



This month, we look at what PHA is doing, where we're going, and how we're going to get there. Now that the dog park is officially open and nearing completion, we're turning our attention to planning and designing a shelter that will support the mission of the Petersburg Humane Association into the future.



What PHA is doing. As of the end of September, we've cared for a total of 19 felines and 2 dogs at one time or another, with as many as 10 felines at one time. We've found homes for 16 of the felines and both dogs. The dogs were moved quickly out of the pound into permanent homes as soon as they were turned over to us. Unfortunately, those 19 cats and kittens spent a total of 1382 animal-days with us this year, for an average of almost 73 days per cat.

Meanwhile, **Oktoberfest** is coming right up (October 27) and the PHA booth will be back in our usual place - in the hallway right across from the entrance nearest the school. Our 2013 **calendars** will be on sale, as will our **catnip cat mats** and **baked goods** provided by you, our members. *Will you please consider providing something tasty for us to sell?* If you won a



gate prize at the dog park opening, maybe you can try out one of the recipes and make some dog treats. *We also need volunteers to staff the booth for an hour during the day.* Several of our board members who usually help out will be out of town, so we're looking for people to serve from 11:00 to noon, noon to 1:00 and 1:00 to 2:00. If you can help, please tell Denise Galli at frontierhabitat@gmail.com, 772-4353 or 518-9083.

Where we're going. As mentioned last month, the board is going back to the beginning and figuring out what is needed to make a shelter that will serve both the homeless animals and the people who care for them for the next 55 years or so. Although a call went out in last month's Update and over the radio, it was left to the members of the board to brainstorm what an ideal shelter for Petersburg would contain. The next phase will include pricing options (metal versus wood building, various types of heat, etc.) and figuring total square footage needed and how that compares with the foundation already in place. Only then will come the actual designing of the space.

How we're going to get there. PHA currently has about \$10,000 dedicated to the shelter. Obviously, that's not going to go very far. As the process progresses and we get some cost estimates, we'll be writing grants and looking for donors and donations. PHA will be able to receive funds through Pick.Click.Give this next year, too. Meanwhile, if you have any ideas for reaching our goal, please share them with your board!

Board seat open. We have regretfully accepted the resignation of Milinda May. This brings our board down to six members and leaves us with an open seat. Any PHA member is eligible to serve on the board. If you think this might be something you want to pursue, please talk to any board member. It's an exciting and challenging time for PHA, an exciting and challenging time to be a member of the board.

Adoptions. Reggie and Kiki found forever homes this month. Our fearless hunter Tobias remains with us, as do two orange kittens, Bobsie and Guppie, who need more socializing before we will feel comfortable adopting them out. Tobias was kind of shy while his brother Reggie was around, perhaps because Reggie was an attention hog. Tobias did show real hunting instincts, though, even then. And this week one of the volunteers came in to find two cats and a dead shrew in the shelter. (Mushu is still in the shelter waiting for a ride to her new home in Point Baker.) Apparently a suicidal shrew tried to run through the 6' x 6' outside play area while the cats were out there. Didn't make it. So if you want an energetic mouser with a purr that can be heard in Wrangell, Tobias may be the kitten for you.

Now in PHA care are:



Tobias
Neutered male



Bobsie and Guppie
Female and male

If you have some time to spare and are willing to sit quietly for awhile with the kittens to get them accustomed to humans, please leave a message on our cell phone, 518-1091.

Current shelter needs:

- ❖ Volunteer cat cuddlers (any time!),
- ❖ Scoopable litter,
- ❖ Dry cat food (no canned food please),
- ❖ Cat toys.

How you can help! This month we have some time-specific needs:

- Bring goodies for the Oktoberfest bake sale
- Staff the PHA booth at Oktoberfest for an hour
- Consider serving on the board

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