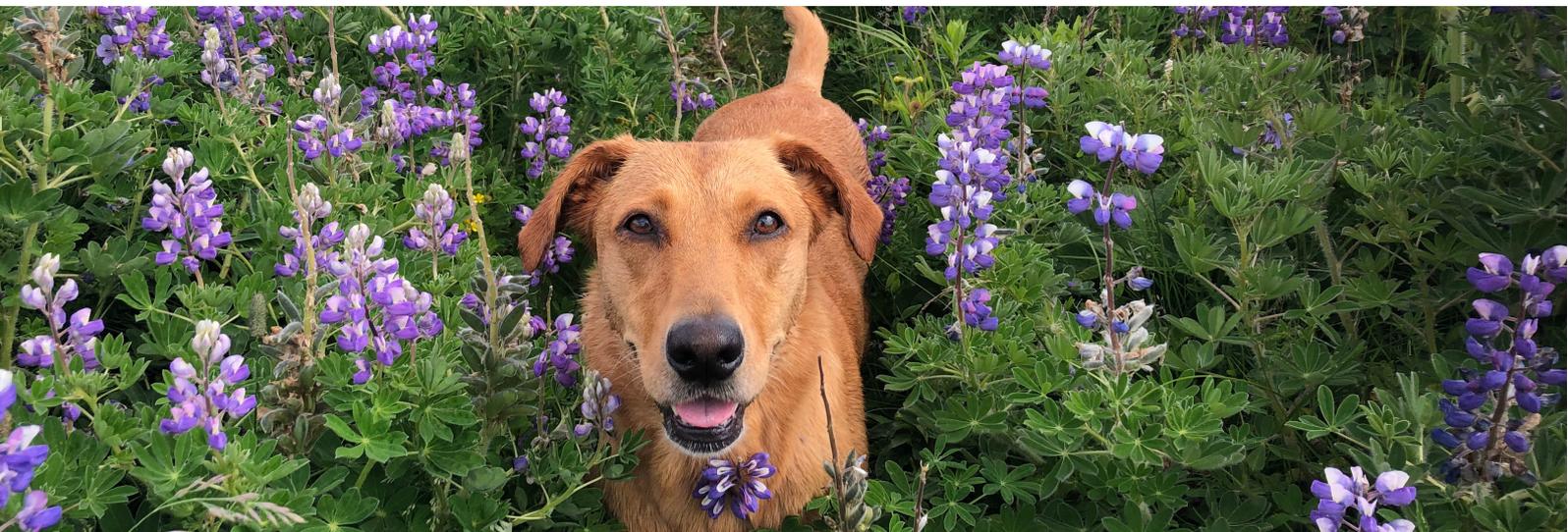


# THE PAW PRINT

Humane Society of Kodiak



COMING SOON

## HUMANE SOCIETY OF KODIAK DOG TROT

Celebrate National Walk Your Dog Week by joining in the Humane Society of Kodiak's Dog Trot Fun Run / Walk Saturday, October 1. Both two legged and four legged friends can participate in a 5K or 1 mile course. A fun event for both canines and their humans!

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2022**

Watch for more details on the Kodiak Animal Shelter Facebook page and Instagram.

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# Leash Responsibly with Dogs on Kodiak Island



Kodiak island residents have the privilege of being allowed to have dogs off-leash on two trails close to town: Parkside at Fort Abercrombie and Spruce Cape at the end of Woodland Drive. Along with this privilege comes the responsibility to make sure our dogs will come when called, stay when we need them to, and not harass wildlife. In addition, we also have the responsibility, as dog owners, to respect the other people and dogs enjoying the same trails.

Many dogs are walked with a leash. There are several reasons for this: they may be recovering from an injury, they may not have a strong recall, or they may not be great around wildlife. Two other very common reasons are that the dog may not get along with other dogs, or they may be nervous around unfamiliar people.



It can be dangerous to let on-leash and off-leash dogs meet and greet. The mixing of on-leash and off-leash dogs can increase tensions in both ourselves and our canines. These tensions can lead to dog squabbles, dog fights, long-lasting fear, aggression and/or injury. Ideally, people walking dogs on leash may avoid the two off leash dog walking areas: Parkside and Spruce Cape.



# TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR PETS SAFE ON SUMMER HIKES

*in Kodiak*



**IS YOUR DOG IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION TO DO VIGOROUS HIKES?**  
 Underlying health conditions and age may compromise their ability to tolerate strenuous activity.

