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Fur Fest Contributes to Shelter Goal

The fourth annual Pike Animal Shelter Fur Fest achieved a considerable turnout and was successful in celebrating companion animals, building awareness and fundraising. With over 300 attendees, Fur Fest, which was held October 9, 2010 at Troy Recreation Center, raised nearly \$4000 towards the shelter's goal of building a quality, accessible shelter for this community.

"We want to thank everyone who had a part in making this event possible," said Kristin Strickland, chair of this year's Fur Fest. "It takes all contributions, large and small, and the tremendous support of this community to make events like this one such a success."

With site selection complete, architectural planning underway, and fundraising and community events like this one in progress, the Pike Animal Shelter is also providing immediate assistance to the dogs housed at the current city facility. The Pike Animal Shelter has multiple programs in place to assist animals, including weekly shelter visits, administration of kennel cough vaccine, sponsorship of an online database of adoptable dogs, quarterly adoption events, and more.

"Our community is looking forward to the day when we have a central and professional facility we can visit with our families," said Donna Schubert, chair of the Founder's Society.

Unlike the current city facility, the proposed shelter will house both dogs and cats, have regular hours of operation, and be constructed to modern shelter design principles. The modernized design, which is a significant but crucial portion of the cost to build the facility, will allow improved health of the animals that are housed there and proper maintenance of the facility.

Fur Fest, along with many other shelter volunteer efforts, is a valuable step towards a much anticipated goal.

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