

# Paw Prints

Bitter Root Humane Association

A Long Time Dream  
Come True....Our New Home!



Welcome to the place they can  
call home, before their  
Forever Home!

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

Serving Our Community Since 1972



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### Animal Care Attendants/ Adoption Counselors

Heather, Megan, Sarah & Betty

## Notice of Bitter Root Humane Association Annual Membership Meeting Wednesday, March 17th, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

*Bitterroot Valley Board of Realtors Office*  
224 N. 4th Street (corner of 4th & Cherry St), Hamilton, MT

### AGENDA

- 🐾 Welcome and Introductions of Board Members - President Kathie Butts
- 🐾 Reading & Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes - Mary Gehl
- 🐾 Board and Committee Reports

- President's Report - Kathie Butts
- Treasurer's Report - Linda Williams
- New Shelter Update - Kathie Butts
- Capital Campaign Update - Michele Craig & Sue McCormack
- Fund Raising Committee Report - Mary Gehl
- Marketing Committee Report - Jen Chase
- Operations Manager's Report - Rachel Kramer
- Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Chelsea Detweiler
- Volunteer of the Year Presentation - Chelsea Detweiler

- 🐾 Election of Board of Directors
- 🐾 Meeting Adjournment

*\*Please note that in order to be eligible to vote at the meeting, members 2021 dues must be paid to BRHA and received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16th, 2021. Absentee ballots must be requested from the BRHA Secretary, PO Box 57, Hamilton, MT 59840; in order to be counted, an absentee ballot must be received at BRHA by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16th, 2021.*



**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!**

### **Did you know BRHA offers all these services?**

- ◆ Shelter & care for homeless, stray and owner surrendered animals
  - ◆ \*Pet Adoptions
  - ◆ Lost & Found Facebook Page
  - ◆ \*Reuniting lost pets with their owners
  - ◆ Emergency central community "hub" to displaced residents for their pets during fires and other natural disasters
  - ◆ Community Pet Food Pantry
  - ◆ \*Micro-chipping for dogs and cats
  - ◆ \*ID Tags
  - ◆ City of Hamilton dog license sales
  - ◆ Volunteer Opportunities
  - ◆ Humane Education and animal safety presentations
  - ◆ \* Live Animal Cage Trap Rentals
  - ◆ Spay/Neuter financial assistance (when funds are available)
  - ◆ \*Pet Crematorium Services
- \*These services require a fee*



If you are in need of any of our services, please call us at (406) 363-5311 for more information. Currently, due to COVID restrictions, the shelter is open during normal business hours, but appointments are necessary except for the Community Pet Food Pantry.

# “Change” for Dani’s Fund - SHOP LOCAL & SHOP OFTEN!



**Moose Creek BBQ, Hwy 93, Stevensville**, not only serves some of the best BBQ in the West, they are great supporters of BRHA and proudly display our “Dani’s Fund” donation jar!

If your business would like to have a “Dani’s Fund” donation jar to help “change” the life of a homeless pet, please call Robin @ (406) 381-2912 or Carol @ (406) 642-3699.

## Our Wish List....

We are always in need of many things both for our critters and everyday supplies. If you’d like to help, our complete Wish List can be downloaded on our website at [www.bitterroothumane.org](http://www.bitterroothumane.org) and check out our “How Can I Help” page! Or shop our Amazon list at: <http://a.co/eDR1AFx>



## Where Are They Now?

10/5/20 Hello. October 10th was the six-month anniversary of my adopting Pussywillow (formerly Harley). She is a scamp who never fails to make me smile.

Pussywillow:

- Loves to chase the lids off of milk cartons and even carries them around
- Follows me from room to room
- Loves to hang out in the front patio (after I screened the escape routes) and catch bugs and watch birds
- Enjoys looking down at me from the tallest perch on her inside “tree”
- Is happy to meet visitors to my house
- Likes to walk with a harness and leash on the front patio
- Likes to walk on my laptop when I should be looking at her

Yes, she is a scamp and I love her.

Thanks so much for taking care of her until we found each other!

Alison L.



