



This month, the dog park is officially open, the outflow of cats has stopped, and planning for the new shelter is moving to center stage.

**Dog Park Grand Opening.** The weather definitely did NOT cooperate to make a nice, dry ceremony. It did, however, keep the speeches short! The sun of early Sunday morning changed to a torrential sidepour right around 2:00. Couldn't call it a *downpour*; it came sideways - right through the openings in the roof and wall of the one shelter everybody had.



But the food stayed dry and the raingear-clad dog lovers eating it did too (mostly) - and the dogs didn't mind a bit! Once the rain eased a tad, everybody traipsed to the Small Dog Park to watch Anne Lee cut the ribbon. The small dogs and their owners stayed to enjoy their park as the rest moved to the All Dog Park

where Anne cut the ribbon across the trailhead there, too.



The Coast Guard will be putting fencing around the All Dog Park in the near future, to complete the major work on the dog parks. The park is open to all dogs and their people during daylight hours. Come check it out! It's located between Sandy Beach and the Airport on the south side of the road on the site of the old Tent City, for those of you who've been here long enough to remember that.

By the way, the dog training classes mentioned in last month's Update have been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Help Us Plan the New Shelter.** What do you think should be included in the shelter? Do you have some ideas you'd like to see incorporated? Please join the board in the Scandia House conference room starting at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September 26, as we do a needs and wants assessment and prioritization to start shaping the best shelter for Petersburg companion animals. The shelter is for the whole community; the board would like the whole community's input and involvement. More heads make a better project! Don't leave it just to the seven of us, however talented you think we are! This is your chance to make a real difference for future homeless animals.

**Adoptions.** We still have Reggie, Tobias and Kiki ready for adoption. Bobsie and Guppie, the kittens who came in last month, are still too afraid of people to put up for adoption yet, as is the beautiful feral kitten that came in a couple weeks ago. 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 contact Merrily at 772-3136. Tobias is getting friendlier and Reggie is always ready for a pet, so if you just want to have fun with some lively teenagers, call Merrily for that, too. Things are still hopping at the cat shelters.

Now in PHA care are:



Tobias  
Neutered male



Reggie  
Neutered male



Kiki  
Spayed female

**Current shelter needs:**

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

**Membership Counts!** Has your membership expired? Do you know someone you think should be a member but who may not be? Our organization runs on membership fees as well as adoption fees, fund raisers and donations. It is entirely volunteer and without regular funding from the City or any other Government entity. So invite your friends to join. Keep your membership current and consider upping your membership level if you can.

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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