

## Adoption Center's longest residents find forever homes!



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**Sophie**, a beautiful brindle Pit Bull rescued from Anchorage Animal Care and Control was with us for nearly two years. But in February, Kaylee B. of Anchorage adopted Sophie and it's been a wonderful match – lots of snuggling, rides in the truck, hiking, and sometimes even going to work together. Says Kaylee "...be patient with the pets [you] adopt. It took Sophie and me about a month to figure each other out and develop a routine, but now we have a very happy relationship, and I couldn't ask for a more perfect dog." As the only pet in the household, Sophie is in seventh heaven with her very special family.



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She was fine and healthy at the Adoption Center, but the months and years rolled by, other cats came and went, and Bella never found her very own special person. That changed in February, when Megan and Adam P. took her home, and Bella blossomed into a personable, loving, playful companion who, at nine years old, behaves like



a young girl again! And with her fancy hair cut, she sure isn't a wall flower any more!

**Mawme** (now called Bella) had been our longest resident. She arrived at our Fat Cat Inn a whopping SIX years ago, as a rather ordinary three-year-old Tabby who was quiet and didn't do much to show herself off.

*Thanks to Bella's and Sophie's new families for sharing these updates with us! Success stories like these are why we do what we do.*



## Board member Sutherland will focus on Malamute Rescue

Long-time Alaska SPCA board member, vice president, and secretary, Bob Sutherland, will be stepping down from the board in May or June.

As you may know, Bob is an ardent dog enthusiast, and for the past several years has spent countless hours at the Adoption Center during his lunch hours (he works nearby) walking dogs. In several cases, he has devoted himself to addressing some of the dogs' more challenging behavioral issues, and succeeded... resulting in happy, well-adjusted animals who were able to find their forever home, thanks largely to his efforts.

But what you may not know is that Bob also heads his own rescue group, Malamute Rescue of Alaska ([www.petfinder.com/shelters/AK32.html](http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/AK32.html), or just do a Google search for "Malamute Rescue Alaska").

Bob wants to spend more time with his group, and, as sad as we are to lose him on our board, we wholeheartedly support his efforts on behalf Alaska's State Dog.

Bob, we are grateful for your loyalty, commitment, and service to the Alaska SPCA and its board. We wish you the very best, and look forward to supporting you and Malamute Rescue of Alaska.



*Bob's three Malamutes: Valley, Jago, and Rocket, taking a rest during a day of skiing. From Bob's blog at <http://funhog-fundogs.blogspot.com/>*

# Alaska SPCA News

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## Mission Statement

The Alaska SPCA's mission is to protect animals from cruelty, be an advocate for their moral and ethical treatment, provide them with shelter and care when in need, educate the public on responsible pet ownership, and provide the community with a low-cost spay/neuter program.

## History

The Alaska SPCA was originally founded in 1955 as the Anchorage SPCA, and changed its name and mission in 1965 to reach out to our whole state. This is not an easy task, but as resources permit, our reach gets broader and broader. It is our belief that animals everywhere, as living creatures, are entitled to basic rights relating to their care, treatment and protection. To this day, the Alaska SPCA continues to devote its efforts and resources to the rescue, humane care and treatment of our special animal friends.

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## Our Locations

Alaska SPCA Thrift Shop,  
Spay/Neuter Clinic, and Business Office  
549 W. International Airport Dr. #B2  
Anchorage, AK 99518

AK SPCA Adoption Center  
7309 Arctic Blvd.  
Anchorage, AK 99518

Memory Lane Pet Cemetery  
Willow, Alaska

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[www.alaskaspc.org](http://www.alaskaspc.org)

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# Notes

FROM THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



of the animals you are helping, please know how much you are appreciated.

Sally Clampitt, Executive Director

## Board of Directors

In addition to Bob Sutherland, the remaining four board seats are held by Roy Scheller (President), Nicole McCullough (Treasurer), Mary O'Connor, and Mary Vavrick. All of our directors bring their own unique and valuable talents:

- As Deputy Executive Director of Hope Community Resources, Roy brings a wealth of non-profit management and organizational experience to the table, and has been instrumental in guiding us through several important transitions that have helped us grow and strengthen.

