

The Paw Print

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Humane Society of Kodiak Receives 2024 “No-Kill Shelter” Award

We are proud to announce that, for the second year in a row, the Humane Society of Kodiak has been recognized with the 2024 “No-Kill Shelter” Award by Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. This honor is awarded to shelters that achieve a 90% or higher save rate, a benchmark that reflects our ongoing commitment to the well-being of animals in our care.

This achievement would not be possible without the tireless efforts of our dedicated staff at the Kodiak Animal Shelter. Their compassion, professionalism, and unwavering determination to find loving homes for every pet truly exemplify the mission of our organization.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the entire team at the Humane Society of Kodiak – Kodiak Animal Shelter – for this well-deserved recognition. Thank you for continuing to make a life-saving difference in our community.



FY 25 4TH QUARTER ADOPTIONS



9



6



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Spay & Neuter coupons are back!

Thanks to the nonprofit grants from the City of Kodiak and Kodiak Island Borough, we're able to help make caring for your pets a little easier (and more affordable), whether you're in the city or the borough.



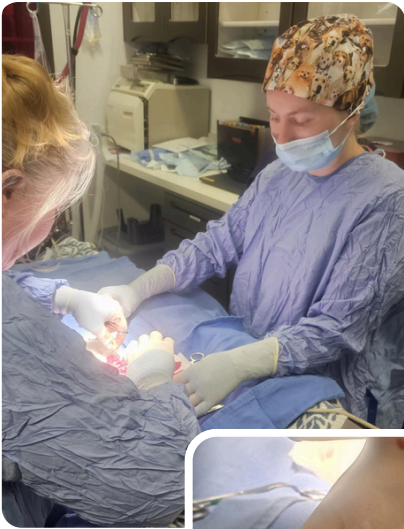
K9 Spay – \$365
K9 Neuter – \$286

Feline Spay – \$286
Feline Neuter – \$233



Call the Kodiak Animal Shelter at 907-486-8077 to find out how to snag your coupon and do something great for your furry friend!

Why a 'Simple UTI' Deserves a Second Look



When sweet LouLou started showing signs of a urinary tract infection, we thought a routine round of antibiotics would clear things up. But as the weeks went on with little improvement, it became clear something more serious was going on.

Thanks to the dedication and expertise of Dr. Smith and her incredible team at the Kodiak Veterinary Clinic, we discovered the real culprit, a massive bladder stone, nearly the size of her entire bladder! No wonder poor LouLou had been feeling so uncomfortable and grumpy.

Unlike some types of stones that can be dissolved with special diets or passed naturally, LouLou's was a calcium oxalate stone,

which usually requires surgery to remove. It's a strong reminder of how important it is to fully investigate ongoing urinary issues in our pets and what seems like a minor problem might be something much more significant.



A Heartfelt Thank You

We were thrilled to have Maggie and her mom, Victoria, stop by the shelter recently with a generous donation of goodies for our dogs and cats. Maggie's parents have instilled in her the wonderful philosophy of "save, spend, donate"—a valuable life lesson at any age. By choosing to give back to animals in need, Maggie is already making a meaningful impact in her community.

Thank you, Maggie, for your kindness and compassion, and to her family for nurturing such a thoughtful spirit! 🐾





PET IDOL WINNER

Move over, underdogs, this year, the crown goes to a cat! Meet Juno, our 2025 Pet Idol of the Year and the first feline ever to claw her way to the top of the competition. With her regal attitude, and undeniable star power, Juno wowed voters and stole hearts across Kodiak. You can catch her (and all of this year's fabulous entrants) featured in the upcoming 2026 Pet Idol Calendar, which will be available for purchase at the AAUW Bazaar. Don't miss your chance to own a piece of local pet history and support a great cause while you're at it!



Humane Society of Kodiak Membership

Join or renew your membership today
and you will remain current until January 1, 2027!

