



ENTER YOUR PET IN THE 2023 ALLIANCE CALENDAR CONTEST

Animal Friends Alliance is holding our annual calendar contest to find 12 months of the cutest cats and dogs out there. For an entry fee of \$20 per image, you can submit your best shot to be considered for one of the 11 available monthly features.

Photos must include at least one dog or cat (other pets are allowed but no humans). You can submit as many photos as you would like, and all submissions must be received by August 21.

All entries will be included in the calendar. In addition to entering the contest, you can reserve a date in the calendar with a personal message and your contest photo for \$35 or purchase a calendar for \$20.

Images will be judged by a panel of animal lovers who will be looking for originality, quality of photo, composition, and cuteness. For details and to enter, visit: SavingAnimalsToday.org/calendar-contest



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Are We There Yet?

THE COUNT

Adoptions: 35,717
Spays/Neuters: 80,571

NEW SHELTER DREAM BECOMES REALITY FALL 2022

Animal Friends Alliance's dream is coming true. We are elated to announce we have reached our Bringing Paws Together capital campaign goal to expand our Taft Hill Shelter.

It's been a year since our groundbreaking ceremony for our new facility and we are excited to share our progress with the community. We recently held a "midway celebration" and we hope to begin adoptions at the new shelter this November.



Our new shelter will feature cat colony rooms, an enrichment center and community room, and will allow for more space for Community Pet Resource programs at our Mulberry Campus.

Although we have reached our minimum fundraising goal, we still have many exciting naming opportunities available and we are still working to raise the funds for some important "stretch goals" that we had to remove from the original budget due to increasing expenses. We invite you to be a part of making this new shelter a reality by donating to Bringing Paws Together.

Visit BringingPawsTogether.org to learn more!



Bringing Paws Together Co-Chairs Sarah Swanty and Julie Piepho speak in the doorway of the new shelter during the "midway celebration."



SAVING PETS THROUGH CROWDFUNDING

September 1 marks the first day of the Saving Pets Challenge. Presented by Michelson Found Animals, the Saving Pets Challenge is a national crowdfunding campaign for animal welfare organizations. Help Animal Friends Alliance compete with shelters across the nation!

The Saving Pets Challenge is a month-long fundraising competition with the first place organization winning \$50,000 in funding for



programs. Five other organizations can win up to \$25,000 as well.

All donors and fundraisers can earn incentives for donating or raising funds and can show their support of Animal Friends Alliance with fun swag. Gather your friends, colleagues, or family and start your own fundraising team!

We anticipate stiff competition, but we know with your support, we can win! Visit SavingAnimalsToday.org/saving-pets-challenge to learn more.

READY, SET, GO - A SPOOKTACULAR 5K



A Pokémon-themed team gears up for the race in 2021. The costume contest includes a team category, so grab your pup and your friends!

Registration for Run Fur Fun Spooktacular, our Halloween-themed 5K race, is now open! We will once again be hosting the event at New Belgium Brewing in Fort Collins, so mark your calendar for Saturday, October 29 and get your costume ready.

Run Fur Fun Spooktacular is the best way to kick off your Halloween weekend, so join us for a festive fall event featuring human and canine costume contests, race prizes, and pet-themed sponsor booths. If you need more incentive to get going, you'll also enjoy a Snooze pancake and a post-race celebratory beer from New Belgium.

Be sure to register now at SavingAnimalsToday.org/run-fur-fun for the early bird rate, and keep an eye out for emails and social media updates as we get closer to race day. We'll see you there - If You've Got it, Haunt it!



Racers take off from the starting line in 2021. We hope to see you at this year's race on October 29!

WHO SAYS KITTENS HAVE ALL THE FUN? TAKE A CHANCE ON AN OLDER CAT!

We're still in the thick of every shelter's busiest time - kitten season! Warmer weather means that community cats are breeding and the influx of community kittens keeps our shelter and foster homes at maximum capacity.

Kitten season is also a harder time of year for more seasoned felines to find their new families. With so many adorable kittens at the shelter and at adoption events, it's easy for older kitties to be overlooked, but older cats can be the perfect fit for many families!



Sweet Mary Jane has retired from the mom life and is ready to be pampered.

There are many benefits to adopting an older cat. While kittens have a lot of energy and require consistent supervision, adult and senior cats are often more laid back and independent. Adult cats enjoy more quiet time, and are less likely to express their curiosity in dangerous, unpredictable or destructive ways. Adult cats often have already established good "play manners" and may be less likely to cause an accidental scratch.

If you know what type of cat you're looking for, an older cat might be a better bet because their personalities are already established. While kittens' personalities are still developing, adult and senior cats have already purr-fected their character traits. Whether you want a confident social butterfly or a snugly couch potato, find your new best friend at SavingAnimalsToday.org/adoptable-cats.

Foster Feature

Always wanted to try fostering but afraid to take the leap? Fostering for Animal Friends Alliance is easier than you think! Supplies - and support - are provided! Learn more and apply to save a life at: SavingAnimalsToday.org/become-a-foster.



Cole got a break from the shelter while he recovered from kennel cough. Even short-term fostering makes a big difference!

Chester, George, and Hazel got to relax in a foster home while they got big enough for spay/neuter!



Sunnyside gave her foster plenty of puppy cuddles!