



**Petersburg
Humane
Association**

Update

June 2012

This is the first more or less monthly update of what's going on with your Humane Association. Future editions will feature recent and upcoming events, animals looking for - and getting - forever homes, opportunities to get involved, and looks at our volunteers in action. If, at any time, you no longer want to receive these updates or your household is getting a duplicate you don't want, please just reply to this message and ask to have your name removed from the list.

Petersburg's parades are going to the dogs! All shelter or rescue dogs were invited to march behind PHA's new banner in the Little Norway parade, and a bunch of them turned out! All doggie participants got bandannas to wear and a barkingly good time was had by all. For the 4th of July, we're taking down the barriers and inviting ALL dogs to dig up costumes and take to the streets again. We'll be mustering near the beginning of the parade route at 10:30 to make each others' acquaintances, admire everybody's costumes and prepare to strut our mutts. Please join us, with or without a mutt in tow.



More July 4th fun - Right after the parade, in front of the laundry, PHA will sponsor a variety dog show - a bunch of contests, complete with prizes for things like cutest and ugliest dog, dog and human who look most alike, best trick, hairiest and baldest dog, etc. **Opportunity alert: Photographer wanted.** We want pictures of both the costumed dogs in the parade and the winners of the contests. A selection of the best pictures will be the July page of the 2013 calendar. Can you help us out?

Calendar time is upon us again. It's time to get your pet pictures in for the 2013 Petersburg Pets calendar. It's the same deal as last year, and the year before, and the year.... Talk about cost containment! For the same \$10 per picture, your pet can decorate walls all over Petersburg for a month next year. Just send the digital picture (high resolution, please) to mjjones@ak.net along with the pet's full name and your name. Send payment (made out to Petersburg Humane Association) and hard copy pictures to Merrily Jones at Box 206, Petersburg. **The deadline this year is July 21.** Since last year's cover featured a dog, this year it'll be a cat again. See if you can beat the one above! We always seem to have a lot more dog pictures than cat pictures, so this is the year to *show off your cat.*



Speaking of cats - we've got 'em! We have 7 adult cats, 3 females and 4 males, and 2 male kittens. All are sweet, some are shy, some are assertive, some are cuddlers, some aren't. If you're looking for a pet, or if you know somebody who is looking for one, please consider ours. If you're just thinking about one but aren't ready to commit, consider fostering. It does the animals good to be in a loving home situation rather than in a shelter where they get only limited contact with people. Here are the cats looking for forever homes at the moment:

Adoptable Pets

Females



Jazz, 4-year-old
prefers only cat status



Mushu, 2-year-old
a bit shy



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

Males



Snow King, mature adult
loving lap cat



Spike, adult
chatty, friendly



Beamer, 4-year-old
very friendly



Rex, 7-month-old,
bonded with mom (above)



Reggie and Tobias, 10-week-old
sweethearts

Adopted!



One of our newest arrivals, **Kiki** just found her forever home with Jody Martinsen. Kiki was first spotted hanging around the shelters looking for a handout. While she was leery of people, she loved food and we used that to show her we were her friends. We were able to capture her, get her spayed, and bring her inside. Jody was instrumental in the process and was happy to take her home with her when she objected to sharing "her" space with the other cats.

Great (Grant) News. PHA received a \$900 grant from the Petersburg Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Alaska Community Foundation. This will help us pay for spay/neuter scholarships this year. Our annual scholarship expenses average over \$3000.

Shelter project status. Our lease for the area around the old Tent City is for 5 years and contains a clause calling for the City to give us the land at the end of that period if we meet the conditions of the lease. Since neither the City nor we want this land transfer, we're currently asking the Council to replace the existing lease with a long-term lease allowing us to go ahead with raising enough money to build a shelter to house all our animals and our office in one building. The location is ideal, with the utilities and pad already in place to give us a good start for our new shelter. We expect the matter to come before the Council at their second meeting in July.

Current needs in addition to a July 4th photographer include 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.

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