



# ANCHORAGE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL ANIMAL SHELTER NEWS FOR APRIL 2010

HOURS: Monday through Friday 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.  
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'Pets & People Partnering for Success'  
Shelter Dog Training Program for young people with disabilities to hold first graduation

Stone Soup Group (SSG) and the Anchorage Animal Care & Control Center (AACCC) will be holding the first ever Shelter Dog Training Program graduation. This pilot program is part of SSG's pet therapy program, Pets & People Partnering for Success, which has worked to develop and promote animal related programs and activities that benefit Alaskans experiencing developmental disabilities and other special needs. These programs foster healthy physical interaction, emotional bonding and social skill development.

"Pet therapy and other animal related programs encourage community inclusion, help kids and teens learn new animal care skills, as well as create opportunities for young people to feel a sense of accomplishment and receive unconditional love from a pet who in turn benefits from the love of its human companion," says AACCC training volunteer, Kathy Broome, who has been leading the six-week training class for young adults. "The program graduates have learned so much, and gained so much in terms of self confidence and sensitivity toward their shelter animals."

The event will honor "Shelter dogs' best friends": David, Ayanna, Elizabeta, Tom, and Rebecca; as well as their teen mentors: Kevin, Rebecca, and Alex.

## So many ways to keep up with what's happening at AACCC!

Are you on FaceBook? Become a Fan of our "Anchorage Animal Care and Control Center" page!

Are you on Twitter? Follow us at AKPetLover!

Want more information on AACCC services or Title 17 (Municipal Code relating to domesticated animals)? Check out our website: [www.muni.org/animal](http://www.muni.org/animal)

## Shelter Dog Training Classes, Saturdays at 2:30pm

Come join us to see our volunteers in action! Volunteers work with dogs currently available for adoption on basic commands through reward and praise based training techniques. The public is welcome to watch. No public animals please. If you would like to help train our shelter animals, go to the Volunteer Page of our website and fill out the downloadable application. All persons interested in helping must be a current volunteer at the Center and have attended the Intro to Shelter Dog Training Class first. Contact Megan at 343-8252 for more information.

## Shelter Doggie Play Group, Sundays at 1pm

Our dogs need socialization, just like people do! Our volunteers allow dogs currently available for adoption to meet and play in a supervised environment, for fun and learning. The public is welcome to watch. No public animals please. If you would like to help out with Doggie Play Group, go to the Volunteer Page of our website and fill out the downloadable application. All persons interested in helping must be a current volunteer at the Center. Contact Megan at 343-8252 for more information

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Please meet Elsie, a 1.5 year old, spayed female, domestic medium-hair mix cat. She warms up very quickly to new people and can't wait to be pet. She is very soft, purry, and loves her chin rubs. She likes lap time for cuddles and will nudge your hand to get attention. She has a cute, playful side as well, and will roll over to show how adorable she can be. She can be adopted for \$62, as she is already spayed, which includes her vaccinations and microchip.



Here is Kiwi, a 14 year old, spayed female, domestic longhair mix. She came into us as a stray with lots of mats and now has her fur done in a lion cut to show for it! She may be a senior cat, but she has lots of love still in here. She is a sweetheart, who loves to be held and give kitty kisses. She is very gentle and can be very talkative. She is looking for a home where she can relax and cuddle with her people. She can be adopted for \$62, as she is already spayed, which includes her vaccinations and microchip.

Here is Sheeba, an adult, female, domestic mediumhair mix cat. She is a total love sponge, enjoying all the attention she can get! She is very friendly and outgoing, enjoys being groomed and having her cheeks, chin, ears and belly rubbed. She will roll all over for pets and is so adorable she will steal your heart! Along with her lovely personality, she also has gorgeous green eyes. She can be adopted for \$142, which includes her spay surgery, vaccinations, and microchip.



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