

Dorothy Clark Animal Center Grand Opening - October 17th

Our New Veterinary Clinic!

Earlier this summer SpokAnimal began the remodel of a newly acquired building through a gift from a lady who loved animals, Dorothy Clark. The buildings' remodel consists of a new veterinary clinic for low-cost spay and neuter, vaccinations and microchip services. Through Dorothy's Legacy Gift, SpokAnimal was able to purchase the building. SpokAnimal's Development Department continues to seek donor contributions and naming opportunities are still available for the clinic and event center. Naming a room, area, or item is a wonderful way to advertise a business or honor a loved one. Plus, every donation is tax-deductible. Your donation contributes significantly to the remodel construction of the new clinic. SpokAnimal will work with you to ensure your generosity is recognized in a meaningful way. Gifts at these levels also include several forms of public recognition.

The new clinic is at 714 Crestline, which is located behind the existing facility on Napa where animal control and sheltering will continue, and where the public may adopt animals and owners may reclaim pets. Over the last few years, SpokAnimal has spayed and neutered over 10,000 dogs and cats. Once inside the new facility -with an increased capacity for sterilization, enlargement of clinic square footage, expanded days and times and added veterinarians - SpokAnimal plans to dramatically increase the number of surgeries it performs. In addition to providing affordable spay/neuter and vaccination services, veterinarians at SpokAnimal will also be able to provide improved care for shelter dogs and cats. Shelter animals sometimes require extensive treatment which our



clinic wasn't able to provide. This meant they had to be taken to outside clinics for care, which incurred costs. Now SpokAnimal will be able to perform treatment for shelter animals outside the scope of routine-only care.

SpokAnimal is a nonprofit organization whose mission is dedicated to placement, protection and care of animals through education, legislation and programs. As the city's most comprehensive animal welfare organization, SpokAnimal strives to one day end the needless suffering and neglect of homeless, unwanted and orphaned animals. Programs and services available to save the lives of healthy and treatable animals include prevention through humane education, low-cost spay and neutering, low cost vaccinations, microchipping and pet adoption.

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Companion Animal Relationship Enrichment

YOUR INLAND NORTHWEST HUMANE SOCIETY

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Location:

SpokAnimal C.A.R.E.

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Phone:

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Website:

<http://www.spokanimal.org>

Shelter Hours:

Adoption Center:

10AM-6PM ~ Mon-Fri

Noon-4PM ~ Sat-Sun

Licensing / Front Desk:

9:30AM-6:30PM

24-hour Lost Pet Hotline:

232-2230

Veterinary Clinic Drop-in Hours:

Vaccinations, microchips and well-care exams.

Sterilization by appointment.

2:30-4:30PM ~ Mon & Tues

10:00AM-6:00PM ~ Wed & Thurs

2:30-4:30PM ~ Friday

Noon-3:30PM ~ Saturday

SpokAnimal & Partners' Stats

If you are interested in viewing the partner organizations Community Stats for SpokAnimal, Spokane Humane Society or SCRAPS, please visit their websites.

SpokAnimal:

www.spokanimal.org

Spokane Humane Society:

www.spokanehumanesociety.org

SCRAPS:

www.spokanecounty.org/animal

~ OUR MISSION ~

SpokAnimal C.A.R.E. is dedicated to the placement, protection and health of animals through legislation, education and programs.

Dorothy Clark Animal Center Grand Opening (continued)

Name a Clinic Room! Your gift will be permanently recognized for all to see.

Naming Options	Gift Levels	Description of Option
Waiting Room	\$45,000	Clinic
Reception Area	\$22,500	Clinic
Exam 1	\$12,500	Clinic
Exam 2	\$12,500	Clinic
Exam 3	\$12,500	Clinic
Exam 4	\$12,500	Clinic
Surgical Suite	\$32,000	Clinic
Cat Recovery	\$9,000	Clinic
Dog Recovery	\$12,000	Clinic
Shelter Animal Recovery	\$11,000	Clinic
Pet Pharmacy	\$7,000	Clinic
Surgery Prep	\$34,000	Clinic
Event & Training Room	\$50,000	Event Center
Covered Patio	\$30,000	Event Center
Board & Conference Room	\$5,000	Event Center

If you have any questions or would like more information about the naming opportunities, please contact the Development Department at development@spok-animal.org or 534-8133 for full details.

Beautiful Window Art



Thanks to Pat Smith of Tripleplate Chrome who designed and constructed the beautiful and functional art in the front windows that flank the beautiful entrance to our new clinic.

Clinic Wish List

Your support through donating the items or sponsoring the equipment, listed below will be of tremendous aid in offsetting the day to day cost of operating the Dorothy Clark Animal Center, freeing up funds to directly help save more lives through spay/neuter. Thank you for your generous contributions!

Items wished for:

White copy paper
Ink/toner cartridges
Kleenex
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Soft Soap liquid hand soap
Bleach free Soft Scrub
Liquid Laundry Soap
Chlorine bleach

Equipment sponsorships:

\$ 150.....Stethoscope
\$ 350.....Surgical Pack
\$ 300.....Otoscope
\$6,000.....Autoclave
\$1,200.....Large Capacity Front Load Washer/Dryer
\$ 200.....Exam Table

Welcome to Our New Veterinarians!

In 1984 the first SpokAnimal clinic opened on Park Rd. Dr. Mike Pfarr came out once per week to sterilize adoptable animals. In 1985 Dr. Ginger Sharp was hired and the clinic was opened to the public. The clinic was cutting edge at that time, working under the direction of Kathy Salmari, DVM and Leo Lieberman, DVM who pioneered pediatric spay/neuters. We continue our mission to this day, providing low cost spay/neuter, vaccine and microchip services.