*We love hearing from our alumni!  
Send your “Where Are They Now” to*

**BRHA**

**PO Box 57, Hamilton, MT 59840**



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

This is the time of year when we receive several calls each day about pets that are left in vehicles for long periods of time or left outside in very cold temperatures. Cats and dogs should be kept inside during cold weather. A common misconception is that dogs and cats are more resistant than people to cold weather because of their fur, but it's untrue. Like people, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia and should be kept inside. Longer-haired and thick-coated dog breeds, such as huskies and other dogs bred for colder climates, are more tolerant of cold weather; but no pet should be left outside for long periods in below-freezing weather.



Experts have several recommendations to help keep our furry friends safe. First and foremost, it is best to remember that *if it's too cold for you, it's most likely too cold for your pet*. If pets are left outdoors they can freeze, become disoriented, lost, stolen, injured or killed.

It is not advisable to leave pets alone in a vehicle during cold weather. Vehicles are like refrigerators, they hold in the cold and can cause animals to freeze to death. If your pet has to be left in your vehicle while you are doing errands then have plenty of blankets for them to snuggle in.

When taking your dog on a walk towel dry him as soon as they come inside, especially in-between the toes. Snowballs also need to be removed from fur and between foot pads. You can massage petroleum jelly into paw pads before your walk or buying "booties" is the best protection from salt and other chemical agents. Always use pet-friendly ice melts on sidewalks and driveways.

It is also recommended to never shave your dog down to the skin, a longer coat provides more warmth and protection. Pets with short hair should wear a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck. Coverage needs to be from the base of the tail to the belly. During cold weather it is better to bathe your furry friends as little as possible. Excessive bathing can cause dry, itchy skin due to removing essential oils. If your pet must be bathe it is best to just rinse or contact your vet for a recommended moisture shampoo.

BRHA knows that keeping your furry friend is important to you and we are here to help you if your pet becomes lost in the cold weather. Call us at 406.363.5311 to let us know that your furry friend is missing and we will post on Facebook, also let your friends know through your social media. Calling your vet to alert them is also recommended. Always have your pet's collar on and the tag information updated. BRHA can microchip your cat or dog for \$35. We have name tags that we sell for \$8 also.

## Joyful Reunion!

Buck, the 12 year old Golden Retriever had a long and arduous journey back to his family, the Stevensons.

Tim's birthday wish came true when he found his dog!

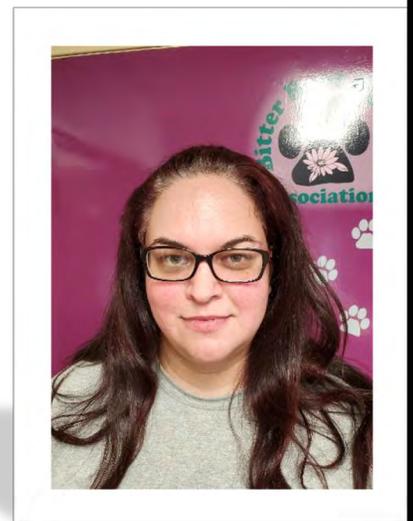
"Joyful Reunions" are made quicker & easier When pets are micro-chipped and have ID Tags! We can help on both counts....Call us at 363-5311



## Meet the Staff.....

We are so lucky that Sarah found us and joined our team! Not only does she love animals but she comes with many years of experience in the sheltering field and our critters couldn't be happier!

Welcome Aboard!



