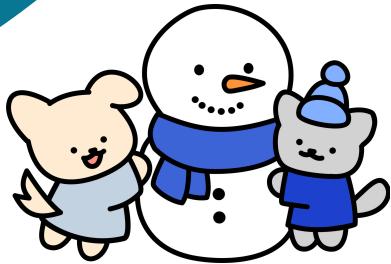


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## Humane Society Presents Urgent Shelter Repair Needs to City Council

President Linda Lance, joined by Shelter Manager Jean Turman, board member Laurie Murdock, and Chief Putney, recently presented to the City Council to address critical repair needs in the older section of the animal shelter.

During the presentation, council members were informed that the current conditions are no longer safe or suitable for housing animals. The existing dog runs are outdated, rusted, and difficult to properly sanitize, creating both safety and hygiene concerns.

An estimated repair cost of approximately \$150,000 was shared. Proposed improvements include replacing the dog runs, sealing and repairing floors, covering walls to eliminate porous surfaces, installing a proper ventilation and exhaust system, and completing minor electrical upgrades.

Both the City and the Humane Society of Kodiak will be actively exploring grant opportunities and other funding sources to help offset the cost of these much-needed improvements and ensure a safer, healthier environment for the animals in their care.



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## Humane Society makes case for shelter repairs

By STEVE WILLIAMS  
Kodiak Daily Mirror

The Kodiak City Council will include repairs to the Humane Society of Kodiak's Animal Shelter on Mill Bay Road in the upcoming city budget.

Humane Society president Linda Lance outlined the improvements the shelter needs to maintain a healthy environment for the nearly 200 animals the shelter houses.

Old concrete floors and plywood walls, and inadequate ventilation in the shelter's impound and isolation rooms — in place since the shelter was built in the 1970s — promote infectious intestinal

and respiratory diseases, and make the shelter a dangerous place for shelter dogs and cats alike.

The shelter is suffering a lot of upper respiratory infections in the cat room, which is about ventilation, close proximity and so forth. It's very difficult when you have a number of animals in a small space.

It takes a lot of effort to treat them and get them well again in the impound room ... this is the area that we need the most improvement in," Lance said.

Over the past five years, there have been more than 100 upper respiratory infections, caused 16 fatalities, 23 cases of the internal parasite Coccidia, which requires isolation, seven Giardia cases,

and 15 cases of canine parvo virus that killed six unvaccinated puppies that were turned in to the shelter.

The shelter is suffering a survey compiled last summer by former Kodiak Police Department Community Service Officer Olivia Lorenz.

Lorenz wrote that poor surfaces, including porous concrete floors and plywood walls in makeshift quarantine areas are especially dangerous for sick animals.

"The shelter's deteriorating poses a significant challenge, as it is porous and retains viruses. Bleach is ineffective on these surfaces, and only accelerates the damage," Lorenz said.

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**HSK Annual Meeting**  
**March 3, 2026, 6:00pm. Kodiak College, Rm. 106, Benny Benson Bldg.**  
**Refreshments provided.**  
**There will be a recap of a busy year and what's yet to come!**

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## Protecting Your Dog's Paws

Winter weather can be tough on your dog's paws. Ice, packed snow, and freezing temperatures can cause cracking, dryness, and even bleeding. Sharp ice edges may cut paw pads, while snow can pack between toes, leading to painful ice balls and irritation. Road salt and chemical deicers are especially dangerous. These products can burn paw pads, cause sores, and may be toxic if licked off after a walk.



Signs of trouble include limping, excessive licking, redness, or visible cracks or bleeding. To help protect your pup, wipe paws after walks, check regularly for cuts or ice buildup, and consider using pet-safe booties or paw balm. Choosing pet-friendly ice melt around your home also makes a big difference. A little extra care goes a long way in keeping your dog comfortable, safe, and happy all winter long.

## FY26 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER ADOPTIONS



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