

Projects

Kootenai Pets for Life

This has been a wonderful year for Kootenai Pets For Life. When we began in 2001, our main goal was to end the use of euthanasia to control the abandoned pet population of Lincoln County. In 2009, we signed a contract with the county to take over the care of impounded animals and find homes for them. This ended the need to euthanise animals and helped us accomplish our main goal.

We constructed a new shelter on a wing and a prayer -- using very little money but lots of volunteer help and donations. We were able to raise an additional \$6,000 to put in an air exchange system which brings in fresh air, warms it and maintains relative humidity so that the cats can breathe better and be healthier.



Our main fundraisers are the Bow Wow Bash and Meow Mania Dinner and auction, a humungous rummage sale, the duck races, and a fundraising letter to all of our supporters which raised \$4000.

We are employing a veterinarian to come to the shelter three or four times a month. We constructed a clinic as part of the building and he operates out of that. This is so handy because we no longer need to transport animals to Bonners Ferry or Kalispell and people from town can bring in their pets for treatment right here. Dr. White comes from Heron where he practices two weeks each month. (The other two he spends at his former job in California. We enjoy working with him and love the convenience.

The new shelter is wonderful work in. We have many animals and are bursting with the animals from the county. The building is clean, bright, and now with the air exchange system a very good place for the animals.

We depend on the generosity of our donors to keep us afloat -- it's a month to month operation. We have many dedicated volunteers who spend countless hours cleaning, grooming, playing with the animals and keeping up with administrative chores.

All in all it's been a very good year for Kootenai Pet For Life !!!!

