

THE PAW PRINT

Humane Society of Kodiak



2021 Pet Idol Winner: Walker



We are proud to announce that Walker the Rottweiler wins the Kodiak Pet Idol Contest this year with 163 votes!

He is now a happy dog receiving a 3-month subscription to a Super Chewer box.

The top 12 include Otis, Brodie, Elsa, Sadie, Fletcher, Elsa & Bruce, Ziggy, Coco, Una, Bruce, and Boomer.

Thank you to all who entered photos this year. Start getting some good fall and winter photos of your pets to enter in next year's contest.

Pet Idol Calendars will be available in early November. Get yours at the Kodiak Animal Shelter ... don't wait too long or they'll be gone!

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Steve did not take long to make himself at home. He was very excited when we first brought him home, he was determined to explore every room, crawl into any open cabinet and already decided that the bed was his as well.

Steve is very cuddly and will never let you relax without him. If Steve feels ignored for too long he will meow until you pay attention to him or pick him up.

He likes his alone time occasionally and will lay in his cat tree or some random like the bottom of our TV stand, but always comes right meowing until you pay attention to him again.



Steve is also very playful. He loves swatting around pom-pom balls or anything round like avocado pits and grapes. He likes to chase feather toys and a laser pointer.

Steve will often get the zoomies if you don't let him out enough and will run all around the house bumping into things.

Which is why we often let Steve play with the neighbor's cat who he befriended after pawing at him the first couple times.

Steve loves taking trips to the beach but not for the sand. Steve loves climbing on Rocks, and for whatever reason whenever he finds a smooth rock he likes to slide down it on his back, (Probably makes a good back scratcher.) We also take Steve on walks, not usual for cats but he loves to explore especially thick forest areas. We had to get him a leash because he will just disappear into the bushes then reappear 2 hours later. Steve is very friendly and loves meeting new people as well.

everywhere we take him he gets a new fan.

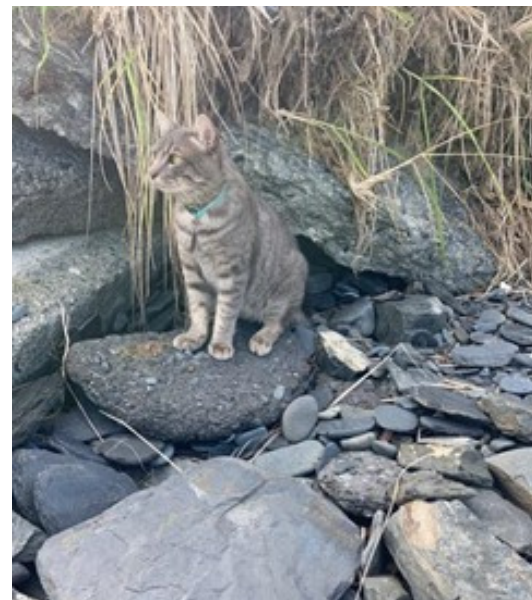
All in all Steve is the perfect cat for me and my wife.

He keeps us company while the other works, (Will hardly ever leave you alone) If your having one of those do nothing days he will lay in bed with you the whole time, and will try to eat your snacks this Cat has a sweet tooth and will try to eat your candy or lick up your frosting.

Steve can play independently or with you either way he keeps himself entertained.

Likes to explore with us, which keeps us out of the house because my wife loves watching him get curious and explore new areas.

Steve really is an odd Cat, as my wife tells me, (who grew up with two cats) I did not but am becoming a fan myself. Steve fits right into our little family and we already forgot what it was like when we didn't have Steve.



By: Noah Ross

Leaving our pets and our home offices to return to work

The COVID-19 pandemic has had quite an impact on all of us, including our pets. For those of us who began working from home, our pets have become used to this new routine of having their people with them day and night. For some pets, our transition back to the workplace will be a difficult process. Here are a few tips that may help ease the stressful transition.

First, you will want to help your pet by getting them used to being left alone for short periods of time prior to your full departure from the home office. Slowly increase the amount of time that you are away from your home. It is important to stay calm when leaving and returning as to not get your pet overly excited or stressed. Our pets are quick to learn our routines and this should help ease the stress your pet feels when you leave.

Exercise is another important tool for helping with the transition. If possible, take your pet for a walk prior to leaving for work to release some anxiety and help them remain calmer while you are away. If your pet does not go on walks, try spending some time actively playing with your pet. Leave toys out for your pet while you are away to keep them from getting bored.

