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Forms available on our website or at the shelter. Fill out the form and return it to BRHA with your payment.

Thank You

For Supporting Bitter Root Humane Association While Remembering Your Animal Family Members

Shelter Hours: Mon CLOSED; Tues - Fri 1 pm-6 pm; Sat & Sun - noon to 5 pm



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PREZ CORNER.....by Lisa Allison

Hello!

I'm Lisa Allison and it is my privilege to be the new President at BRHA! I have been a member of the Board of Directors since 2021 and a resident since 2019. I grew up in a small town in the Catskills that focused on dairy farming and fruit orchards. My husband is a cowboy from a small, west Texas community. Hamilton feels like home to us. I want the people who come through our doors and the pets beneath our roof at BRHA to feel welcome, safe, and cared about. As I continue my 30+ years in the nonprofit world, many with animal rescues, I am excited by what the future holds for all of us, but most importantly, for the pets we love. Looking ahead, the Board of Directors and I continue to keep our mission on our minds. There is a focus on projects that allow our staff and volunteers to rehabilitate and adopt pets into loving homes as well as facilitate a healthy, enriching environment for our cats and dogs at the shelter. One of these projects is the addition of an area in the front yard for exercise and dog training. For our volunteers, we will be focusing on how we communicate and schedule, along with unique opportunities to improve the lives of the pets in our care. As the shelter continues in its 51st year, the Board and I look forward to adding to its rich history of service in the Bitterroot Valley.

I look forward to seeing you around town, at events, and most of all at the shelter. Enjoy the warm days and bright nights! For the animals.

Lisa



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 please renew if your membership has expired!

From the Front Cover





BRHA Pet Memorial Park

Construction has begun on the park! The design will include large boulders, cement statues, wind chimes and pathways made of memorial bricks to honor loved and lost pets...a quiet place for contemplation and remembrance.

This is a wonderful way to remember your pets while benefitting the lives of our guests who will soon become members of another loving family.

Memorial bricks can be purchased for \$125.00 and order forms are available at the shelter or on our website at:

https://bitterroothumane.org/howcanihelp/ Questions or more info contact Sue McCormack at 406.370.8071

WHAT'S HADDENING?



Saturday, July 29th, 2023

Hamilton City Hall - Bedford Building
223 S. 2nd Street - Hamilton

Hamilton - 9am to 1pm

Affordable Prices - Crafters Welcome!

All proceeds to



Be sure to check our website and Face-book page often for all the latest happenings at BRHA!



Pint Night for Pets July 14th 5-8pm

Dunk The Mayor for Pets at the Ravalli Co Fair! Sept. 1st 3-5pm





"WOOF STOCK" at Anglers Roost Sept. 9th

Fin's Pint Night for Pets Sept. 16th





"Raisn' Money for our Fur Friends Raffle" at Burlap Chic Boutique Tickets On Sale NOW! 175 S. 2nd, Hamilton

Drawing First Friday
August 4th
7pm



The BRHA specialty plate has been a ongoing fundraiser since 2013, and raised \$61,580 to date. The revenue it generates each year is substantial to our annual budget.

The state requires that we maintain at least 400 new or renewed plates per year in order to continue in the MVD Program, and we thank everyone who has either purchased a new plate or renewed their plate in 2022. For each new purchase or renewal \$20 is donated to BRHA and in 2022 that amounted to \$7,540 in funds that we have used to keep our doors open and the animals cared for.

By displaying our plate, you are not only donating much need funds but helping to spread the word that BRHA is here & what we do for the community!



Starting March 1st, 2023, to continue giving the best animal care, we will be accepting dog and cat surrenders **BY APPOINTMENT**.

To make an appointment, please call 406.363.5311.

Our visitation, adoption and all other services remain open during business hours.

OPEN

Tuesday - Friday 1pm to 6pm Saturday & Sunday noon - 5pm Closed Mondays

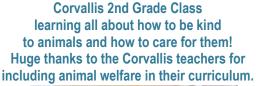


Humane Education in Our Community















The students at Evergreen Kids Corner, Hamilton took their humane education class seriously as they visited the BRHA pets on our website and then chose one to draw.....what budding artists!

Learning about animal welfare, at such a young age, will truly be a benefit to our community's pets in the years to come....Thank You for caring!





