



Special Pre-Holiday Issue

As we approach the holiday season, most people's thoughts turn to finding the perfect gifts for those on their gift list. In keeping with that tradition, may we suggest:

A commemorative brick. Give these long-lasting gifts to honor a loved one, human or otherwise, with their own brick that will line the path to the PHA animal shelter at the dog park. At the same time, your purchase helps finance the construction of the new building.



- Standard 4" x 8" bricks in one of seven colors cost \$100 and give up to three 18-character lines of text or three 10-character lines of text plus a graphic.
- Large 8" x 8" bricks come in the same seven colors cost \$200 and offer up to six 18-character lines of text or three 18-character lines of text with a graphic.

To order online, go to www.thatsmybrick.com/pha. You can choose to pay PHA directly by check or cash or pay by credit card as your place your online order. Or you can pick up a brochure at the Visitor Center at First and Fram and order by mail. Please be sure to choose a brick color if you go that route.

A gift membership to PHA. These gifts help pay the costs of caring for shelter animals and helping needy pet owners spay or neuter their animals. They come with a nice acknowledgement and a membership card in the recipient's name.

- Youth and senior memberships are \$15
- Single memberships are \$25
- Family memberships are \$40
- Gold memberships are \$100

Membership covers the year of 2015. Both you and the recipient have the good feeling of knowing you're helping Petersburg's pets. The board is hoping to be able to add a perk or two to that good feeling in the coming year, so don't lose the membership card.

A PHA 2015 calendar. These make great stocking stuffers. They're a fun way to keep track of the year while keeping track of the many wonderful dogs and cats of Petersburg.

- Calendars cost \$15

There is a limited supply of these calendars. Last year they sold out and several people were unable to get one. So get these early. They're available at the Petersburg Rexall Drug, Waterways Vet Clinic, and AP&T, or contact Jane Smith.



A leather catnip mouse. A great stocking stuffer for a cat owner. These sturdy leather stuffed toys give hours of play to a well-loved pet.

- Leather mice cost \$10



The money for the mice goes to the shelter construction fund.

A catnip cat mat. Another great stocking stuffer for a cat owner. These colorful mats have a secret opening for catnip so cats can play with them until the catnip effect either wears off or wears them out, and then they can cuddle up and sleep on them. When the mat gets too slobbery, you can throw it in the wash and restock it with catnip for a fresh start.



- Catnip mats cost \$20

The money for these toys also goes to the shelter construction fund.

And for yourself – some unconditional love! Think about adding some love to your life with a cat. All of our cats are loving. They come with a variety of skills.

- *A wireless lap warmer.* Try a long-hair like Electra, Whiskas or Junior or, for less fur, a gentle older cat like Jazz.
- *A mobile entertainment center.* Try one or two of our more active cats, like Tobias or Bobsy.
- *A clown.* Try our special cat, Lucky. (He was in the window at the Star last week.)
- Any cat can be adopted for \$35.

This is a real steal. Nowhere else are you likely to get a shelter cat for this low adoption fee. We spend more than that on each new animal for its intake exam and shots, not to mention fixing intact animals. And then there's the room and board we provide. (This is why the other fund raisers are so important.) We do encourage you to take your gift before Christmas to give him or her a quieter time to get used to you and your home.

Other ways to help. Because PHA is entirely donor-supported and volunteer-run, every bit, little or big, helps.

- *Time* - There are always things needing doing to keep the animals happy, healthy and well cared for.
 - *Can you spend some time visiting and socializing shelter animals?
 - *We'll have a table at the Christmas Bazaar December 6 and can use table staffers.
 - *How about helping with our annual flamingo flocks? We'll need flock herders and somebody to coordinate the flocks. If you can pair up with somebody (or bodies), you can share the job of moving the flock every night in April.
 - *Interested in trying your hand at writing one of these Updates?
 - *Want to help put up fenced enclosures at the new shelter once the building is in place?
- *"Free" donations* - Both of these opportunities cost you nothing. In the first, WoofTrax gathers sponsors to pay shelters for their supporters' efforts. In the second, the merchants join to get more people shopping at their businesses. The more people who sign up, the more businesses are interested in paying for your business this way.
 - *If you have an iPhone or Android, you'll soon be able to earn money for PHA by downloading a free app and then simply walking your dog. Go to www.wooftrax.com.
 - *PHA encourages shopping locally, but if you will be shopping on the Internet, consider using iGive.com to make a free-to-you donation to PHA with your purchase. It's simple: just go to <http://www.iGive.com/PetersburgHumaneAssociation>, download the iGive "button, shop at any of over 1500 online retailers (including Amazon), and a certain percent of each purchase is donated in your name to PHA. You get tax credit for the donation and often a bargain price besides, with no additional work and no cost to you. And everybody who joins to support Petersburg Humane Association and tries the iGive Button through 2/15/15 means \$5 for PHA, free, even if they don't buy anything.
- *Money* is always welcome! You can earmark your donation for a specific purpose or give it to be used where most needed.

In other news

Pick.Click.Give donations were distributed last month. Thirty-five donors, all but four from Petersburg, gave \$1475! This is up from 18 donors giving \$775 last year. *Thank you!*

Octoberfest brought in a grand total of \$1264, including \$845 for memberships, \$180 for calendars, \$173 for other items, and \$66 in donations. *Thank you all!*



New Shelter, Phase I is moving along. The board has sent out a request for proposals to supply the building and pad. If you are interested in giving us a quote and have not received the RFP, please contact Joe Teter or Jane Smith. The pad and building need to be in place well before April 15, which is the scheduled move-in date for our cats.

Meanwhile, still looking for homes are:



Tobias



Electra



Jazz



Junior



Bobsy



Whiskas



Lucky

Your 2014-15 PHA Board:

- Mary Clemens, President
- Jane Smith, Vice President
- Rhoda Gilbert, Treasurer
- Denise Galli, Secretary
- Merrily Jones, Membership Chair
- Rich Jennings, Member-at-Large
- Alexandra Maki, Member-at-Large
- Joe Teter, Member-at-Large
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Membership Categories:

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

Adoption Fees:

Dogs	\$50
Cats	\$35

PHA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit all-volunteer organization. All donations are deductible to the full extent of the law and are greatly appreciated. Without them, we could not continue to care for Petersburg's homeless animals.

Thank you for your continuing support of the work of the Petersburg Humane Association. Please consider becoming a member.