





## COMING SOON A NEW SIGN FOR THE SHELTER

A local artist's design for the new shelter sign on Mill Bay Road has been chosen! Watch for updates this summer on the Kodiak Animal Shelter Facebook page and Instagram.

# Pet Idol Contest

Time to show off those camera skills - and more importantly, those adorable pets - for the Humane Society of Kodiak's Pet Idol Contest & Fundraiser!

We invite all Kodiak residents to share their best shots of their prized animal companions. Cat, dog, guinea pig or goat, parrot or pony. The winning pet will not only be the featured pet in the 2024 calendar, but will also win a 3-month subscription to Meow Box, Bark Box, or Squawk Box. If your pet is in a different category, we will find an acceptable substitute.



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# **Shelter Update**



Our cats are now living in style!

We recently upgraded our outdated cat condos to state-of-the-art kitty towers. The new structure features three levels for our feline residents to play on, hammocks to lounge in, and a private potty area.

Kitties can now each have their own tower, or have the ability to comfortably share one with a friend without being cramped.

We have also added upgraded toys, scratch pads, hang out areas, and new kitty lounge chairs in the room. The cats can truly live like the royalty they already know they are while waiting for their new families in comfort and luxury.

This much needed upgrade was fully funded by proceeds from Pull Tabs at Henry's Restaurant. We would like to thank the HSK board for making our dream a reality, and our Coast Guard volunteers for donating their time to install them.

# Pet Idol Submission Details



## How and when to submit

You may submit up to 5 photos per pet between May 1 and June 30. All photos should be sent to: kodiak.petidol@gmail.com. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please re-submit your photos. All photos should be in .jpg or .png format.

## Donation

A \$5 per image donation can be made through PayPal on our website, stop by the shelter to pay, or mail your payment to PO Box 8783. If paying by check, please make it out to HSK -or- Humane Society of Kodiak.





## Voting

The Humane Society board and shelter staff determine the finalists. Public voting begins after July 5, 2023, via Facebook, Instagram & the Animal Shelter Website. Yes, you can vote on all three platforms!

# Thank-You & Recognition



One of the Humane Society of Kodiak's avid longtime supporters, Dorothy Anne Cusick, passed away in January. Anne generously supported the HSK over the years, including serving as a Board member. She and her husband George could always be counted on to provide goodies for HSK bake sales in later years. We are so thankful to Anne for her compassion and generosity. Our sincere condolences to George and their family and many friends.

The HSK welcomed Laura Beard as Board Support Assistant. Laura volunteered at the Kodiak Animal Shelter as an elementary student, graduated KHS in 2002, and returned to Kodiak in 2021. She is looking forward to working with the board and the community to support animal welfare in Kodiak.



## **Humane Society of Kodiak Programs**

Did you know that your local Humane Society does more than rescue pets? The Humane Society of Kodiak is committed to preventing animal cruelty, reducing the homeless and abandoned pet population, and promoting the proper care of animals. We accomplish this mission through several unique programs in the Kodiak community.



#### **Winston Checkers**

Francis Cater donated funds to the Humane Society of Kodiak in memory of her son, Winston, and his companion cat, Checkers. Through this endowment, each year HSK sets aside funds dedicated to providing financial assistance to seniors and those with disabilities for their cats. The fund is also to be used for senior cats in the care of community members. Financial assistance is available for veterinary care, pet food, adoption fees, and damage deposits.



#### **Pet Surrender**

Surrendering a pet can be an incredibly difficult decision and giving up a pet does not make a person an unfit pet owner. We are an open-admission shelter and we accept all (domestic) animals who come through our doors. There is a long list of people in our community waiting to give animals a home and responsible surrenders allow us to do our very best to match them with pets in need. Surrender forms are available on our website as well as at the shelter.



#### **PAL (Prevent Another Litter) Program**

This program helps us combat pet overpopulation. Participants can bring the mom and her litter to the animal shelter where staff will keep and care for the animals until it is time to wean the litter. Once weaned, we will spay the momma, make sure she is current on core vaccines, and then return her to you at no cost. This program requires participants to surrender the entire litter which will be spayed/neutered and adopted out.



