

## ***FAYMAS Celebrates First Birthday!***

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June marks the first anniversary of Friends At Your Metro Animal Shelter (FAYMAS) receiving its non-profit declaration from the Internal Revenue Service! And it's been quite a year!

Not only did groundwork for the organization have to be laid in the first year, including selection of a board and all the logistics of creating a new business, a lot of good work has been done for the Metro Animal Shelter thanks to membership fees, donations, and grants.

In 2014, FAYMAS was instrumental in raising \$14,000 for new cat kennels. This year to date, FAYMAS has been successful in obtaining a \$6,000 grant from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians for a livestock trailer for the shelter. The City of Sumner, which operates the shelter, is in the process of finding and purchasing the trailer. FAYMAS will reimburse their cost which will also include the Puyallup Tribe of Indians logo on the trailer.

A feather banner is now waving at the shelter! FAYMAS purchased a feather banner which reads, "Adopt Here" to increase the visibility of the shelter at its physical location in Puyallup. Part of our mission is to raise awareness about the shelter as well as promote adoptions, and this is one, brightly colored way to do just that!

FAYMAS also purchased Capstar, a flea treatment for animals at the shelter and we'll continue to do that as long as there is a need.

FAYMAS recently paid for a blood test to determine whether a kitten, Misty, had the Feline Leukemia Virus. We want to give every animal at Metro the chance to find their Forever Family and an initial test had been inconclusive. Great news – the second test came back negative and now Misty is with her adoption family! We love happy endings!

We certainly couldn't overlook the dogs! FAYMAS purchases for the Shelter included the re-webbing of 16 dog kennel gates. This hadn't been done for 18 years!

FAYMAS is also subsidizing some cat and dog adoptions to reduce the fees by 50%. Chosen cats will be \$55 instead of \$110 and certain dogs will be \$65 instead of \$130.

A number of grant requests are still outstanding for dog beds and microchips. By August, the 2016 FAYMAS Animal Shelter Calendar will be available featuring shelter pets, corporate sponsors' pets and a number of FAYMAS people and their pets.

It's been an exciting year and we look forward to even greater successes in the year to come! If you haven't already, join us and feel rewarded knowing you can make a difference!