




THE SUBSTANTIAL NEED FOR A NEW SHELTER

The Aberdeen Area Humane Society (AAHS) provides shelter, medical care and new homes to nearly 400 dogs, cats and other critters each year. We investigate animal cruelty cases and educate about responsible pet ownership.


To ensure that the AAHS can continue to provide the much needed service to the community, the time has come to build a new animal shelter. The current shelter is composed of the original building which was moved onto our property over thirty years ago and then added on to multiple times to give more space. With a bit of ingenuity and a ton of passion we made this unique setup work for many years, but it can no longer provide healthy living conditions or space for the proper housing and socialization of the animals awaiting adoption.

Our plan is to build the new shelter on the current property owned by the AAHS. This has two important advantages. First, we can continue operations while the new shelter is being built and that means minimal impact to the animals. Second, we incur no additional costs by using property we currently own. The total project cost for a new 7,400 square foot building is \$1,000,000. We need your help to make the new shelter a reality!

ISSUES WITH OUR CURRENT SHELTER

 Cost prohibitive to continue to maintain or repair the existing building

In 2018 alone we have repaired broken pipes, rusted ductwork, a failing water heater, and a broken air conditioner. This is money we would rather spend on animal care.

 No medical isolation

Without a place to quarantine sick or unvaccinated animals we are putting all animals at risk of serious illness. In the past we have had to shut down entire wings of the building due to parvo or ringworm.

 Limited Space

Our current setup has very limited space for adopters to get to know animals, no adoption rooms for private conversations with adopters, no space to provide education to the public, and very limited food and supplies storage.

PROPOSED NEW BUILDING WILL PROVIDE

DESIGN AND SPACE

The proposed 7,400 sq. foot layout is optimized for traffic flow and operational efficiency and for extra storage.

DOG AREA

Kennels with indoor and outdoor access to provide more exercise space, fresh air and a less stressful environment.

CAT AREA

Expanded and open cat sanctuaries will allow cats more area to play, roam, and interact with adopters.

MEDICAL ISOLATION

Isolation areas for dogs and cats will help to prevent the spread of illness to adoptable animals.

ADOPTION/EDUCATION ROOMS

More rooms designated for adopters to have private time with animals and staff, volunteer training, board meetings, public education programs and more!