



friends of pets



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save the date! reading rendezvous

Saturday, May 17th, 12 to 4 pm
At the Loussac Library lawn



The Anchorage library's 2025 Summer Discovery reading program will kick off with the Reading Rendezvous, a fun and free event for the whole family. This annual community tradition highlights reading with community booths, live entertainment, and so much more. Join our community in encouraging childhood literacy and help keep young minds busy during the summer. You can bet Friends of Pets will be there with fun activities! Reading Rendezvous is presented by Alaska 529, Alaska Center for the Book, Alaska Public Media, Friends of Pets, and Superman Moving & Delivery.

Quilt
Auction
Winners!
- Pg 4

DOG $\frac{2}{0}$
JOG $\frac{2}{5}$

DON'T MISS IT!

Saturday, July 26
9am to 1pm

Watch the website
for updates!

www.friendsofpets.org

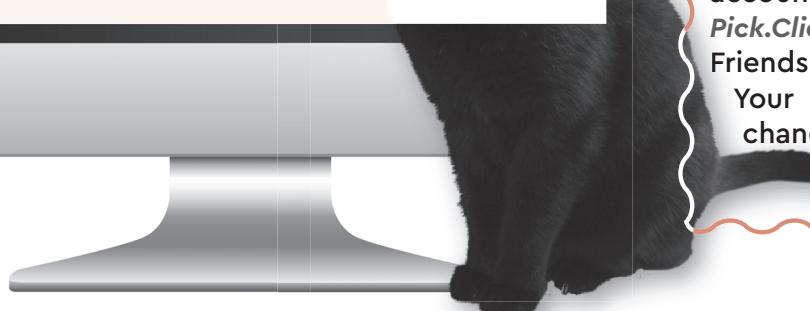


2025 Dog Jog mascot!

Pick. Click. Give.

Give by . . .
August 31, 2025!

Go to pfd.alaska.gov



Another year brings another chance for Alaskans to give back through the Pick.Click.Give Permanent Fund Dividend program. By selecting Friends of Pets, you can help rescue animals, support senior pets, assist families in crisis, and create a better community for pets. Go to pfd.alaska.gov to sign into your PFD account to add or change your Pick.Click.Give. to Friends of Pets.

Your support
changes lives!

Step 1

Visit pfd.alaska.gov & click the green Pick.Click.Give. button

PICK.
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GIVE.

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of the screen



Michele Girault, President

President's Report

As we move forward toward spring, and celebrate and honor volunteers, I continue to be in awe of their efforts moving the Friends of Pets mission forward. As an all-volunteer organization, we are dependent on the passion and commitment of volunteers who give their time, talent, and heart to elevate animal welfare in our community. Whether fostering a dog or cat, walking dogs, participating in education or fundraising events, distributing spay/neuter coupons, answering phone calls, managing social media, providing education or crisis assistance and more, our volunteers are amazing and deeply appreciated!

This month we honor two loved volunteers who passed away this winter, Maggie Carey and Kathy Campbell. Both Maggie and Kathy, with the support of their spouses Michael and Eric, were active foster parents and regularly supported Friends of Pets events. They both brought bright light into the world, and their deep love for companion animals influenced many. Their investment in, and love of, the Friends of Pets mission brought tangible outcomes, and we are so grateful we had the fortune to benefit from all the talent they chose to share. Maggie was a passionate reader and loved the Reading Rendezvous. Kathy was a key member of the Dog Jog team for many years. In their honor, I invite you to mark your calendars for those events: Reading Rendezvous May 17 and Dog Jog July 26.

Remembering...



Kathy Campbell

Maggie Brown Carey

If you are considering volunteering, we welcome you to join us! Applications are available on our website at friendsofpets.org.



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.



Koga - available for adoption

*"The greatness
of a nation can
be judged by the
way its animals
are treated."
- Mahatma
Gandhi*



Anchorage Animal Care & Control Center

Year-end totals for 2024

Adopted 2,157

Claimed 839

Euthanized 842

Anchorage Animal
Care & Control Center

Melissa Summerfield, Manager

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www.muni.org/animal



Help us help an animal—Be a Foster!

