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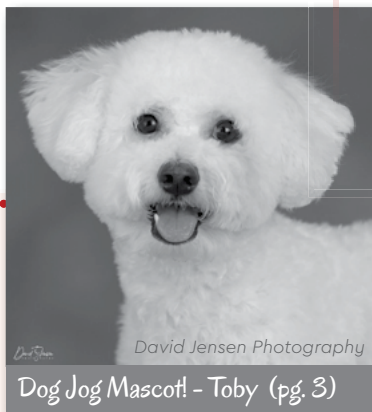
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## Dog Jog 2025!

Join our annual canine carnival to help raise funds for our programs, and to celebrate the bond between people and pets. Funds raised at this annual event support rescue, spay and neuter assistance, education outreach, community assistance, and more. Signing up is easy, with online tools to help with your personal fundraising. Come stretch your paws for a great cause!

Register at [www.friendsofpets.org](http://www.friendsofpets.org) (suggested donation \$25).

- Games & Contests!
- Vendor Fair!
- Demo!
- Food!



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Dog Jog Mascot! - Toby (pg. 3)

Saturday, July 26

9 am to 1 pm

Service High School

9 am – Registration/vendor fair

9:15 – Alyeska Canine Trainers demo

10 am – 5 K or 1 mile course

Followed by demonstration by Alaska Dogs Gone Wild flyball club and contests: biggest dog, smallest dog, best costume, fastest down, best trick, fastest tail wag, oldest dog, and most dog jogs.



Blessing of the Dogs starts at 9 am by First United Methodist Church of Anchorage.

## Dog Jog Sponsors





Michele Girault, President

## President's Report

We all love the coming of summer and the long days of light to enjoy the beauty of Alaska. We kicked off summer by sponsoring and participating in the Reading Rendezvous—supporting the summer reading program. We hosted a booth where kids could meet and read to gentle dogs. It's one of our favorite events!

For many of us, summer provides more time to create precious memories with our 4-legged family members, like walking, hiking, road tripping, gardening, or sitting in the sunshine reading a book with a content cat on our lap. There is no doubt our companion animal family members add immeasurable joy to our lives. The Friends of Pets annual Dog Jog is a celebration of that relationship, and we invite all of you to come and participate in this year's event July 26 at Service High School. It's more than just a gathering of tail wagging fun. The event raises critical funds for Friends of Pets to continue focusing on prevention, intervention, and education. The event will also include a Blessing of the Dogs provided by the First United Methodist Church.

Hope to see you all 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](mailto:ruth@friendsofpets.org) for more info.*

## 5 PET FRIENDLY TRAVEL TIPS

- Research pet-friendly hotels that don't charge pet fees.
- Book directly with the hotel for better deals.
- Join hotel loyalty programs for pet benefits.
- Contact the hotel ahead of time to negotiate pet fees.
- Consider alternative accommodations like vacation rentals.

Sites like [Bringfido.com](http://Bringfido.com) can help find just the right places for you to stay with your pet.



## Where are they now... Yona

Yona came into Friends of Pet's care and went quickly into trial adoption. This gorgeous girl got rave reviews from all who met her, especially for her endearing temperament. One of our volunteers, Diane Schenker, who gets to visit Yona in her new home, says: Every visit with sweet Yona is a little infusion of pure joy. She took time out from her swimming pool, unlimited squeaky toys, and growing neighborhood fan club of adults and children, to give me her signature "lean in" full body hug and big smile. Thanks to her adopters and Friends of Pets for this happiness.





# MEET THE MASCOT! TOBY DOG JOG



Toby, beloved companion of Rene Kennicott, is an energetic young Bichon Frise born on March 17, 2024 (St. Patrick's Day—he looks great in green!). He absolutely loves the snow and needs to wear something colorful so he is visible against the white powder. He gets so excited when there is a fresh snowfall and makes a track around the perimeter of the property.

Toby is an amazing parkour dog. He leaps, bounds, jumps, and literally bounces off the walls and the couch and catches some extreme air when playing with Ginger, his Alaskan Husky/Greyhound "sister." Toby is hoping for a playground set this summer!

Toby is also a great traveler. He hops into the van, gets in his seat, and waits to be buckled in. He takes in all the scenery and brings a smile to people's faces when at the stop lights. Toby has made many friends, and he hopes to make many more this year on the Dog Jog trail.

