



# PET GAZETTE

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## HUMANE DOG HOUSING PROJECT

Recently, I had a meeting with one of our supporters who, when asked, said if there was one thing he'd like to see changed at the APF it would be to, "get rid of the dog cages." Times were different when our shelter was built in 1993. This was before spay/neuter was widely practiced and overpopulation guided shelter design to fit the maximum number of dogs in the available space.

What you see at the APF today was the norm for those days. Four foot square wire kennels in a large room with two trench drains to handle the waste of 48 dogs. Between the physical structure and the single HVAC system that emphasizes efficiency over fresh air, the opportunities for disease transmission are great. In addition, the sounds and smells of the other dogs often cause a great deal of stress which is magnified as dogs spend longer periods of time in the shelter. And, as you can imagine, dogs who are stressed in the shelter (who are usually great in a home environment) take longer to find their forever homes.

We are committed to providing the best possible care for the animals who find their way to APF. To address this, we are excited to announce plans to completely renovate our dog housing. If we are able to secure the funding, our goal is to meet the ideal standards created by the Association of Shelter Veterinarians. These standards are the result of input from leaders in shelter design and will dramatically improve the medical, behavioral, and mental well-being of the dogs in our care.

After the renovation, each dog will have its own room with sound insulation to minimize the stress that arises from nearby barking dogs. In addition, each room will have its own drain and will have an exhaust vent to ensure fresh air is introduced constantly. If multiple dogs arrive from the same household, we will also have the ability to configure "pods" so multiple kennels can be shared.

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Current Dog Housing



Future Dog Housing

# Humane Dog Housing Project



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We will also divide the space which will enable us to quarantine dogs to minimize opportunities for disease transmission. This will also allow us to launch a safe transport program to import dogs from overcrowded shelters when we have capacity to help more animals. To do this in our present facility, we place the dogs in our care at risk of exposure to disease and increase the stress levels that arise from unfamiliar smells and sounds.

Once completed, the Humane Dog Housing Project will have a dramatic impact on the stress levels of all of our animals. This will reduce the amount of time they spend with us, help us achieve even higher live release rates, and reduce owner returns—three of our main objectives.

I am happy to share that we are well over half way to our fundraising goal. In addition, the Rachael Ray Foundation™ recently made a significant \$150,000 commitment to the Animal Protective Foundation's Humane Dog Housing Initiative which brings us even closer to our goal of replacing our thirty-year old wire kennels.

We are challenging the community to help us to complete the Humane Dog Housing Project by offering naming opportunities, highlighted on page 3, to honor beloved pets, family members, or others who share our love of animals. With your help, we can reach our goal and dramatically improve the care we give each and every dog at the APF.

Thank you for all you do to help animals at the APF.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joe'.

Joe Lisella  
CAWA, Executive Director



Current Outside Exercise Space



Future Outside Exercise Space



Future Get Acquainted/Exercise –  
Inside Space



To support and learn more about the Humane Dog Housing Project visit:  
[www.animalprotective.org/doghousing](http://www.animalprotective.org/doghousing)



Future Entry to the Dog Adoption Center



Current Community Stray Hold Area



Future Outside Exercise Space

#### NAMING OF DOG ADOPTION CENTER

\$250,000

Opportunity to name the entire dog adoption space

#### TRANSPORT / INTAKE AREA

\$100,000

Will enable APF to transport and quarantine animals from overcrowded shelters and isolate them to prevent disease transmission to the general population

#### GET ACQUAINTED/EXERCISE – INSIDE SPACE

\$100,000

Naming opportunity for the inside space that will be used for exercise during inclement weather as well as an opportunity for adopters to spend time with a dog to ensure they will be a good fit

#### SHELTER MEDICINE / QUARANTINE AREA

\$50,000

Will enable isolation of dogs under veterinary care until they are ready to go to the adoption center

#### OUTSIDE EXERCISE SPACE

\$50,000

Naming opportunity for the outdoor exercise space

#### COMMUNITY STRAY HOLD

\$25,000

Opportunity to name the area where all community dogs who are surrendered or found as strays are held until they are claimed by their guardians

#### ADOPTION DOG PODS:

\$10,000 (Dog Adoption Rooms – multiple)

\$15,000 (3 Living Rooms that connect 2-3 Adoption Rooms – multiple)

#### DONOR WALL

Recognizing donors who give the project with gifts ranging from \$1,000–\$10,000

#### BENCHES

\$2,500 (multiple)

For more information on the Humane Dog Housing Project naming opportunities, contact Cassandra Metke, director of development, at 518.374.3944, ext. 122.



## 2023 FUR BALL

The Capital Region Fur Ball – Auction and Gala, took place on Thursday, September 29th at The Rivers Casino. “We are thrilled to announce we raised \$173,000 to support the animals in our care,” says Joe Lisella, executive director, “Thank You!”

Thank you to all our guests who attended this event, the various silent auction donors, event sponsors, and volunteers who helped make this night a huge success! The generosity and willingness to help the animals in our community continues to amaze us!

Make sure you save the date! Next year’s Capital Region Fur Ball will take place on Saturday, October 7th at The Rivers Casino. We hope to see you there!

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