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Bitter Root Humane Association

“30-Days of Giving” Business Challenge!



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Our
Local
Animal
Shelter

The Entire Month of November!



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BRHA!

**Look for all the details inside*

Shelter Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri - 1-6 pm; Wed - CLOSED; Sat - noon - 5 pm; Sun - 2-5 pm

Serving Our Community Since 1972



President's Corner.....Kathie Butts

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It is my fondest wish that all our Shelter supporters, donors and fans discover that they are as proud of this new facility as our leadership is. The Bitterroot Valley is doing what so many places in Montana would love to do. We, our joint communities, are providing a better place to shelter the animal members who live amongst us and who find themselves without a home to bring their special brand of love to. The new shelter is a well-crafted blend of careful cost control and state of the art animal care in a superbly constructed building. It should last for ages and serve our animal neighbors and family members well for many years! It will help in so many ways to bridge the time between families and make the animals stay with the BRHA a better experience which makes them infinitely more adoptable.

When you drive by - stop and take a quick peek. You can't go inside the fence but, the progress is becoming quite visible

from the outside of the fence. The roofing and the siding are going on, the site work is continuing, and inside...O' wow! Inside is almost totally sheet

rocked, electrical and plumbing continue and the windows are in!!!! The dog kennels are perhaps the most exciting part of the building. Sound control decking is in and the west wing is rapidly catching up to the rest of the kennel area.

Thank you to the donors who have made this possible, there have been years of donations and it is coming to fruition, thank you for your trust. Thank you for your patience and thank you for caring.

Kathie



Don't miss out on a single issue of the BRHA Paw Prints Newsletter...annual memberships run January through December...check your label for your membership expiration date and renew if you have expired!

What's Happening?

Due to the continuing increase in COVID-19 cases locally, we are taking proactive measures to ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers & community. Unfortunately, with the current restrictions in place, that means the cancellation of our two largest and most loved fundraisers, the Festival of Wreaths and the annual Cookie Walk & Bake Sale. But, in the spirit of the season, BRHA has come up with some new fun & unique events for the 2020 holiday season that we hope you will enjoy!

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**Please check our website and Facebook page often for more event info & new additions!*



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Each business, where you see this sign, will be competing to raise the most money for BRHA during the month of November.

Shop, have fun & help them to help BRHA!

SAVE - THE - DATE!

“Happy Tails” Holiday Auction
Thanksgiving 11/26 - 6pm
To



Ring in the holiday season with BRHA’s “Happy Tails” Holiday Online Auction!

Due to COVID-19, we’re celebrating our holiday fundraising season just a bit different this year, but for the same cause...to make it possible for us to care for all the wonderful critters that come through our doors!

We hope you will join us and in the safety of your own home, start your holiday shopping by visiting our auction....with values ranging from \$10 to priceless, we’re sure you’ll find just the perfect gift for everyone on your gift list...and for yourself too!

Preview opens in early November with items added up till auction time! **Bidding** will open Thanksgiving evening at 6pm and be open for your shopping pleasure all through Cyber Monday at 6pm.

Find the **BRHA “Happy Tails” Holiday Auction** at: www.32auctions.com/BRHA2020

Thank You for your support!

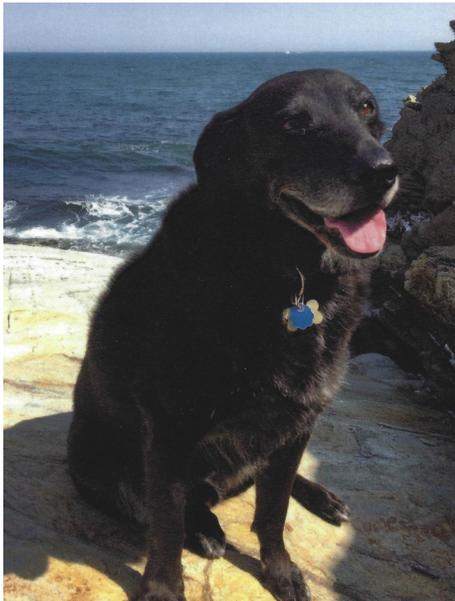




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and they make great
holiday gifts too!**

Featuring cats, dogs and other animals successfully
adopted from our shelter.

Thank You to all who entered our Calendar Photo
Contest and for adopting from BRHA!



Where Are They Now.....

