

Alaska SPCA



October 2008 E-Newsletter

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Alaska SPCA E-Newsletter, a monthly collection of pet-care tips and updates of what is going on inside the Alaska SPCA. We hope you enjoy it. Please reply to this message with comments, removal requests, or suggestions. Thank you for your support!



Fix-a-Feline Success!

Earlier this year, we received a Municipal grant to put our large "clinic on wheels", referred to as "Mobie" on the road this summer to help reduce the cat overpopulation in Anchorage.

The goal was to spay or neuter 335 cats throughout the city at low-to-no-cost, and help eliminate the birth of unwanted cats. To date, **approximately 315 of the 335 quota has been fulfilled**, and the remaining animals will be completed soon.

This program, called the "Fix-A-Feline Program" was a tremendous success, and we are deeply grateful to all those who participated, including the Municipality of Anchorage for their generous grant, the vets and their assistants who worked on weekends, and the wonderful volunteers who gave of their time and effort to make it happen.

This initiative has sparked a collaborative effort by several groups to work together to further reduce the overpopulation of pets. We'll keep you posted!

Changes at the Office

We have some wonderful new employees at both the Pet Adoption Center, the Thrift Shop, and the Clinic, so we are fully staffed and hope you'll visit these locations soon.

Help us win the \$1 Million Zootoo Shelter-Makeover Contest

With your help, we have a chance to win up to \$1 million in renovations to our shelter! Click [here](#) for details.



Featured Pet



Mawme is an independent cat, but she will also ask for attention on her own time. If you are looking for a low maintenance companion, Mawme is the perfect cat.

Halloween Pet-Safety Tips

Here are just a few precautions you should take:

No Chocolate: Even if your pet has a sweet tooth,

Unfortunately, Executive Director Steve McComb left the organization to pursue other opportunities. Steve did a great deal for the AK SPCA in several capacities these past few years, and he will be missed. We wish him well in all his future endeavors.

Katie Dahncke, our unofficial bookkeeper, became our official Fiscal Services/Human Resources/Office Manager, and is busy updating our policies, procedures, and systems.

Sally Clampitt, formerly president on the board of directors, stepped down from that position and accepted responsibility as Interim Executive Director, and has a full plate. She is located at the International Airport Road facility.

Organizational Direction

The AK SPCA embraces its mission to reach out to the animal community. Our four departments (Spay-Neuter Clinic, Thrift Shop, Pet Adoption Center, and Pet Cemetery) are all doing extremely well. They are a wonderful mix of efforts to help animals, and to help people.

As we move forward to 2009, we have lots of plans and ideas to grow and through our new email communications, you will be the first to know about them.

Zootoo Contest

We need your help, and it will not cost you a dime! We are participating in the second annual Zootoo.com National Shelter Makeover Contest. With your help, we could have a chance to win up to \$1 million in renovations to our shelter!

Here is how you can help us:

1. **Log on** to <http://www.zootoo.com/reg/aff/alaskaspcas2>
2. **Register** with Zootoo and affiliate with our shelter
3. **Start earning points** through activities on Zootoo

Pet lovers across America will help decide which pet shelter will receive a million-dollar makeover, simply by being active on Zootoo.

The more active you are on Zootoo.com as an affiliate of Alaska SPCA, the more points you will receive, and the more points we will receive. Check it out – fun, easy and free!

Perhaps you adopted an animal at the Pet Adoption Center, or shopped in the Thrift Shop, or had a family pet spayed, neutered, vaccinated or micro-chipped in the Clinic. Or perhaps you have had a beloved companion animal buried at our pet cemetery.

A review on Zootoo from you about your positive experience with us will earn points, and increase our chances to win. Please tell your relatives and friends, too, to become an AK SPCA affiliate on Zootoo. The more reviews and activity we get, the more points we get, and the closer we come to

pet has a sweet tooth, ingesting chocolate - especially dark chocolate and chocolate used for baking - can be dangerous for dogs and cats, possibly causing vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity and even seizures.

No Sweets: Candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can be poisonous to dogs. Even small amounts can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar, which leads to depression, lack of coordination and seizures.

Watch the Door: When opening the door for trick-or-treaters, take care that your cat or dog does not dart outside.

Dangerous Decorations: Keep wires and cords from electric lights and other decorations out of reach. If chewed, your pet could experience damage to his mouth from shards of glass or plastic, or receive a possibly life-threatening electrical shock.

No Fire: Keep your pets away from jack-o-lanterns with lit candles inside - knocking the pumpkin over can easily cause a fire. And curious kittens can get burned or singed by candle flames.

Costume: Please do not put your pets in a costume unless you know that they love it. Costumes can cause skin irritations, obstruct their vision or impede their breathing.

If your pet accidentally ingests potentially harmful products, immediately consult your veterinarian or the American SPCA [Animal Poison Control Center](#) at (888) 426-4435.

winning!

Our little shelter on Arctic Road is a wonderful facility, but it is small and old and in need of major improvements – or ideally, a whole new shelter. We could rescue many more animals who will otherwise be euthanized – healthy, adoptable animals whose time has run out. Please help them. Together we can do more!

**On behalf of the animals you are helping,
thank you very much.**

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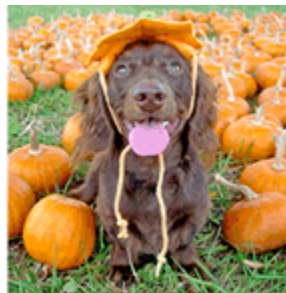
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**Click [here](#) to see our adoptable animals
on Petfinder.**

Please visit our website (www.alaskaspc.org) for more information and to see all the wonderful animals waiting for adoption. Information in this email provided by the ASPCA (no affiliation).

Thank you for being a responsible pet parent. Please help to spread the word about pet safety this Halloween!



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