Loving homes are urgently needed to temporarily care for dogs and cats waiting for adoption. The decision on whether or not we can rescue an animal often depends on whether we have a foster home that can take it. Please consider being that temporary safe space. Go to: friendsofpets.org/get-involved/volunteer.

Digital dog licenses available!
Visit www.lovemewithalicense.com

**Share your adoption updates,
Kind Kids news, photos, and stories
to news@friendsofpets.org**

Friends of Pets ~~~ Voted Top Non-Profit!

Friends of Pets received the Community Impact Award, naming it one of the top non-profits in Anchorage. Thank you for all your votes!



Where are they now... Oreo Cookie

Oreo Cookie recently turned 10 years old! He is the best rescue dog ever, and the best brother to Pepper Oreo. Oreo Cookie has been with us since he was six years old and has blessed our home.



Annual Northern Lights of Love Tree

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Northern Lights of Love 2024 holiday tribute tree. This program honors the pets in our lives today and in our memories. Each name honors the beloved companions who are such a light in our lives, and represents a donation to our rescue program.



Your donations helped the Pasadena Humane Society!

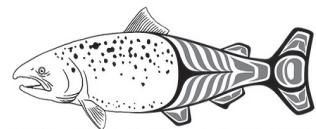
A generous donor provided \$5,000 in matching funds for disaster relief efforts in Los Angeles during the wildfire emergency. Please help us extend our appreciation for this act of kindness. Thanks to all of you who helped match this generous donation, we were able to send \$10,000 to help pets impacted by the wildfires. All funds raised in this campaign support the Pasadena Humane Society's efforts to provide medical assistance and shelter for displaced pets.



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SELFLESS SUNDAYS

We are so grateful to Turnagain Brewing for their Selfless Sundays donation. The wonderful wait staff and customers collectively brought \$655 to Friends of Pets in January!



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2024 QUILTS AND CREATIONS QUILT

Congratulations to the People's Choice award winners!



Favorite in Show (co-winner) & Favorite Non-Animal Theme

"Shadows in Philip's Garden" by Julia Enzenberger



Favorite in Show (co-winner)
"Kali's Garden" by Diane Wendlandt

Thank you to all our volunteers, quilters, and crafters who work so hard to make the quilt show possible every year!

Presented by: Woods Plumbing & Heating, in memory of Nadine Pree

Hosted by: Aloft Hotel, Anchorage

Supported by: Quilted Raven, Seams Like Home, Twisted Sisters



Favorite Dog Theme

"Dogs in Sweaters" by Teresa Kimmel



Favorite Cat Theme
"Cat Scratch" by Nancy Campbell



Favorite Other Animal Theme
"McNeil River" by Elaine Aldorfer



We had three generations of helpers at the quilt auction! Mariann, Kimberly, and Julianna.

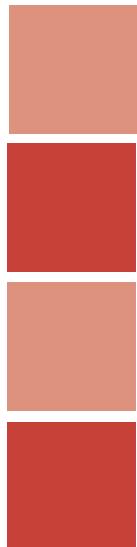


April is Volunteer Appreciation Month!

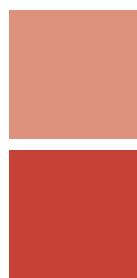


HOPE Holiday Craft Fair

Thanks to everyone who helped with our booth at the Hand Made Holiday Craft Fair sponsored by the Community Engagement Program at Hope Community Resources. *Photo: Sue and Leelani*



Maya, Dog Walker Extraordinaire



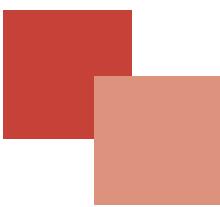
Hi, I'm Maya, and I'm a volunteer dog walker with Friends of Pets. Did you know it is scientifically proven that spending time with animals helps lower your stress levels and blood pressure? For me, walking dogs is a great way to de-stress, and it lowers the dogs' stress levels too! Both the dogs and I really enjoy the physical exercise, so it's truly a win-win. Volunteering is very fulfilling knowing that each time I walk a dog, I make their day. Learn more and apply to volunteer at friendsofpets.org/get-involved/volunteer.

