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Helping Companion Animals in 2022

Thanks to your generous donations, Friends of Pets was able to significantly impact animal welfare in our community this year. Dogs and cats found loving homes, funds to address pet medical and family emergencies were provided, and we continued to provide lifelong care for animals with chronic health problems through the Marjorie Burrows Feldman Fund for Sanctuary Care. A highlight of this past year was the continued expansion of our spay/neuter assistance program.

Through our spay and neuter coupon program, Friends of Pets assisted hundreds of animals get spayed or neutered across the state, preventing thousands of unwanted litters. Through collaborations with partners like the Alaska SPCA, we provided funds for monthly "free" clinics for qualifying pet owners. In addition, we sponsored spay/neuter surgeries for up to 15 animals a month at Anchorage Animal Care and Control.

During this past year we saw a marked increase in requests for Community Emergency Assistance. Your gifts enabled us to assist with emergency health interventions and requests for pet housing, food, and medication during crisis, helping companion animals and families to stay together.

We continue to assist Anchorage Animal Care and Control rescue dogs and cats in need of special assistance to help them find forever homes. We also helped community members who, due to illness, crisis, or owners' death needed assistance rehoming loved animal family members.

Thank you for being there for us, so we could be there for them!

Mark your Calendar!



Reading Rendezvous is May 20th

Help kick off the Summer Reading Program at the library with the 2023 Reading Rendezvous. For more information about this event, visit: www.alaskacenterforthebook.org/reading-rendezvous

Save the date!

Dog Jog is on Saturday,
July 22, 9am to 1pm

Watch the web for updates!

www.friendsofpets.org



Pick.Click.Give!

Apply for your PFD by March 31st

When you click Friends of Pets to share part of your Permanent Fund Dividend, you help your neighbors and their pets throughout Alaska. The funds provide critical health care to pets in need, support our sanctuary program, and support those in crisis. They help us make more spay and neuter services available and allow us to enhance animal welfare through education. Please think of Friends of Pets when you **Pick.Click.Give**. Pledges can be made through August 31st. *Apply at pfd.alaska.gov.*



Michele Girault, President

President's Report

As we move forward into 2023, the Board of Friends of Pets remains committed to our vision of helping build communities where companion animals are loved, wanted, and protected. Our focus on prevention, intervention, and education resulted this year in significantly expanding our spay/neuter assistance, continuing our rescue and adoption program, sustaining the Marjorie Burrows Fund for sanctuary care, and providing support to those in crisis in our community who have companion animal family members to house, feed, and provide health care for. We have had a front row seat to the increased distress in our community related to financial insecurity and the impact on companion animals. As a result, we have enhanced support to provide health care or housing "bridges" so

members of our community can retain their loved animal family members. These outcomes would not occur without the incredible support of each of you and your partnership, enabling us to intervene and have a positive impact. Our annual Quilts and Creations silent auction held this fall at the ALoft Hotel, and featured in this newsletter, provided critical funds for our expanding spay/neuter assistance program. The Pick Click Program helps to fund all our programs and we are so grateful for those who choose to give from their PFD. However you choose to give, whether by giving gifts of time, talent, or resources, you are elevating animal welfare in our community.

We are delighted to welcome Erin Reynolds to the Board of Directors. She has been volunteering with Friends of Pets for the past several years as a foster home and member of the spay/neuter committee. Erin brings to the Board a wealth of experience in management of shelter volunteer coordination. She has facilitated the development of foster homes, training programs, and adoption promotion. We are delighted to have her expertise as part of our organizational leadership.

While we are buried in snow, it's hard to believe that spring is just around the corner bringing events such as Reading Rendezvous and Dog Jog but we'll look forward to seeing you there!



Michele Girault
Board President

Do you care about companion animals and abandoned pets in need? Consider serving on our Board of Directors. Your time and talent can help to change the world, one animal at a time. Contact ruth@friendsofpets.org for more info.



