



## Alaska Humane Society Adopt-a-Cat Shelter

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A Volunteer Operated, Non-Profit, No-Kill Cat Shelter

January 2009 Newsletter

### We Made It--20 Years!

In 1988, downtown Anchorage was growing. This growth required more parking space, so an entire block on I Street was condemned. The block was a unique jumble of quaint and funky downstairs shops with miscellaneous apartments upstairs. One of the shops, a wine and liquor store, was home to the cats Madeleine Cibil had rescued for the Alaska Humane Society. Unfortunately, Madeleine died unexpectedly in late 1987, and now the wineshop was closing. The cats' haven would be gone.

"Kindness for animals" was the theme when AHS was founded in 1979. At first, the volunteers had to use foster homes for rescued dogs, cats, and small animals. When the homeless cats from the wineshop needed a place, AHS started its own shelter. It was a rented space but it gave the cats a place to live until they found their own "forever" homes, or as long as they needed support and protection.

That was twenty years ago. This year, AHS is celebrating two decades of loving care for thousands of orphaned, abandoned and homeless cats in Alaska. Most of them have found new homes over the years but all of them have had a "home" as long they needed one.

It has been a long, arduous adventure. The devoted volunteers of AHS and its steadfast supporters have a lot to be proud of, having helped cats find new homes while promoting animal welfare. We now have our own mortgaged building that houses more than two hundred cats. Every cat has a story, and AHS strives to give them a happy ending. We hope to continue as long as the animals need us.



*The shelter cats enjoy opening their presents and spending time with volunteers on Christmas Day*

### Upcoming Spring Fundraiser

Watch for news of our newest fundraising event this spring. Rising costs and other complications caused us to postpone our annual wine tasting and auction this fall, but plans are in the works for a new effort to support our lifesaving program for animals.

Check out [www.adopt-a-cat.org](http://www.adopt-a-cat.org) for more information, or call the shelter at 344-8808.

#### Shelter Location

Our facility is located at 1224 E. 76th Ave. It can be a bit tricky to locate, so feel free to call our shelter at 344-8808 for directions, or look at [www.adopt-a-cat.org](http://www.adopt-a-cat.org) for a map.

#### Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday: 7 PM to 9 PM

Saturday & Sunday: 3 PM to 6 PM

### A Great Year for Adoptions!

More than 150 of our rescued cats found lifetime homes in 2008. Knowing that so many dear felines are bringing love and companionship to new families makes our volunteers' efforts worthwhile. These formerly homeless and forgotten cats have new lives, and we wish them well! We hope that 2009 will bring even more adoptions. Can you provide a forever home for a feline friend?



*Is Isis the girl for you? This beautiful, affectionate 6 year-old is looking for a home!*

### We Need Your Help!

The Alaska Humane Society is operated solely by volunteers. We are constantly in need of compassionate individuals who are willing to help us clean the shelter in the evenings and assist with caring for the cats. Other volunteer options may be available, just ask! Visit [www.adopt-a-cat.org](http://www.adopt-a-cat.org) or call us at 344-8808 for more information.

### Our Wish List

The Alaska Humane Society is funded exclusively by donations, and there are many ways you can help us. Cash donations are greatly appreciated, and we always need these basic housekeeping supplies:

- Non-clumping clay cat litter
- Bleach
- Canned cat food
- Disposable gloves
- Fabric softener sheets
- Laundry detergent
- Plastic 13 gal kitchen bags
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Every donation makes a difference!  
Thank you!



*Betsy is one of the many cats that found a new family at Petco*

### Visit AHS Cats at Petco

Now even more pet lovers are getting a chance to meet our delightful cats. Every weekend some of our cats and kittens meet the public at the recently opened Petco store in Mountain View. Many of the cats have already been "discovered" there and are enjoying new forever homes. AHS greatly appreciates Petco's assistance in providing an attractive location for us to present our cats to the public. Be sure to stop by on a weekend to visit us! We are just inside the front door, next to the grooming salon. Volunteers are usually there between 3:30-6 PM to answer questions. The Mountain View Petco is located at 3090 Mountain View Dr.



*There are many ways you can help the cats. Stop by the shelter to find out how and pet a few kitties while you're at it!*

### So Easy a Kitten Can Do It

AHS has been approved to receive donations from people who mark the appropriate box on their online PFD application! Just choose a percentage of your PFD that you would like to have sent to AHS, and you're done! AHS is listed as "Adopt a Cat." You can apply for your PFD online at [www.pfd.state.ak.us/](http://www.pfd.state.ak.us/)

Thank you for helping out the cats!

### Wanted: Your Aluminum Cans

Do you have aluminum cans? Bring 'em on in! We are continuing to collect aluminum cans. Whether they are soda cans or cat food cans, every can helps bring in money for the shelter! Our cats assist in this activity by cleaning out several dozen cat food cans a day! You can take aluminum cans to the recycling center on Rosewood Street weekdays between 9 AM and 4 PM and credit them to the AHS account. You can also drop them off at our shelter any time and we will take them to the center.

Thank you!

### Memorials

AHS has recently received generous gifts in memory of these people who loved animals:

Kenneth Gene Haugan

Kimberly Moritz

Donations were also made in memory of these beloved pets:

"Snuggle" Gleason

"Guy Noir" Thomas

"Gaius" Amos

"Mitzi" Velarde

Thank you for your kindness and generosity in your time of sorrow.

"The smallest feline is a masterpiece."  
- *Leonardo da Vinci*

### Adorable Adoptables!

These cats and dozens of others are all waiting for their forever homes at our shelter. Each cat is spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for feline leukemia, and current on vaccinations.

There is an adoption fee of \$95. The fee for kittens that are not yet spayed/neutered is \$85.

You can see photos of more cats at [www.adopt-a-cat.org](http://www.adopt-a-cat.org) or stop by to meet the cats in person!



Gentle **Suki** is approximately 7 years old. She would do well in a calm household.



Silly **Danny Boy** is a 4 year-old who would love to have someone play with him!



Beautiful **Sonnet** is around 3 years old and would love a place to call her own.



Despite a rough life, 7 year-old **Buster Brown** is affectionate and friendly!