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## Happy New Year



Just a few of the animals waiting to complete your family

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## FROM THE MANAGER

Eve Burnside

# What do you mean - New Year? I haven't caught up with August yet!

This year has blown by with all of the accompanying winds; blustery and fair.

We started this January with 14 dogs, 45 cats and 11 bunnies. We now have a population of about 20 dogs, 21 cats, 2 Indian Runner Ducks, 1 bunny and 4 guinea pigs. Our high month was in October with over 90 animals in house! To date, we have had nearly **700** animals in varying states of health and attitudes come through our doors. By month's end, we will have surpassed last year's intake by at least 50 living, breathing souls.

We have also fielded over **750** calls for lost or found animals-everything from dogs and cats to ferrets, horses, goats, chickens and assorted birds... fortunately; a large number of those lost were found and reunited with their owners!

The number of creatures at the shelter fluctuates with no set pattern, so we have to be ready to accommodate any and all who come to our door all year long.

We stay busy tending our creatures and providing assistance and education to the hundreds of visitors to our shelter. After school groups, individual care givers and others who just want to visit but cannot adopt like to spend time at the shelter. Some days, we will have run ourselves silly and not taken even \$1.00 into our accounts.

**The good news** is that the number of animals that leave our shelter, either to a new home or who are reclaimed by their owners is over 96%. That is a great number when you consider that we are an open admission shelter-that means we take in everybody-friendly or snappy, sick or in good health.

This takes staff, volunteers and board members working together to take care of the animals' needs and to find funds to feed, give medical care when needed and house them.

With expenses well over \$300,000, it's a real issue when something like "the leak" happens...

What is "**the leak**" you ask? It's 300,000 gushing gallons of water springing from a source as yet unknown going to who knows where. We've got it capped off so we are no longer gushing, but we are looking at almost \$15,000 in repair and replumbing for a 30 year old building!

*Dear Santa, Easter Bunny, Tooth Fairy  
and whoever else can help...*

*Please, please, please...*

*Send the animals a new shelter...soon!*

Thank you for my walks...  
Even in the cold we go!  
It keeps me frisky -)

~JL



# The BRHA Board of Directors

Going into 2016 the Bitter Root Humane Association Board of Directors will have a new look.

Late last year several members of the Board found it necessary to leave their positions for personal reasons. Jim Coulter, Linda Perry-Turner and Rhonnie Leonard have resigned and we wish them well in any new endeavors they choose to explore. As a result, our Board has been reconfigured as follows:

President(s)	Kathy Good & Sue McCormack, Interim co-chairs
Vice President	Kathie Butts
Secretary	Judy Allison
Treasurer	Linda Williams
Board Members:	Sue Devlin, Mary Fox, Lori Draper, Bobbie Mitch

We are also seeking letters of interest from any of our members who are interested in serving the mission of BRHA and its animals. Please send your letter to BRHA, attn. Board of Directors, PO Box 57, Hamilton, MT 59840.

We are looking forward to another successful year of caring for and placing animals in new "forever homes".

## Teaching, Learning and Giving!

By MICHELE CRAIG,  
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Each October, Corvallis Primary School second grade teacher, Mrs. Debbie Irish, adds one more thing to her already busy schedule: Start prepping for the annual donation drive for the Bitter Root Humane Association.

For about 10 years now, the entire second grade team of teachers at Corvallis Primary have organized this community service project. This project allows the students to lend a helping hand to the furry

friends in their community and learn all about the BRHA.

To prepare for this annual event, the second grade students read both fiction and non-fiction stories about dogs. They also start collecting and buying all kinds of great things to donate to the shelter: dog food, pet toys, beds, cleaning supplies and tons more! The BRHA arranges volunteers to visit the school, give a presentation and pick up the wonderful donations!

This year volunteer Judy Estler and board member Linda Williams came along with Linda's wonderful dog Milo. Keeping it simple and interesting Judy discussed how to keep pets healthy

and happy, how to stay safe around animals and talked a bit about the role of the BRHA in the community.