We are excited to introduce you to the team of veterinarians that are caring for the pets today and leading the clinic into the future.

Welcome, Erika Cantamessa, DVM, Cheryl Fite, DVM & Jocelyn Woodd, DVM.

Dr. Erika Cantamessa was born and raised in Wallace, Idaho. She received her bachelors degree in Biology with a minor in education from Hamline

University, St. Paul, MN in 2001. After graduating with her DVM from WSU in 2006 she began working in small animal practice, first in the Seattle area. Two years ago she moved to a practice in Spokane to be closer to her family. Dr. Cantamessa enjoys working with all small animal pets including dogs, cats, ferrets, rabbits, rodents, reptiles, etc. Outside of work Dr. Cantamessa spends her time crocheting, knitting, gardening and going for long walks with her boyfriend and her corgi mix, Andromeda.

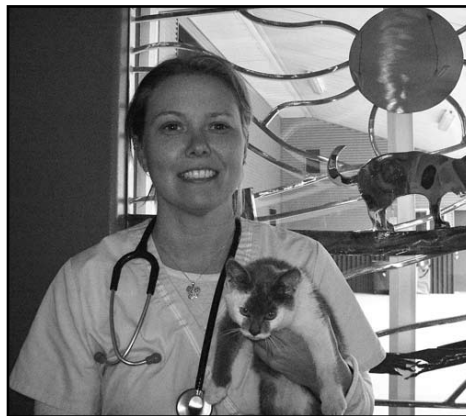
Originally from the Nashville, Tennessee area, Dr. Cheryl Fite received her BS from University of TN and her DVM from St George's University in Grenada, British West Indies. She participated in an internship in Equine Medicine & Surgery at Marion DuPont Scott Equine Medical Center at Va-Md Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. She com-

pleted a residency in Theriogenology (animal reproduction) and MS at WSU in Pullman WA. Dr. Fite helped animals in mixed animal practice for a few years before starting small animal emergency medicine. She recently returned to Pacific Northwest helping pets at North Idaho Pet Emergency and enjoys outdoor activities camping, hiking, horseback riding and playing with her newly adopted dog.

Dr. Jocelyn Woodd graduated from Massey University in New Zealand. She then spent the following 15 years working in 24 hour small animal critical care facilities in the Seattle area. After moving to Spokane three years ago she has worked in small animal practices continuing to pursue her interest in complex medicine and surgical cases. At home Dr. Woodd enjoys spending time with her husband and children and riding horses on the family farm.



Erika Cantamessa, DVM



Cheryl Fite, DVM



Jocelyn Woodd, DVM.

Our New Clinic Manager - Kim Imel, LVT



Kim Imel brings a wealth of experience to SpokAnimal's clinic, with 22 years experience in the veterinary field working in all areas of

the veterinary clinic. You may know her from Wandermere Animal Hospital and Animal Pain Management Center. In 2006, Kim decided that shelter medicine was her true calling

and began her work in high volume spay and neuter including helping in the creation of a Mobile Animal Surgical Hospital providing spay and neuter services in high risk neighborhoods and rural locations and creating the MASH Operators Manual to aid other organizations in creating a MASH unit of their own.

Kim said, "I started in veterinary medicine as an assistant in 1988 and then obtained my technician license in 1994. In 2006, I shifted my focus from general medicine to welfare and shelter medicine, feeling called to use my skills and experience to give back to my community and to help give a

voice to those (shelter animals) who did not have a voice."

Her duties as clinic manager will include staffing and seeing to the day to day operation of the clinic.

Kim has also been a class instructor for Diamonds in the Ruff since 2000 and she and DITR instructor Amy Barker co-instruct SpokAnimal's Pawsitive Start New Adopters classes, held once per month in the training room located in the new Animal Center. She is owned by two adopted kitties and a little Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Mackenzie. She also works weekends at Prairie Dog Pet Mercantile!

National Feral Cat Day

October 16 - Ten Year Anniversary

National Feral Cat Day (NFCD) is your opportunity to help protect and improve the lives of cats around the county!

In 1990, most Americans didn't know the best way to care for stray and feral cats. Thanks to Alley Cat Allies, today, improving their lives through Trap-Neuter-Return programs is widespread—and the movement continues to build. Hundreds of local groups work on behalf of stray and feral cats, while millions of Americans have reached into their hearts and their wallets to care for and feed them. <http://www.alleycat.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=388>

Congratulations to SpokAnimal for receiving a grant of \$5k from the Washington Federation of Animal Care and Control Agencies, funded thru the sale of pet friendly license plates. Funds will be used to sterilize trapped feral cats that will then be placed in farm homes through the "Farm Livin' is the Life for

Me" program. More farm homes are needed! Grant monies from the ASPCA and Washington Federation of Animal Care & Control will fund the sterilization and vaccination of feral at risk cats. Free adoption plus rabies vaccination, a bag of food and instruction sheet for helping their new feline settle in to its new home.

350 cats from all three shelters have been placed through the program!



Welcome New Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator, Bridgette Bossio



We would like to welcome Bridgette Bossio, to our SpokAnimal family, as our new Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator.

Bridgette is a native of Spokane having moved here when she was 5 years old. She has always had a love for animals and animals in her life. From her very early years she had fish and hamsters to dogs, cats and horses. Bridgette comes to us with a long history of working in the non-profit world.

