

## Letter from the Director

Dear Supporters,

Summer is here and with it has come an influx of animals to the shelter. Late spring and into the summer is often referred to as “kitten season,” as litters of kittens are found frequently. We are extremely grateful and fortunate to have a network of fosters who have stepped up to help with this influx of little ones! As of writing this letter, we have 15 kittens with foster families, and many more in the shelter.

Of course it's not just kittens this time of year, and the shelter is at capacity for dogs as well. For weeks we have had to limit space to intake from the public as we try to save as many lives as possible. This summer, the intakes have been coming in faster than adoptions and rescues can keep up.

Summer is a very difficult time for Animal Services, and it would be unimaginably harder without the support of our rescue partners, fosters, volunteers, and supporters.

With Gratitude,  
Michele Whaley, Director

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Safety



Did you know that more pets go missing on Independence Day than any other day of the year? Frequent loud noises and the commotion of a holiday can make pets anxious and scared. Follow these tips to help your furry family members have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

1. Keep all pets securely inside, even if they are usually outside!
2. Try leaving calming music on to cover the sound of fireworks.
3. Reassure pets by gently petting them and giving them a few treats.
4. Make sure all pets have identification! Collars with tags are important to reuniting lost pets. Even better, a pet that is microchipped can't lose their ID!

## Fee Changes

July 1<sup>st</sup>, PCAS will observe a few changes to the fee schedule. The changes that will affect the general public are an increase for Owner Requested Euthanasia to \$30, and an increase for Dog Adoptions to \$125.

These fee increases are being made to reflect rising cost of care for the animals at the shelter, and costs associated with these services. Other fee changes being made will not affect the general public, as they apply to municipality departments.

## Pet Health & Wellness Tip



Protect your pets from heatstroke this summer! If possible, keep pets inside during the day, only going out for short walks or bathroom trips. If pets must be outdoors, make sure they have access to shade all day (the sun moves, so do shady spots!) and fresh, cool water. Water will heat up quickly and must be changed frequently. And **NEVER** leave your pet in the car for any amount of time, even with windows down the heat can be deadly.