Anchorage Animal Care & Control Center

Year-end totals for 2022

Adopted: 2,079

Claimed: 1,019

Euthanized: 674

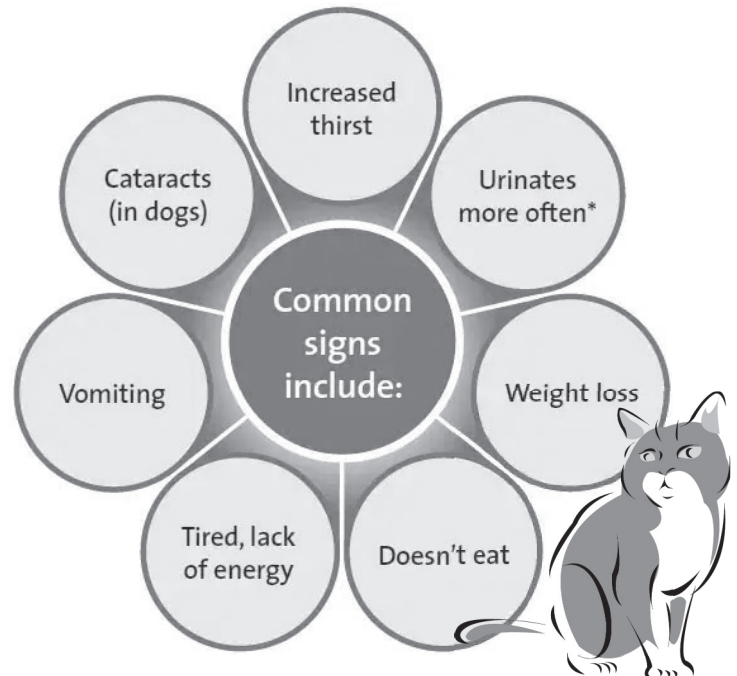


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to news@friendsofpets.org**

Common Signs of Diabetes in Cats & Dogs



* Noted in cats by "clumping" in the litter box and the need to change litter more often

2022 QUILT AUCTION!

The Quilt Auction was back and our quilt artists were busy during the break! This years Quilt Auction raised almost \$13,000 to help with our Spay and Neuter program.

Focusing on prevention, we have been:

- Promoting our \$100 spay/neuter assistance coupons statewide.
- Providing funding for spay/neuter costs at Anchorage Animal Care and Control for 15 animals a month so more animals are spayed or neutered before leaving the shelter.
- Sponsoring monthly free spay/neuter clinics in partnership with the Alaska SPCA and clinics in the Valley because we understand that the costs of surgery is a barrier for lower income pet owners.

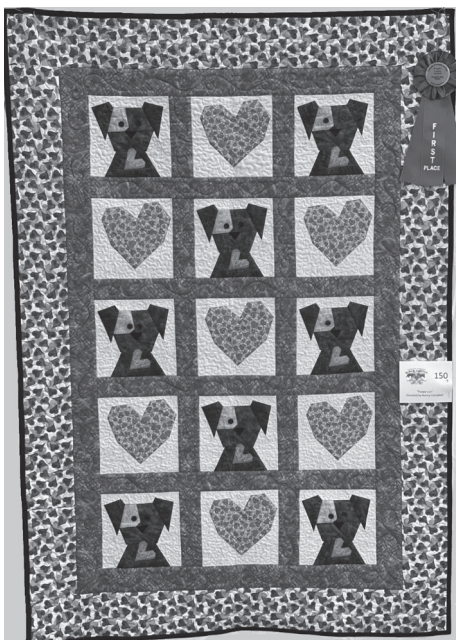
Because reducing the unwanted pet population is critical to animal welfare in our state, we will continue to focus on reducing barriers to affordable spay/neuter surgery. The funds raised during the Quilt Auction go directly to this effort and have tremendous impact.

With so many beautiful quilts and other creations, it was hard to pick a favorite, but here are the People's Choice Awards.