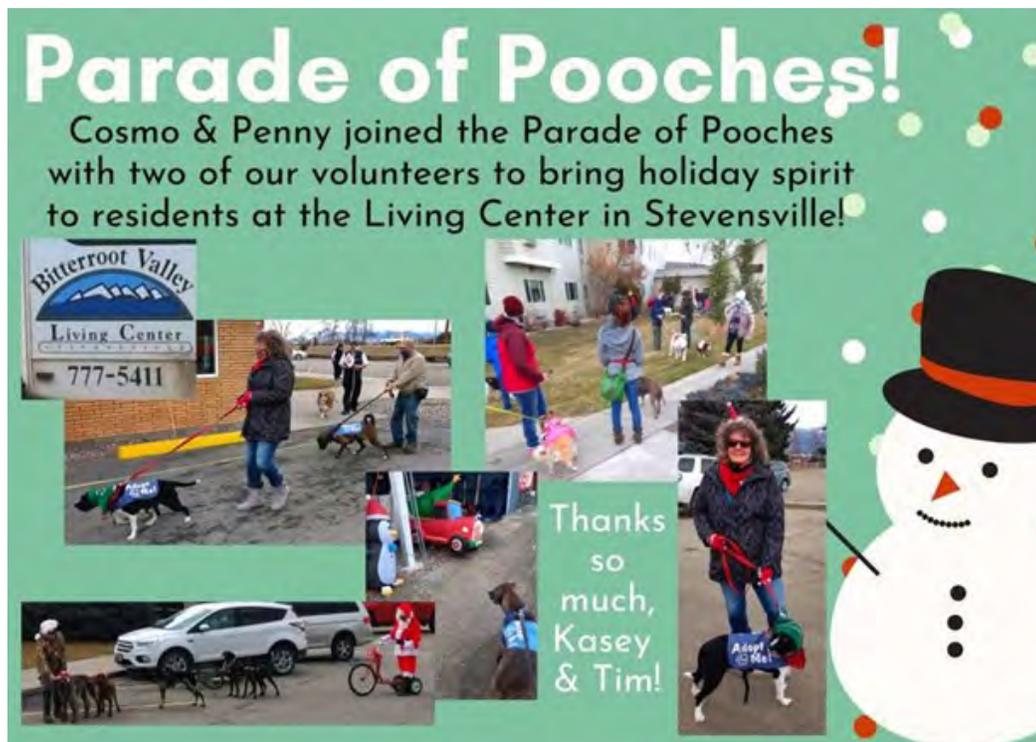
# Volunteers

By Chelsea Detweiler

It's cold, it's wet, blowing and freezing. The snow (or mud) is slick and grabs at you, making it hard to move. Instead of being curled around a cup of coffee, surrounded by a cozy blanket, you're ankle deep in snow in the frigid wind for 2 hours straight. This is not everyone's ideal early morning, but for 8 die-hard BRHA volunteers, it's exactly where they want to be. They're Dog Walkers, and they show up every day. Dog Walkers are a pivotal part of BRHA's day-to-day operations: they come wearing layer upon layer, ready to get jumped on and barked at, without a care to the weather. They show up because the dogs *need* them. They show up because they love our "guests", they know how much they're depended on for the dog's playtime and exercise. For the three Dog Walkers mentioned here, showing up is for the dog's sake, not their own.



Sally is the dog's cheerleader, ready to spout praise and accolades about each and every pup. She adores the shelter dogs and is quick to help out in any way possible. She can be called on to help adopt out kittens during an extremely busy day. She helps cover absences and no-shows; Sally's middle name is Reliable. The dogs love her and staff is forever grateful for it. Tim can't wait to earn the dog's trust and be their best buddy. He not only walks dogs once a week but also takes them on regular Adventure Days, which they adore. Tim recently took Cosmo to the Parade of Pooches at Stevensville's Living Center, which helped Cosmo socialize and introduced him to potential adopters. Kasey also took a dog to the Parade of Pooches. She dressed up Penny in a Christmas hat and made sure the dogs behaved themselves. Kasey has been a Dog Walker for years and takes great pride in her responsibilities. She has consistently come twice a week for more than 6 months, making sure the shelter dogs get daily exercise and interaction. It's because of die-hard volunteers like Sally, Tim and Kasey that BRHA is able to do what we do: care for these animals until they find their forever-home and give them lots of love before their new best friend comes along.