#### **Pet Companion Program**

This program is intended to help elders (over the age of 60) and other persons in need of pet-related financial assistance. Funds are available to help cover adoption fees for shelter pets, pet damage deposits for housing, veterinary care expenses, and pet food and medicine expenses.

## Pull Tabs, Not Tails!

Did you know that when you play pull tabs at Henry's Great Alaskan Restaurant, you not only have a chance at winning cash, but you are also helping two of your local non-profit organizations! Proceeds from gaming activities at this location directly supports the Humane Society of Kodiak / Kodiak Animal Shelter & Kodiak Chamber of Commerce!



## **More Humane Society of Kodiak Programs**



#### **Food for Fido**

We know sometimes life happens, and you may need help with feeding your pet. When we have extra food available, we are more than happy to help.



#### **Spay and Neuter Program**

Do you need financial assistance to spay or neuter your pet? We can help!



#### Fostering

Providing a foster home is one of the most rewarding ways to help our shelter pets.



Emergency Vet Assistance

Pet vet emergencies can be expensive and we can help.





The Kodiak Animal Shelter has something for everyone!

It doesn't matter if you're 3 or 93. We have volunteer opportunities no matter what your age or skill level.

Please contact our Shelter Manager to learn more about any of these great opportunities: 486-8077 or by email at kodiaksheltermanager@gmail.com

## Humane Society of Kodiak Lifetime Members



PAUL & KAREN ANDERSON JULIA BARKLOW RANDY BUSCH ANNA CASTILLO & CRAIG OLSON GEORGE & ANNE CUSICK JANE EISMANN RUSSELL FOX JAMIE GODWIN JENNIFER & BOB GUNDERSON JAN HAAGA SALLY HALDEWANG VERN & DEBRA HALL

#### PLATINUM PAW MEMBERS

CHAD BURNSIDE & MARY FORBES

PATRICIA JACOBSON CRAIG & TERRIE JOHNSON MARCILEE JONES LINDA LANCE FRANCES POWELL BRETT RANDOLPH & JEAN MILLER ALAN SCHMITT & LINDA FREED PAULETTE SELKIRK MELVIN STEPHENS NICK & PAT SZABO MILA VAN ATTA KAREN YASHIN & DAVID HEUMAN



CRISTINA BIEBER CHRISTINA CONRATH BRAXTON DEW & ROBERTA AUSTRING RON & JUDY ELLER CECE ESPARZA MELISSA SMITH

#### SILVER PAW MEMBERS 🐃

DEBORAH BAILEY CHERYL BOEHLAND ERIC CARLSON KRISTIN DEAN & MICHAEL COREY PAMELA FOREMAN TIM & TAMMY HOCUM JACI LEDOUX JULIE MATWEYOU MARILYNN MCFARLAND MARIUS & SYLVIA PANZARELLA PAUL & MAROLYN PEDERSEN CECIL RANNEY & JUDY PHILLIPS MICHELLE SCHALLIP MYRA SCHOLZE MIKE SIROFCHUCK & STACY STUDEBAKER JOI SOUCY NATE WEBER MICHAEL WILLIAMS

#### **OTHER SUPPORTERS**

We would also like to thank those who have donated and supported our organization, including: HENRY'S RESTAURANT for hosting CHAMBER HOSPITALITY PULL TABS THE CITY OF KODIAK AMERICAN SEAFOODS PICK. CLICK. GIVE. DONORS \*If you have inadvertently been omitted from this list, we apologize. Please email us if you would like to be included in future newsletters.

We continue to be so thankful to the community members who support the Humane Society of Kodiak & the Kodiak Animal Shelter!





# MEMBERSHIP



Join today! Simply complete the form below and bring to the Shelter, or visit www.kodiakanimalshelter.org/online-membership

Full Name:		E-Mail:	
Address:			
Phone:		Pet Names:	
Annual Memberships	\$20 Individual \$40 Family	\$5 Youth Under \$5 Pet	18 \$50 Business \$15 Military
	The HSK is a 501(c)(3) no All donation	on-profit charitable on sare tax deductible	
Lifetime Memberships	\$250 - \$499 Silver \$500 - \$749 Gold F		750 - \$999 Platinum Paw 1000+ Diamond Paw
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## Remember us in your Estate Planning

There are ways for you to extend your giving and realize a tax advantage through Planned Giving, from legacy giving to lifetime income gifts. A bequest in your will is often the most direct and significant way to make a planned gift to the Humane Society of Kodiak. Another option is to bequeath a percentage of your estate, or to give the residual to the HSK after other bequests have been fulfilled.