Favorite in Show and Favorite Other Animal Theme

Shop Hop by Laura Higgins



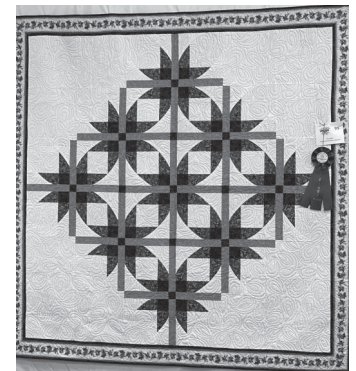
Favorite Dog Theme

Puppy Luv by Nancy Campbell



Favorite Cat Theme

Jazz Cats by Charli Polak



Favorite Non-Animal Theme

Starlight by Barbara LaGrone

TRIBUTE TO LUNA

Luna came to Friends of Pets in 2017 and was diagnosed with stomatitis which can be a barrier to adoption. She went into the Sanctuary program with the idea that we would provide a "supported adoption" if we could find somebody willing to give her a chance. Along came Kim who was living in Kodiak at the time. They instantly clicked and began years of adventure and companionship together. Sadly Luna developed cancer and crossed the rainbow bridge on March 4, 2023. Her life with Kim and dog "sister" Solstice was full of love and excitement, with hiking and running on the beach and exploring the beauty of Alaska. Those who support the Marjorie Burrows Feldman Sanctuary fund are part of this story. We're so grateful that, because of each of you, this love story could be told.



Thank you Turnagain Brewing!

Turnagain Brewing chose Friends of Pets as the recipient of their Selfless Sunday fundraising event. All tips on that Sunday (\$748.58) went to Friends of Pets. We are grateful for their support and for their shout out on Facebook to our animals ready to find forever homes for the month of January.



Thanks for the Smiles

Amazon has notified us that they are discontinuing the Amazon Smile program. Since 2013, when the program began, Friends of Pets has received \$6,500 from the Amazon Foundation thanks to your support of the program. Thank You!



Where are they now...



Rudy

Sweet Rudy was rescued by FOP and then adopted by his family in 2008. This little doll is still going strong due to the love and care of his forever family.



Oreo Cookie

Happy Belated 9th birthday to Mr. Oreo Cookie! He was adopted 2 years ago and is living a grand life!



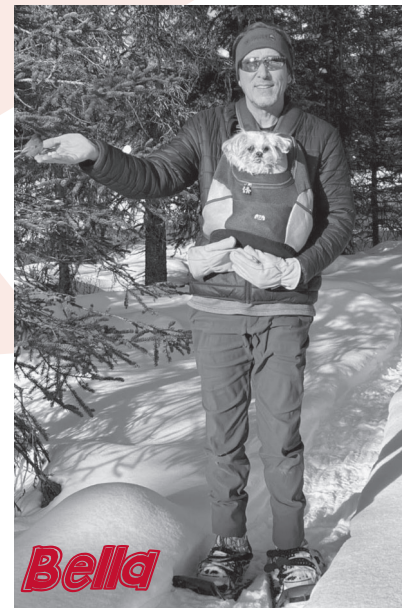
Bandit

Under the Northern Lights.



Bear

Bear having a great retirement life.



Bella

Bella (Sanctuary rescue) enjoying the beautiful Alaska winter on a ride along snow shoe trek!



Foster Homes Needed!

Loving homes are urgently needed to temporarily care for dogs and cats waiting for their forever home. The decision on whether or not we can rescue an animal can depend on whether there is a foster to care for them. Please go to friendsofpets.org to learn more.