# President's Corner.....Kathie Butts

We are getting close! The pretty blue barn on Fairgrounds Road is almost a reality. When I think about the Hodge-podge assortment of buildings that were ancillary to the old shelter and hidden behind the fence, all of which are now incorporated under one roof, I am amazed at what a change we are bringing to our community. I am proud too. Proud to be part of a very long history of caring for lost, neglected, sick, and forgotten companions that just happen to be animals. Our new shelter will not be the Ritz of animal care but it will be a healthy, clean and safe environment with great care taken in choosing the materials in cleanability, and animal lovely!

As with any new build-a punch list, some unfinished inspections and weather-be completed in the spring. sewer connection which to be turned on which all their jobs which allows us to move in! It's been a long time since we have moved into a new facility. We have no idea how long it will take or how many volunteers we will need. We know it can't happen in a weekend; this will be a process, not an event.

We can't wait to show it off! There is more room for cats and it is versatile. We should be able to easily weather sick cats and large population fluctuations. We have different sized dog kennels to accommodate big dogs, small dogs, medium dogs, mamas with puppies, dogs who have been together all their lives, dogs with health issues. No more one size fits all approach! We have a community room for education, outreach, and when we get the details figured out; a room that can be used for special meetings, public use etc. The new shelter is full of windows, it's light but with a calming vibe. It separates people and animals coming together for adoptions from people and animals parting ways for surrenders and strays.

There is so much more! Too much to explain here – stay tuned for more details. I am sure you will notice when the old building is demolished and that beautiful blue barn is visible to everyone!



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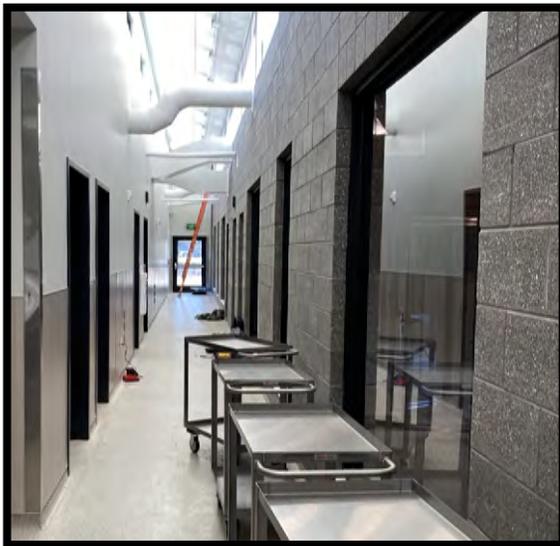
~Kathie



**Garage, Crematorium and outside view of dog kennels**



The new facility is larger in square feet but our footprint is still the same since the outbuildings and the shelter are under one roof. This will provide a safer place for our staff, volunteers, public and most of all our "guests"!



**Back Hallway: Left side - laundry, food prep & staff areas. Right side - dog kennel viewing windows. Below: Dog Kennels**



**Laundry Room**



**& Dishwashing**



**Dog Kennels**



**Medical/Exam Room**

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



**Country Store on the Eastside Hwy in Stevensville**, hosted their Annual "Pet-A-Palooza" event this fall for BRHA raising \$2,190 for our wonderful critters. And if that wasn't enough, look at all the food & supplies Country Store brought us recently too to help keep our Community Pet Pantry stock!



It's often said that everyone has a twin...well that is certainly true for Michele Craig as she holds her look alike created by Barbara Liss of **Montana Bliss Artworks, 101 S. 7th Street in Hamilton!** Thank you Barbara for the generous \$500 donation from the sale of your creation!



Looks like Max Coleman of **Exit Realty Bitterroot Valley, 99 Marcus Street in Hamilton** is pretty happy with his first "Happy Tails" Holiday Auction pie - Triple Coconut Cream! THANK YOU for your generous bid of \$1,000 for 12-months of pies...what flavor will be next?



All we can say is WOW to the **Bum Steer, Hwy 93, in Florence**. Their fundraiser for BRHA raised \$3,625 for our critters! THANK YOU Rob and all your customers for your support!

We were truly blessed again this holiday season with a huge array of pet and shelter supplies from the **Canyons Athletic Club** and all their wonderful customers...You all rock!