Her first experience was at Spokane's Walk in the Wild Zoo where her love for all animals grew. Bridgette's experiences range from environmental to political organizations, with her last position being the Volunteer Coordinator for downtown's Meals on Wheels.

Bridgette's office is housed in our new clinic building. Next time you are at the shelter stop by and say "hi" to her!

SpokAnimal is Recipient of New Security System

Local security update : No break-ins have occurred since the install of the new security system, at SpokAnimal last month. Proudly Protecting Spokane and Spokane's Animals.

After hearing about SpokAnimal's break-in troubles, Certified Security Systems contacted the non-profit animal shelter about installing a donated security system and 1 year of free alarm monitoring to help combat the burglaries.

"SpokAnimal helps abandoned pets and helps find lost companions," says Jeff Hanley, Vice president of Certified, "Crimes like these only hurts the animals further and hinders SpokAnimal from making progress within the community."

Certified Security is proud to protect our community, and furry friends – we've been in business since 1971 and believe that investing in the local community should be a top priority.

Many of SpokAnimal's staff are volunteers, and medical supplies are limited - ensuring the safety of the animals, staff and equipment are key to Certified. No break-ins have occurred since the install of the new security system, last month.

Feel free to visit our new showroom, located at 1420 N. Pines Rd. in the Spokane Valley, to view the latest in innovative security and home theater technologies. As your security and custom electronics professionals, we're here to help. Showroom is open, Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm, or visit online at www.certified-security.com.

Nicole Downhour

Rep from Certified Security & Sound



From the Executive Director...

Photo credit: Beautiful Photo



Dear Friends,

Whether you are a new donor or one who has been with us for years, I hope you are as excited as I am to be moving into our new Dorothy Clark Animal Center. We will be doubling the number of pet sterilization surgeries for qualified owners in the next two years. We expect that to make a major impact on the number of animals relinquished to area shelters each year. I have been with

SpokAnimal since before we opened. Opening our beautiful new facility will really help us further our mission and goals. We thank you for being with us along the way and are glad you continue to support us. Though the building and renovations are funded, some of the equipment is funded, and we had some of the equipment, the balance of the equipment and furnishings are in need of sponsors. We need your help! Take a look at our website or the wish list in this newsletter for sponsoring opportunities. Please remember also that all of our programs are funded fully by donation—Lucky to be Alive, education, wildlife, cruelty care, emergency veterinary care, Pawsitive Start class for adopters, pet food bank, etc. Thanks again for your help.

Gail B. Mackie, Executive Director

Does Your Pet Have a Microchip?

I have a great story to share with you. Two weeks ago, a sweet striped kitty came into our back yard. I posted emails in the neighborhood, asked everyone if this was their cat - to no avail!

I took the cat to the vet and had her scanned for a chip and voila! It took some time to find her owners, but I did! They have not seen their cat "Tootie" in over six years! She got lost and somehow ended up over here (from Campbell.) The family was elated to have her back and so was I!

As ever, Theresa Chapman, San Jose, CA

If your pet needs a microchip, drop by SpokAnimal - clinic hours are
 Mon & Tues 2:30pm-4:30pm
 Wed & Thurs 10:00am-6:00pm,
 Friday 2:30pm-4:30pm,
 Saturday Noon-3:30pm - Cost is \$15

Subaru Donates New Car to SpokAnimal C.A.R.E.

On September 1, Subaru and The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) handed over the keys to SpokAnimal CARE for the use of a new 2010 Subaru Forrester. This partnership includes a cash donation of \$5000 to be used for fuel and insurance, as well as full utilization of the vehicle for one year. With it's brightly colored car wrap, the vehicle will be used to transport adoptable animals to off-site locations, and will be seen in neighborhoods around Spokane as the animal control officers perform their canvassing duties.

The ceremony took place at Appleway Subaru in Spokane Valley. Thanks

to James Kieffer and the folks at Appleway, SpokAnimal will be able to be highly visible at every event they visit with this vehicle. Hours after the animal control officers drove off, the Forrester was sent to an adoption event at PetSmart and recieved rave reviews. SpokAnimal will also be holding "Find the Forrester" events around our community throughout the year, and we are just thrilled and thankful to be partnering with Subaru. A big "THANK YOU" to the many people at the ASPCA that worked so hard to get us this car. And please make sure that if you stop by Appleway and thank them for their continued support in the animal shelter community.



Gail and Jame Kieffer, Manager, Appleway Subaru



Brodie behind the wheel with Director Gail Mackie



SpokAnimal staff and friends with our new Subaru.



Watch for us on the road!

Heading Down South to Save More Lives Up North

Late July SpokAnimal was awarded a PetSmart Charities grant to send Gail Mackie, Executive Director, Laura Thu-lean, Director of Operations, and Kim Imel, LVT, Clinic Manager to Asheville, North Carolina to Humane Alliance, the country's leading high volume, high quality spay/neuter clinic.

Asheville, while a beautiful area with its lush forests and exquisite mountains, is a mesh of confusing and chaotic roads, seeming to lack clear direction, leading the SpokAnimal crew in circles on more than one occasion. But when they arrived at Humane Alliance it was a different story. The team was graciously met by Marianne Luft, Assistant to the Executive Director and Dr. Karla Brestle, Owner and Medical Director. A tour of the facility immediately revealed a very organized, well oiled machine, staffed with dedicated personnel working as a cohesive team; a stark contrast to the roadways of the area.

Humane Alliance opened in 1995 and has been providing spay/neuter services to Asheville, and the surrounding communities ever since. Today they

average 120 surgeries per day in their six surgery suite facility. Dr. Karla and Marianne openly shared the secrets to the success of Humane Alliance.