## Reading Rendezvous

On May 17th, the Loussac Library grounds were filled with happy book-loving children and dogs. The Reading Rendezvous marked the start of the Summer Discovery reading program with fun for the whole family. Friends of Pets, a sponsor of the event, helped celebrate this year's theme, Color Our World!



# FRIENDS OF PETS NEEDS FOSTERS!

When you open your home to a foster pet, you're not just giving them shelter—you're giving them a second chance. Fostering helps us save more lives by creating space for animals in need, while also giving them love, socialization, and a safe place to grow until they find their forever home. Whether it's a few days or a few weeks, your time makes a life-changing difference. Help us help them. Become a foster hero today.

Apply at:  
[friendsofpets.org/foster-home-application](http://friendsofpets.org/foster-home-application)

## Vikki's Foster Story

After years of thinking about it, my partner and I finally took the leap into dog fostering last fall through Friends of Pets—and it's been one of the most heart-filling decisions we've ever made. From the beginning, FOP made sure we felt supported, prepared, and part of something meaningful.

In January, we brought home two 10-week-old puppies, Obi and Jabba, and suddenly our house was full of tiny paws, playful energy, and so much love. Watching them grow more confident, learn new things, and develop their own little personalities brought us so much joy. Jabba was the brave explorer, always the first to dive into anything new!

Not long after Jabba was adopted, we got the chance to foster another pup from their litter—sweet Jake. He quickly filled our home (and hearts) all over again with his gentle spirit and irresistible love of chin scratches. There's just something magical about giving a pup a safe place to land, even for a little while.

Saying goodbye is always bittersweet, but knowing we were part of their journey toward a happy life is everything.



Charlene Vozar is a dedicated Friends of Pets volunteer. Some years ago, she adopted a dog from Friends of Pets. That experience led her into fostering, and she has helped many dogs transition into



permanent homes. In addition, Charlene is a dedicated volunteer at our events where she keeps us well stocked with supplies. Our community is enriched by volunteers like Charlene. We are grateful for the many hours given from the heart to help forward our mission!

## In memory of...

### Boomer

Boomer had 6 great years with his family. They wrote the following: When Boomer crossed the rainbow bridge, he was not in pain and was happy to the end. We couldn't have asked for a better dog and are so happy we adopted him. We were hoping he would make it to the Dog Jog, but he had other plans.



David Jensen Photography



## FashionPACT Meet & Greet

Fashion Pact invited Friends of Pets to their free book fair, bake sale, and non-profit partner meet and greet. Fashion Pact gave away free books, and different groups had bake sales. It was a fun day for all, and Friends of Pets got to greet some of the people that donated to so many great causes through Fashion Pact. Visit their website at [www.fashionpact.com](http://www.fashionpact.com).



## Yappy Hour... All Things Dog!

In honor of National Bring Your Dog to Work Day, Friends of Pets was invited to attend Forty Ninth State Brewing's Yappy Hour. This event was dedicated to all things dog—from dog rescue to dog businesses specializing in everything from dog walking to dog gear. The dog friendly Yappy Hour included dog caricatures and special doggy ice cream treats.