Hi! I adopted Tycho (formerly TJ) in April 2014 and thought you guys would like an update. Tycho has had a busy six years and is incredibly well-loved by everyone he knows. When I lived in Montana, he got to explore the surrounding wilderness with me almost every weekend and got long, daily walks around Missoula's North side. Two years ago, work and school moved the three of us to Providence, RI. Tycho traded in the Clark Fork for the Atlantic Ocean and loves the beach. He's finally starting to slow down now as he enters old age, and his days of fetch are drawing to a close. He's a lot greyer than when I adopted him from you, but still gets as much attention and love as he used to. Thanks for taking care of him until I could meet him, he's been a huge positive in my life...Gabriel J.

**We love getting updates...please share your "Happy Tails" with us
to: BRHA, PO Box 57, Hamilton, MT 59840 or email to:
BRHABoardofDirectors@gmail.com**



PLEASE SHOP LOCAL!



"Change" for Dani's Fund

MASSA HOME CENTER, 1600 N. 1st Street,
Hamilton, is a great supporter of BRHA and
proudly displays our "Dani Fund" Donation Jar!
If your business would like to host a "Dani
Fund" donation jar to help "change" the life of
a homeless pet, please call Robin @
(406) 381-2912 or Carol @ (406) 642-3699.

Manager's Corner.....by Rachel Kramer



Kitten season arrived almost 2 months late this year. When the little ones started to show up at the shelter, we had several that were abandoned by their mothers and were only a couple of weeks old and they needed round the clock care. Our own “champion foster moms”, Amber and Char, always step up to the plate and they each took some “weenos” home to bottle feed. Having the experienced staff be able to care for our animals that need specialized attention when the shelter is not open is what allows us to be able to care for animals that otherwise would not survive.

At the end of August, we received a call from local law enforcement that there was a large cat hoarding situation in Florence that desperately needed our help. We spent three solid days trapping over 70 cats including several kittens. The living conditions these cats and kittens were in was horrific. Leaving the site each night was heart wrenching knowing they had to spend another night until we were able to return. Without the amazing staff at the shelter we would not be able to do these types of rescues. Once the cats were brought back to the shelter the long-term work begins.

All of the cats needed to be vaccinated, wormed, micro-chipped, and either spayed or neutered. Without Fox Hollow performing the spay and neuter procedures we could not have been able to make this rescue possible. Also, the community rallied around and donated cat food to help feed them. Shortly after the cats arrived many of them and our current cats were infected with an upper respiratory virus. This strain of virus was particularly aggressive and hard to fight. We had to suspend our cat adoptions until the infection was under control.

We have outgrown the space in the current shelter to be able to effectively house large rescues like this. We are so grateful to the generosity of the community that has supported our building fund. With the new shelter we will be able to have areas that we can separate sick cats from healthy ones so we do not infect all the cats in the shelter. In the mist of COVID-19 we have continued to be a strong force for the guests in our care.



Meet the Staff!
Big “Meow” Welcome to new staffer Ross!



For our complete Wish List go to www.bitterroothumane.org and check out our How Can I Help page!

Or shop our Amazon list at: <http://a.co/eDRIAFx>





Memorials

June 16, 2020 through October 15, 2020

MEMORIALS

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	FROM
Ling Ling	Ellen Holleman
Verny Parker	Carol Parker
Lucy	Donna & Roger Olsen
Mister & Csilla	Steven Labossiere
My Sweet cat "Annie"	Kathleen Price
Bentley	Maxie, Hal, Gable, Vin Ciao, Shasta & Crean, Sue & Dave McCormack
Mackie Mack	Mary & Al Gehl
Mickey	Linda Williams, Peggie Noffsinger
Simba & Tootsie, adopted fur babies	Curt, Jerri & Josh Mortenson
Mickey	June Jones
Miss June	Maureen Montague
Dozer	Jay & Q DeHart
Helga	Mary & Al Gehl

In Loving Memory of People

FOR	FROM
Dick Holt	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Lawrence Carpenter	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Ben Minow	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Becky Colchin	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Andy Winningham	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Lisa Zinner & Doug Case	Howard & Susanne Case
Jack "Doc" Ward	Ron & Charlyn Macdonald
Will Neustrom	Vicki Dawson
Our dear friend, Brian Trescott	Samantha Kitchen
Gary Hanson	Back Country Horsemen
Gene Buroker	Back Country Horsemen
Carla McDonald	Nancy Morrison
LaVonne Beers	Linda Wayne
Margie Lindquist	Bitterroot Furniture
Carla Kay McDonald	Hollie Savell
Jack "Doc" Ward	Virginia Bolen