The SpokAnimal team left Humane Alliance encouraged and excited about the future of the Dorothy Clark Animal Center at SpokAnimal. Already off to a good start by building a great clinic team and a new facility, the clinic staff is looking forward to implementing some of the patient focused protocols utilized at by the Humane Alliance to better serve the pets of our community.

As always, much of the success of our spay/neuter clinic is directly attributed to you, our generous donors. Without your continued support we would not be able to do all that we do. Your support is needed more now than ever as we push forward to significantly increase the number of surgeries we complete each year. Please review our clinic wish list. Your donations and sponsorships will help offset costs, allowing us to save more lives. Thank you and, stay tuned for exciting updates from the Dorothy Clark Animal Center.



The climate controlled transport vehicle.



One of six surgery rooms at Humane Alliance.

Why is Loose Leash Walking Such a Challenge?

Because your priorities and your dog's priorities are at odds. His idea of "the perfect walk" and yours are not the same.

What do you want out of a walk?

Fresh air, a little exercise (but not too much!), see the neighborhood, look at the sights. Talk to your friends. *Walk and see.*

What does he want out of a walk?

He doesn't want to go for a 'walk' in straight lines on boring sidewalks. He wants to go for a smell! He wants to go fast between smells. To zig zag the neighborhood yards and run and stop and sniff and roll in something and taste something and read all the doggy news and pee on a few things. To meet other dogs and people and chase cats and squirrels. *Search and smell.*

Speed conflicts. Most dogs want to hit a nice "get where you're going from A to B" trot with an occasional gallop thrown in for good measure. Most humans want to take a leisurely stroll rather than a power walk. Meandering invites sniffing and sniffing promotes pulling and well, you know where this is going.

Define "distraction":

To you - anything that makes my dog forget what we are working on or makes it impossible for him to think, listen or follow directions. Things that cause him to lunge, pull, bark, whine.

To your dog - anything marvelous or threatening or socially significant of which your stupid human doesn't realize the importance. Things that trump the silly game of "do this when I say this" that your human finds hugely important for some reason.

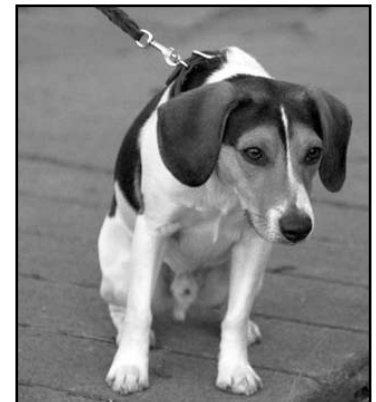
So, why does he pull? Because you are holding him back. He's going fast with an anchor! Tension creates inattention.

Why doesn't he stay with me? Because staying with you is not nearly as reinforcing as the world outside his fence.

So, how do you get loose leash walking? Be interesting. Be fun. Be rewarding. Be how he gets to sniff and run. Carry AMAZING food rewards, his favorite tug toy, his ball. Know what his favorite games and activities are and use them as rewards.

PAY (for) ATTENTION! When you Pay Attention your dog will learn to pay attention. A dog whose attention is on you, will naturally hang out next to you. When he collects his pay next to your leg, he will have a tendency to hang out there more often and for longer stretches. Pay often, but be unpredictable about how often. Reward first for a step or two, then four or five, then three and five and seven and two and ten and eight and fifteen.

Be sincere with your rewards. Give generously and joyfully. Maintain a slack leash!



Volunteer of the Month

Christie and Morgan Mackie –
June



When Christie and 14 year old daughter Morgan came to us, over a year ago, wanting to foster, we didn't realize what an asset they would actually be to the foster program. To them they could never have too many to care for. They always seem to have perfect timing, showing up at the shelter just as



someone had arrived with a tiny, helpless four week old kitten. They would scoop up the baby saying "no worries, it's just one more"!

Debbie Walker – July



"Taken at my sister's ranch in Wyoming - as you can see, before I fostered kittens, I took care of orphan lambs!"

We were sent an angel when Debbie arrived at SpokAnimal to join our Foster Family a year and a half ago. She needed something to occupy her time but at the same time we would be benefitted from all the love and caring she has to offer. Debbie wanted to do more, so she spread her wings, like an angel, and started volunteering. This allowed Debbie to be at off-site events and meet the potential parents of "her babies".

To our four honorees and all our volunteers we want to extend our utmost and sincere thanks.

Melissa Krug - August



SpokAnimal is very lucky to have Melissa who is in school studying to be a veterinary technician. Melissa starting volunteering just over a year ago and hit the ground running. She started out, as many do, taking dogs for walks and helping in the kennels. Shortly after getting her feet wet Melissa starting doing follow-up calls to families who had recently adopted from the shelter. Melissa started doing Canine Alities last October and says she enjoying doing them because "discovering the dogs' individual personalities is so much fun." She also enjoys doing off-site adopts and stated "seeing and animal go home is so rewarding."

I Can Foster

Author Unknown

I can open my home because my heart is already opened.

I can offer you my family because we are all waiting to share love.

I can share with you my bed because warmth and security are already there.

I can kiss the hurt skin because the real hurt that lies deeper within needs to be healed.

I can give you patience for you will need to learn trust.

I can give you food and water for your body needs the strength to heal.

I can give you your own bed so you feel you belong.

I can give you toys so you may start feeling joy.

I can give you slow caresses so you may learn a loving touch.

I can give you LOVE because it is all my heart can give you.

I can give you ME because it is all my soul can give you.

