

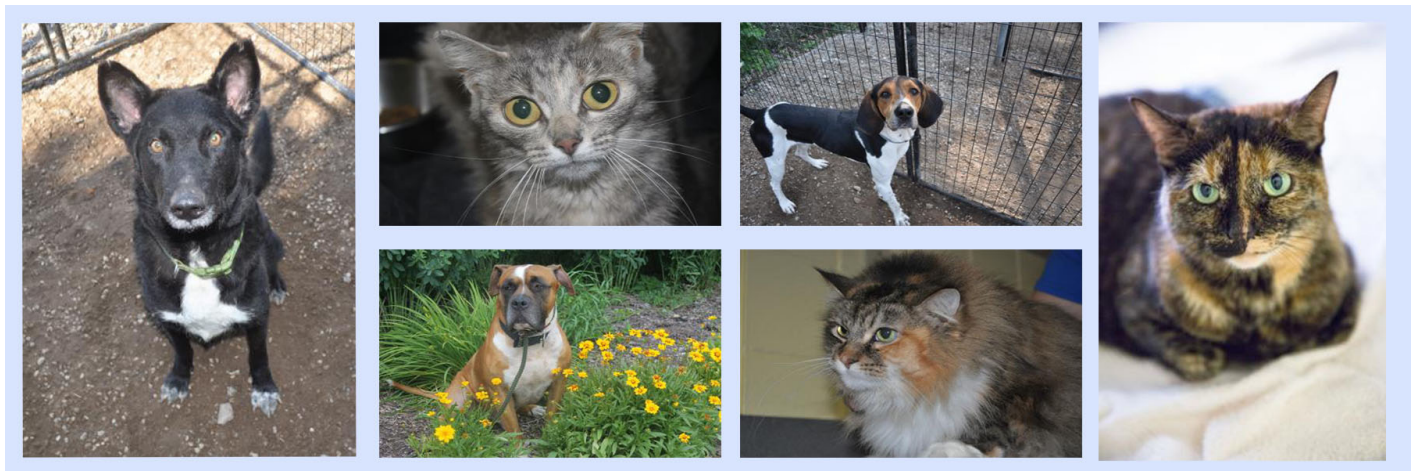
Giving Animals a Home Away from Home

Buddy. Applecheeks. Alik. Zeke. Rheta.

Over the last several weeks, all of these dogs have occupied Kennel BC11. Just as many dogs came and went in all of our other 56 dog kennels during that time. And, similar numbers of cats passed through our 50+ cat habitats during those weeks as well.

That's a testament to how many souls come through our doors seeking temporary shelter, food and medical care. And proof of how many dogs and cats we've adopted recently into loving, forever homes.

Each year, we ask generous supporters, like [you](#), to "sponsor" a kennel and help provide the food and care for the many special 4-legged friends who are gracing those kennel walls and cat habitats day in and day out. Although they're not fancy, they're a home away from home, and a clean, safe place for hundreds of animals as they wait for their new families and a new home.



Last year, when we invited you to sponsor a kennel, we talked about dogs like Duke and Miley, whose typical average stay in a kennel was months before being adopted. We are freeing up more kennels for more furry guests, saving more animals and achieving our no-kill mission by adopting, fostering and transferring more pets, and working with our animal welfare partners to spread the spay/neuter message and embrace the mission of no-kill. This year, we are proud to say that the average length of stay for our animals has been reduced greatly. We are making solid progress in our no-kill mission, where no healthy, adoptable pets are killed simply because there is no room for them in our shelter.

Sponsoring a kennel is one of the best ways to show your support because every day someone is living in your kennel, knowing that [you made it possible for them to stay](#) until they found the right family and their new forever home.

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Maybe it's Kodak, a beautiful female kitty with big, picture perfect peepers. Perhaps it will be someone who required emergency surgery for the abuse he suffered at the hands of his previous owner. Quite possibly it will be someone with a silly smile, ready to lavish you with unconditional love. Most likely it will be all of these – and many more.

This is where they'll eat, sleep, feel safe and warm. This is where they'll greet the staff who feed and clean up after them. This is where they'll welcome the volunteers who walk and play with them. This is where they'll call home – for now. And this is where they'll first set eyes on their new family when that special day comes and they get adopted – and they leave this home for a better one, knowing that **you helped make it all possible.**



Sponsoring a kennel is one of the most important investments you can make. But if sponsoring a large kennel is beyond your means right now, that's okay. You can:

- ❧ Partner with family members, friends or business associates to make the gift more affordable for all of you.
- ❧ Sponsor in memory of a special friend – human, canine or feline.
- ❧ Sponsor in the name of your business, organization or special group and get some advertising.
- ❧ Sponsor a kennel as a gift for someone else. The holidays aren't that far off.
- ❧ If you can't sponsor a large kennel, sponsor a small kennel.
- ❧ If sponsoring a small kennel isn't doable right now, a donation of any amount helps our animals.

For those who sponsor a kennel, we plan to provide regular updates on the dogs or cats who occupy your kennel. It'll be fun to learn more about all their wonderful and unique personalities.

Please see the enclosed form for more details, how to personalize your kennel and pricing information. Thank you for giving our animals a temporary home away from home, and, as always, for your generous support. Tax-deductible donations can easily be sent in the enclosed envelope to Harbor Humane Society,

Sincerely,

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Example of a kennel sponsorship plaque

