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Do you want your donations to stay local?

Right now, solicitors hired by the American SPCA (ASPCA) located in New York are knocking on doors and approaching people on the streets of Seattle asking for donations to help save the lives of shelter pets. Some of these solicitors have been accompanied by dogs wearing jackets that say "adopt me."

The Seattle Humane Society is not affiliated with the ASPCA in any way. The ASPCA is a large organization located in New York City. The ASPCA does not provide any financial support to local agencies nor do they provide shelter or adoption services in our area.

The Seattle Humane Society and other local agencies save the lives of thousands of companion animals in our community every year.

When you get ready to make your year end gift for the animals, make sure the group you are supporting has a local physical address and not just a post office box.

Every dime that is given to the Seattle Humane Society stays in our community to save the lives of stray and abandoned pets in Seattle and King County. Every donation made to the ASPCA goes out of town.

Donations to the Seattle Humane Society can be made online at seattlehumane.org, or by calling 206-373-5382.



Posted by **Joyce Zoldak** at November 25, 2009 9:43 a.m.
Categories: [cats](#), [dogs](#), [fundraising](#), [news release](#)

COMMENTS

Posted by **ballard dogger** at 11/25/09 11:29 a.m. #410091

I am unpleasantly shocked at this posting - shouldn't Seattle Humane just be happy that people are supporting animal welfare in general? I think this tactic of demanding our money stay local is deplorable and absolutely makes me think twice about supporting you. If I want to support a large scale advocacy group like the ASPCA, I'm doing so b/c my money would work on a national level - I donate to local shelters for completely different reasons. Unless the ASPCA fundraisers were actually lying to people and telling them they work at Seattle Humane, I see absolutely nothing wrong with this. This is not the way to urge your donors to support you!

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Posted by **Eric B** at 11/25/09 12:58 p.m. #410151

Money given to these ASPCA solicitors may be going to animal welfare, but I wonder why a non-local group like this is out on the streets here in Seattle.

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Posted by **LUMail** at 11/25/09 1:39 p.m. #410192

Anyone silly enough to donate to a sidewalk ASPCA solicitor, a door-to-door veteran's advocacy group or a freeway ramp panhandler might consider re-assessing the impacts of their impulsive actions. Predators on our charitable intentions cause harm to legitimate organizations both by diverting funds and by stealing our community heart just a little harder against these unscrupulous onslaughts. Legitimate solicitors have far more efficient and accountable donation channels than strangers confronting with the sidewalk ask.

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