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## Local shelter awarded prestigious fellowship



**By: Stephen Kalb-Koenigsfeld, Pioneer editor**

The Stafford Animal Shelter in Livingston was accepted into the University of Wisconsin-Madison Shelter Medicine Program's Northern Tier Shelter Fellowship last week.

The Livingston shelter was one of four different organizations in the Northern Tier to be selected into the program.

Steve Leach, the executive director of the Stafford Animal Shelter, will attend training on behalf of the Montana shelter, to learn more about veterinary medicine and how to better provide for the people and animals at the shelter.

"It is an honor we were selected in this highly competitive process," Leach said in a news release March 12. "The University of Wisconsin is leading the nation in shelter medicine and animal welfare protocols.

Our participation in this ongoing fellowship will undoubtedly thrust Stafford into the upper echelon of cutting edge animal welfare operations, which will benefit our community an most importantly the homeless pets entrusted to us."

The Stafford Animal Shelter has an "open-door" policy, where it will accept any pet, regardless of species, breed or medical condition. There are also no stay restrictions for the animals who enter the shelter.

The fellowship begins June 4, which travel expenses paid to the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

For more information about the Stafford Animal Shelter, visit [www.staffordanimalshelter.org](http://www.staffordanimalshelter.org).

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