- Nicole is a community planner, and is a strong proponent and contributor to strengthening our planning and development functions, especially with regard to financial issues and a new shelter.

- Mary O is an enthusiastic and dedicated volunteer for our thrift shop, the cats at our shelter, our Fix-A-Feline program, and the cats at Anchorage Animal Care and Control. She also is an active foster home for cats transitioning from animal control to our shelter. She and Nicky form a committee to map out a process and timeline for planning and building a new shelter.

- Mary V is a dedicated dog owner, is familiar with municipal dog parks, is a strong liaison with many dog owners in Anchorage, conducts a private annual fundraiser for us, and as a court reporter, brings some legal insight to the table.

Dear Friends:

It is so good to see Spring finally arriving, and with it, an opportunity to move ahead with an important project at our Adoption Center. Three new individual dog kennels with attached runs will be added to our current facility.

The kennels will be built in an existing, heated area, with the attached turnouts extending into the smaller middle yard behind the office. We are grateful to American SPCA, Greg and Trish Peters, and Exxon-Mobil (see more information next page). Keep an eye on the web site for pictures and more details.

Many thanks to all who participated in our second Spay-ghetti Fundraiser and Silent Auction on March 17th. Proceeds of \$10,000 are dedicated to this season's Fix-a-Feline Mobile Low-to-No-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic.

A heartfelt thank you to all of the wonderful artists and local businesses who donated to the silent auction, and to the wonderful volunteers who gave so generously of their time to make this event happen. Please visit our web site for a complete list of their names.

This newsletter would not be complete without acknowledging the wonderful staff here at Alaska SPCA. Their hard work and loyalty to our mission is at the core of our organization.

To each and every one of you, on behalf

## Board seeking to fill Bob's opening seat

The Board of Directors is seeking an individual to fill the seat soon to be vacated by Bob Sutherland. In accordance with the By-Laws, this vacancy "...shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the entire board, ..." We invite letters of interest from people who might like to serve on the board.

Although we will not limit our consideration to just the following, we are very interested in candidates who might have experience in marketing and PR, accounting and finance, veterinary services, or the practice of law. Our new director must be a dedicated animal lover, share our values, be available for monthly board meetings (and occasional special meetings and functions) and respect the

seriousness and importance of the fiduciary responsibilities involved in overseeing the management of the organization. Directors are not paid.

If you would like to know more about the possibility of serving on our board, please submit a letter of interest telling us about yourself, your experience, why you would like to serve, and why you would be an asset to the board. Letters should be sent to the following by June 30, 2010:

Sally Clampitt, Exec. Director  
Alaska SPCA

549 W. International Airport Rd.  
Anchorage, AK 99518

The next step in the selection process will be to contact appropriate candidates for a personal interview.

# Tails FROM THE front lines

## Adoption's

We have adopted out 33 animals in the first 4 months of 2010. This is a credit to our Adoption Center staff, who endured major repairs and closures to parts of the facility, rescued seven unsocialized Malamutes who took up

two entire yards for part or all of the winter, and who were short-staffed some of the time. But everyone certainly rose to the occasion, and with help from our wonderful volunteers, the shelter and its 4-footed wards ticked right along. Many thanks to you all for the wonderful job, and to our adopters for becoming such a special part of the Alaska SPCA family.

## Adoption Center

The Adoption Center is getting an upgrade. Three new indoor/outdoor individual kennels are being configured in an existing space to provide more flexibility to how our dogs are housed.

Keeping the dogs in small compatible groups is healthier for them – they are always free to run and play – but it does pose some restrictions on how to deal with dogs who either develop, or arrive with, special needs that are handled better in an individual space. Now we will have the best of both worlds.

Many thanks to the American SPCA for their generous \$2,500 grant for this project, to Greg and Trish Peters for the many volunteer hours they spent participating in the ExxonMobil Foundation's Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP), and to ExxonMobil for its planning, labor, and additional matching funds for this project.