Tributes through  
June 30, 2025

## Gifts from the Heart

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

♥ *Alice* by Debra Hatfield ♥ *All my pups* by Rebecca Puch ♥ *Belle* by Donna Prewitt  
♥ *Belle* by Theresa Rosso ♥ *Buster* by Kim Kerns ♥ *Charismatic Kitty* by Carolyn Ellingwood  
and Dave Bateman ♥ *Charley, Sadie, Max, JC & Gracie* by Anne Lane ♥ *Coco* by Jeffrey  
& Jeannie Sherman ♥ *Cooper Stoltenberg* (cat) by Sharon Brooks and Marjorie Carter  
♥ *Daffodil* by Shana Mickenham ♥ *Dean Hill & furry friends* by Charlene Hill ♥ *Dixie* by  
Reginald Christie III ♥ *Dora* by Christopher Olson ♥ *Dutch Peacock* by Henry Wladkowski  
♥ *Ella Bella* by Sandra Marsters ♥ *Emma* by Janice Strickland ♥ *Emory* by Sandi Hill  
♥ *Feline companions* by Jill Galbraith ♥ *Harvey Roggenbuck* by Karen & Joe Mushat ♥ *Ivy* by Christian Miranda ♥ *Joey* by  
Colleen McDonald ♥ *Kathy Campbell* by Sharon Cody ♥ *Kathy Faryniarz* by Diane & Mike Frank ♥ *Kathy Scott* by Ellen  
Scott ♥ *Kristen* by John & Jeanne See ♥ *Krrrome* by Carolyn Ellingwood and Dave Bateman ♥ *Levi* by Susanne & Andrew Hall  
♥ *Linda, Casey, Kena & Polly* by Fay & Henry Baldwin ♥ *Lisa Gray* by Laurie Maxwell ♥ *Lucky* by Beth McAllen ♥ *Macey*  
*Gray, Rizzo Lilly, Baby & Misty* by Julie Mettler ♥ *Maggie Carey* by Robert & Susan Churchill, Jane & Michael Harper and  
Edna Litten ♥ *Marjorie Carter* by Peeroza Hatana ♥ *Mark Conley* by Kim Conley ♥ *Mary Perius* by Julie Ferrell-Thompson  
♥ *Misty Fjords Burbridge* by Michael Burbridge ♥ *Molly Goose, Little Bird, Kitty Wampus, Rumble Tummy, Bebop &*  
*Kittoon* by David Oryall ♥ *Murphy* by Patricia & Frank Schlehofer ♥ *Norma, Dollar & Orvie* by Dave Campbell ♥ *Ollie*  
*Reynolds* by Michele Stutzman ♥ *Pandora* by Blanca Rivera ♥ *Penny* by Tracey Wollenberg and James Christie ♥ *Pickles' Vogel*  
by David McCargo ♥ *Porkchop* by David Carufel ♥ *Pumpkin Ritchey* by Linda Lord-Jenkins ♥ *Richard Rodriguez* by Theresa  
& A.T. Kolczak and Marlene Torvik ♥ *Rocco* by Mark & Elaine Aldorfer ♥ *Rowdy* by Donna Prewitt ♥ *Roxie & Rudy* by Candie  
Graham ♥ *Scruffy* by Diane & John Wendlandt and Elaine & Mark Aldorfer ♥ *Sophie* by Andrea Dittrich ♥ *Stella* by Marjorie  
Mock ♥ *Taffy* by Lisa Schuette ♥ *Tilly & Jersey* by Dawn Kenyon ♥ *Tom Sexton* by Friends of Pets Board of Directors and  
Martha Jokela ♥ *Trinity* by Steven Crupi and Julie Saupe

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](mailto:peg@friendsofpets.org).

### Top 10 ways to avoid heat stroke in dogs:

- Know the symptoms of early heat stroke: unanticipated restlessness, excessive heavy panting, drooling, weakness, and confusion.
- Never leave your dog in the car on a sunny, hot, or humid day.
- Buy an inexpensive kiddie pool and fill it with cool water.
- Avoid the beach and pavement when the sun is out—paw pads can burn.
- Always provide access to shade and fresh water.
- Wrap a freezer pack in a towel and let your dog lie next to it.
- Avoid being active with your dog during the peak heat of the day.
- Use fans. Dogs depend on evaporation for cooling off.
- Play it safe on hot, humid days—use air conditioning.
- Freeze an ice treat—beef or chicken broth make great frozen snacks.



Reference: Dr. Bo Bergman, DVM, West Mountain Animal Hospital, Vermont ill





## 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](http://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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☐ 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

### Gifts from the heart:

☐ In honor of:

☐ In memory of:

☐ Send an acknowledgment to:

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

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

Total donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Meet our sanctuary animal...

### Charlie

Charlie found himself at Anchorage Animal Care and Control as an unclaimed stray. He is an adorable and social "senior" who was diagnosed with cardiac health support needs. He has been adopted into a loving home where Friends of Pets assists with health care support.



## 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](http://www.friendsofpets.org).*

**Thank you for caring.**





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Service High School!**



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

## **Looking for a loving home . . . Tiny**

"Tiny" came into our care after his human companion passed away. He is an absolute love sponge, as well as curious, easygoing, and loves a good belly rub. Tiny is neutered, 4 years old, vaccinated, microchipped, and has a clean bill of health from the vet. If you love big boy kitties, he would be perfect!



For more info, call Michele at 907-333-9534, or apply online at [friendsofpets.org](http://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](http://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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