**CAN YOU CONTROL YOUR DOG OFF LEASH?**  
 Hiking with a dog on leash is difficult and can be unsafe for you and your dog. Keeping them close and in your control will ensure that they don't get lost, chase wildlife, or find themselves in precarious situations.



**WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS**  
 Warmer temperatures could cause your dog to overheat during strenuous exercise. Cold/rainy temps could cause serious discomfort for small, short-haired dogs. Always take extra precautions with your senior canine no matter what the temperature.

**WHAT ABOUT WATER?**  
 Always bring an extra container of water for your canine companion. There may not be a water source on the trail or there are long distances between water sources.



**REMOVE THE POOP!**  
 "Pack it in and pack it out"; that's how we keep our trails clean for everyone. Take poop bags with you.

**CANINE FIRST AID**  
 Gauze, non-stick bandages, tape, hydrogen peroxide and an eye dropper or syringe to flush wounds are good items to add to your backpack.



## Humane Society of Kodiak Membership

Join today! Simply complete the form below and bring to the Shelter, or visit [www.kodiakanimalshelter.org/online-membership](http://www.kodiakanimalshelter.org/online-membership)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Category & Annual Dues

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Individual Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Family Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Business Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$2 Child up to 13 years old
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$5 Child 13 – 18 years old

### Lifetime Membership

- \_\_\_\_\_ Silver Paw - \$250 - \$499
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gold Paw - \$500 - \$749
- \_\_\_\_\_ Platinum Paw - \$750 - \$999
- \_\_\_\_\_ Diamond Paw - \$1000 +

### VOLUNTEER?

- YES! I am willing to help:
- \_\_\_\_\_ Foster Animals
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer at the Animal Shelter
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Assist HSK Board of Directors

The HSK is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable corporation. All donations are tax deductible.

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# 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. It accomplishes 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.



## PAL 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 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.



## 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.



## Food for Fido: Pet Food Bank

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!



## Emergency Vet Assistance

Pet vet emergencies can be expensive and we can help.

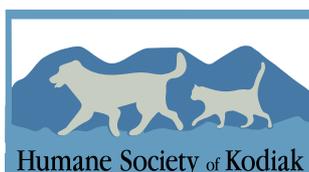


## Fostering

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

## 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!



# Shelter Update



Big things have been happening at the animal shelter! After many years of having painted cement floors we recently had new LVT flooring installed in the office, cat room, hallways and restroom. It's amazing how new floors have made us all smile little bigger every day we come to work.

We would like thank the City of Kodiak and Ty Walker of Renew Homes for making this happen. In addition to new flooring, we installed new shelving and peg board in the office to display the merchandise we have available for sale.

## FY22 SHELTER STATISTICS

### Impounds

Cats: 38  
Dogs: 69  
Rabbits: 4  
Birds: 2

### Surrenders

Cats: 20  
Dogs: 23  
Rabbits: 4  
Guinea Pigs: 2

### Reclaims

Cats: 6  
Dogs: 52  
Birds: 2

### Adoptions

Cats: 80  
Dogs: 37  
Guinea Pigs: 2  
Rabbits: 5



# Be Lepto Aware

1

Lepto is short for Leptospirosis. It is an infectious disease caused by a spiral-shaped bacteria that can cause serious illness in dogs, farm animals, wildlife, and people. It is treatable if caught early enough. However, if gone untreated it can develop into a life-threatening illness that affects the kidney, liver, brain, lungs, and heart.

2

The most common way dogs become infected is by ingesting water that has been contaminated with urine of infected animals. This water can come from puddles, groundwater, or ponds. Dogs can also become infected by the bacteria entering their system from a break in the skin caused by a cut or scratch.

3

Symptoms of Leptospirosis can develop in dogs about a week after being exposed. Common symptoms are fever, loss of appetite, loss of energy, vomiting, diarrhea, jaundice, and dehydration.

4

The Kodiak Veterinarian Clinic offers a vaccine to pets that can prevent the disease. The vaccine is given each year. You can also lower your dog's risk of leptospirosis by limiting exposure to potential sources of contamination like stagnant water, slow-moving creeks, rodents, and unmaintained canine facilities.

Prompt treatment is critical for limiting the spread of the infection to your dog's kidneys, bladder, and liver. The standard treatment is intravenous antibiotics and fluids, good nutrition, and supportive care. If treated early enough, most dogs recover after 2 weeks.

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