Again this year, Mrs. Healy's 4th Grade class from Corvallis Primary School, chose to help the BRHA critters with a awesome fundraiser....they designed, created and sold key chains and ornaments! BRHA was proud to host the class for a tour of the facility and show the class exactly what their donation of \$614.00 will be used for...saving the animals.

Our future is bright with these caring & generous kids looking out for us!





Some just need a little extra....Thane

Good Ol' Thane first came to our shelter as a stray on 9/30/22 and we were able to find his owner, however she decided that the shelter was best place for him to be, so she surrendered him 2 days later. Thane is a 75lb Pit mix, just shy of his 7th birthday, and has a smile that will melt your heart. Despite his age, he has the heart of a puppy, and loves to play fetch until your arm is sore. Tom, his foster Dad, says that it didn't take more than a couple walks to know that Thane was a special dog with a lot of love to give. Thane stayed in the shelter for a couple months until his first sleepover in January. That wasn't a good fit, but he tried another family in February. That too just wasn't quite what he needed, so he tried a third time at the end of March, but again, he was too much dog for a smaller yard. Feeling down on his luck, Thane became depressed and was starting to think his family wasn't out there.

The BRHA staff and volunteers could tell he was losing his spark, but we could also tell he was developing more and more of a limp on his hind leg. Seeing his friend sink lower and lower. Tom knew he had to do something. Tom knew the shelter was not the place where Thane would thrive, and decided he would open his home to the dog he was guickly becoming best friends with. However, Thane still had a long road ahead of him.

St Francis Vet Hospital, in Darby, generously donated an X-ray to see what was causing the limp, and found that Thane has the dog equivalent of a torn ACL. It appears to be an older injury that has healed enough, but the only correction is to have a major ligament surgery at a specialist in Missoula.

In the meantime, Thane has been living on a warm bed, with all the balls to chase as he wants, constantly being loved on by Tom. Thane's surgery will cost upwards of \$5,000, and the BRHA's medical Dani Fund will match the donations raised for the surgery, so that Thane can live out the rest of his life pain-free and running until Tom can't throw a ball any more. Once the surgery is completed, Tom has pledged that he will nurse and rehab Thane back to his happy, dopey self, and then finalize his adoption and give Thane his forever home.

If you can find it in your heart to help, any donation goes a long towards getting Thane the surgery he greatly needs. Tom and the Bitter Root Humane Association can't wait to see Thane get his big goofy smile back! If you'd like to help Thane, donations can be delivered to the shelter or mailed to BRHA-Thane Surgery, PO Box 57, Hamilton, MT 59840 or a GoFundMe account is online at: https://gofund.me/898afd25

Thank you in advance for helping us help Thane realize his "HAPPY TAILS"!



Huge THANKS to Greener Grass for once again donating their property maintenance services to **BRHA** and keeping our property beautiful!

Be sure to call Green-

er Grass for your

property needs!

Thank You!

Kennel Safety!

Thanks to a \$2,720.00 grant from the Rapp Family Foundation, a fundraiser by Evans Ace Hardware and the generous donation of installation labor, the BRHA dog kennels now have heavy-duty, insulated guillotine kennel doors. These security measures will not only assist in providing safety protection, but also helped with the energy efficiency of our kennel rooms!





Thanks to a shelter feeding program Hill's Science Diet has made it possible for BRHA to not only feed our quests a great food but also substantially lower, our food costs! ¿



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		
Holly Berry	Groom on the Vroom		
OBE, Old Blue Eyes	Maureen Montague		
Reba	Maureen Montague		
Vesta	Dr. & Mrs. Turner		
Teddy Canning	Herb & Melinda Depp		
Rio Thomas, Loved Lab	Don & Linda Williams		
"Fane", a very special dog	Alison Leathley		
"Midnight" beloved Schwan pet	Patti Rosa		
"Joey Seel", he was a good dog	Allison McFarland		
"Dottie", Beloved Queensland Healer	Carolyn & George Dederick		
"Killi"	Lina Gyles		
"Eddy Kitty"	Suzanne Irwin		
Macy Sager	Tom & Cynthia Stewart		
Lucy	Larry Fulbright		
"Vienna" & "Buster"	William & Jeanne Lenoch		
"Dennis"	Jim & Becky Cote		
"Fergie"	Arlene Curry		
"Lacey"	Mary Gehl		
"Sophie"	Linda Fifer		
"Shivers"	Mary Gehl, Mom & Dad love you.		