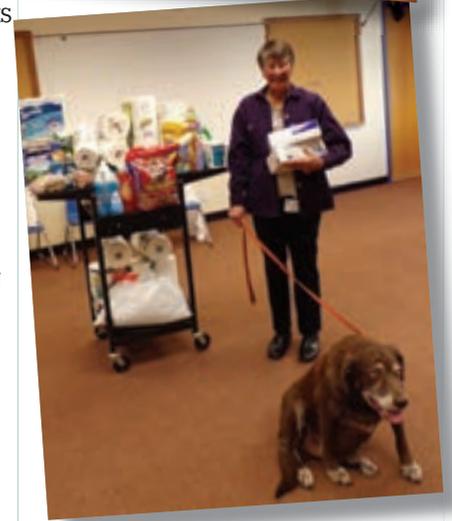
The students had amazing stories and questions, and you could tell that animals are really important to second graders. At the end of each presentation every student got a

chance to gently pet Milo the dog.

Corvallis Primary School, with the help of its amazing teachers and generous students, has created a wonderful partnership with the animal shelter and we are grateful! After we finished with

our presentations and the kids went back to their classrooms, we were so excited and happy to see an amazing mountain of donations waiting for us to take back to the shelter!!! Rolls and rolls of paper towels, bottles of Simple Green, bags of pet food and treats, balls, toys, beds and more. It was like Christmas in October! It took us three trips to load our car!

We are so thankful for the support of Mrs. Irish, the entire second grade teaching staff, and especially those wonderful second graders at Corvallis Primary School! Looking forward to next year!



# Judy Paul 1950-2015



The Bitterroot Valley lost a good friend in late September 2015.

Judy Paul was killed in a tragic auto accident while doing the work she loved best...transporting a couple of puppies to a better life. One of the pups died with her; the other was adopted by a longtime friend and co-worker.

Judy was best known for her involvement with companion animals; especially dogs. She was a past President of Bitter Root Humane Association as well as a very active volunteer; a founder of MT Companion Animal Network (MTCAN) and owner of Dawg Gone Acres, a canine rescue home. The animal world in the Valley will miss her sunny smile and loving heart.

She also brought joy to her community through the gift of her music. Judy was a terrific pianist and French horn player and shared that gift with us by being an accompanist with the Hamilton Players, Bitterroot Community Orchestra and Chorus and many productions at Hamilton High School.

For those of us involved with Judy at BRHA, her absence is immense. She was the consummate volunteer. During her years involved with animals in several organizations, the number

of canine adoptions far exceeded 1000. Many of those successes were initiated in the Meet and Greet Park at BRHA. This area was Judy's idea; she raised the funding, got materials donated, and arranged for the work to be completed. Many wonderful family completions started here. And it continues daily. In her honor, this area will be renamed:



The Judy Paul Memorial  
**MEET & GREET PARK**

As the story goes, when an animal lover passes on, she gets to cross the Rainbow Bridge to be reunited with all the animals that she had in her life on earth. Can you just imagine the pack that was waiting for Judy!! What a joyous reunion.

Be at peace, Judy; surrounded by music and critters.



# Dedicated To Rescuers

By ARLENE PACE

Once I was a lonely dog, just looking for a home.  
I had no place to go, no one to call my own.  
I wandered up and down the streets, in rain in heat and snow.  
Ate whatever I could find, I was always on the go.  
My skin would itch, my feet were sore, my body ached with pain.  
No one stopped to give a pat, or to gently say my name.  
I never saw a loving glance; I was always on the run.  
People thought that hurting me was really lots of fun.

And then one day I heard a voice, so gentle, kind and sweet,  
Arms so soft reached down to me, and took me off my feet.  
"No one again will hurt you" was whispered in my ear  
"You'll have a home to call your own, where you will know no fear."  
"You will be dry, you will be warm, you'll have enough to eat."  
"And rest assured that when you sleep, your dreams will all be sweet."  
I was afraid I must admit, I've lived so long in fear.  
I can't remember when I let, a human come so near.

