



Idaho's Furry Friends Move into a New, Energy Efficient Home

The Idaho Humane Society (IHS) — one of the biggest humane societies in the northwest — recently moved into a new home that offers a comfortable location to adopt out more dogs and cats than ever before.

The IHS is a nonprofit organization with a mission to advocate for the welfare and responsible care of animals, protect them from neglect and cruelty, and promote humane education, awareness and compassion. The IHS worked with local design firm CSHQA to ensure their new building was energy efficient and the dollars were being spent responsibly.

The new building in Boise features bigger outdoor play areas, a veterinary clinic double the size of its predecessor, natural lighting, larger kennels and noise-control features to help keep all the adoptable pets and their human caretakers comfortable all year long.

The new building is also equipped with the latest in energy-saving technology. Energy-saving features include HVAC controls, LED lights and lighting controls, reflective roof coating and insulation, and efficient window glazing and thermochromic glass that tints the windows when needed.

"Not only is this facility energy efficient, but all of our systems work so much better. The air handling is so much more precise, there's no odor in this building, the sound is minimized, the lighting is terrific. It's a very restful environment for our animals. So, we achieved not only savings in energy efficiency but also a lot more comfort," said Dr. Jeff Rosenthal, CEO of the IHS.

In addition to energy savings and improved comfort, Idaho Power provided IHS with cash incentives through Idaho Power's Commercial and Industrial Energy

Efficiency Program for reduced light loads, efficient exit signs, efficient HVAC units and the reflective roof treatment. The energy saved through this program is enough to power eight average-sized Idaho homes for a year, and the incentives will help people and pets for years to come.

"With the money we're saving on energy, we're expanding our humane education program welcoming more and more children into our facility. We're increasing our ability to provide medical care for pets belonging to people with low incomes and also pets that come into the shelter and are rehomed but need medical care or spays and neuters," Rosenthal said. "So, all of our programs here from adoptions to outreach in the community are really augmented by having savings."

See how Idaho Power's energy efficiency programs helped the IHS save money and create a beautiful, energy efficient home for its furry friends on our YouTube channel: [youtube.com/idahopower](https://www.youtube.com/idahopower).

For more information on energy-saving programs for businesses, visit idahopower.com/business.



Summer is Here!

While the temperature outside heats up, we have energy-saving tips to help keep you cool.

- **Use a fan.** If you use air conditioning, a fan allows you to raise the thermostat setting about 4°F without a reduction in comfort. Remember to turn them off when you leave the room — fans cool people, not rooms.
- **Limit using the oven or stovetop.** On hot days, use a programmable pressure cooker, slow cooker, microwave or grill outside.
- **Close it up.** Close outside doors, windows and blinds or curtains during the day if you're out of the house, especially on the east and west sides. If safe to do so, open your windows at night or in the morning to let in cooler air.
- **Upgrade to LED lights.** LEDs are cool to the touch and use a fraction of the power used by incandescent and fluorescent bulbs.

- **Plant a shade tree.** Plant deciduous trees or install awnings to shade your home, especially on the west and east sides of your house. Before planting trees, ensure they won't interfere with power lines once they grow to their full size.

Learn more about Idaho Power's energy savings programs, along with tips and ideas, at idahopower.com/save.



From the Energy Efficient Kitchen

Grilled Tri-tip with Herb Rub

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| 1 beef tri-tip roast (2 ½ to 3 lbs) | 1 tsp chili powder |
| 1 tsp seasoning salt | 1 ½ tsp dried thyme |

In a small bowl, combine seasonings. Trim tri-tip roast and moisten with a damp paper towel. Pat with prepared rub, cover and refrigerate for at least one hour.

Preheat the grill to medium-high. Sear both sides of the roast on hot grill, then lower the heat to medium, cover and cook, turning occasionally, for 20 minutes or until desired doneness. Remove from heat, cover with foil and let meat rest for 10 minutes. Carve and serve. Makes about six servings.

Recipe selected from Idaho Power's Centennial Celebration Cookbook.

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Energy Education at Home

Did you know you can make items move using static electricity, or that you can build a marshmallow catapult to learn about converting potential energy to kinetic energy? We recently collected our favorite energy-education projects in one place on our website so you can easily access them at home.

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- Energy-saving recipes from our Electric Kitchen
- Energy conservation code breakers
- Word searches
- Electricity science experiments

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