SIMPLY COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND BRING TO THE
SHELTER, OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO DO IT ONLINE

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
- _____ Help at Events

Newsletter preference: Mail _____ Email _____

Make your checks payable to:

Humane Society of Kodiak

PO Box 8783

Kodiak, AK 99615

Scan to sign up and pay online



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After Four Years in the Shelter, Senior Dog Ace Finally Finds His Forever Home

After spending four long years at the Kodiak Animal Shelter, 11-year-old Ace finally found his forever home with newlyweds Makayla and Christian Weeks on April 14. Originally from the village of Kivalina, Ace had been adopted once before, but was sadly returned due to a family medical crisis. Despite being a shelter favorite, his quirks—like trying to escape through windows and not getting along with other animals—made finding a new home difficult.



You can read the full story about Ace's amazing adoption here:

<https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2025/04/22/shelter-mascot-kodiak-senior-dog-adopted-after-4-years-shelter/>



That changed when the Weeks decided to foster him in December 2024. What was supposed to be a short-term stay turned into something much more. "He came in and made himself right at home," Makayla said. "We realized when he has a chance, he's not like that at all." Their bond quickly grew, and by spring, they knew Ace was meant to stay with them. "He filled a spot in my heart I didn't know was empty," said Christian. "He's just my best friend."

Despite his age and gray hair, Ace is full of energy, still playing and running like a puppy. For the Weeks, adopting a senior dog turned out to be life-changing. The couple encourages others to foster or adopt older dogs. "Give a dog a vacation—they deserve it,"

Shelter upgrade needed now to prevent disease, report says

By STEVE WILLIAMS
Kodiak Daily Mirror

Humane Society of Kodiak's animal shelter needs timely repairs to a concrete floor and walls in the room it uses to isolate sick dogs and cats, police chief Tim Putney said

ing the concrete floor and covering over the painted surfaces with washable plastic, two measures needed immediately to enable shelter staff to adequately isolate dogs and cats that come in with communicable diseases like canine parvovirus. An outbreak of parvo



STEVE WILLIAMS/Kodiak Daily Mirror

A sign on Mill Bay Road greets people as they enter the Kodiak Animal Shelter.

Article written by Steve Williams of the Kodiak Daily Mirror. Full article can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/KodiakDailyMirror>



Shelter Facility in Urgent Need of Repairs

The Humane Society of Kodiak's animal shelter is in critical need of repairs to maintain health and safety standards.

The shelter's isolation area, used for animals with communicable diseases, requires immediate upgrades, including sealing porous concrete floors and installing washable wall coverings to prevent the spread of infections like canine parvovirus.

The current facility, built in the 1970s, has experienced repeated outbreaks of upper respiratory infections, Coccidia, Giardia, and most recently Canine Parvo Virus, resulting in significant veterinary costs and loss of animals. Former Community Service Officer Olivia Lyons emphasized in a June letter to Chief Putney, that the building is "fundamentally inadequate" for proper disease containment.

While the shelter staff continues to do an exceptional job under difficult conditions, space limitations and outdated infrastructure, major challenges remain. The City of Kodiak is assisting with short-term retrofitting, but long-term solutions will require a new facility - something the Humane Society hopes to pursue within the next five years through grants and a capital campaign.

Celebrate National Walk Your Dog Week at the Annual Dog Trot

free registration with a membership

Join us on Saturday, October 4th, at Kodiak College! Choose between a 1-mile or 2-mile walk with your dog and help raise money for the Humane Society of Kodiak and Kodiak Animal Shelter.

You may pre-register online or come at 9:30AM on event day to register for the pet costume contest; judging starts promptly at 9:45 AM. The trot kicks off at 10:00 AM. The categories are Most Creative DIY, Cutest Group/Couple, Pop Culture Pups, Funniest Fido, Best in Show, and People's Choice.

Registration

\$15.00 or \$25

with a

membership.

Pre-register to

guarantee your

limited-edition

Dog Trot t-shirt!