We are so fortunate to have the support of ExxonMobil and its employees for this project, as well as for everyone's ongoing generosity in the past.

## Fix-a-feline: 3

Fix-a-Feline (FAF) is Alaska SPCA's low-to-no-cost mobile spay/neuter clinic just for cats. It runs from June through August, one weekend day a week (except holidays), in different areas throughout Anchorage.

FAF helps reduce the number of unwanted/unplanned kittens by serving people who cannot afford to have their cats "fixed."

This past winter, FAF extended its surgery days through the winter by performing surgeries in our low-cost clinic one Sunday a month. It was a big success, and we were very glad to help people do the responsible thing for their cats.

FAF surgeries are by appointment only. If you or someone you know needs a cat spayed or neutered but cannot afford it, please call FAF at 230-2171 – we can help!

## Thrift Shop Hours

Our June hours will be 11am to 7pm, Mon-Fri, and 10am to 7pm on Saturday.

## Spay/Neuter Clinic

Our Clinic staff are always busy. The table at right shows our spay/neuter surgery numbers so far this year. As of May, the Alaska SPCA has spayed or neutered 1,141 animals!

2010	DOGS	CATS	RABBITS	TOTAL
JAN	172	61	4	237
FEB	162	105	1	268
MAR	197	116	1	314
APR	197	122	3	322

## Yes! I would like to support the animals of the Alaska SPCA

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make checks payable to Alaska SPCA)

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

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

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

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Sign-up for our email list (we will not share your info)*

### My gift is:

- In honor of...  This is a person  
 In memory of...  This is an animal

Please send acknowledgment to:

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

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

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

*For credit card donations, please call (907) 562-2999, or visit [www.alaskasPCA.org](http://www.alaskasPCA.org) – click on "How You Can Help" to donate online*

### Other ways you can help:

- I can contribute time and/or services as a volunteer  
 I would like to know more about fostering  
 I would like to include AK SPCA in my estate



## Thank you!

*The Alaska SPCA is a 501c3 organization. Please return this form and donation to:*

**Alaska SPCA**

549 W. Int'l Airport Rd, Suite B-2  
Anchorage, AK 99518



Adopt me!  
I'm MAGGIE

# Lonely Paws CLUB

**We're waiting at the adoption center for you!**

Animals shown here have been spayed/neutered, vaccinated, micro-chipped and are in good health. Call 344-3622 or visit [www.alaskasPCA.org](http://www.alaskasPCA.org) for details.



Adopt me!  
I'm HONEY



Adopt me!  
I'm JUNEBUG



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Adopt me!  
I'm TOMA



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Adopt me!  
I'm CLYDE



Adopt me!  
I'm ROVER

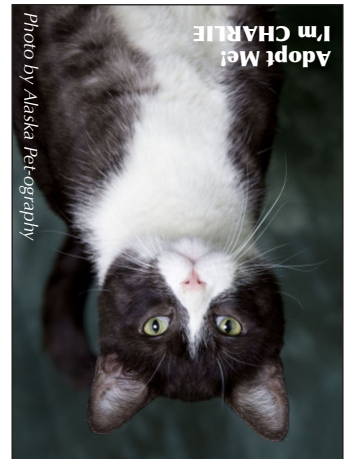
## Alaska SPCA Low-cost Services

	DOG	CAT		DOG	CAT
Spay	\$80	\$65	Bordetella	\$12	-
Neuter	\$65	\$40	Microchip	\$30	\$20
Distemper/Parvo	\$16	\$16	Health Certificate	\$40	\$40
Feline Distemper	-	\$10	Adoption Fee	\$150	\$125

Rabbit Neuter	\$65
Small Animal Burial	\$250
Horse Burial	\$500

Please call 562-2999 for more information or to make an appointment for all services except adopting a dog or cat. For adoptions, please visit our Adoption Center/Shelter at 7309 Arctic Blvd, in Anchorage, or call 344-3622.

**Please help!**  
Donate in person, by mail, phone, or online.



Adopt Me!  
I'm CHARLIE

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