You, mistreated, abandoned, neglected, abused animals - yes you, the forgotten ones, the ones no one will consider or give a second chance at life because of your "looks", this is for you.

Know that many more feel as I, they are just waiting for you. Please do not judge all of us by what you have learned through the hands of "bad" humans. Please do not judge us as some have judged you.

You will always be welcome in our home, in our family. You are welcome as a foster, to give you a good chance for a forever home, and you are welcome to stay, it will be your choice. You will chose your family.

Hang on, someone is coming for you... just hang on.



HOW YOU CAN HELP



SpokAnimal is a non-profit and tax-exempt organization.
All contributions, donations and gifts are tax-deductible.

Will you help fence the City of Spokane's FIRST dog park???



" One Foot at a time"

Each donation of \$15 will fence 1 foot of our dog park

We need approximately 2500 feet of fencing

Let's do it for our furry friends with a 1, 2...10...100 or ??? Foot donation

The dog park is located at High Bridge (bordered by Government Way, "A" Street, and Riverside)

- ❁ 6.5 acre large dogs
- ❁ 1 acre small dogs
- ❁ Community Gardens
- ❁ Picnic Area
- ❁ Class/Show Arena with seating
- ❁ Free Parking

Sit Up & Beg

WE NEED -

- Laminating sheets 8.5 X 11
- Acrylic yarn only
- Digital camera
- Small/mini fridge (dorm size)
- Bistro table and chairs
- 2 drawer filing cabinet
- Digital photo frame
- Gas BBQ
- Large cooler
- Seriously need dry cat food for our food bank
- Flash drives and portable hard drives

Food for behavior training:

- Cheese whiz
- Peanut butter

For baby nursery:

- Puppy /kitten milk replacer
- Puppy pads

Other:

- Non-clumping cat litter
- Facial tissue
- Bathroom tissue
- Disinfecting wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Bleach
- General office supplies, gel ink pens
- Paper towels
- National holiday decorations for special adoption events
- Plastic 45 gallon trash bags
- 12 gallon kitchen trash bags

Gift Certificates/Cards to:

- Gas stations (for transfers)
- Restaurants, theaters
- Grocery stores
- Michaels
- Staples
- Office Depot

Note: we have a bountiful supply of towels/blankets - thank you to all who have filled our cupboards. We currently don't need any more, thanks to you!



Plan to Attend an Upcoming Event



Macy's Shop for a Cause
Saturday, October 16th
Downtown Macy's store
10 to 4 with adoptable animals

Purchase a Shop for a Cause pass for a \$5 donation or more. This pass entitles the bearer special discounts on October 16th at any Macy's and the chance to win a \$500 gift card from Macy's. You may purchase the pass from now until the day of the event from SpokAnimal for \$5. All proceeds from each pass benefit SpokAnimal - it is Macy's way

of giving back locally to the community. Each store invites different nonprofits to participate in their program and this is SpokAnimal's second consecutive year at the downtown store. Last year this event raised over \$300 and we adopted 7 puppies and kitties to some very happy and excited customers.

Borders Bookstore Bark for Books Benefit Days

November 19th and 20th
Online and in-store

Borders Bookstore will donate a percentage of all book sales when the buyer presents a special coupon at the time of purchase. This is a great way to buy holiday gifts and help support the animals who need your help. Purchases may be made online or in-store, just present a special coupon which will be available on our website at www.spokanimal.org. If you would like to receive this coupon by email, please contact the development department with your email address at 534-8133 X215.

Thanksgiving Dog Jog

9am, Thanksgiving morning, November 25th at the Sandifur Bridge on Riverside & A Street.

Purrs, Licks & Tailwags Thank you!

Huge Community Response to the Thefts That Occurred at SpokAnimal

After a string of thefts at SpokAnimal some amazing people and businesses need to be recognized for their generous contribution to help replace stolen items to help the animals. Due to the generosity of others the animals will not suffer twice. Without these donations SpokAnimal would have to purchase these items from the general operating budget. These purchases would take funds from the direct care from the almost 10,000 animals the shelter cares for each year. The animals were initially impacted from the thefts due to the time sensitive information, data and other grant information that was saved on the development departments desktop computer, as well as, two-years of other work stored on the computer.

Thanks to **Ron Gragg and Crown West Realty** for donating 3 desktop computers to replace those stolen.

Avista donated a laptop and flat panel monitors.

Energy Control, Inc. donated bars for our windows.

Brett Anderson donated a printer.

Dan Gregovich donated 2 desktop computers.

Darryle Krussow donated a printer, scanner and lots of writable CDs.

Barry Pasicznyk donated \$200 towards stolen item replacement.

Joe Nelson of Coeur d'Alene for the donation of a fabulous Dell Computer and everything needed so we can continue our work and mission – thanks, Joe!

Johanna Horning for an all-in-one printer that not only does color but larger sizes like 11 x 17. SpokAnimal can now print their own small posters for events and fundraisers. Thanks, Johanna. Johanna has also been assisting SpokAnimal with raising funds for the upcoming city dog park fencing.

Paul Sanard, Sr. for a \$250 cash donation towards replacement of stolen items. He challenges individuals and businesses to come forward and match his donation or make a donation to SpokAnimal to help the animals who have been impacted by the loss of grant funding.

Inland Professional Title for the donation of a computer tower and a copy machine for the new clinic. We can't thank you enough!

Eli Fowler for the donation of two printers to help replace what was stolen and provide equipment for the new clinic.

Response to our situation was wonderful. I am sure many other things came through as well, so a big thank you to anyone we missed! Thank you to all our supporters we couldn't do the important work we do everyday without you!

