

It's All Going To The Dogs



In September, the *Sonsini Animal Shelter* got an incredible gift of \$25,000 from Pittsfield-based Berkshire Money Management. President Allen Harris, also a member of the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee, had an idea that benefited both organization; he donated \$1,000 to the shelter for every person who joined the Chamber through Berkshire Money Management.

The money is going right to the dogs.... to buy supplies for new dog kennels. Dick Eastland, a kind and generous mason who is donating his time, is rebuilding all of the kennel walls with cinder blocks. If you've visited the shelter, you'll know why this is such a big deal. The current metal panel walls, decades old, are held together by rusty old pipes. Our new, spiffy walls will give each dog a more private, quiet, sanitary and safe place to stay while they wait for a new home. And this is a gift that will keep on giving; Every homeless dog who ever visits the shelter into the future will have a better place to stay because of these generous gifts. So many thanks to Berkshire Money Management, Dick Eastland, and all of the people who joined the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce during the membership drive.