FOR	FROM
"Beau"	Allan & Jean Steele
"Rowdy Cooke"	Lisa Cooke
"Coco"	Tish Caton



In Honor Of

FOR	FROM	
Ann Hardenberg's Birthday	John & Alice Sutherland	
Jan & Steve Hinton and their best pal "Xena"	Jame Samuelson & Ellen	
Gina Optiz, Happy Birthday	Nikki Graybeal	
Dr. Hans Boer	Vicki Dawson	
Happy Birthday Mom!!	Michelle Fowler	
Charlie Oliver's 80th Birthday	Dave & Sue McCormack	

Now that our sign is in place, our next project is to turn the empty front area into a large exercise, play & training space for our canine guests. In this area they will be able to run, play, jump and bark and not disturb our neighbors, giving them some much needed outdoor time to just be dogs!

If you would like to contribute to this project, please send your donations to: BRHA-Front Yard, PO Box 57, Hamilton, MT 59840, or drop off at the shelter or online at www.bitterroothumane.org and note for the play yard. OUR PUPS SAY "Woof-Woof & Thank You"



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. The Pet Crematorium at Bitter Root Humane Association will treat your pet with dignity, honor and the respect that a faithful companion deserves.

please call us at 406.363.5311 or visit our website and click on Services.

For more information,



Remembrances

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In Loving Memory of People

FOR	FROM
Jane Schilling	"Jorja" Schilling
Tessa Bradt	Rich & Bonnie Taylor The Smith Family Anonymous Mary Rodriguez Belle Burrington
Shari Givens	Herb & Melinda Depp Dave & Sue McCormack
Herb Howe	Peggie Noffsinger
Muriel Dawson	Vicki Dawson
Norma Petty	Marilyn Warren
Sharon Korman- Linderdoll	Nanette Dowling Marilyn Warren
Kay Downey	Grace Lutheran Church
Lonnie Stout	Jenny Sabo
Sue Smith	Barabara & Harry June
Alton Cottrell	Bonnie Atwood
Les Linendoll	Marilyn Warren
Dick Johnson	Richard C. Johnson
Betty Bedey	Alice Foster
Dr. Paul William Anderson	Mary VanNuland
Chuck Ridder	The Ellison Family

FOR	FROM
Marti Hayes	Stephen Salas
Shirley Seaman	James & Jean Swanz, Dwight & Katherine Phillips, Carolyn Mick- ens, John & Robin Cheetham
Dorothy Bru- baker	Nancy Howse
Nancy Rokusek	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Tyler Boshae	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Robert Yanzick	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Dennis Yanzick	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Larry Rohlfsin	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Carol Ask	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Chet Nelson	Joseph & Kea Yanzick
Herb Howe	Dave & Barb Garten

When tomorrow starts without me...

Pon't think we're far apart....

For every time you think of me...
I'm right inside your heart.

Author Unknown



VOLUNTEER HAPPENINGS.....by Nikki Stevenson

Hello animal lovers!

My name is Nikki Stevenson, and I am excited to introduce myself as Bitter Root Humane Association's new Volunteer Coordinator. As a Montana native, I grew up in Missoula and moved to Hamilton in 2019 with my husband Richard and our kitties. We love the Hamilton community and share in its love for animals.

I bring a diverse background to the position. My experience as an educator and love for teaching both children and adults makes training new volunteers exciting. As a bookkeeper, I am good with numbers and computers. I

bring Volunteer Coordinator experience from three previous opportunities. As an artist I strive to bring beauty to the world through music and creative arts. I believe that my creativity is my strongest asset and will put that to work for the animals of BRHA.

We are always seeking animal advocates to be Volunteers for BRHA. Becoming a Volunteer is easy! Stop by to pick up a volunteer application or print one from our website. Drop it back by, and when it is approved, we will schedule an orientation and tour. After completing the orientation and tour, we will schedule additional short trainings based on your volunteer interests. The training ensures safety for you as a volunteer and the animals of BRHA.