Tributes through
February 15, 2023

Gifts from the Heart

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

♥ *4th of July* by Virginia Duffy ♥ *Aleah Steinzeig* by Gary and Francie Sidder-Steinzeig ♥ *Alex, Kareton, Puddles, Chardonnay* by Barbara and Michael Howard ♥ *All my four legged friends that passed over the rainbow bridge* by Rebecca Puch ♥ *All my Fur Companions* by Susan Imlach ♥ *All the dogs waiting for me over the rainbow bridge* by Carol Cordery ♥ *Ally* by Steven Crupi & Julie Saupe ♥ *Annie Jolene* by Joan Burnett ♥ *Audrey Webster* by Barbara Hendricksen ♥ *Bella (Dorne Hawxhurst's Buddy)* by Laura Bottger ♥ *Bella & Bean* by Sarah Zanto ♥ *Bennie* by Sandra Marsters ♥ *Berner Bear Otis* by Marisa Kessakorn ♥ *Bessie & Tiana* by Marcella Knowlton ♥ *Bob Adams & Dr Chris Sweeney* by Mary & Linn Weeda ♥ *Bogarde, Gideon* by Marcella Knowlton ♥ *BooBoo* by Ken & Debra Jacoby ♥ *Boy* by Juli Gwin-Stewart ♥ *Brian Smock* by Becky Kragstad & Sam Krogstad ♥ *Bubba Boy Morris* by Shawn & Rachel Morris ♥ *Cam & Chris* by Emiko Strandberg ♥ *Carolyn Ellingwood* by Doug & Debbie Sue Smith ♥ *Carter & Buddy* by Thomas Lord ♥ *Chance* by Dennis Shaughnessy ♥ *Chapo* by Emily Becker ♥ *Charlie* by Stephanie Rhoades ♥ *Charlie & Sadie Rose* by Kristie & Franco Belk ♥ *Cookie* by Joni Jones ♥ *Couchie* by Shirley Kennard ♥ *Dave Bateman* by Doug & Debbie Sue Smith ♥ *David Griffith III* by David & Carol Griffith ♥ *David Pinney* by Jim Brader ♥ *Diane Wendlandt* by Mark & Elaine Aldorfer ♥ *Don & Diane McIntyre* by John Blaine ♥ *Doug & Mel Serdahely* by William Serdahely ♥ *Doug Serahely & Melody Milliken* by Jeffrey Serdahely ♥ *Duncan* by Debbie Cather ♥ *Duster* by Randy & Carole Ann Black ♥ *Eddie* by Denise Hanson ♥ *Emma Steinzeig* by Ed & Judy Holland and Gary & Francie Sidder-Steinzeig ♥ *Fred* by Mary Domas ♥ *Gabrielle Lavigne* by Nancy & Kent Hubert ♥ *Gigi, Romeo, Juliet, Bonzai, Itty Bitty, Cindi, Cody, Johnson* by Susan Imlach ♥ *Ginger* by Deirdre Ford ♥ *Gracie, George, Zola* by John Braden ♥ *Gus* by Mark & Elaine Aldorfer ♥ *Christel Petty* by Elsie & Jeff Wertz ♥ *Heidi Little* by Brenda Daquil ♥ *Honcho & Yogi* by Judy Huelsman & Devon Matricardi ♥ *Irene Pettigrew & Greg Oczkus* by J.W. Pettigrew ♥ *Jack & Sammy* by Allegra Hamer ♥ *Jake, Jill, Juneau, Fluffy, Eska* by Caroline Hogan ♥ *Janette & David Long* by Jacqueline Davis ♥ *Jasper, Willie, Poppy, Annie, Bandit, Monkey* by LeeLani French ♥ *Jess Edge* by Diane Edge ♥ *Joey* by Cindy Floyd ♥ *Johannes Brahms - our beloved rescue* by Susan Reed ♥ *John Glasgow* by Jeanne Bonar ♥ *Junior, Milo & Jake* by Jan Thompson ♥ *Juniper, Daniel, Jack* by Hillary Orley ♥ *Jynx, Kona, Hazel, Scout, Shamus* by Brooke Cooper ♥ *Keeli Dawg Randall* by Sharon Randall ♥ *Keeper* by Diane and Mike Frank ♥ *Kitty* by Marcella Knowlton ♥ *KT* by Ryan and Stephanie Burich ♥ *Kuskokwim Rivers* by Jeff & Stefanie Baird ♥ *Latte & Sassy* by Anthony Floyd ♥ *Linda & Casey* by Fay & Henry Baldwin ♥ *Linda Belington* by Donna Joyner ♥ *Linda Lewis* by Kara & Scott Nissen ♥ *Linda Swanke* by Mary Ann Earles ♥ *Lisa & Bill* by Thomas & Sue Ellen May ♥ *London, Geneva, Tanky, Vigo, Vienna, Lisbon, Sophie, Normandy, Oslo* by Peg Banks ♥ *Louise* by Danielle & Steve Williams ♥ *Lucy* by Betsy & Mick Hawley ♥ *Lucy Lenz* by Melanie Wahl ♥ *Mable* by Jackie