It's a "thumbs up" at **Mildenerger Motors, 1717 N. 1st Street, Hamilton**, as Bradley Mildenerger presented BRHA Board members with a \$1,200 check from their "Giving Trees 2020" fundraising event. In December, for every car, truck or SUV sold, BRHA & Linda Masza Youth Home received a donation!

Thank you to everyone at Mildenerger Motors and their customers for their continuing support to local programs that help folks here in our community!

*Special THANKS to Shear Delight, Moeller's Nursery, Burnt Fork Veterinary Clinic & Rachel Kramer Insurance for sponsoring the wonderful adoption ads for our precious BRHA residents in the Bitterroot Star and Ravalli Republic. Pictures truly help find forever homes! If you'd like to sponsor an ad, please contact the papers directly for all the details.*

Thank You Joani Frenette-Cole for these awesome handmade kennel blankets and to all the folks who keep us supplied with items for our critters, everyday needs and our Community Pet Pantry!



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](mailto:BRHABoardofDirectors@gmail.com)



# Remembrances .....October 16, 2020 thru January 31, 2021

BRHA is so grateful for the support and generosity of so many who choose to honor, memorialize or pay tribute to the special people and pets in their lives. Your remembrances will assist BRHA in caring for all the homeless pets while they wait for their forever homes.

## *In Loving Memory of Pets*

FOR	FROM
Annie	Jennifer Laing
Peanut	Don & Linda Williams, Sue & Dave McCormack, Peggie Noffsinger, Kate Shandra, Carrie Storrow
Dexter	Casey Vervick
Jack "The Bitterroot Beagle"	Carrie Storrow
Munchkin	Leonard & Barbara McCann
Jake	Helen Buker
Cali	Allan & Jean Steele
Buddy	Karen Seidel, Betty Andrews
Jerry	Maureen Montague
Moxie	Sonja Best
"Forever Blackie"	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
"Sam", a very special dog	Carol & Andrew Carciere
"Dexter"	Leonard & Barbara McCann
Willa, Lucy, Leila & Yoko	Michael & Deborah Reid
"Haybale"	Helen Buker
Boojum	Janet Lee & Ted Libbey

FOR	FROM
Bobo	Mary Gehl
Ruthie	Sherry Freeman
Reba, Charlie & Char-donmay	Erma Badt
Riley	Tracy Walczak
Kali	Laura McManus
Seeley, my yellow beautiful Lab	Linda Sinerius
Darwin	Patti Calkins
"Forever Black" Kitty	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Frog	Jay & Q DeHart, Melissa JO Christensen, Pat Beebe, Sally Blevins, Kristy Bly, Jo Christensen, Nancy Johnston, Micki Long, Pam Murphy, Erin Putnam, Brad Sage, Nancy Spagnoli, Jennifer Wiesel, Jewel Willis, Mary Gehl
Millie	Mary Gehl
Dogs Missi, Precious, Lily & Buster and Toby the cat	Montana Rose
Lover Boy	Mary & Al Gehl

FOR	FROM
Neeko, Sam & Olivia	Diane Thomas-Rupert
Buddy	Estelle Shuttleworth-Herb & Diane Howe
Rainy	Peggie Noffsinger



## The Pet Crematorium

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 you pet. For information, please call us at (406) 363-5311 or visit our website and click on Services.





# Remembrances

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## *In Loving Memory of People*

FOR	FROM
Dr. Jack Ward	Nina Spannagel, Bernice Kratofil, Randy & Kelley Schoff, Pat Stevens
Bob Daniels	Ross Emery
Richard Conway	Sheila Stockford
Judy Bethke	Arlene Curry
Helen Zajac	Donald & Joan Lodmell
Tom Evans	Beth Robbins, Bernice Kratofil, Brooks Cole Construction
Patsy Herhold	Eva Reed
Bill Lanning	Ben & Marie Schultes
Jane Gill-Schilling	"Jorja"
Lynne Hayes	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Gene Sonterre	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
James William Howerton	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Carol Farley	Maureen Montague, Soper Company, G. Robert Johnson, Aaron & Anne Bigalow
Terri Louise Parker	John & Robin Cheetham, Gerald & Kaye Wessels
Phil Webberson	Karen Nebel

