

Bring PAWS Home Capital Campaign

FAQs

What is the cost of the project?

We're estimating the total project cost to be about \$4 million. Animal shelters are among the most expensive facilities to construct, because they are built to medical facility standards, per state requirements. The current average cost is \$400/square foot for this type of building. Specifically our shelter must include:

- Air exchange that efficiently meets the state requirements of full exchange 15-20 times per hour
- Drainage in each animal enclosure that minimizes the spread of disease
- Appropriate isolation areas for both cats and dogs
- Proper sound abatement to mitigate stress to the animals
- Non-porous, waterproof materials on all surfaces
- A storm shelter for the protection of staff and visitors



How will you raise these funds?

We are looking to raise 80% of the total funds through grants, corporate giving, and large private angel donors. The final 20% will come from our local small businesses, families, and friends. As of October 2024, we have raised over \$3,300,000.

Why do you need a new building?

While the building we have now is beautiful on the outside, the structure is in disrepair. We have sloping floors, rotting walls, and water encroachments. Our building keeps settling and moving because it is built on a pier system on top of fill. In early 2022, we had two local contractors come to assess the situation and both concluded that our problems are not an easy fix and likely will cost more than our building is worth. We did a quick-fix to buy us more time, but the most fiscally responsible thing to do is to build a new facility.

Where will the new shelter be located?

We have purchased a 5-acre lot in the Southwest Business Park in Washington.

What is the timeline for your project?

We are in the silent phase of our Capital Campaign now, and hope to enter the public phase in Fall 2024. We want to break ground in Spring 2025 and be at home in our new facility by Spring 2026.

Who is doing the work?

We are dedicated to finding contractors in the local southeast Iowa market. We have partnered with Streamline Architects from Iowa City for our architectural and engineering design needs and with McComas-Lacina Construction from Iowa City as our General Contractor.

How can I donate?

There are several ways you can help **Bring PAWS Home**, including:

- Check or money order made payable to PAWS & More Capital Fund
- Signing a pledge form agreeing to future contributions
- Monthly recurring donation to come directly and securely from your bank account
- Appreciated securities transferred to PAWS & More
- Listing PAWS & More in your will or estate planning