Members and supporters of the Humane Society of Kodiak can name us as the beneficiary of a retirement or investment account or life insurance policy. Please reach out to us at humanesocietyofkodiak@gmail.com to discuss with options with our treasurer, Linda Lance.

## Prepare for Pet Emergencies with a DIY Pet First Aid Kit Idea List

Pets can get injured in a multitude of ways, so it's important to be ready for any situation. One way to prepare is by assembling a DIY dog first aid kit. You can store it in a box, backpack, shoulder bag, fanny pack, or other container. It's a good idea to have more than one kit for convenience, such as a small one for hiking, a larger one for car travel (useful in an emergency evacuation), and a comprehensive one for home use that includes all the essentials.

While we are providing a somewhat segregated list here, you should read through the whole list and decide which items are most important for you.

BARE MINIMUM	NEXT LEVEL	CONSIDERATIONS
Leash		Cleanser
Thermal Blanket	Irrigation syringe	Pet Health Documents
Gauze & non-stick gads	Beard Trimmer	Pad moisturizer
Tape or Leukotape	Razors	
🗌 Vet wrap		Brush
lodine scrub	Honey packets	🗌 Benadryl
Towel	Styptic powder	Medications
Shelf-stable treats	Antibiotic ointment	Medical Skin Stapler
	Blunt tip bandage	
Uirecutters	scissors	Sunscreen
Uet wipes		

Start by focusing on items you're comfortable with and that fit your dog's lifestyle. For example, an active hunting dog's field kit will be different from one for an elderly lap dog. Once your kit is assembled and in a convenient location, examine its contents every few months and replace expired items, while refreshing your memory about what you have and what to do with it.



Click or scan here for Active Hunting Dog's Field Kit



# Seeking Board Members for 2-year Terms

#### Who we are

As an organization, the Humane Society of Kodiak believes that all domestic animals deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. We will work with the community, rescue organizations, and foster homes on behalf of the animals to give them a second chance at finding loving forever homes.

#### Time Commitment

We meet once a month on Thursdays from 5:30 - 7:00 pm via Zoom. We are currently in a phase of financial and strategic planning for the next five years. We raise funds through Pick Click Give, Pull Tabs, Donations, Memberships, Pet Idol, and the AAUW Bazaar.

### What we hope you will be

We are looking for individuals who are passionate about the well-being of animals. In addition, we seek members who are willing to actively engage during discussions and to help move the organization forward.

### How to apply

If you are interested in joining the board as a member at large, please go directly to the application by clicking or scanning the QR code at the bottom of this page, or email humanesocietyofkodiak@gmail.com for a board member application.



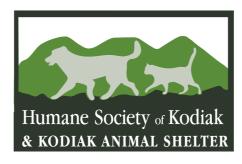
### **Coast Guard Representative**

During a recent planning session, the current Humane Society of Kodiak Board identified the need to actively seek a board member who could serve as a liaison with the Coast Guard. With the regular rotation of Coast Guard families, we have recognized that keeping information about our organization and services sometimes gets lost.

If you are active duty, or a Coast Guard spouse/dependent who is interested in helping the Humane Society of Kodiak, please email humanesocietyofkodiak@gmail.com for a board member application or go directly to the application by clicking or scanning the QR code below.



Click or scan here to complete an application HUMANE SOCIETY OF KODIAK PO BOX 8783 KODIAK, AK 99615 humanesocietyofkodiak@gmail.com kodiakanimalshelter.org



KAS Shelter Manager: Jean Turman Board Officers: Lorraine Stewart (Pres) Cindy Trussell (Vice Pres), Linda Lance (Treas), Nat Nichols (Sec) Members at Large: Karen Yashin, Chris Hicks Board Support Assistant: Laura Beard

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