(\$35 registration

fee includes t-

shirt and

membership)



Register Now!

humane-society-of-kodiak.square.site



Calling All Bakers!

We are looking for bakers to help stock our Humane Society of Kodiak booth at the upcoming AAUW Bazaar in November! Delicious homemade treats, for both people and pets, are needed. Whether you specialize in cookies, cupcakes, or creative dog biscuits, we'd love your support and your creations! If you're interested in donating goodies, please email humanesocietyofkodiak@gmail.com. Thank you for helping us make this event a sweet success!



While the new Kodiak Animal Shelter sign looked great during the day, up until last month, it was hard to see after dark. Following a week of trenching along the shelter driveway for conduit, wiring to the sign, and placement of new lights, our new sign is visible all the time. Our thanks to the Kodiak Public Works Department and Charlie Jerling of Local Electric for lighting up the night, or least our spot on Mill Bay Road.



Supporting HSK- Now and for the Future

There are dozens of ways you can support HSK's mission: Rummage sales, Facebook birthday fundraisers, memorial gifts and through our Amazon Wish List just to name a few. Here are a few other ways you can support HSK's work now and in the future.

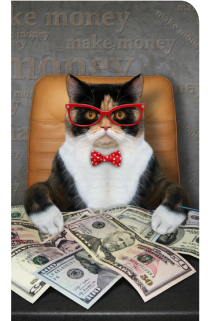


Angel Club Monthly Giving

By pledging to make a monthly donation, Angel Club members make a special commitment to the animals with the ease that comes with signing up for an automatic gift each month. Contact the animal shelter if you would like more information about how you can do this.

Smart Giving Through IRA as a Qualified Charitable Distribution

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a tax-efficient way for people to make a donation from their IRA, which also counts toward their annual Required Minimum Distribution. Enjoy your retirement knowing you're saving animals' lives. Speak with your financial advisor for information how you can set this up.



Stocks or Other Securities



Donating non-cash assets often comes with greater tax benefits, allowing you to make a larger impact for homeless pets at lower personal financial cost. When you donate to Humane Society of Kodiak, you're investing in a meaningful cause that has the power to bring about positive transformation in our world. Speak with your financial advisor for information how you can set this up.

Planned Giving

Plan a gift for tomorrow that won't cost you anything today. By leaving a gift to HSK in your will, you are joining others who have chosen to build a legacy of saving lives for many years to come. Speak with your financial advisor for information how you can set this up.



Donor-Advised Funds (DAF)

When you use your DAF balance to grant a gift to HSK, you're investing in Helping Animals Live On. Speak with your financial advisor for information how you can set this up.

Letter from the President

When the Humane Society of Kodiak began in 1994, our goal was simple, help animals with nowhere else to go and give them a second chance. That mission hasn't changed. Every wagging tail, gentle purr, and family photo reminds us why we do this work. Our animals find loving homes, and their humans find unconditional love in return.

Rescue work isn't always easy. There's heartache, but it's outweighed by the happy endings we see every day. I'm grateful for our small but mighty board and shelter staff who make those endings possible.

This year, we're lucky to welcome two wonderful new board members! Laurie Murdock has called Kodiak home for years and is active in the community through groups like the Senior Center and Arts Council. She's also a lifelong friend to rescue pets. Katie Palmer-Gonzalez recently moved here from Nikiski with her partner, Azure. She leads the Therapy Department at Providence and enjoys reading, DIY projects, and time with her furry family.

Please join me in welcoming Laurie and Katie. Their compassion and dedication will help us keep writing "happily ever after" stories for the animals of Kodiak.

Linda Lance
HSK President



Katie



Laurie

We'd like to offer a heart felt thanks to the wonderful organizations that help support HSK's animals!



Emerald Island Redgate Pet Lodge,
Home Away From Home, LLC



KODIAK
Veterinary Clinic



To learn more about our life-saving programs, visit our website at humanesocietyofkodiak.org

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