Vaccine Clinic Volunteers



Dyanna and June providing volunteer support on a snowy day.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped make the free vaccine clinic held in Davis Park a success last November. We are so grateful to Dr. Kathy Doty and her vet tech Jenna who volunteered their services during this vaccination event.



Dr. Kathy Doty



Tributes through
February 28, 2025

Gifts from the Heart

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

♥ *Abrams* by Tina & Brian Morrow ♥ *All dearly departed furry friends* by Charlene Hill ♥ *Ali Rae* by Karen & Joe Mushat ♥ *All our furry family members* by Michele Girault & Chuck Wright ♥ *Allan Arnold* by Catherine Fromm, Pauline Burrell, Patsy Dunsmore ♥ *Allen* by Su Piccioni ♥ *Annie* by Susan Shaffer ♥ *Asha* by Donna McLeod ♥ *Babe* by Marie Hildebrandt ♥ *Bailey* by Mimi Hogan ♥ *Barbara Lynn Ingram (Almon)* by Lisa & David Scarborough ♥ *BB* by Trish Washington ♥ *Belle* by Rebecca Shoemaker ♥ *Bette & Smokey* by Steven Crupi & Julie Sause ♥ *Betty White* by Robin Siverson & Billy Meers ♥ *Bibo, Mama, Peewee, Aida, Fred, Puffers* by Eleanor Signey ♥ *Bishop* by Kelly & Scott Griebel ♥ *Bob* by Laura Bain ♥ *Bodhi* by Danna & Larry Moser ♥ *Bones & Boots* by Carla Hostetter ♥ *Boomer* by Julie Briles ♥ *Brownie & CV* by Brian Schoof ♥ *Bubba* by Laurel Hummel ♥ *Buddy* by Mead by Stanley & Ruth Mead ♥ *Buster* by Roy Scheller & Toni Merrigan ♥ *Buster* by Debora Bale-Griffeth ♥ *Caleb Roberson* by Michael Smith ♥ *Carol Ann Dodd* by Julie Millington ♥ *Carolyn Ellingwood* by Doug Smith ♥ *Cassie & Cooper* by Heidi Little & Chris Hickling ♥ *Cassie & Georgina* by Louann Peterson ♥ *Charley* by Caryl Lane ♥ *Charlie* by Thomas & Kathleen Oldham ♥ *Charlie* by Robert Womack ♥ *Chiclet* by Joan Burnett ♥ *Chili & Shorty* by Sheila Burke ♥ *Chums & Orla* by Elaine Christy ♥ *Cody* by Dee Shell ♥ *Corky, Rosie, Winston* by Brenda Bergsrud ♥ *Daisy* by Jennifer Hickman ♥ *Daisy* by Joan Diamond ♥ *Daisy Mae* by Tracey Wollenberg & James Christie ♥ *David J Wolf* by Anchorage Fire & Dispatch ♥ *David Jensen* by Dennis & Diane Allen ♥ *Diane Wendlandt* by Mark & Elaine Aldorfer ♥ *Diane, Angel, Chai, Emma, Thor* by Marcella Knowlton ♥ *Dollar* by Dave Campbell ♥ *Duke* by Cory & Angela Tipton ♥ *Duke, Yukon, Kona* by John Peirce ♥ *Dutch* by Kenneth & Patricia Peacock ♥ *Eddie & Ziggy* by Denise Hanson ♥ *Ele'ele* by Brigit Bryner ♥ *Ellie Mae* by Christel & Ken Petty ♥ *Emma Steinzeig* by Ed & Judy Holland & Aleah Steinzeig ♥ *Emma Keets, Paxton, Cooper, Zoey, Winnie, Mackey, Jericho, Blackie, Nena, Quincy, Cookie, Tiffany, Tigger, Cleo, Striper, Zoe, Boycat, Bunnycat, Punk Fluff, sweet James* by Janice Strickl & ♥ *Esme Potter* by Jill Perkins ♥ *Esther* by Jolene Girault ♥ *Esther, Tundra, Kathy Campbell, Maggie Carey* by Michele Girault & Chuck Wright ♥ *Finley* by Carolyn Ellingwood & Dave Bateman ♥ *Finn, Suzi, Lucy Lenz* by Melanie Wahl ♥ *FOP volunteers* by Danielle & Steve Williams ♥ *For all the pups I've loved* by Peg Banks ♥ *Francie Steinzeig* by Rich Steinzeig ♥ *Frankie* by Janice Swiderski ♥ *Freddie* by Joanne Anderson ♥ *Frida, Katie #1, Katie #2* by Stacey Eisert ♥ *Fritz, Ollie, Rum Tum, Oscar* by Kim & Peter Blanas ♥ *George Jelich* by Beth Jelich ♥ *Ginevra* by Andrew Brown ♥ *Ginger, Shasta, Oscar, Hemi, Murphy Czajkowski* by Michele Czajkowski ♥ *Goldie* by Maggie Allen ♥ *Gunner Juarez & Koda Daugharty* 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If you have recently experienced the death of an animal companion and are coping with grief,
FOP offers a free information packet that can help. Email Peg at peg@friendsofpets.org.