Musgrave ♥ *Maddie* by Dawn Madara ♥ *Maddy* by Carolyn Ellingwood & Dave Bateman ♥ *Maizey & Wilson* by Holly Payne ♥ *Marjorie Burrows Feldman* by Jeffrey Feldman, Peter Feldman, Enid Young Burrows, and Jim Torgenson ♥ *Marian Haglund* by Neal Haglund ♥ *Mark & Elaine Aldorfer* by Diane & John Wendlandt ♥ *Matthew Cohen Patrti* by Pat & Jennet Ballinger ♥ *Meow Meow* by Patricia & Frank Schlehofer ♥ *Michael Haukedalen* by Robert & Victoria Arlein ♥ *Michele Girault* by Arby Williams ♥ *Midnight* by Leslie Dean ♥ *Miguel* by Julie Raymond-Yakoubian ♥ *Mike McKinnon* by Carol & Isaac Blair and Michael & Maggie Carey ♥ *Mike Morris* by Don & Michelle Decker ♥ *Minou* by Danielle & Steve Williams ♥ *Mitchell Hollomon* by Gina Hollomon ♥ *Mittens, Magic, CJ, Nani, Darwin* by Ruth Quinlan ♥ *Molly* by Lea Bouton ♥ *Molly & Dot* by Cheryl Lubeck ♥ *Monster & Cocoa-Miss miss* by Toni Simmons ♥ *Mr Teddy & Zack* by Marilyn Roth ♥ *Murphy, Maisey, Casey, Jake, Isabel* by Tom & Sharyn Sexton ♥ *Murray* by Tami Yockey ♥ *My past bunnies* by Karan Nixon ♥ *Newton Campbell* by Michele Girault and Chuck Wright & Peg Banks ♥ *Niles* by Karen Sundberg ♥ *Nonam'e Mitchell* by Joanne Anderson & Penelope Wells & Marjorie Carter ♥ *Noname, INAD, My Five R's* by Elizabeth Mitchell ♥ *Norm* by Pat Hudec ♥ *Olive* by Christine Mason ♥ *Ollie* by Barbara N. Jones ♥ *Otis* by Danielle & Steve Williams ♥ *Our kids* by Kelly Day-Lewis ♥ *Our wonderful niece & nephews & their rescue pets* by Elizabeth Ellis-Steinzeig ♥ *Patton, Windy, Calvin, Albert, Fergus* by Marcella Knowlton ♥ *Paul Swinney* by Deborah Swinney ♥ *Pebbles* by Colleen McDonald ♥ *Pedey* by Sarah Ballard ♥ *Peggy O'Keefe* by Carl Karge ♥ *Penny Gorman* by Brad & Maija Doggett and Erik Gorman ♥ *Pepper* by Teresa Binford ♥ *Peppy* by Pattie Webb ♥ *Pierogi* by Carolyn Ellingwood & Dave Bateman ♥ *Pistol* by Robin & Kimberly Hamelin ♥ *Pixie* by Sandra Malvick ♥ *Py, Ginny, Moly, Jack, Ruthie, Kaiju* by Christy & Dan Garrett ♥ *Queen Elizabeth* by Jackie Musgrave ♥ *Rocks, Amber, Smokey* by Susan & John Johnson ♥ *Ron, Suzie Q, Toby, Ginger, Jeter, Kelsey* by Ina Offret ♥ *Rowdy* by Donna Prewitt ♥ *Ryley & Duke* by Keith & Dyanna Pratt ♥ *Sadie & Molly* by Mary Davis ♥ *Saki* by Dawn Kenyon ♥ *Shorty & Chili* by Sheila Burke ♥ *Snowball & Kenai* by Lewis & Blair Kaneshiro ♥ *Sparkle* by Ruth Quinlan ♥ *Sparkle Bohmann & Sophie Gordiner* by Joan Bohmann ♥ *Spazz, Cayanne, Rafiki, Sable, Tess, Reba, Bitser, Missy* by Lori & Jim Kedrowski ♥ *Spence Billigmeier* by Taylor Billigmeier ♥ *Sumyah & Sophie* by Robert & Nancy Raymond ♥ *Tango & Sparkle* by Joan Bohmann ♥ *Thor & Moose* by Paula Bryner ♥ *Thor, Sadie, Emma, Chai, Angel, Diane* by Marcella Knowlton ♥ *Tigger* by James & Becky Chambless ♥ *Tigger* by Lynette Hornseth ♥ *Tilly, Bugsy* by Luise Woelflein ♥ *Tippy, Keetna, Whiffle, Smudge, Gypsy Rose (my pets) and Grandpets Cody, Bingie, Talgen, Digger* by Donna Gerwin ♥ *Toby & Magnet* by Harry Hill ♥ *Trouble & Mittens* by Thomas Hamilton & Donna Lind ♥ *Tucker Taylor* by Stephanie Rhoades ♥ *Virginia Butler* by Valerie Butler ♥ *Willow* by Robin & Kimberly Hamelin ♥ *Winston, Waffles, Rocky Raccoon, Penny Lane, Lucy* by Margaret McDonagh ♥ *Woody* by Catherine Paine ♥ *Yogi* by Jackie Musgrave ♥ *Zap & Ziggy* by John & Stephanie McShane ♥ *Zeus* by Cynthia Otto