Happy Birthday - to the Animals

Nyah Holland celebrated her 7th birthday with a tradition she and her older sister **Peyton** have carried out for several years. They arrived at SpokAnimal bearing donations of cat toys, litter and food collected at her birthday party. Their mother said that they have both been doing this since they were 5 years old. They ask their friends bring gifts to share with homeless shelter dogs and cats. They stayed and played for about an hour, passed out toys to the kittens and loved on them.



Nyah and Peyton Holland love the Kitties at SpokAnimal.

Thank You Pet Sponsors!

The following kind people donated \$25 or more to sponsor an adoptable animal in our adoption center.

Jane Schollmeyer
Shirley Alexander x 18 !!!!
Pam Whitcomb x3
Ann Watson x2
Robert & Micaela Sutphin x3
In honor of Sandra Smith x2
from Denise Sullivan
Bernice Furukawa
Lilia Vega
Carmen Murphy
Ruby Mc Neill x 4
Shari Hemmerling x2
Marla Dittrich x2
Paula Ronhaar
Francis Augusta
Paul & Judy Jaremko x3
Carol Puetz
Joseph & Cecilia Paige
Barbara Flower
Bette Lindstrom
Johnny & Jan Humphreys x4
Donna Mergen x6
Claudia Kittner
Arthur Solomon
Rick & Monica Robinson x 2
Louise Detwiler
Kerri McBride x2
Lea Smith x8
Pat Kennedy
Jane Schollmeyer
Sue Davey
Jeff Rohrenbach x3
Loletta Williamson
Dana Ault
Robbyn Hoffman
Rosemarie Rader
Kathy Moe x4
Will Parks & Adventure
Dynamics, Inc. x 8 !
Truella Stone x4
Holly Renga x 4
Bette Topp

Successful Past Events

Dempsey's Brass Rail held a fundraiser to benefit the homeless, lost and orphaned pets of the City of Spokane by holding a Mr. and Miss Absolut Vodka Pageant. Almost 20 contestants participated in the competition including one SpokAnimal Animal Control Officer. All in all, it was a great turn out for both the pageant and animal lovers alike, \$1650 was raised by the very glamorous contestants and we can't thank them or Dempsey's enough for inviting SpokAnimal to be the first charity of choice for this continuing annual event.



Paws for a Cause

On September 18th in the parking lot of CI Shenanigan's many orphaned and unwanted pets put their best paw forward while looking for new homes. Spokane Humane Society, SpokAnimal and other area shelters and rescue groups joined forces to find homes for needy pets. Not only great pets for adoption but the opportunity to see and meet dog trainers and behavior experts. For a first ever event, **CI Shenanigan's** has partnered to help fight animal cru-

elty and find homes for dogs and cats in Spokane and the surrounding area. Shenanigan's also has brewed a special ale for this event dedicated to cats and dogs rightfully named, Paws Pale Ale. A portion from each Paws Pale Ale pounder will be donated back to the shelters. Food, fun, family and furry four-legged friends what life and saving lives is all about!

Pose for Paws was another fantastic fundraiser for SpokAnimal. We would like to thank everyone who came out on August 14th to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to capture that whimsical family photo. Beautiful Photo Studio was kind enough to extend the promotion, if you weren't able to participate in August but still would like to support the animals - you can still make a \$50 or donation for a gift certificate to use at a later time or give as a gift. Please contact SpokAnimal for how to get yours today!

2010 Spokane Interstate Fair It's Called Teamwork!

Well, this year's fair is over and SpokAnimal, SCRAPS, Spokane Humane Society and Pet Saver's collaborative booth, for the third year in a row, was again a huge success! Everyone who spun the Petco prize wheel got a prize which added to the excitement and stories of dogs and cats were shared by all. As in past years the "kitty tower" was a crowd favorite as people stood in line to pet our feline friends.

Fair attendance was slightly down and with a few inclement days we were very happy to have increased adoption numbers. We adopted more than 90 cats and dogs over the ten days and a total of over 230 animals between all 4 organizations at the shelters! A very special thanks to our over 150 volunteers! It's you who made it possible for us to be at the fair.



"SHS volunteer Kris Major holding two year old pit mix Iris who got adopted that day!"



"SCRAPS volunteer Kris Major tending to four year old kitty Max."

Bee Kind Garden

SpokAnimal spokesdog, Stanley the Beagle/Rat Terrier enjoyed his summer visits to the Bee Kind Garden program for kids in foster care. Stan and SpokAnimal Ed Director Carol Byrnes demonstrated the power of positive teaching through clicker training. He loved working with the kids, and struck up an instant friendship with a young boy named Sabian.

Sabian's grandmother reported after the visit that Sabian had the following comments about Stanley:

"Stanley is a good listener, he always

comes when you call him."

"Stanley obeys commands like "sit", "rollover", and he can touch a branch of a tree with his nose."

"You can say here boy, clean my room and he does it."

These are some of the things Sabian loves about Stanley. Also, "he can even climb a ladder..Wow!"

Thanks again, from Sabian's grandmother, Kathryn Gray



Snip-Pit



The ASPCA has granted \$5,000 to be used as a co-pay to sterilize pitbulls in our adoption center. The social stigma of the breed puts it most at risk of euthanasia and one of the most overpopulated breeds in the city. We are grateful for the extra assistance to help us help them find forever homes.

Pibble, Am Staff, Staffy, Pitbull ... a rose by any other name.

