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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Bethel Friends of Canines Board of Directors changes and restructuring**

12/14/2017: As many of you know, Joan Dewey has been the driving force behind Bethel Friends of Canines (BFK9). After years of being overworked and overstressed, she is stepping down from her leadership role. This organization would not exist without the years of work that Joan put into building the rescue from the ground up, and the Board of Directors wish her the best of luck. There are thousands of dogs and cats that are in happy homes because of her work.

While BFK9 goes through this transitional phase we are going to scale back our operations for the short term. BFK9 is still dedicated to helping the animals in this community, and we plan to continue taking in rescues from the Bethel pound and from the community after we have a chance to regroup and build a bigger foster network. We are also going to continue to provide low income spay/ neuter services and vaccination services as our funding permits.

We are looking for help and support from the community if our organization is going to continue. Please attend the community meeting we'll be holding in January (date TBA). We hope that many people will come help us brainstorm to ensure that the rescue will continue.

We are excited about the future of BFK9, and we hope YOU want to be a part of our mission to work in conjunction with the local animal care officers to find permanent homes for abandoned or neglected animals in our community.

We will announce the date of the community meeting ASAP! Please attend with your enthusiasm and ideas! If you are interested in volunteering or fostering, please go to our website and fill out our volunteer form.

If you would like more information regarding the future of Bethel Friends of Canines or you want to get involved, please contact Edie Barbour at [bethelfriendsofcanines2011@gmail.com](mailto:bethelfriendsofcanines2011@gmail.com) or 545-3506.