FOR	FROM
Carla McDonald	Sandy Neilly, Ann Marie Carbin
Chip Jasmin	Beth Robbins
Richard Conway	Sheila Stockford
Verne Bowers	Bill Bower
Peggy Anderson	Helen Buker, G.P. & E.M. McElwee, David & Lynette Donkle
Sue Engel	Ann Bachman
Jane Aldrich	Glacier Employee Assoc.
Jim Simmons	Dorothy Newell, Marilyn Warrem
Beloved mother Margie Ahern	Chickie & Dennis Lietzow
Luanne Bauman	Belle Burrington
Barbara Wiley	Chickie & Dennis Lietzow
Sandi Clarkson	Peter & Sandra Clarkson
Tom Ford	Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen, Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Jerry Parker	Judith Watkins
Andrew Lanman	Keith Walton

FOR	FROM
Delores Hurtt	Kyp & Whitney Curtis
Nicki Leigh Johnson	Bryan Lockerby
Gary Hettri	Marina Greek
Kathy Thul	David Thul
Jim McCrossin	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Agnes Godchaux	Shari Givens
Richard Bermingham	Shari Givens
Willa Sargisson	Malcolm & Janet Sigmoid
Don Rudol	Duane & Janet Goicoechea
Kenneth Oren Price	Tom & JoAnne Booth
David Berenyi	Cheryl Leach
Fern Robinson	Deanna Raisl
Don Davis	Becky & Jim Cote
Buddy Glen Larkin	Twyla Del Pozzi



**"Taking a Break"**





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*In Honor of*

FOR	FROM
Anne Madeen Benson 42 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday	Virginia Opitz
Kevin Metzger & Peter	Angela Kinser
Grace Strong	Mary Meischke
Elaine Drudick for Christmas	Paula Drudick, Nancy & Glen Uecker
Barb Garten	Janet King
20 year young cat "Little One"	Chickie & Dennis Lietzow
Nikki Graybeal	Virginia Opitz
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Thex	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Yanzick	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Rachel Kramer	Dennis Kramer
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Benson	Cheryl Deholl
Lynne Robin-Smith DVM	Deborah Lockett
Kent Myers	Carol Wymore
A good Samaritan & his Pupper friend	Julie Chapple

FOR	FROM
John & Cindy Mikesell	Susan Wetzsteon
Mable McKillop for her 109th Birthday	All the animals at the shelter



## HOW CAN I HELP?

In this time of uncertainty, there's a fundamental truth that gives us hope - that the Bitter Root Humane Association is here to serve our community, through good times and bad and that together we can do extraordinary things.

A wonderful way to support BRHA, in our dream of opening our new doors debt free, would be to purchase a \$1,000 Buy-A-Tomorrow leaf for the BRHA *"Unleash Tomorrow Tree"*. What a great way honor, to memorialize or pay tribute to the special people and pets in your life, advertise your business or show your support!

Once our new shelter is complete, a beautiful wall mural tree will be painted in our community room and your "leaf" & name of choice will be proudly displayed as a generous donor & supporter!

Simply use the coupon on page 15 to mail in your "Buy-A-Tomorrow" donation...and you can buy as many leaves as you like!

**With your help we can make our dream come true!**



# ADOPTION....The "Cobie" Story.....by his "Forever Family"



My wife, Emily, and I were kindly asked to write an article describing our experience in finding and welcoming Cobie into our lives. While in graduate school, we lost my dog, Tucker, to cancer. I had adopted Tucker from the Larimer Humane Society and he was a wonderful companion as I began my adult life and while Emily and I began our lives together. When Tucker passed away, I knew I wanted another dog and that I would adopt again from a shelter. Shelter dogs just have a special way of saying thanks for welcoming them into your home. Emily, always being the voice of reason, suggested that we wait until we were both finished with graduate school and settled into life a little more.

