly Andrews ♥ **Ginger** by Madonna K. Edmiston ♥ **Gizmo** by Enid & Bob Wainwright ♥ **Grizzly & Shaker** by Darrell Totemoff ♥ **Harley** by Angelica Rosales ♥ **Harley-Dawg and Dragon the Cat** by Thomas Porter M.D. ♥ **Hawker & Avro** by Kathleen & Richard Bouska ♥ **Hazel Warwick** by Amy Johns ♥ **Hockey** by Christina Steward ♥ **Honey** by Patty Hoffman ♥ **Hope** by Richard & Sheila Toney ♥ **Hunter & Bailey** by Kelly Andrews ♥ **Ike & Allouette** by Michael Shannon ♥ **The Jack Grey family** by Howard & Lois Grey ♥ **Jackie Carney & Joel Cusick** by Susan Laroche & Mark Pilnick ♥ **Jackie Musgrave** by Ellen Williams ♥ **Jake Scully** by John Tuckey & Barbara Armstrong ♥ **Jan Whitner** by Christina Kowalczewski ♥ **Jay Jay & Dee Dee** by Jessica Henry ♥ **Jay Jay and Jimmy Voves** by Delyne Chambers, Marjorie Carter, Peg Banks ♥ **Jessie** by Diane Wilke ♥ **Jon Michael Porcaro** by Bonnie & Michael Porcaro ♥ **K.C.** by Donna Prewitt ♥ **Kai** by Carolyn Ellingwood & Dave Bateman ♥ **Karen & Randy Lemmen's wedding** by Kristie Belk ♥ **Katie-Sue** by Gary Boyd ♥ **Katy** by Donna Prewitt ♥ **Kiko** by Donna Conrad ♥ **Kizzie** by Sheila Clark ♥ **Kizzie, Pogo, Dusty, Boise & D.C.** by Deeta Lonergan ♥ **Kodi, Charlie & Deanie** by Doug Serdahely & Melody Milliken ♥ **Kodi, Creed, Cosmo & Robyn** by Ta Lisha & Joe Desjarlais ♥ **Kodiak & Lua Jones** by Stephen & Danielle Williams ♥ **Kodiak** by Rick & Glennice Beauchamp ♥ **Kona** by John Peirce ♥ **Kristie, Sabrina & Miss Annie Meowington** by Judith Hanna ♥ **Lady Bug** by Patt & Frank Schlehofer ♥ **Laura McLeod** by IBEW Local 1547 ♥ **Lawrence Shumway** by Margaret Shumway ♥ **Leopard & Ruby** by Kathy Madej ♥ **Lilly, Booker, Raul & Raquel** by JoAnna Littau ♥ **Lily** by Jacob & Deanne Tuckerman ♥ **Lucky & Lemone** by Kathryn Fischer ♥ **Maddy** by Adele Sanders ♥ **Magnum** by Bonnie Schrader Godfred ♥ **Magnum** by Nadene Yarmon ♥ **Mama & Baby** by Richard Schmoker ♥ **Mandy Francis** by Stephanie Boutwell ♥ **Margaret Wareham** by Charles Wareham ♥ **Marge Todd** by Deborah Mager-Strah ♥ **Marie O. Swanson** by Virginia Hilliker ♥ **Marilyn Dallis** by Deborah Mager-Strah ♥ *continued on page 5...*

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



Meet our ~~Sanctuary Animals...~~ ^{Graduates!} 2006's Happy Tails



Three of our sanctuary and long-term fosters found forever homes this year. We are so grateful to the families who have given Willie, Missy and kitty Sabrina (*too shy for a photo*) their turn to be truly loved.

Missy (left) and Willie (right) - Portraits by Alaska Pet-ography.

Sanctuary updates: Willie has been adopted! Susie and Rudy have joined the sanctuary program. With a monthly gift of \$20, you can provide needed support as a sanctuary sponsor.

Our rescue program includes 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 six 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.

Prevent a Litter!

A donation of \$40 will provide a spay/neuter assistance coupon to a pet owner in financial need. Thank you for caring!



One small cat changes coming home to an empty house to coming home.

-Pam Brown



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Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

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

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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...

Skipper

This 2-year-old Belgian Malinois mix female is playful and high energy - she needs lots of regular exercise. She's housetrained and a previous owner reported her to be good with kids. Skipper has allergies so needs an owner willing to support her. For adoption info, call 333-9534 or use the online adoption application on the Pets page at www.friendsofpets.org.



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

Arctic Rainmaker Touchless Car Wash

Wash on Wednesdays! That's FOP Day, with \$1.00 donated from every car wash. It really adds up! The Wash Club offers member savings and free birthday washes; gift cards are available too. Arctic Rainmaker is open 24 hrs at the corner of Arctic & International. Our continued thanks to the Fullers for their dedicated business support.



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