Like many of us, our pets have also gained a little extra weight during the COVID lockdowns. Extra treats, continuously full water and food bowls have become the norm for your pet. Going back to work will certainly shake up this routine that your pet has grown accustomed to. Prior to returning to the office, re-establish feeding, watering, and treats routines. This will also help control the potty breaks needed throughout the day!

The most important thing is to love your pets through the transition and understand that it may be difficult at first, but it will become routine over time.



Humane Society of Kodiak Membership

Join today! Simply complete the form below and bring to the Shelter, or visit www.kodiakanimalshelter.org/online-membership



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VOLUNTEER?

YES! I am willing to help with:

_____ *Fostering*

_____ *Volunteering at the Shelter*

_____ *Assist the Humane Society of*

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HSK is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable corporation. Your membership and donation are tax deductible.

Make your checks payable to:

Humane Society of Kodiak

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Preparing your pets through fall and winter in Kodiak

Learn about Trapping and Know What To Do (from ADF&G)

Know when trapping seasons are open. In Kodiak, the most intensive period begins November 10 and lasts through the end of March. Though year-round trapping is allowed for red squirrels.

Assume all maintained winter trails might have traplines. Keep control of your pet at all times.

To be even safer, keep your pet leashed. If you encounter traps or snares, leash your pet and leave the area. Understand how to remove a trap or snare before going outside, remember that it is against state law to move or tamper with any legally set traps or snares, and carry the ADF&G brochure with you.

How Cold is Too Cold?

Some dogs are more susceptible to the cold than others. Short-coated, thin, elderly, or very young dogs get cold more quickly – so adjust the amount of time they stay outside! If your dog enjoys being outdoors and you will be outside longer than a few minutes, consider outfitting it with a sweater or coat to keep it warm. Hypothermia and frostbite pose major risks to dogs in winter, so remember, if it is too cold for you, it is probably too cold for your dog!



Make Some Noise!

Cats often sleep in the wheel wells of cars during the winter months to keep warm. If you start your car and a cat is sleeping on your tire, it can be severely hurt or even killed by moving engine parts. Prevent injuries by banging loudly on your hood or honking the horn before starting your car. This will wake up the cat and give it a chance to escape before starting the car.

Wipe their paws!

During winter walks, your dog's paws can pick up all kinds of toxic chemicals – salt, antifreeze, or de-icers. Be sure to wipe off your dog's paws when you return from walks to prevent him from licking it off and becoming sick. Purchase pet-safe de-icers for your home for an extra level of safety. And when wiping off your dog's paws, remember to check for signs of injury, such as cracked or bleeding paws.

Keep them leashed!

More pets become lost in the winter than any other season because snowfall can disguise recognizable scents that would normally help them find their way home. Prevent your pets from becoming lost by keeping dogs leashed on walks and, just in case you are separated from your pets, make sure their collars have up-to-date contact information and they are microchipped.

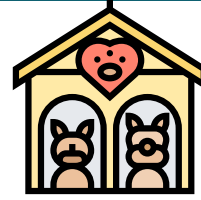
Be seen!

During our long dark winter keep your pets visible by outfitting them with highly visible reflective or glow-in-the-dark collars, leashes, and even battery-powered blinkers that stand out will help keep them safe.

Avoid the ice!

When walking your dog, be sure to avoid frozen lakes and ponds. Your dog could be seriously hurt or even killed if the ice breaks.

HSK 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. Please contact our Shelter to learn more about any of these great opportunities: 486-8077 or by email at kodiaksheltermanager@gmail.com

Winston Checkers (Special Support for Cats): 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.

Emergency Vet Assistance: Pet vet emergencies can be expensive and we can help.

Food for Fido: 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.

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

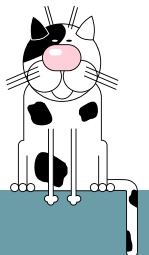
PAL (Prevent Another Litter) Program: This program helps us combat pet overpopulation. Participants can bring the mom and her litter to the animal shelter where staff will keep and care for the animals until it is time to wean the litter. Once weaned, we will spay the momma, make sure she is current 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 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.

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.

Spay and Neuter Program: Do you need financial assistance to spay or neuter your pet? We can help!

Volunteers Always Welcome! Looking for an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of shelter pets? We need you.



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!



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