



2013 Calendar time is running out! The deadline for photos is **this Saturday**, July 21. As of Monday night only 17 pictures had been turned in! We need more. ***Please dig out your pictures or take some fresh ones and turn them in this week. And urge your friends to do likewise (especially those with cats)!***

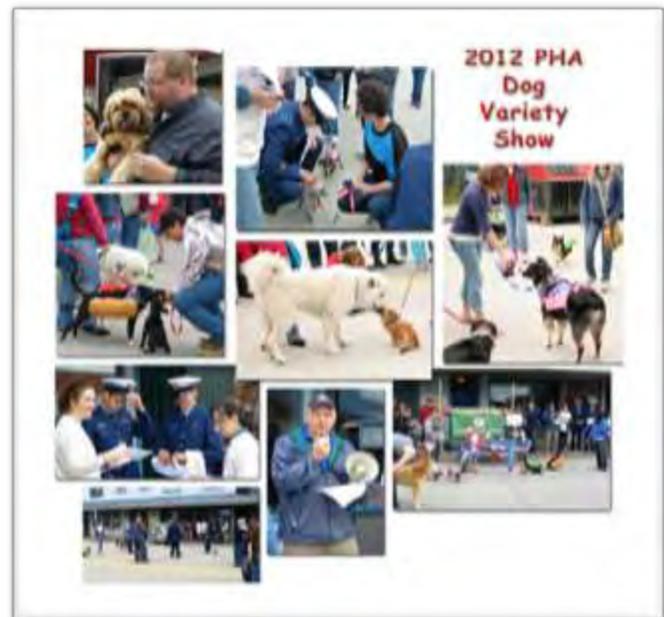


The **dog days of summer** were celebrated early this year with a winning parade entry and a variety show to show the variety of Petersburg dogs - all on the 4th of July. The (mostly) costumed dogs marching as "**Strut Yer Mutt**" around the PHA banner won first place in the Organizations division!

Then PHA's first annual Dog Variety Show let them show off their talents. And such talents! All 12 entrants won prizes donated by local merchants. Please take a moment to thank these sponsors:

- *Diamantes,*
- *Jackie O Styles,*
- *Lee's Clothing,*
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- *Petersburg Rexall Drug, and*
- *Waterways Veterinary Clinic.*

Their generosity provided a tangible reward to the winners. Our judges Sean, Jacob, Mary and Sarah and emcee Wendell Gilbert were also crucial to making the show a success. Board member Milinda May was the genius behind the idea and worked with Rhoda Gilbert to bring it all together. And, of course, a **BIG** thanks to all the dogs and their humans!



Dog Talk can be understood. Dogs don't speak English or any verbal language. Understanding how they do communicate, at various skill levels, with one another and with us humans, will help us build a stronger relationship with our dogs. Join certified professional dog trainer **Vickie L. Buchholz** and learn more about how to listen to and understand your dog. This talk is sponsored by PHA and hosted by the library. It starts at **6:30 on Tuesday, August 7 at the library**. Vickie's motto is "It's never too early or too late to train your dog."

The shelter lease went before the City Council Monday night. The Council voted to extend our lease to 55 years, to remove the clause requiring the City to turn the land over to us and to officially include the creation and maintenance of the dog park in the terms of the lease. This meets our projected needs very well and the board is now ready to move ahead with making the shelter a reality. And speaking of the dog park...

The small dog park is getting closer to being ready to use. David Wallen closed the perimeter with a classy gate to complete the fence that Anne Lee stretched around the area. Unfortunately, inside, nature has been busy and the trails need some work to return them to their original condition. The park is designed to be a safe place for small dogs to play and for families with strollers and people with mobility issues to enjoy. The board is going to stage a work party or two to make sure it meets those needs. This is your chance to put a hand (and back) to making our new shelter/dog park venture a success. All volunteers are welcome! Listen for announcements about days and times.

Adoptions. Two cats, including our longest-term resident, found forever homes this month! Spike and Jazz (the cat formerly known as Spaz) both went home with new owners (also known in cat communities as staff). It's wonderful to see our animals getting into loving homes. The shelter is certainly better than the street, but it's no substitute for a home, where pets have much more interaction with people and have a feeling of belonging. There are still plenty of cats left to warm hearts in other homes.



Fostering. Did you know that if you foster an animal, PHA will pay for its food, litter and vet bills? It's true. Some of the animals need more socialization than others, and fostering is a wonderful service to help get them ready for permanent homes. Others are more highly socialized and are just plain lonely with only one visit a day from the volunteers who come to feed them, clean their litter boxes and play with them. And a **HUGE thank you** to the dedicated folks who volunteer for shelter duty every week. The shelter couldn't make it without you! If fostering isn't something you can do but you want to help the shelter kitties, become a volunteer cat cuddler - come spend some time with the cats any time you want a "cat fix" or just have a little extra love to find a recipient for. The cats will love you (some immediately, some after they get to know you better).

Current shelter needs:

- ❖ **Volunteer cat cuddlers** (any time!),
- ❖ Relief shelter workers (to scoop, clean, feed, and play),
- ❖ Dry cat food (no canned food please),
- ❖ Scoopable litter,
- ❖ Brooms, and
- ❖ Cat toys.

Still in PHA care are:



Snow King, mature male wannabe lap cat



Beamer, 4-year-old male very friendly



Mushu, 2-year-old female shy at first, plays with kittens



Kitty Kitty, 1½-year old female a bit shy but playful, Rex's mom



Rex, 8-month-old male playful, Kitty Kitty's son



Reggie, 3-month-old male curious, adventurous, playful



Tobias, 3-month-old male a bit shy, playful

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