

# Dog Adoption Network Shelter Fund



Adoption Saves Lives

Dedicated to Promoting Animal Welfare in the Pioneer Valley

# What is the Dog Adoption Network?

DAN was created in 1994 by Dr. Stephen Dean and Linda Antonucci. "We were dismayed by the number of lost and abandoned dogs being euthanized at the shelters and pounds. A dog can travel 15-20 miles a day. Many lost dogs were never claimed."

Dr. Dean and Linda started out by taking video tapes of shelter dogs to public places to raise awareness of the need for adoptions. They circulated ads in as many newspapers as they could afford.

After discovering people had no idea the T.J. O'Connor Regional Control Center existed, the Dog Adoption Network and K-9 finder websites were created. The D.A.N. Website covers stories and promotes animal welfare. The K-9 finder site is a free classified service for lost, found or adoptable dogs. By spreading the word about lost and available dogs, many lives have been saved.



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## Other ways to help.

**Become a shelter volunteer** - Volunteers walk and play with dogs each week.

**Adopt a shelter dog** - Before you visit the local pet store, visit your local shelter. Hundreds of lovable animals are looking for good homes.

**Join the Dog Adoption Network** - We are always looking for dedicated volunteers to help promote animal welfare.

## Support the Dog Adoption Network Shelter Fund

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  The Dog Adoption Network will post names and businesses

of our sponsors on our website and at events. If you wish to be included in these listings please check here.

Suggested Donations:

\$100 Professional  \$50 Business  \$25 Family  \$10 Individual  \$10 Pet

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1367 Parker St. Springfield, MA 01129-1007

The Dog Adoption Network will send you a sponsorship certificate and tax deduction letter.



# How can you help?

Although the city has allocated more than 3 million dollars for the new facility, the fiscal crisis and budget cuts will undoubtedly result in scaled down animal care provisions. Presently there is no money available to equip the veterinarian office, grooming area or education room.

The Board of Supervisors will be hiring a professional fundraiser with the hopes of subsidizing these budget deficits. In the interim the Dog Adoption Network has been asked to contact all animal lovers in hopes of raising funds to equip the Center by the time of opening in late November 2003.

You can play an important role in realizing the dream of providing the best animal care facility ever built by any city or town in Massachusetts.

Please make a tax exempt charitable contribution to The Dog Adoption Network's "Shelter Fund"

Your financial support will make an important difference in our new animal shelter.



# How will your donation be used?

Donations made to the Dog Adoption Network Shelter Fund will be used strictly to promote adoption programs and aid in the welfare of shelter animals. Donations will not be used for the general operating costs of the facility or staff. The Dog Adoption Network will purchase:

- Education Equipment and Supplies
- Grooming Equipment and Supplies
- Veterinarian Equipment and Supplies

We will also use the funds to promote responsible pet ownership by sponsoring obedience and dog training classes.

Visit our Websites



[www.dogadoptionnetwork.org](http://www.dogadoptionnetwork.org)

[www.k9finder.com](http://www.k9finder.com)

# History

In 1986 former Mayor of Springfield, Thomas J. O Connor realized a dream by creating the Pioneer Valley's first Regional Animal Control facility. This 10,000 sq. foot cinder block building was not a true shelter. It had no veterinarian office, adoption room or outside runs, but it was the first time apprehended dogs could go to a Regional Pound.

Three years ago the City of Chicopee who owns the dog pound and surrounding acreage announced they intended to sell the property to the State of Massachusetts to build a medium security women's prison on that site.

The Board of Supervisors representing the cities of Springfield, Chicopee and Holyoke, Chaired by Thomas Haberlin asked The Dog Adoption Network to serve on a new shelter search committee. After three years of research consultations and meetings the building of the new Cottage Street Shelter was announced.

Unlike the present Pound, the new facility is a real shelter for dogs and cats. It will have a veterinarian and vet-tech office, adoption consultation rooms, grooming area and an education class room.