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Meet our sanctuary animals...

Aspen



Aspen came into our sanctuary program after her former owner transitioned into assisted living. She is a 13-year-old sweetheart who had unmet health care needs. She is now undergoing treatment for Cushing's disease. Wonderful volunteers have agreed to provide her a lifetime sanctuary home, and Friends of Pets will continue to support her health care needs.

Our sanctuary program

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. Still, 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. The sanctuary fund also helps support our adoptive families with some medical costs for special needs pets.

Your monthly gift of \$20 or more to the Marjorie Burrows Feldman Memorial Fund for Sanctuary Care ensures that our special-needs pets always have a fund for medical care and other necessities. Use the coupon above, or select the sanctuary program option in your online donation at www.friendsofpets.org.

Thank you for caring.



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Established in 1989, Friends of Pets provides vital animal welfare and protective services for abandoned animals, with respect, compassion and integrity. We intervene to reduce the euthanasia rates at AACC, to promote responsible pet ownership, and to improve the quality of life for companion animals.

Looking for a loving home . . . Ada

Ada is a sweet 5 year old husky retriever mix that came into our care when her human companion passed away. She has good house manners, is crate trained, and is affectionate once she gets to know you. She has been the only dog in the home, but seems to have good social skills outside the house. She is initially a little wary of new people, so a quiet household would help her adjust. We are not aware of any experience she may have with cats. She does love to go for walks and rides in the car.



David Jensen Photography

For more information, call Michele at 907-333-9534, or apply online at www.friendsofpets.org.

Spay/Neuter Community Assistance Program (Statewide)

If you are an Alaska resident and need financial help to spay or neuter your pet, we can help. We encourage you to apply for our spay/neuter community assistance program which operates year-round. FOP can provide a \$100 coupon to be applied toward the cost of spay/neuter surgery. Request forms and instructions are in the Help & Answers section at www.friendsofpets.org. Important! Be sure to read and follow the instructions, and apply **before** you schedule any procedures. You must have the coupon in hand prior to your pet's surgery. This program is funded through the annual Quilts & Creations Auction, and by our donors, to help stop pet overpopulation in Alaska.

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