



This Update contains both thank you's and pleas.

At this season, it's timely to remember with thanksgiving the many blessings we have.

The board - and the animals! - are **very grateful for all the support you've given PHA through the year!** We couldn't operate without you who volunteer your time, energy, money and love to keep the animals fed, cleaned up after and socialized, day in and day out. We also couldn't keep going without your generous donations of cash and baked goods.

Along that line, **Oktoberfest** was a great success this year. **Thank you to all of you who provided goodies and helped with the booth itself.** People bought 27 Petersburg Pets calendars, 6 catnip cat mats, and \$320 worth of baked goods. We also took in \$275 in membership dues. So over all, PHA took in \$1120, \$120 of it earmarked for the shelter project! By the way, we still have **calendars and cat mats.** They make great Christmas presents. If you don't want to wait until the Christmas Bazaar, you can buy the calendars at the drug store or at Waterways Vet Clinic or contact any board member. You can get the cat mats by arrangement from board members, too. Or respond to this email with your order and we'll get in touch with you and make it happen!



And we give a special **thank you to the Petersburg Roller Derby girls, their friends and families, who put up the fence around the all-dog park - in the snow, no less!** Our heroes!

And now for the pleas! We need your help! In several areas.

1. **Can you adopt a cat?** We have 9 cats in our shelter care, the most we can handle in our current shelters, and they all need you. Most are ready for adoption. *Are you* ready to take one of them into your family, or do you know somebody who might be at that point? Now is the time to step forward. With the weather getting colder, it's getting harder to keep our oldest building at a comfortable temperature, so the more cats who move out of shelter care, the more likely we can leave that building empty.

2. **Can you help at the cat shelter, either on a weekly basis or from time to time?** Three cats still need more socializing before they'll be ready for life in close proximity with people. So if you can spare **an hour now and then to sit quietly with our skitty kitties,** please call our cell phone (518-1091) and arrange for an introduction. Then you can visit the cats at your

convenience and help get them ready for forever homes (and can help keep the others from regressing). (Kids under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.)

Given the number of cats and the amount of attention they all need, **we would like to have two people come in each day** to make sure they have food, water, a clean box and some personal attention. If you are willing to commit to coming one day a week, every week, please give us a call. The animals will be so grateful!

3. Will you serve on the PHA board? This month, we didn't have enough board members in town to have a quorum. With only six members, it takes fewer people being gone to really slow things down. So this is a **plea** for you to consider joining the board. We meet once a month on the second Wednesday at 5:15 in the Scandia House conference room. New people with fresh ideas stir things up, and can move PHA forward.

4. Will you help PHA get our new shelter? The fact that we're maxed out on the number of cats we can take is a reminder of how much we need a new built-for-the-purpose shelter and adds new urgency to the construction project. We're looking for people with ideas and enthusiasm to help advance the fund drive. We'd love to get a "Friends of the Animals" group going to help the six of us with the work involved in a project of this size.

5. Can you plow the dog park driveway when it needs it? The driveway and parking lot need to be kept passable for the dogs now, and it will be even more important when the shelter is built and in operation.

6. And if these are all too overwhelming for you, we could use a little help at the Christmas Bazaar on December 1. With so many board members still out of town, we can't cover our table by ourselves. If you're willing and able to help us sell our calendars and cat mats at the Christmas Bazaar, please give us a call on our cell, 518-1091.

7. If you can't help out with your time, PHA can always use cash donations! We use specific food, litter, and cleaning products, so it's easiest to buy them ourselves. With the number of animals we have, our vet bill is high, as is the cost of food, litter and all the other products necessary to provide healthy shelter. PHA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your donations are tax-deductible to the maximum extent provided by law.

Here's our cast of feline characters:



Larry



Kiki



Kyoya



Gillian



Roscoe



Baily



Tobias (still skitty)



Bobbsy & Guppy (not ready)

Your PHA Board:

Merrily Jones, President
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Membership Categories:

Friends of Animals (under 18, over 64)	\$ 15
Adults.....	\$ 25
Family.....	\$ 40
Corporate.....	\$ 100

Adoption Fees:

Cats	\$35
Dogs	\$50

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