And as she tended to my wounds, and bathed and brushed my fur,  
she told me about the rescue group, and what it meant to her.  
She said, "We are a circle, a line that never ends."

"And in the center there is you protected by new friends."  
"And all around you are the ones that check the pounds,  
And those that share their home after you've been found."  
"And all the other folk are searching near and far.  
"To find the perfect home for you, where you can be a star."

She said, "There is a family, that's waiting patiently,  
and pretty soon we'll find them, just you wait and see."  
"And then they'll join our circle, they'll help to make it grow,  
so there'll be room for more like you, who have no place to go."  
I waited very patiently, the days they came and went.  
Today's the day I thought, my family will be sent.  
Then just when I began to think, It wasn't meant to be,  
there were people standing there just gazing down at me.

I knew them in a heartbeat; I could tell they felt it too.  
They said, "We have been waiting for a special dog like you."  
Now every night I say a prayer to all the gods that be.  
"Thank you for the life I live and all you've given me.  
But most of all protect the dogs in the pound and on the street.  
And send a rescue person to lift them off their feet."





# Memorials

Aug. 17, 2015 through Dec. 25, 2015

BRHA gratefully acknowledges the support and generosity of so many who wish to honor the memory of loved ones. We are humbled by the dedication and love of animals that those departed loved ones exhibited, and are truly grateful to their families for suggesting that memorials be sent to the BRHA for the benefit of the animals.

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF PETS

- |  |   |                                     |   |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| For Inspector Clousseau Myers          | From Jenny Laing  | For Deuce                           | From Alice Foster   |
| For Jake Barnings                      | From Jenny Laing  | For Heidi, "a heartbeat at my feet" | From Donna Grinde   |
| For Zoe Laing                          | From Diane & Kent Myers                                   | For Lucas, Shalimar & Mister        | From Pam & Rich Grant   |
| For Rosie                              | From Pam Wood   | For Bishop                          | From Tori Nobles & Don Stephens   |
| For Nelson                             | From The Lukomski Family<br>Alice & John<br>Sutherland    | For Steggie                         | From Tom & DeeDee Sanders   |
| For Jasper                             | From LuAnn & Alan<br>Burgmuller                           | For Reesa                           | From Jef & Gine Houston   |
| For Molly Jackson                      | From Gayle Sommer   | For Baily                           | From Sandra Chittick  |
| For Nicky                              | From Esther Foss  | For Dino                            | From John & Valerie Winn  |
| For Little Mac McCormack               | From Larry & Lori Draper<br>Charlotte & Charlie<br>Oliver | For Emmy                            | From Shirley & Walter Dezell  |
| For Harry                              | From Q DeHart   | For Jascha                          | From Terry & Sherry Phillips<br>Tom & Ruthie Hopson                                   |
| For Lion Fisher                        | From Gayle Sommer   | For Boojum                          | From Janet Lee & Ted Libbey   |
| For Max                                | From Dean & Patty Jackson                                 | For Sheba & Sailor                  | From Barry & Deborah Solon  |
| For JC Curry                           | From Dog sisters Fergie & Scooter                         | For Cissy                           | From Nonda Beardsley  |
| For Sugar                              | From Mike McKee   | For Star Baby                       | From DeeDee & Jim Glick   |
| For Diego Cote                         | From Charlotte & Charlie<br>Oliver<br>Nancy Canning       | For Buckshot                        | From Carole & Dave Mackie<br>Charlotte & Charlie<br>Oliver<br>Ted Odmark & Marti Hale |
| For Freida                             | From LuAnn & Alan<br>Burgmuller                           | For Jake                            | From Joan & Rod Lawrence  |
| For Louie                              | From Mary & Jim Czech                                     | For Cowboy                          | From Mabel & Lawrence Pyle  |
| For Stormy Sloan                       | From Parnelli Sharp<br>DeeDee & Tom<br>Sanders            | For Stubby & Jemibel                | From Patti Rosa & Paul Policastro   |
| For Tillie                             | From Leonard & Barbara<br>McCann                          |                                     |   |
| For Alder                              | From Laura & Leon<br>Watlington                           |                                     |   |
| For Our beloved dog Shemp              | From Kathleen & Thomas<br>Burgess                         |                                     |   |
| For Bo & Nicki                         | From Esther (Brownie) Foss                                |                                     |   |
| For Neelie                             | From Mary Stevens   |                                     |   |
| For Wayne & Daisy                      | From Jenny Laing  |                                     |   |
| For King, Blotter, Kimba, Molly & Milo | From Don & Linda Williams                                 |                                     |   |
| For Libby                              | From Marcia Prather                                       |                                     |   |



