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You Did It Washington!

417 Cats and Dogs Adopted During Statewide Shelter Open House



(Boscoe and his new family. Photo credit - David Pan)

Congratulations and thank you Washington State for finding homes for 417 homeless cats and dogs during Pawsitive Alliance's 4th Annual Statewide Shelter Open House this past Saturday.

32 shelters across the State participated from Bellingham to Walla Walla, Spokane to Tacoma and Auburn to Yakima. An estimated 4,000 people visited the shelters during this one day event.

The goal of this unique event is to help the shelters grow their adopter, donor, and volunteer bases while raising awareness of the good work they do on a daily basis for animals in need! In Washington State it is clear that pet adoption is quickly becoming the preferred way to find a new dog, puppy, cat or kitten.

"We are thrilled with how much this event has grown each year. Seven shelters participated during the first Open House in 2011. This year we had thirty-two shelters participate, including nine new shelter partners. But most important, 417 animals found their new people and homes, and 984 shelter animals were provided additional exposure and opportunity to be adopted" said Yolanda Morris, Board President and Co-Founder.

Pawsitive Alliance also held the Most Fun Shelter Contest and awarded cash prizes in three categories to Homeward Pet Adoption Center, Grant County Animal Outreach and Spokane



Humane Society.

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About Pawsitive Alliance

Pawsitive Alliance's mission is to help end the euthanasia of adoptable dogs and cats in Washington by increasing adoptions, supporting spay and neuter programs, and providing education and resources to improve pet retention. To learn more about our life saving partnerships and programs visit

www.pawsitivealliance.org. Since 2005, Pawsitive Alliance has helped more than 5, 613 homeless pets find loving homes.