

Steve Dale's Pet World

Sara Feigenholtz Helps with Tree House Groundbreaking

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Myself with Alderman Debra Silverstein (50th), Tree House Board President Dr. Colleen Currigan, and Illinois State Representative Sara Feigenholtz

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Feigenholtz Breaks Ground on \$7 million Tree House Humane Society Cat Shelter

CHICAGO, Ill. – State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, D-Chicago, joined with fellow cat lovers and Tree House board members in breaking ground on the new, state-of-the-art Tree House Humane Society building located at 7225 N. Western Ave. Tree House, a 44-year-old no-kill cat shelter, is opening a new location away from its current Uptown home. This opening is a first for Chicago as Tree House is opening the first “cat café” in the city.

“Cat cafés” are very popular in countries such as Japan and Taiwan and have already been established in U.S. cities, including Oakland and New York City.

“Tree House will provide an incredible service not only to the felines who so desperately need a safe home, but will also provide an opportunity for humans to come help take care of these beautiful creatures,” said Representative Feigenholtz.

The cat café will feature tables and chairs inside of glass rooms wherein cats and volunteers can interact in comfort. Food and beverages will be permitted in these rooms and will allow for longer interaction times between volunteers and cats. Tree House will open its doors in early 2016.

“This state-of-the-art facility will provide a fun, comfortable space for people who want to help animals. Volunteers will be able to relax and interact with cats in the shelter,” added Feigenholtz.