After a little over a year of watching various shelter websites and envisioning life with each available dog, we found ourselves settled into our new house and both at home due to the newly arrived pandemic. Through all of this watchful waiting, I noticed a spunky looking McNab/Kelpie mix. I knew he'd be a good fit for us with his high energy levels and eagerness to please. I was able to sell Emily, previously a cat person, on the idea of looking into this dog due to the cat-like attributes of the McNab breed and we went to visit Cobie at the Bitterroot Humane Association. During our visit, the staff described Cobie's repeat appearances at the shelter and difficulties settling into a home, but Cobie appeared to be an energetic, sweet, and fun-loving puppy and we decided to take him home for a sleep over. He was very interested in our cat, Milo, and definitely had an abundance of energy, but he was a very polite guest who truly aimed to please. We took him out on walks around the neighborhood, cross-country skiing in the mountains, and played fetch with him at our house. He loved taking part in our hobbies, which offered a productive way for him to use his energy. While at home, he politely asked if he could chew on shoes and happily kenneled himself at bedtime. We began to discover Cobie's love of all things in life as he enjoyed each activity with an abundance of enthusiasm and Cobie soon became the newest member of our family.

Cobie has been a great fit for us. I believe Cobie epitomizes the very idea of what it means to be a dog with his caring personality and absolute love for all things in life. He is a wonderful companion on any adventure and loves going on runs, romping in the snow, and splashing in mountain lakes. He loves meeting other people and playing with other dogs. He's accompanied us to the top of Trapper Peak and kept us warm at night while camping on the shore of Little Rock Creek Lake. He hangs out while we pick huckleberries and cut firewood and trots along for bike rides and trail runs. He's met various livestock and wildlife, including a moose on an early morning run around Wildflower Court. Cobie has been welcomed into our family and returns that love to us each and every day. We sincerely thank all of those who make Bitterroot Humane Association a wonderful place for those pets looking for their forever homes and those people looking for a new companion and family member. We feel so fortunate to be able to provide a home for Cobie in which he gets to be a happy, successful dog and are so happy to have found a new member for our family. Perhaps, Cobie may have even changed Emily into a dog person.

## PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE THAT SUPPORT US!

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*Our thanks to the Ravalli County Federal Credit Union, Westslope Distillery, The PaperClip and all our donation jar hosts who took the November "Challenge" and together raised \$1,216.42, in support of the Bitter Root Humane Association We couldn't do what we do without you!*

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone that supported BRHA by purchasing or renewing your BRHA specialty plate in 2020!



Sales of our plate bring in over \$7,000 annually...funds we cannot afford to lose and we must maintain a minimum of 400 plates each year and hope you will help us continue this important fundraiser in 2021. To purchase or renew just visit your local Motor Vehicle Dept. and ask for the Bitter Root Humane Association plate...the critters will be glad you did!

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BRHA!**



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Association**

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**"Happy Tails" Holiday Online Auction  
WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!**

Thank you to all our supporters who bid & bought and to all the awesome item donors...

- Quality Inn/Town Pump - Big Creek Coffee Roasters - The Montana Chocolate Company
- Alpha Omega Salon - Faces by Laura - Shear Artistry & Nail Design - Beth Wirick
- Patchwork Quilts - Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply - Wild About Pets
- Hamilton Golf Course - Valley Bicycle & Ski - Bitterroot Aquatic Center - Bitterroot Massage
- Coffee Cup Café - Maria's Restaurant - Autozone - Jerry Wessels Les Schwab Tire Center
- Massa Home Center - Rockin Rudy's - The Montana Club
- Al & Mary Gehl - Melanie Jones - BRHA Board of Directors - Michele Craig
- Barb Garten of Timeless Photography - Nancy Dezell - Joy McClure - Linda Williams
- Jane Hoefler - Cindi Jo Creations - Laughing Mule Press - Kathleen Sheard
- Joan Frenette - Marsha Waliser of Gardens & More, Cynthia Fisher & Lisa Johnson
- Debbie Reid - Jennifer Mangold - Kathy Zeiler & Mary Fox - Terrie Forrest
- Robin Dewey - Carol Parker - Carol Hamacher - Sue McCormack - Jody Mohoff

Because of all of you, \$12,659 was raised to help us care for all the homeless animals that come through our doors!

