



Alaska Humane Society

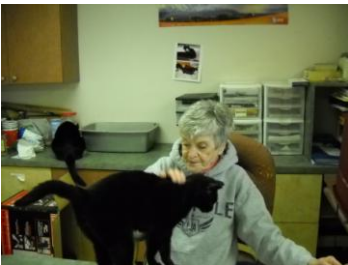


Adopt-a-Cat Shelter

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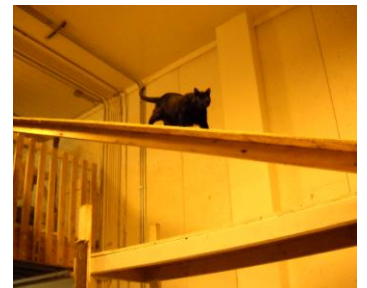
Alaska Humane Society celebrates thirty years



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.

That was thirty years ago. In 1988 we started our own shelter, AHS celebrated over three decades of loving care for thousands of orphaned, abandoned and homeless cats in Alaska. Most of them have found new homes over the years. Others have a “home” as long as they need one.

It has been a long, sometime arduous, adventure. The devoted volunteers of AHS and its steadfast supporters are proud of having helped cats find 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 each story a happy ending. We hope to continue as long as the animals need us.



Over the years the Shelter has adopted out thousands of cats and kittens. Every adoption includes current vaccinations, testing for feline leukemia, a microchip and spay/neuter of course.

No stamps - No envelopes - No hassle!

PFD Charitable Contributions Program

Giving has never been so easy!

Pick.Click.Give.

In January, when you apply for your Permanent Fund Dividend, you will have a new opportunity to give to your favorite Alaska nonprofit organizations. The PFD Charitable Contributions Program began with our 2009 dividend. It provides a safe, secure and easy way to make a donation, and is available to all Alaskans who file on-line.

When you go online to apply for your dividend, you will see the option called “**The Gift of Giving.**” Click and follow the instructions to make a donation. **Click on “Alaska Humane Society” to donate to the Adopt-a-Cat Shelter, The shelter provides a home, food, veterinary care, and lots of love to over 200 homeless cats and kittens and is run completely by donations and volunteers.**

You can find more information about the program, including frequently asked questions at www.forakergroup.org/pfd. Or you may call 888-785-GIFT (4438).

Treat time at the Shelter



Did You Know?










One un-spayed female cat can, in five years, be responsible for over 20,000 descendants. Female cats can have their first litter as young as six months and can have up to three litters each year—with five or six kittens in each litter.



AHS Christmas Wish List

Are you wondering what you can do to help? Sometimes we have people ask what they can do or donate to help, especially if they are allergic and cannot offer hands-on help at the shelter. Here's a list of some main supplies we are always looking for:

Cash donations are always welcome

-  Paper towels
-  Garbage bags (13 gallon, strong)
-  Laundry detergent
-  Liquid bleach (no Pine Sol*)
-  Paper trays (100, 1 pound)
-  Any type of canned food is welcome
-  The shelter feeds the kitties dry chicken and rice from Costco. It is important to keep their diet as close to this choice as higher quality food results in healthier cats and fewer illnesses.
-  The cat litter we use is the cheap, old fashioned clay litter; it is sold in 25 pound bags at Wal-Mart.
-  Other supplies needed include bleach, white vinegar, dry laundry soap, dish soap, liquid hand washing soap, and blankets for the cats to sleep on.



Otto sleeping soundly

Hours of Operation

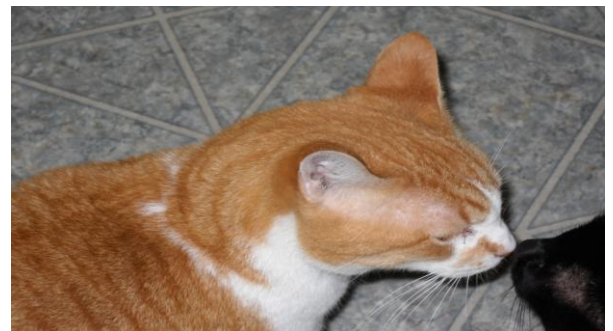
- Monday thru Friday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Contact Info

- Phone us at (907) 344-8808
- Mail at PO Box 240587, Anchorage, Alaska 99524
- E-mail at ahs@adopt-a-cat.org,

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 for a map.



Elvis stealing a kiss



PETCO puts their heart into helping animal shelters and local humane societies; PETCO helps find homes for thousands of homeless pets every month. **You can find the Alaska Humane Society at the PETCO in Mountain View most every Saturday and Sunday afternoon.** Many of our kitties have found new homes there. Shelter volunteers also use this time there to educate pet owners of the benefits of having their pets spayed or neutered and to promote responsible pet ownership.

AHS does its part for the feral cat community

AHS Shelter is cat heaven on earth to some of the feral cat community. Feral cats are everywhere in Alaska. They are the same species as domestic cats, but are not socialized to humans so can't be adopted into homes. Instead, they live anywhere they can and multiply, suffer and starve. The AHS helps the feral cats by trapping, spay/neuter and providing a safe new home at the Shelter, for as many as possible. This past year we trapped over two dozen strays (former pets) and "ferals" from a Corbin St. location.

AHS Volunteers at work

A special Thank You to our volunteers who offer their time and money to care for our feline friends.