A reputation sadly undeserved and fanned by the news media. The stigma of being "vicious" proliferated not by the breed, but by being favored by soci-

ety's gang members, drug dealers, and dog fighters. Unfortunately they are too often an extension of a tough guy image. The front line to alert those engaging in illegal activities. A tool for a horrible sport where the strong fight to the death, and the sweet are used as bait.

Walk through any shelter on any given day and you will see a large percentage of sweet pitbull faces whose chances of finding a forever home are diminished by the fact that many people don't want a dog with a bad public image, no matter how undeserved. That, and sheer numbers of dogs competing for the few homes willing to take them, reduces their chances of a forever home. While the responsible owners spay and neuter their pets faithfully and responsible breeders assemble waiting lists for their puppies and do all the health and temperament screening before they plan a litter, those who breed for all the wrong reasons continue to have puppies who fill our shelters. Puppies who will never find a forever home. The following poem is a very real description of the life of the average pitbull. (In the UK they are called Staffordshire Terriers or "Staffies".)

Training

*The most important gift
you can give your dog*

Pawsitive Start Class

Are you having trouble with your new puppy or dog? We can help get you off to the right start.

Diamonds in the Ruff instructors Kim Imel and Amy Barker are offering a free class every other Sunday of the month. If you have recently adopted a dog from Spokanimal, a shelter, rescue, or you just want to attend as a refresher with your dog, feel free to come!

We specifically address any concerns that are brought to each class with solutions based in positive reinforcement training methods and good old fashioned management. This class provides a fine opportunity to get your dogs out in a controlled situation where they are gaining priceless socialization.

*R.S.V.P. at 509 534-8133 x 611 or
Pawsitivestart@spokanimal.org*

Think Before You Breed

By Filomena Lomba Viana, United Kingdom

Today is just another day -
to me they're all the same
I have the worst of genes you see,
I bear the "Staffy" shame.
The shame is in our numbers,
there's thousands with no home.
Thousands just like me you'll find,
in kennels all alone.

My mum was "just a Staffy",
my father - well who knows?
Mum, too, became unwanted,
as the last puppy goes.
And then begins the process,
of money-making deals
A life of "moving on" unfolds,
who cares how the Staffy feels?
If you have the cash to hand,
the Staffy pup is yours
But that pup is getting bigger now,
just look at those big paws.

You brought me for your image,
thought I'd make you look more
tough

But you'll find my boisterous nature
has already got too much.
If you had thought to train me,
with kindness and with praise
You would have had a faithful friend
to share your darkest days.
I would lay down my life for you,
but you simply cannot see
You make sure you get your money
back on what you paid for me.

And on it goes, until one day,
I'm no longer worth a dime
The retail on an adult staff -
not worth the waste of time.
So what happens to a Staffy now?
Do you really want to know?
Do you care what will become of us,
when we leave our final home?

Have you ever thought to wonder,
"Where is that Staffy now?"
"The "Staffy" has another name;
he's become a "stray" somehow.
Me, I was put into a car and driven
far away

The door held open, I jumped out,
I thought to run and play.
It was with joy and happy heart
I turned to look for you
You drove away with all my trust
and a piece of my heart too.

I wandered round for many days
before I was brought here.
Now I wait with heavy heart,
trepidation and with fear.
Seven days is all I have you see,
seven days for you to claim
The little dog that you threw out,
for which you have no shame.

This is my last goodbye now,
my seven days are up
If only more thought had gone into
the future of that pup
As the needle empties to my veins
I lay down with one last sigh
I'm sorry I was born a Staffy,
because it means that I must die.

Stanley Speaks! (Continued)

Dear Stanley,
I wonder if you could help me with a problem I have.

I had one dog, a 2 year old cross breed. She has two obedience titles here in Australia. I got her from the RSPCA when she was six months old and I was told she was a resource guarder.

About four weeks ago I got another dog to be company for her. He is an 8 year old cross breed with very little training. The trouble is my first dog has become very snappy, not towards me but towards the other dog. If I throw her toy for her and the other dog tries to join in she attacks and he retaliates. Is it a leadership issue? I don't want her to become aggressive. She was a beautiful little dog but has become snappy and ill-tempered even to another older dog belonging to a friend who she used to get on well with.

Thanks for your time,
Barbara O.

Hi Barbara,

Competition for resources (toys, food, attention, access) is often the source of conflict between dogs. Some hold certain things at higher value than others, and are willing to escalate to keep them. It's also how they explain who is the 'top dog' - the one who has the control over when something gets shared and when it doesn't.

Loud vocal exchanges ("THIS IS MINE! LEAVE IT!") with posturing and air snapping is not necessarily of concern if it ends when the other dog says, "Oops, sorry" and gets the message and gives her the space she demanded. It's more of an issue that the other dog doesn't respect the boundaries she's setting and says, "Oh, yeah? Make me!" and a scuffle ensues. More concerning is that she now mistrusts that even dogs she knew to be safe and is cranky with them, too. Stress

is like a pressure cooker, it has to come out somewhere. (If you had a bad day at work, you might come home and snap at your husband - even if he isn't who you are upset about.) The stress between her and the dogs she used to be "fine" with could magically smooth over when her stress over sharing space with a new house mate settles down.

After only four weeks of cohabitation they are still working out where they fit in the family. She has not had to share anything. He may not have either. They have to learn to share. Being the "parent" of the household, you have the power to manage, to interrupt and show them what you would rather have them do instead. Before you throw a toy for her, take his collar and ask him to sit and wait. (Teach this separately until he is pretty good at it.) When it is his turn, take her collar and ask her to sit and wait. You control the game, it is not theirs to fight over. Now the stress is relieved and it is about YOU not their competition for the toy. This will be hardest for the dog who wants the toy most.

