



The Friends of the Animals Center Foundation's (FACF) purpose and principles govern every area of activity at the Foundation. Therefore, it is important that volunteers and board members are familiar with FACF's purpose and principles and that they agree to abide by these whenever working on behalf of FACF.

Statement of Purpose

Our purpose is to raise funds to support and expand the animal care services of the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center. We seek health, comfort, freedom from fear, and a loving guardian for our companion animals.

Statement of Principles

1. Projects and activities of FACF will serve to support and expand the services of the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center exclusively.
2. FACF values all gifts equally.
3. FACF will seek active, collaborative partnerships with other organizations in order to pursue shared goals and avoid duplication of services.
4. FACF will maintain the highest fiscal and ethical standards in all its business.
5. All activities of FACF will be nonpartisan and without any political or religious affiliation.
6. FACF will not discriminate in organization or any of its activities on the basis of race, national origin, color, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation or identity, or economic status.

FACF is a public, not for profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

Our Goals:

- Dog Training - To increase the adoptability of Center dogs by providing funds for basic obedience training.
- Medical Expense Fund - To provide for the health needs of Center animals.
- Quality of Life Enhancement - To provide financial support to create an environment of comfort and care for Center animals in order to reduce stress and prevent the development of behavior problems.
- Education - To provide funding for education and outreach to adoptive persons and the public at large concerning the needs of companion animals.

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Paws to Train

FACF provides funding for a three part training program for Animal Center dogs called Paws to Train.

During class, the dogs learn basic commands such as **sit**...



...and **stay**.



The goals of the Paws to Train program are:

- 1) To train Center dogs in basic obedience.
- 2) To
 - a) provide a sense of purpose and an outlet for Center dogs
 - b) reduce stress for the dogs
 - c) provide mental activity for the dogs
 - d) provide socialization for the dogs with people and other Center dogs.
- 3) To increase the adoptability of Center dogs.
- 4) To decrease the relinquishment of dogs due to behavior problems.
- 5) To educate owners to better understand dog behaviors and how to correct these behaviors.
- 6) To strengthen the human-animal bond.
- 7) To reduce the overall euthanasia rate.





The three components of Paws to Train are:

1. **Paws to Train Volunteer Training Program.** This program brings dog training to the Animal Center. The Paws to Train Volunteer Training is offered to all dog volunteers. Volunteers learn to use positive reinforcement training to teach dogs such skills as sit, down, stay, and come. Volunteers also learn how to work with dogs on kennel behavior to help dogs make a better first impression. Training helps to make our dogs more adoptable and ease the transition into a new home. Mental stimulation also helps to keep dogs mentally healthy and lowers the stress of living in a shelter. This program is funded by FACF.

2. **Paws to Train Outreach Program.** This program brings a dog waiting to be adopted from the Center to Spot & Co Dog Training for a 6 week Beginner Obedience class. Not only do the dogs enjoy a field trip away from the Center with a volunteer, they also gain the opportunity to learn and work on such skills as sit, come, stay, and down in a class setting. During the fifth week of classes, dogs get a chance to try out the agility equipment. Dogs in training are featured on the Animal Center's website. This program is funded by FACF and Spot & Co Dog Training.

3. **Paws to Train Voucher Program.** This program provides vouchers for discounted classes at Spot & Co Dog Training for dogs who could benefit from continued training after adoption. The program gives new owners a chance to bond with their new dogs, teaches them training skills, and provides another resource for questions. This program is funded by FACF and Spot & Co Dog Training.

Medical Support

To ensure they start their new life happy and healthy, all animals adopted from the Animal Center receive required vaccinations, de-worming, flea and tick treatment, spaying/neutering, ear cleaning, a nail trim, and a bath.

Some animals need more extensive treatment involving a larger sum of money. Thanks to FACF's medical fund, animals that might otherwise be euthanized in another facility are able to receive treatment and be adopted into loving forever homes.

FACF helps many animals every year by providing funds for diagnostic testing, X rays, amputations, treatments, medications, and surgeries including spaying and neutering.

Meet a few of the animals we've helped this year...



Avalon required diagnostic testing and treatment for malnutrition.



Sally received treatment for a broken leg and abrasions on her face.



Ranger received treatment for demodectic mange.



Dodger received treatment for tracheobronchitis.



Rita Mae required surgery to amputate her leg.



Zora required extensive testing for a serious heart condition.



Volunteers bottle feed kittens, nursing them back to health.



A volunteer assists our shelter veterinarian during "Spay Day 2008".



The Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center is the "cause" the Friends of the Animal Center supports. The homeless animals cared for at the Center will always be the main motivation behind FACF.

Thousands of animals cycle through the Animal Center each year. Some are lost pets, others are owner relinquished animals, "confiscated" pets that have been neglected or abused, or stray animals who have been struggling to live on their own. The Center sees to it that these animals are in good health and makes every effort to find a companion home for each and every one of them. View the animals currently being housed at the Animal Center at www.icanimalcenter.org.