

"Not only will we save on construction costs, but we'll also see our new Animal Care Campus in the heart of the city at a terrific location and we can start the transformation of the building this fall. This is an ideal development for us. When we saw that Dillons would be transitioning to the new location, the idea of renovation instead of construction came about since the neighborhood location is perfect. The Nebraska Humane Society's facility in Omaha was once a grocery warehouse so we have seen how successful a remodel of this sort can be overall."

- Grant Glenn, HHHS Board President

The renovation begins

FALL 2009



"The Dillons location at 21st & Belle is perfect for our use. We can almost take our plans for the new facility and drop them into this existing site, saving considerable expense and time, while still providing everything we need to take great care of the animals."

- Bill Acree, HHHS Director of Development

"This acquisition helps us to meet our goals and allows us to do things we simply couldn't do in our existing space, like offering the opportunity for educational workshops and air conditioning the kennel areas in the summer. Without this contribution from Dillons, this would not have been possible and we would still be waiting to build."

- Carol Stubbs, HHHS Executive Director

The future address of
Helping Hands Humane Society

5720 SW 21st St.

Topeka, KS 66604



A BIG OPPORTUNITY FOR A BETTER TOPEKA

Why renovate and not rebuild?

Research indicates shelters are more successful when located near neighborhoods in retail areas rather than in remote areas.

With more bang for our buck - the additional unexpected square footage will allow for growth.

With a building already in place, we may be able to open the doors to the new shelter 9 to 12 months after the start of renovation.

Location, location, location.

The current shelter is difficult to find whereas the Dillons' building is centrally located. It will make adopting a new pet or locating a lost pet much easier.

Current fundraising efforts are not sufficient for preparing and constructing an entire building on the original site. The Dillons' building offered us more opportunities with walls and a roof already in place.



Additional Opportunities

- Children's summer camps
- Obedience training classes
- Educational seminars and lectures
- New fundraising events
- Expanded volunteer opportunities

Improved public spaces: gift shop, multiple Adoption Counselor stations, multiple "Get-Acquainted" rooms, improved lobby with glass showcases for adoptable pets.

Improved kennel area: increase in kennels to house animals, specially designed kennel areas to promote a healthy environment, specified cat and small mammal rooms.

Special air handling system that will eliminate airborne viruses and provide humidification.

Outdoor exercise yard that will allow potential adopters and volunteers to "get-acquainted" with the animals and permit dog obedience training and educational seminars.

Veterinary suite to tend to the health and sterilization needs of the animals.

