



What Pet Adoption Groups Need Most in 2011

- *Pet adoption groups in need of foster parents and volunteers in 2011*
- *\$50 donation to a local animal adoption group provides a spay or neuter AND one month food supply*
- *Healthy Paws Pet Insurance & Foundation helps pet adoption groups save more adoptable dogs and cats*

Seattle ([PRWEB](#)) February 24, 2011 -- Pet parents and animal advocates everywhere encouraged family and friends to spay and neuter their pets for Spay Day USA on February 22nd. Adoption groups, however, are saying they're most concerned with having enough foster parents and volunteers in 2011.

Based on a survey [Healthy Paws Pet Insurance](#) and its dedicated Foundation conducted with adoption groups across the country, executive directors and board members voiced their most significant challenges for the coming year.

- Over 50 percent of animal adoption groups are most concerned with having enough foster parents for their adoptable pets. With the current economy, there's been a significant increase in the number of pets released to shelters and limited space to keep them.
- There's growing anxiety about having enough volunteers and board members in 2011 support and grow adoption groups' efforts and community outreach.
- Concerns about limited budgets and decreasing donations, over the last couple years, remain constant.

"We are most concerned about continuing to increase the number of foster homes we have and fundraising to continue our programs," said Tanya Willis of [Agape Animal Rescue](#) in Nashville, Tennessee.

Becoming a foster parent is simple and rewarding. Foster parents are typically matched with an adoptable pet to care for while the group continues promoting him or her through their website and other communications. Animal adoption groups often cover the cost of food and any medical attention needed, so there's little to no cost for the foster parent.

"If someone wants to help a local adoption group, fostering a dog or cat helps alleviate a lot of the pressure pet adoption groups are currently feeling," said Steve Siadek, co-founder of [Healthy Paws Foundation](#). "The Healthy Paws Foundation programs improve community outreach efforts for adoption groups, but these groups still need local volunteers and community support to keep pets healthy and happy while waiting for adoption."

If fostering or volunteering with a local pet adoption group isn't an option, donating as little as \$50 helps cover the cost of a spay or neuter surgery for a dog or cat and provides a pet with enough food for one month.

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