*From all of us at the Bitter Root Humane Association  
THANK YOU!*



**GOT JEWELS?** BRHA would love them for our "2nd Time Around Jewelry Sale" hopefully coming up this summer! Now's a great time to sort through all your jewelry boxes and drawers and donate items that you just don't love, wear or appreciate like you use to. We're seeking all things jewelry, precious or costume...rings, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, pins, broaches, buckles and yes, even jewelry boxes! *Due to our construction, items can be mailed to BRHA, PO Box 57, Hamilton, MT 59840 or email Mary at: dogmommary@aol.com to arrange pick up.*

# RIBBONS FOR LIFE



**70/30 CASH RAFFLE**  
 Better than Lottery odds to win CASH!

Help us care for the animals and teach kindness - plus take a chance to win cash for yourself by purchasing a "Ribbon" in our special 70/30 Raffle. Only 1,000 ribbons will be sold at \$5 each. If all are sold, we will raise \$5,000: 70% or \$3,500 will be donated to BRHA. The remaining 30% will be divided into 4 prizes.

**You could be a winner!**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - 40% of \$1,500 = \$600
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - 30% of \$1,500 = \$450
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - 20% of \$1,500 = \$300
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize - 10% of \$1,500 = \$150

Prizes listed are IF ALL 1,000 RIBBONS SELL  
 Prizes will be proportionate to the total sold.  
All tickets must be received by  
**April 3rd, 2021**  
 Drawing will be  
**April 10th, 2021**  
 Each ticket is \$5<sup>00</sup>



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# HOW CAN I HELP?

**Yes, I want to help!** General Operations Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Building Fund General Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Buy-A-Tomorrow Leaf (s) @ \$1,000.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list leaf name(s) on the back of the coupon*



Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Debt/Charge: \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_ Visa  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

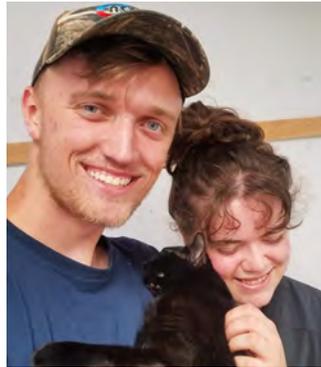
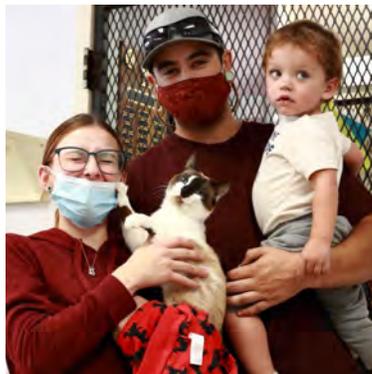
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Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to: BRHA Mail to: PO Box 57, Hamilton, MT 59840*

**With your continued support we can continue to make “Happy Tails”!**



## What's Happening?

*While we are hoping to be able to schedule the events below, due to the uncertainties of COVID, we suggest you check our website and Facebook page often for updates!*

- 2nd Time Around Jewelry Sale - June or July
- Quilt Raffle - Details to be Announced
- Fin's Pint Night for Pets - Date to be Announced
- Festival of Wreaths - Saturday, November 20th
- Cookie Walk, Bake Sale & More - Saturday, December 4th or 11th



Julie Davis (center) & two other members of *The Bitterroot Bunch Quilters*, presented BRHA with two beautiful quilts to be used as a raffle fundraiser. The quilts, one "dog" and one "cat" themed, took the group over a year to complete! Thank You ladies for these awesome donations....and stay tuned for details on this upcoming fundraiser!



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## PASS IT ON

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  Please add me to email newsletter list

Mailing

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) Please send me information on the Kennel Sponsorship Program
- ( ) Please have the Volunteer Coordinator contact me
- ( ) Please contact me with information on the Foster Program
- ( ) Please contact me about Board of Director positions and responsibilities

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