In Honor of

FOR	FROM
Lightning & Cooper, adopted fur babies	Curt, Jerry & Josh Mortenson

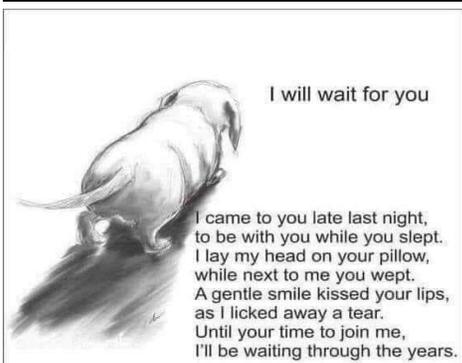
The Pet Crematorium



"In our gardens repose the remains of those that possess beauty without vanity, strength without insolence, courage without ferocity, and the virtues of man without his vices; our pets" - Lord Byron

Losing your pet can be a difficult experience for you and your family. To many, the loss is not only of a pet, but of a very close friend and member of the family. Some pet owners feel that cremation simplifies the burial of their pet, some appreciate the environmental responsibility that cremation affords. The Pet Crematorium at Bitter Root Humane Association will help complete the cycle of life by providing a proper memorial to the animal who shared that special bond.

BRHA cremation service considers it our great honor to share in the final act of respect for your pet. For information please call us at (406) 363-5311 or visit our website and click on Services.





“Unleash Tomorrow”

A Capital Campaign To Build Our New Shelter



PEEK-A-BOO!



How Can You Help

“GET ‘ER DONE”?

Yes, I want to Donate \$ _____ to the BRHA Building Fund!

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Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

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Please mail to: BRHA Building Fund, PO BOX 57, Hamilton, MT 59840

For questions or more information on other giving opportunities please contact: Linda Williams, Treasurer (406) 239-3169

BRHA is a tax exempt 501(c)3 organization - Tax ID#81-0351709

For more detailed information on our Capital Campaign Building Fund Drive,
visit our “Unleash Tomorrow” webpage at

<https://bitterroothumane.org/unleash tomorrow>



Volunteers

.....By Chelsea Detweiler

If you've been keeping an eye on our Facebook posts, you'll know that our shelter cats are going through their own quarantine. BRHA has seen two bouts of separate upper respiratory illnesses sweep through our cat rooms; to help the cats feel better faster and manage stress easier we've had the cat rooms closed for the last three weeks. It's been disheartening to see our cats so sick and also frustrating to turn folks away who want to adopt or visit. But the flow of kittens coming into the shelter didn't stop, so what were we to do to keep these new babies from getting ill? Time to recruit some foster moms and dads! It was actually rather easy to find foster homes; soon we had teachers, nurses, homeschoolers and all sorts of folks announcing that they could help: in no time at all I was able to foster out 9 litters of kittens! The fosterers were equipped with all the supplies needed and each litter was tucked away in their own room in the home.



It was fun to see the updates from the foster moms and dads: pictures of them sitting in their bathrooms with kittens piled all over, a cuddle puddle on the kids as they fell asleep. It looked like a lot of fun but since I work in a shelter I also knew it was hard work. Kittens get the sniffles too and we had to do some handholding with these new parents who did fantastic at keeping all 30 kittens healthy. After two weeks or more, the resilient foster families were happy to hand over the babies they helped raise; it's time for the next step in the kitten's lives, it's time to find their forever homes! We are incredibly grateful to have community members who stepped up and heard our call. They kept our kittens healthy, gave them social skills and got all the babies on the right path for their long lives ahead. **THANK YOU FOSTER FAMILIES, we couldn't do it without you!**

If you'd like more information on how to join our "Foster" family please call Chelsea at (406) 363-5311



A volunteer's love....priceless!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Oh boy, when the washer goes out at BRHA that is a major emergency...Huge THANK YOU to Katie S. for coming to our rescue with this beautiful new washer!



Nothing better than a cool dip in the hot dog days of summer...and our pups sure enjoyed their pool time THANKS to Julie S.!

WOW! Corvallis Primary School again dropped off all these supplies to keep BRHA & our Community Food Panty well stocked...You all rock!



Our deep appreciation to all our supporters who keep us supplied with items for our Community Pet Panty and our everyday use, along with donations to pre-pay adoptions & medical fees...to make our critters more adoptable.

