

Alaska SPCA



November 2009 E-Newsletter

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Rescued Dogs Update

The seven rescued "Malamutes" that joined the Alaska SPCA in mid-October are still with us, and now we know a little more about them. There are five females (Ingrid, Honey, Gerry, Magie, and Chestnut) and two males (Mojo and Bob) aged six years and older. They are all most likely German Shepherd/ Husky/ Malamute mixes. Three of these frightened, unsocialized dogs are adapting well to other dogs and to people. Two more are showing signs that they, too, will learn to appreciate their new relationship with people. And two are still very shy and unapproachable. These special animals are not on the "adoptable" list yet, but we want to put the word out that eventually we will be looking for loving homes for them. If you're a person or family who wants to give an animal a new life filled with patience and love, here's your chance!

Vote for us again in the new Petfinder contest

The Alaska SPCA won Alaska's favorite shelter in the Petfinder/Animal Rescue Site shelter contest that ended in July. Thank you to everyone who voted to help us win the \$1,000 prize for our animals, which is being applied to the Fix-A-Feline Spay/Neuter program. The contest is back on and we're in first place – hoping to win again and use the \$1,000 prize for much-needed repairs at our Adoption Center. Click [here](#) for more information and to cast your vote for us once each day until December 20th. Thank you!

National Adopt a Senior Pet Month

It's Adopt a Senior Pet Month. Older pets have a harder time finding new homes – like Mojo, a 10-year-old Husky we rescued in October. He has arthritis and a few other special needs, but has a great heart and may soon be available for adoption. With record-setting numbers of abandoned and owner-surrendered pets stretching the capacity of shelters everywhere, it is more important today than ever before to choose the "adoption option" and adopt a shelter pet.

Alaskan anti-cruelty bills need your support

When the Alaskan legislative session begins this January, it will address two pending animal-related bills: [HB 138](#), which

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Featured Pet



Bug is a sweet 8-year-old who was rescued in the Mat Su Valley two years ago. He is very cautious in new surroundings and is learning to be trustful of people. He is never mean, just nervous and inquisitive (which happens when you've been stuck in an animal shelter for too long). Bug gets along well with other dogs and would probably be fine with cats. He is most comfortable outside, but is learning that it can be a lot of fun to be indoors, too! He is generally a calm, quiet dog, and has started walking beautifully on

strengthens the animal-cruelty statute, and [HB 6](#), which defines bestiality as an act of animal cruelty. Click [here](#) to view the text of these bills and see related links on our website. Please contact your Representatives in Juneau – your voice on this matter will make all the difference to the Alaskan animals who cannot defend themselves.

The Holidays have arrived at the Thrift Shop

Be sure to visit the [Thrift Shop](#) for some great holiday decorations. And don't forget, the Thrift Shop has a surprise sale each Saturday.

Buy-1 Anchorage cat, get-1 FREE

Our exciting "pairs program" continues to prove itself a success. Alaska SPCA will pay the adoption fee of one cat when a long-term pair of cats at [Anchorage Animal Care & Control Center](#) is adopted together to the same home. If you're looking for two cats that already get along well, check out this terrific program at AACCC.

Foster homes needed

Foster homes serve in a critical, but temporary capacity and give foster animals an opportunity to become familiar with the "family experience" – a chance for the animal's own unique personality to blossom in a way that it might not do in a shelter environment. We are currently seeking foster homes in the Anchorage area. Most foster homes for dogs should have a fenced yard unless approved otherwise, and all cats must be kept indoors. If you would like to learn more, we need you! Call our Adoption Center at (907) 344-3622 or our Business Office at (907) 562-2999. Click [here](#) for an application.

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

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Thrift Shop: (907) 562-1092
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Pet Adoption Center: (907) 344-3622
7309 Arctic Blvd.
Anchorage, AK 99518
email: adopt@alaskaspc.org

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

a leash. He will need gentle, patient people who are willing to continue working with him. Call (907) 344-3622 today to find out more and to meet this special boy.

(photo by Alaska Pet-ography)

[See all our available pets](#)

AK SPCA "Featured Pet" in the ADN

Look in the [Anchorage Daily News](#) each Monday for the "SPCA Critter" feature. You may just find the perfect new addition for your family. Thank you, ADN, for helping show off our special animals.

Pet Food Bank

We have dog food available for pets in need. If you know of someone who needs help, please let us know at (907) 562-2999.

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a few hours a week to spare helping with light office tasks, working in the Thrift Shop, or caring for an animal? If so, we need you! Please call the Business Office today and find out where and how you can best help the animals. Thank you!

**Our print newsletter will be mailed in December, so watch your mailbox!
(We will also post it online and include a link to it in our December eNews.)**

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