

Alaska SPCA



February 2009 E-Newsletter

"Spay-ghetti & No Balls" Fundraiser Dinner

Join us for an evening of fun, a silent auction, and great food to raise money for the Alaska SPCA.

Date: Sunday, March 15, 2009

Time: 4 to 7 p.m.

Place: Guido's Restaurant, 549 W. International Airport Rd.

Cost: \$10 per person, includes plate of spaghetti, side salad, and bread. Drinks and desserts available for purchase.

Tickets: Available in advance at our Spay Clinic or Thrift Shop (549 W. International Airport Rd.), at our Adoption Center (7309 Arctic Blvd.), or Guido's.

Help us help animals who cannot help themselves, save lives, reduce the numbers of unwanted pets – by prevention not destruction, and support our Adoption Center and Spay Clinic.

Hogs 'n' Dogs Fashion Show

On January 24th, Adoption Center Manager Rick McComb, staff members Amanda Coleman and Jaime Leonard, and volunteer Judy Levitt went to the Harley Davidson Hogs 'n' Dogs Fashion Show along with a German Shepherd-mix shelter dog named "Jack". We are very grateful to the House of Harley-Davidson and Buell Motorcycle Shop to be included in this event, and two of our dogs were adopted as a direct result. If you would like to see a slide show of the day, go to <http://www.adn.com/slideshows/story/666627.html/>.

David Jensen Photography Exhibit

Photographer David Jensen has been a special friend of ours for many years. He takes most of the wonderful, professional photos of our animals for our website, newsletter, and generously donates his time.

He's a master at capturing the engaging expressions and personalities of the animals who are part of our "family". Devoted animal lovers themselves, David and wife Carol provide similar services to other rescue groups; they are true friends of animals.

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Featured Pet



Kit Kat is extremely loving, smart, adventurous, curious, a little bossy and likes to tell you how it is gonna be. She would probably prefer either a home with no other pets or with pets who are not dominant. She's been through a rough patch, but is healed, healthy, and ready for her forever home. Call 344-3622 today to find out more and to meet this special girl.

(photo by Alaska Pet-ography)

See all our available pets

We are pleased to help spread the word that David's **2009 Talking to Animals** exhibition will be held at Borders Books in Anchorage during February and March, and at Providence Hospital Heart Center during April and May. Visit his website at <http://www.alaskaportraits.com/>, where you can get more details and see his work or call (907) 868-1680.

Personnel Updates

With a note of sadness in our heart, we recently wished former Thrift Shop Manager Toni Diedrich a farewell and our very best wishes. Toni was with Alaska SPCA in various capacities since 2001, including being a volunteer caregiver to some 66 dogs in the infamous Sterling Rescue. More recently, Toni completely re-engineered our Thrift Shop by streamlining its processes and improving the store, the merchandise, and the whole shopping experience. Thank you and good luck Toni, we'll miss you!

As for that Thrift Shop vacancy, we are pleased to say that Traci Wright has stepped up to become its new manager. She first joined us as a cashier for several months, but had such a strong background in retail management that it was only natural for her to move into the manager's position. Her enthusiasm, energy and fresh ideas will be an asset during these challenging economic times. Welcome aboard in your new capacity, Traci!

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

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Pet Adoption Center: (907) 344-3622
7309 Arctic Blvd.
Anchorage, AK 99518
email: adopt@alaskaspca.org

Click here to see our adoptable animals on Petfinder.

Valentine's Day Pet-Safety Tips

- When sending a floral arrangement, request that it contain no lilies, as all species within the plant genera *Lilium* are toxic to cats.

- Stow chocolates in paw-proof drawers and cabinets. The darker the chocolate, the more likely a pet who's ingested it will suffer vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, seizures and an elevated heart rate.

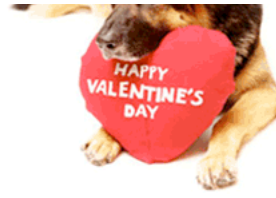
- Immediately clean up any spilled alcohol as it can harm animals – causing vomiting, lack of coordination, difficulty breathing and even coma.

- Gather up tape, ribbons, cellophane and balloons after you open presents because long, stringy and "fun-to-chew" items can get lodged in the throat or digestive tract.

If you suspect that your pet may have been exposed to any toxics, it is important that you immediately consult your veterinarian or the American SPCA [Animal Poison Control Center](http://www.alaskaspca.org) at (888) 426-4435.

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





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