



Pet Talk

Welcome to *Pet Talk*, an occasional column about homeless pets and related topics. This month we're discussing the so-called **Giving Season**. That is, the time of year when generous donors and other entities feel especially strongly about sharing for the benefit of favorite causes.

So why support nonprofit organizations like Flathead Shelter Friends? First, we exist solely for the purpose of supporting the many homeless pets housed at Flathead County Animal Shelter.

Below are examples of the charitable work funded in whole or part by Flathead Shelter Friends over the years—enabled by our generous supporters. We funded several kennel expansion and remodeling projects, and a building addition for the cat housing section of the shelter; we expanded the cat enclosures and purchased 40 new enclosures; we funded a building addition for a veterinary wing, along with new, state-of-the-art medical equipment; we paid for an air conditioning system for the dog kennels; we funded installation of a large storage shed for the shelter; and we recently paid for the installation of a large synthetic lawn in

the outside play yards. Also, we recently used some grant money from two generous donors to install a building-wide intercom system to enhance communication and safety.

In addition to the physical infrastructure projects, Flathead Shelter Friends helps pay for veterinary costs for senior- and other pets, and subsidizes adoption fees for local adopters. Last but not least, our nonprofit and associated community members contribute hundreds of volunteer hours for shelter support activities.

Whew! That's quite a list of accomplishments, all funded by caring, animal-loving folks like you!

And below are just a few of the adoptable pets that benefit from such help at the Flathead County Animal Shelter.

First up is big glamorous **June**:



And how about that blue-eyed **Axel**:



OK, here's spunky **Punky**:



What's that—you prefer cats instead? Then how about green-eyed **Mavis**:



Or classy **Chassy**:



And so on . . . totaling nearly 30 potential adoptees at the shelter to date!

So if you need a precious new family member, please phone Flathead County Animal Shelter at (406) 752-1310 to schedule a meet-and-greet.

And, to all past and future supporters, **Thank You!** Speaking of which, we hope to see you at our booth at the **Christmas Stroll** in Whitefish on December 13th!

Well, that's it for today's Pet Talk. As you can see, pet homelessness is a serious issue, both locally and nationally. So please support animal shelters in any way that you can.

And don't forget the generous adoption incentives at Flathead County Animal Shelter. First, a gracious donation from a local animal lover has allowed the shelter to substantially reduce its adoption fees. Flathead Shelter Friends also offers a Senior Pet Voucher, which pays up to \$350 toward veterinary care for 7+ year-old adopted pets.

For more information, please contact Flathead County Animal Shelter, phone number (406) 758-1310, or visit the website at <https://flathead.mt.gov/departments/directory/animal>.

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