Whenever arousal (excitement) levels are high, the more likely there is to be an argument. When you arrive home, when it's time for dinner or a walk or when toys come out. Now that he has proved himself to be a little scary and unwilling to back down, she has to rebuild trust that you can and will keep her safe and can manage him so she doesn't need to. He must learn that you are the one who is the "mom" and makes the rules about what is and isn't allowed and takes care of problems for them. When you are the one showing them how to play together, it takes the pressure off of them to sort it all out.

That said, anytime the potential for injury is likely, having a professional positive method trainer come to your house to help you is always advised!

Good Luck!

Stanley



Coping With The Death of a Pet

Four things that can help you heal

Colleen Mihelich is the founder of Peternity.com, which sells pet memorials, grave markers, urns and other items. She's authored numerous articles on dealing with grief over the loss of a pet. Peternity is based in Southern California.

The joys of pet ownership and the ways in which pets enrich our lives are endless-- the love, the companionship, the playfulness, the loyalty. But unfortunately, we most often outlive our pets

and have to deal with letting go of them much sooner than we wish.

When you've lost a pet, you may feel that nothing can take the pain away. However, there are a few things you can do that may help:

- Remember, love is forever. You may not be able to wrap your arms around your pet or sleep beside him, but he is still with you in memory. Your pet's spirit, his effect on your life, his lessons of love and loyalty,

and the time that you spent together live on through memories, pictures and stories.

- Find pet-loss support. Often, finding others who have gone through a similar experience and talking to them can help you start to process your grief. Web sites such as Lightning-Strike.com offer discussion forums specifically for pet-loss support. If you'd like a group that

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In Loving Memory and Honoring Tributes



"Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy." "In loving memory of Ron, our colleague & friend and Ranger his friend & companion."

of Ron Yancey & "Ranger"
- From Colleagues

of Halo - loved and missed by
- Lisa Lucas

of Bubba - best buddy of
- Diane Keough

of Nellie - missed by Ben Burgad
- from all of us at Diamonds
in the Ruff

of Toula - a tiny dog with a big
heart missed by Vickie Mendenhall

of Dezort - beautiful horse loved by
- Marilyn Meyer

of Gayle Burrows
- Gail & Less Osborne

of Ella, Christel Carlson's wonderful
German Shepherd
- from all of us at SpokAnimal

of Ernest & Babe Sly & "Bandit"
- Nobuko Oka
- Johnny & Jan Humphreys
- Michael E. Kondo D.D.S.

of Katherine "Jo" Alexander
- Lynn Buschfink
- Elgene Nielson

of "Hoss"
- Barry Mills

of "Tom Cat" - Very much loved and
a loyal companion.
- Roy Larson

of Tony Lee Thompson
- Carlene Haynes

of "Frankie"
- Cheryl Reynolds

of Lucille Messman
- Joy Rambo
- Mrs. Michael Pellowski

of "Barney"
- Anne Pluth

of Mark Worden
- Spokanimal staff

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- the Juhlin Family

of Glen Johansson
- Henry & Marilyn Mayer

of William "Bill" Walker
- Mary Ellen McGowan in honor of
Debbie Walker

of Burl Hamilton
- the Hamilton Family

of "Zagnut"
- Alan & Barbara Wisor

of Shirley Mc Intyre
- Violet Bradshaw
- Dorothy Delaney

of "Molly"
- James & Maureen Love
- William Beck & Kathleen Benton
- Max & Jill Josquin

of Marion Denenny
- Christel Carlson

of "Ozzybird" & "Gully"
- Debbie Sheil

of "Mitzi & Tiger"
- Connie Dahlman

In Honor & Tribute

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- Al Keefer
- Linda Petersen

of Margi Fauger - Happy Birthday !
- Shirley Harman

of Cyra Carlson & Kate Mills
- Maureen Maher Gray

of Patrick Ewing
- Kiwanis Pacific Northwest

of Ray & Terry Hulet
- Edith Manildi

of the Marriage of
- Ellen Sherriffs & Michael Hall

of Mairin McCarthy's graduation
from Gonzaga University
- Sarah McCarthy PH.D.

Coping With The Death of a Pet (continued)

meets in person, Meetup.com lists hundreds of pet-loss support groups all over the country. Many shelters, rescues and humane societies also offer pet-loss support groups that may meet in your area.

- Honor your pet. It's cathartic to create a tangible pet memorial that will help your pet's memory live on. Whether it's a photo album, scrapbook, video, a written tribute or a

grave marker or urn, going through the ritual of creating a tribute to your pet will help you to first accept the loss, and then begin the process of healing.

- Focus on joy, not fear. I think the thing that brings me the most comfort is the realization that, unlike humans who are aware of and fearful about death, pets do not fear dying. They don't have a conscious aware-

ness of the future or their inevitable passing. They live in the moment in pure joy for each day that they have on earth. Find peace and comfort in the fact that your pet was not scared, but simply passed on to the next stage that is inevitable for all animals and humans as well. Also, remember that your pet lived for you to be happy, so do him the honor of being so.

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Volunteer Orientations
Sat. Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11 at 10:30am
Wed. Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 22 at 6:30pm
Held at SpokAnimal, 710 N. Napa

Macy's Shop For a Cause
October 16, 10:00am-4:00pm

Border's Bookstore Bark for Books
November 19 & 20
Online and in store

Thanksgiving Dog Jog
November 25, 9:00am

See page 9 for details on the above events.

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