

Organization Name

Organization Info:

Name of Organization: **Aurora Animal Shelter**

Website: **www.auroragov.org/animal**

Address: **15750 E. 32nd Ave., Aurora, CO 8/0011-1518**

Mission Statement: Our mission is to balance the needs of people and animals by educating people and providing humane shelter, treatment and disposition of animals.

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Please check the most appropriate issue dealt with by your organization:

☐ Children ☐ Elderly ☐ Hunger/Homelessness ☐ Disaster Relief ☒ **ANIMAL WELFARE**
☐ Health/Wellness ☐ Environment ☐ Human Rights ☐ Families ☐ Soldiers/Supporting Troops

About Your Issue Area:

What is the deeper issue behind your organization? Cruelty investigation and prosecution; taking in stray animals and returning them to owners; placement of 100% of adoptable animals that are not claimed from the shelter by their previous owners.

What programs or services does your organization offer? Pet adoptions, humane, live-capture trap lending program for stray cats; no-bark collar lending program; volunteer dog walking; lost/found /adoptable animals featured on the internet; pet licensing; cruelty/neglect investigations & prosecution, enforce local pet-related ordinances; public speaking for school & civic groups, HOAs, etc.

Do you have an interesting story about your organization or clients to share with the students? Amtrak is a 2-year old, female Pharaoh Hound mix. She managed to get down by the tracks of 9-mile light rail station on July 3rd (101 degree day). Workers tried to shoo her away, but to their horror, she ran right into the path of an oncoming train and was hit. Animal Care Officer Dale Keith responded to the call. He could see she was seriously injured. One eye was dangling out of its socket and her front foot was completely shredded. She also had a large hole in the back of her head. Normally you don't touch an injured dog because they often bite due to their pain. But Amtrak was obviously in trouble – not just from her injuries, but from the heat, which can also be deadly. He picked her up and cradling her in his arms, he carried her ¼ mile back to the station and his truck. The veterinarian stitched the back of her head and put repaired the shredded paw, piecing it together like a jigsaw puzzle. Amtrak also suffered a broken tailbone and nerve damage to her rump, causing elimination problems, which eventually resolved itself. After several surgeries, Amtrak, now permanently blind in her left eye, was sent to a foster family to recuperate. Infection set into the damaged foot and she returned to the shelter for another surgery to remove a toe. Long story short, she fully recovered and was adopted by a wonderful family with two children who walk her daily and love her dearly.

How Can Students Help?

How can students help through specific, tangible cash grants? (ex: \$25 feeds 1 dog for 1 month; or specific items/supplies that will benefit your programs) **Cash donations are used to provide veterinary care for homeless animals, such as Amtrak. Attached is our shelter wish list for in-kind items.**

How can students help through group service projects? (What is useful to your organization and educational to students?) **Fundraisers are probably the best and easiest way students can help... either collecting monetary donations or in-kind donations**

Do you provide individual volunteer opportunities for youth? (If so, what ages, and what types of volunteer opportunities do you provide?) **Students must be age 18 or over to volunteer. Our primary volunteer opportunities are for dog walking**

Are there opportunities for students to be recognized by your organization? (A Mention in Newsletter, Site Visit of Facility, Celebration and Mingling with Clients, etc.) **They could be mentioned in the Helping Hands for the Aurora Animal Shelter newsletter and also be offered a tour of the animal shelter.**



AURORA ANIMAL SHELTER WISH LIST



CASH DONATIONS (for veterinary care & medical treatment for shelter animals)

IN-KIND DONATIONS:

- 🐾 Canned kitten food
- 🐾 Dry kitten food
- 🐾 Canned cat food
- 🐾 Dry cat food
- 🐾 Canned puppy food
- 🐾 Dry puppy food
- 🐾 Canned dog food
- 🐾 KMR (canned milk replacement for kittens)
- 🐾 Esbilac (canned milk replacement for puppies)
- 🐾 Bottled baby food (meat only; no vegetables included) Infant, ill and animals without teeth eat this. It is also mixed with other food and used as an enticement to coax animals that won't eat.
- 🐾 Non-clumping cat litter (preferred)
- 🐾 Regular cat litter
- 🐾 Paper Towels
- 🐾 Bleach
- 🐾 Laundry detergent
- 🐾 Pet Shampoo
- 🐾 Baby Shampoo
- 🐾 Sponges
- 🐾 Spray bottles
- 🐾 Kleenex
- 🐾 Blankets, sheets and towels – may be stained or torn (used for the animals to lie on)
- 🐾 Cloth covers to toilet seat lids – perfect for cats to lie on (seat lid cover; not the top to the tank)
- 🐾 AA and AAA batteries (used in scanners to check for microchips in animals, in our cameras and radios) Rechargeable batteries are preferred, but regular ones come in handy too).
- 🐾 Hose nozzles
- 🐾 Squeegees (we get ours used from Home Depot) – used for cleaning soiled kennels
- 🐾 Bags of dry pet food are always needed! We DO accept torn and open bags

The shelter uses dry dog and/or cat food to feed animals in our facility unless an animal has special dietary requirements. We also distribute food to low-income families for their pets, to shut-ins who cannot get out to buy pet food, and to people with a temporary need for help.

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SHARE IN THE CARE.....

Donation drives are greatly appreciated and make wonderful community service projects for schools, scouts, businesses, church groups, etc.

