



Canine Comfort

*a non-profit
organization helping
dogs in need*

Another year is upon us! Taking a look back at 2011, we rescued forty-four (44) dogs and puppies within Aniak, and the surrounding villages of the Kuskokwim River area. We are ever so grateful to: **ERA Alaska** (for transporting 36 of our rescues into Anchorage); **Alaska Dog and Puppy Rescue** (for taking in 32 of our rescues for adoption); **Alaska SPCA** (for coordinating the spay of one female and taking in another for adoption); **Everts Air Cargo** (for the generous help in delivering the much-needed supplies to us in Aniak); **Sharon Burns** for her continued support and sponsoring our mascot, Ringo, who will forever be with Canine Comfort, **Eric Schwarz**, our webmaster – thank you for revising and updating our site, and to **all the wonderful folks** that have made donations to Canine Comfort. Your donations allow us to care for, feed, and shelter all of our rescued animals.

Also in 2011, Canine Comfort helped six (6) lost dogs find their way back home to their owners; assisted two families with providing flight kennels for their dogs that needed to travel to Anchorage. We also assisted folks with dog containment problems. When the Kuskokwim River flooded the village of Sleetmute, we donated dog food to pet-owners who lost their homes and belongings. We received many calls for emergency medical assistance such as dog fighting wounds; poisoning; hydration therapy for Parvo disease; noses and paws snagged by fish hooks; advice for Kennel cough treatment; infections; and a birthing problem with a cat that was resolved with momma and her four kittens surviving the ordeal.

Dr. Robert Sept held a one-day clinic in Aniak on April 3, 2011. Annual vaccinations and necessary surgeries were performed. Because of your generous donations, Canine Comfort was able to subsidize approximately 40% of each surgery. Eight spay/neuter procedures were performed and we paid out \$850.00. The fall veterinary clinic was held on Saturday, November 5th. This proved to be more successful with a total of twelve surgeries. Canine Comfort paid out a total of \$1,315.00. We are very fortunate to have Dr. Sept here to provide veterinary care for Aniak. **Thank you Dr. Sept!**

On September 24th, Canine Comfort finally broke ground for our very own shelter building. Craig Luchsinger and Jim Sweeney clear-cut the small plot for dozing and

gravel. We would like to thank Craig and Jim along with the City of Aniak, Jacques' Longpre', and Sam Conrad, on behalf of Bush-Tell, (for the dozer work), Doug Moffit (for the gravel). Winter hit hard shortly after and put an end to this year's efforts. We are ready to go in 2012 and our goal is to have the shelter constructed by the winter. There have been many changes in our small corner of "Dog Rescue," Canine Comfort would like to say a fond farewell to Rebecca Dinkins of ADPR, we wish you well in your life's endeavors, your help has been invaluable; Sally Clampitt of AK SPCA has been very helpful with advice, surgeries, and finding forever homes for CC dogs, and just lending an ear - we wish you a happy retirement! Renata Hoskins of ADPR, this work does wear a person down; we miss you and truly wish you and your family all the best that you all deserve.

Thank you all for every bit that you do to help the animals in need – together we are making a difference! Best wishes for the New Year!