We couldn't do what we do without your continued support!



Sharon takes home "Man's Best Friend", created by local artist Barbara Liss of Montana Bliss Artworks, for a \$350 donation to BRHA...Thanks ladies!

FIN'S PINT NIGHT FOR PETS A HUGE SUCCESS!

What a night it was...perfect weather, beautiful setting, fun activities, generous guests, great food & brews and let's not forget the impromptu "Who Let the Dogs Out" live entertainment by Grooves Studio of Dance and Fitness!

We'd like to THANK our host Fins Tap House and their wonderful staff for giving us the opportunity to enjoy a night under the big sky in support of all the critters at BRHA!

Because of you, our raffle basket contributors, our guests and hard working volunteers, \$1,729 will go a long ways to help us care for all the homeless animals that come through our doors!



Special THANKS to Shear Delight, Moeller's Nursery, Burnt Fork Veterinary Clinic, & Rachel Kramer Insurance Agency for sponsoring the wonderful adoption ads for our precious BRHA residents in the Bitterroot Star and the Ravalli Republic. Pictures truly help to find forever homes!

If you'd like to sponsor an ad, please contact the papers directly for all the details.

If you or your group would like to host an event in support of the shelter, please contact us to share your ideas!
Call the shelter at (406) 363-5311 or email Mary at: BRHABoardofDirectors@gmail.com



GIVING TUESDAY

**TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 1ST**



Give them a December to remember this #Giving Tuesday!

**This year we are blessed with a matching gift donation of \$250
to match your donations!**

Check our website & Facebook page for more exciting #Giving Tuesday happenings!

**It's easy to give on #Giving Tuesday...simply visit our website and click "donate"
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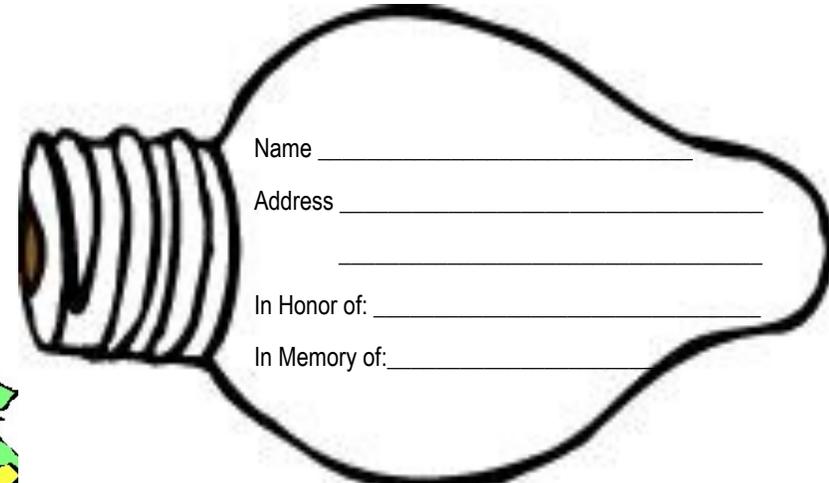


Sales of our specialty plate bring in over \$7,000 annually...funds we cannot afford to lose and we must maintain a minimum of 400 plates each year. Please help us continue this important fundraising program by purchasing or renewing our plates. Visit your local Motor Vehicle Dept. and ask for the Bitter Root Humane Association plate. Thanks!

"Paws To Remember"

For a \$5 donation, light a red bulb to honor a beloved pet or a white bulb in memory of a special departed companion. Our tree will be on display, with your pet's bulb decorating the tree the entire month of December!

Simply complete the form below and mail along with your check to: BRHA Tree Lights, PO Box 57, Hamilton, MT 59840. *For multiple bulbs please feel free to use a separate piece of paper to list the information. Bulbs will also be on sale at the shelter beginning 11/27/2020.

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to a friend when you are finished reading your newsletter. By increasing readership and awareness you will be performing a valuable service for the animals we're trying to help. You can assist us in cutting costs by advising us of your change of address or duplicate mailings. We would appreciate your help in updating our records.

New Membership & Renewal Application

Your address label indicates the year that your current membership expires. If you have any questions, please call Sue McCormack (406) 370-8071. Your continued support is so important to all the animals. Thank you!

Senior (65+): \$15 ea _____ Individual: \$25 ea _____ Business: \$30 ea

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