

# Our challenge.

We need your help, and time is short. The current shelter is to be vacated by June 30, 2009 as the City of Pullman plans to reclaim the land for other purposes.

Thanks to generous contributions, Whitman County Humane Society (WCHS) has raised \$900,000 of the \$2.3 million required to build AnimalHaven. To complete Phase I of construction, we need to raise an additional \$500,000. For Phase II, we need an additional \$1 million.

WCHS has created a variety of flexible giving opportunities. We accept cash, credit cards, checks, stocks, and property. We will accept pledges and deferred payments. We accept gifts matched by employers, anonymous gifts, and gifts in memory or in honor of others, including estate bequests. Please see Donor Recognition Opportunities for creating a lasting tribute.



## AnimalHaven

In the spring of 2000, WCHS was born in response to a budget crisis that targeted the existing animal shelter operated by the City of Pullman. Severe overcrowding prompted a proposal to euthanize all stray or impounded animals after only 72 hours at the shelter. A small group of dedicated and caring citizens incorporated a 501(c)3 non-profit organization to privatize the local shelter. The goals of this initiative were clear: to improve shelter and adoption services, better serve the citizens of Whitman County, and save the lives of countless homeless pets.

The founders of WCHS also committed themselves to finding the resources to build a new shelter to replace the old and inadequate 800-square-foot facility. The founders' vision was to create a special kind of community resource.

When complete, AnimalHaven will provide transitional living space for as many as 50 dogs and 50 cats, space for adoption counseling, humane education, obedience and safety training, and a library. AnimalHaven will also incorporate a surgery suite for on-site spay/neuter surgeries for shelter animals in cooperation with the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine, which will allow us to more efficiently care for our animals and offer valuable real-life experience for a new generation of veterinarians.

The shelter is designed to include small group living arrangements for dogs with individual exercise areas, and an open pavilion for cats with a sunroom, an outdoor porch, and climbing areas. These features will minimize shelter stress that can hinder the transition of a pet into a new home.

Construction of AnimalHaven has begun. Located on the corner of Johnson Road and the Old Moscow-Pullman Highway, the site has been graded, foundation preparation for Phase I and Phase II has been started, and the pre-cast concrete walls for Phase I are scheduled to go up in April.

Phase I will consist of Canine Village #1 and an Interim Feline Care Center that will house the cats until the Gardner House is completed, at which time it will become a training facility. An off-leash dog park is also part of Phase I if funds are available.

Phase II will consist of Canine Village #2, the permanent Feline Care Center (The "Gardner House"), which includes the surgery suite, and the Administration Building for offices, adoption counseling, education, and a library.



With your help, WCHS has:

- Operated the only full service animal shelter, impound, and on-site adoption facility in Whitman County that follows the American Humane Association's model for ethics and guidelines.
- Honored its commitment to finding homes for all healthy or treatable adoptable animals in its care. No animals have ever been euthanized because of time limitations or shelter overcrowding situations.
- Initiated a 100 percent spay/neuter and surgery training program through a cooperative effort with the WSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Together with an aggressive vaccination program for all shelter animals, this program is helping to control overpopulation and infectious pet diseases in Whitman County.
- Created the Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) which provides financial assistance to pet owners in Whitman County to make spaying or neutering pets affordable for everyone.
- Started a foster care program to place special needs pets—including nursing mothers and their litters—into appropriate care; this program also relieves overcrowding at the shelter and facilitates adoptions.
- Established The Hope Fund, a self-sustaining program to provide treatment and rehabilitation for homeless pets with special medical needs.
- Initiated a pet microchipping service to reunite lost pets with their families.
- Developed a volunteer base and offered community service opportunities, including service learning for high school and university students.



## Thank you

WCCHS is extremely grateful to our members, volunteers, and donors for all they have done to make WCCHS an ongoing success, and for saving the lives of thousands of homeless pets that provide love and companionship to countless families.

## A demonstration of our humanity

Our community shares the compassion and respect for all living things that we display in caring for stray, abandoned, abused, and neglected animals in a humane manner. That compassion is part of who we are as a community, built on the values of a farm-based economy where hard work and caring for our families and neighbors are deeply rooted. We have a special bond with each other and with all creatures that touch our lives. The people of the Palouse understand and support WCCHS in its commitment to:

- Never turning away an injured or abused animal
- Taking as much time as necessary to find the right home for each adoptable pet
- Never euthanizing an adoptable pet
- Providing people-pet counseling to match the right family with the right pet
- Offering education, training, and volunteer opportunities

## How to help

For more information about the campaign to build AnimalHaven, or to make a donation, please contact the Whitman County Humane Society at: [admin@whitmanpets.org](mailto:admin@whitmanpets.org) or 509-332-2246

Mail donations to:  
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