Be part of the Friends of Pets family!

Donate online or mail this coupon to FOP, P.O. Box 240981, Anchorage, AK 99524

Online donation is convenient and secure at www.friendsofpets.org. Select programs to support, set up recurring donations, or arrange for memorial donations and acknowledgments online. Together we are making a difference!

Name: _____

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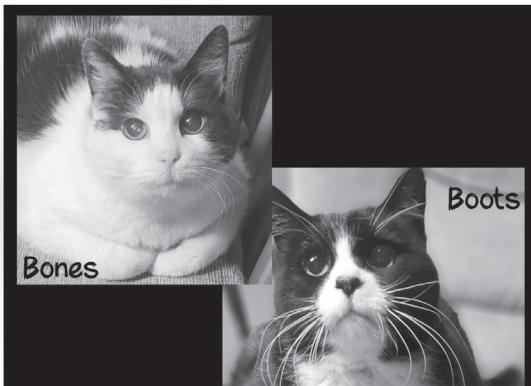
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Meet our sanctuary animals...

Boots & Bones

Boots and Bones came into our care from Anchorage Animal Care and Control after their owner passed away. Bones is 19 years old and Boots is 16. Friends of Pets has a soft spot for seniors and was happy to partner with an adopter by providing ongoing support for their care. They both enjoy catnip toys, a cozy place to take a nap, and human company.



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I want to make a **one-time** general donation.
 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$250 \$ _____

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

\$25 \$35 \$50 \$100 \$ _____

I want to sponsor the sanctuary animals.
Sponsorships are \$20 monthly.

I want to support spay/neuter assistance services.
 Please send me a supply of donation envelopes.
 Please charge my credit card below

Total donation: \$ _____

Check or money order enclosed

VISA MasterCard Exp: _____ CVV code: _____

Account #: _____

Signature: _____

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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Reading Rendezvous is May 17 at the Loussac Library lawn!



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 AACCC, to promote responsible pet ownership, and to improve the quality of life for companion animals.

Looking for a loving home . . . Kya & Kaye

Kya and Kaye are a father and daughter pair. They are both super sweet, love to cuddle, play with toys, go for walks, and wrestle with each other. Both dogs have a strong prey drive and would do best in a home without another small dog or cat. They love to explore new trails, and will make great walking or hiking buddies. Both have good house manners and are crate trained.

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



David Jensen Photography

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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