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Aug. 17, 2015 through Dec. 25, 2015

For Max Lint  
For Smokey

For Hazel & Maverick

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF PEOPLE

For Adam Senn

From Timba & Tally Grace  
From Sharon & Terry  
Thompson

From Teri Webberley

From Farmers State Bank  
Ronald & Nancy  
Osborn  
Bertie Senn  
KL Brandenburg  
William & Dean  
Kay Delaney  
Ralph & Jeannine  
Senn  
June Severns

From Ann & Frank Machek  
From Joseph & Kea Yanzick  
From Nancy & Glen Uecker  
Paula Drudick  
Cheri & Tim Gulden  
Kathy Drudick &  
Tamara Lewis

From Sally Richards  
From Kea & Joe Yanzick  
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From Alice Foster  
From Ann & Frank Machek  
Carrie Thornton  
Beth Robbins  
Joan & Don Lodmell  
Mary & Al Gehl  
George & Judith  
Mason  
Diane & Kent Myers  
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Volunteers Of BRHA  
Christine & James  
Blackburn  
Blue Mama & Rose  
Dan & Linda Perry  
Turner

For Jim Jetter

From Deb Strickland  
Robert & Virginia  
Wrench

For Merle Lloyd

From Cindera Haas  
Sally & Jeffrey Hill

For Barbara Wiley

From Chickie & Dennis  
Lietzow

For Harold Eardley

From Mary Lake

For Barbara Boatwright

For Heidi James  
For Charlie  
For Mitchell Fey  
For Reid Flinders  
For Verne Bowers

For Leroy McCrossin  
For Brenda Rohwer  
For Sharon Bailey  
For Emily "Lu" Gilstad

For Jeanie & Jessica Collar  
For LeRoy White

For John Sutherland  
For Jim and Joan Cox  
For Dr. Annette Slowinski  
For Kathy Oliver

For Jean Matthews  
For Diane Asplund

## IN HONOR OF

For Sue Devlin's Retirement

For Dick & Judy Estler  
For Jenny Laing

From Leif Magnusson &  
Charlotte Sibley

From Peter Samulevich  
From Jenny Laing  
From Deborah Clise-Kerr  
From Karen Hertzog  
From Cynthia Nixon-Marinoni  
Family

From Joseph & Kea Yanzick  
From Wendy Woods  
From Beth Robbins  
From Leeann & Charlie  
Counts

From Valerie Collar  
From Miller Family and  
friends at Bell McCall

From Ann Hardenberg  
From Cheryl Hadley  
From Janet Lee & Td Libbey  
From Charlie & Charlotte  
Oliver

From Kent & Diane Myers  
From Jake & Kris Reddin

From Ernest & Maria  
Bednorski  
Earl & Karen Philips  
Tom & Carrie  
Shaughnessy

From Alair & John Hough  
From Natalie Benson

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# New Membership & Renewal Application

2016 Membership fees are due now. Your address label indicates the year that your current membership expires. If you have any questions, please call Sue McCormack 642-9840. Your continued support is so important to all the animals. Thank you!!

Seniors: \$10 ea \_\_\_\_\_ Individuals: \$20ea \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

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- Please have the Volunteer Coordinator contact me
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