

## Animal Shelter of Queens Fundraiser Encourages Down and Dirty Politics

**Donors can elect to line a cat litter box or dog cage with images of candidates.**

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Want to make a political statement and help animals? A shelter in Queens, N.Y., will line a cage with the candidate of your choice. As the presidential and vice presidential candidates spar over the best solutions to the nation's problems, an animal shelter that serves Queens, N.Y., invites donors to engage in "down and dirty" politics by offering a chance to line the animal cages and cat litter boxes with images of their least favorite presidential ticket.

According to volunteers at the Animal Shelter of Queens, they "put together this goofy little fundraiser" where people can help the animals of the no-kill shelter in Rego Park and vent their political frustrations.

For a \$25 donation made via PayPal to the shelter, donors can specify their litter-lining candidate. Every week until the election, the staff will post updates about which candidate is lining the most cages.

Shelter volunteers said this is a good way to blow off steam while helping cats and dogs in need. Founded in 1991, the shelter serves Queens and its surrounding areas.