The volunteer opportunities are endless. Dog socialization and walking, cat socialization, dishes, and laundry are every-day needs. We have special events needs as well, such as parade dog walkers, photographers, servers, booth attendants, and someone to dress as our mascot, Rootie! Events and opportunities arise frequently, so if you have an interest in our day-to-day needs, special events, or have baking, cooking, cat toy making, or any other talent that might be used to promote our animals, we would love to see you!

I look forward to sharing my love of animals with you! Nikki Stevenson



Kathie Butts, BRHA Board President Emeritus (L), presents the award to Jesse Applebury at the BRHA Annual Meeting.

BRHA 2023 Volunteer(s) of The Year

Alan & Jesse Applebury & the

Fox Hollow Animal Project

There has never been a more deserving recipient of the BRHA Volunteer of the Year award then to the Applebury's and their "project". Their spay/neuter work over the last 30+ years has made a significant impact on reducing the number of unwanted pets in our community and their support of our shelter, staff and animals has truly been a blessing and helped lead us to where we are today.



A great time was had by staff, volunteers, our pets and **Jordan' Way** as a day of fun & fundraising turned into \$5,000+ for the shelter! We can hardly wait to see what shinnigans the **Jordan's Way Tour** crew will think of for next year! Check out the **Jordan's Way** cause at: https://www.jordanswaytour.com

THANK YOU & safe Tour Travels for all the critters!

BRHA OUT & ABOUT



Thank you O'Hara Commons for hosting BRHA at your Wed Farmers Market! Board President, Lisa Allison, was happy to provide market pup Bert with a treat!



Thank you Missoula Vet Clinic for hosting a great adoption event...Tucker Chase and board member Chad Hillman were on

hand to promote BRHA critters!



Board member Sue McCormack & Operations Manager, Tucker Chase help spread the word about BRHA at the Spring Non-Profit Fair.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Thank you Hamilton Wine & Liquor for your generous \$200 donation to our Spring Tea...it was a huge success..CHEERS!





HUGE THANKS to Allegra Print & Imaging for working with our Marketing Committee in design and all their assistance in getting our new front yard sign printed & installed!

And our deep appreciation to Becky Lovejoy for your generous donation to make our sign a reality!

Thoughts from a BRHA supporter & dog lover.....by Jeff Taylor

A few days ago, a dog died in Hamilton. He would have been in his forties in human years, and when old Harry brought Farfetch into the store, he was my dog for five minutes. On company time, I fed him soylent dog biscuits, out of the 20-lb box the company provides. Massa

Home Center is one dog-friendly hardware and lumber store. When the phone rings and a voice asks if we have doggie doors in stock is the bear Catholic? Does the Pope bless the woods? We have many. Tomorrow, I will put five dollars in the Animal Shelter jar on the counter.

You would have liked Farfetch. Sixty pounds of larruping brown dog, smooth and fast, breath like fresh-baked bread, with a tail that drum-punched any tool display that needed a beating. Wish I had, but It never occurred to me to take a single picture of this fine doggie buddy. Too late now.

And now, I'm glad. Because I would have had to give that photo to Harry in his grief, and we would have both wept right there at the counter. Instead, he broke the news to me, and we John Wayned past our wet eyes in true Montana style. Shit. Sorry. He was a good boy. His ashes in the river, flowing back Home.

I have always wondered when I would know, for sure, that there is an afterlife. It was then. Because I am sure of this: Farfetch runs at top speed down a meadow that smells, to him, like Heaven, chasing squirrels around a giant tree and being really messy with water. He didn't waste a minute down here with Harry, and he loved just existing. And trotting into Massa, especially.

"Not gonna get another dog," said Harry. "I'm too old." Which means he knows how much his dog would have suffered if he had died first, and he willingly takes on the soul-burden of missing his closest friend. That takes such guts.

Okay, ten dollars, tomorrow morning...(He ate a LOT of bones.) I owe it to Whoever created dogs.

Thank You For Your

BITTERROOT FURNITURE

"Change" for Dani's Fund"

THANK YOU Bitterroot Furniture, located at 223 Pinckney St, Hamilton, for being a great long time BRHA supporter & host to our BRHA Dani Fund donation jar! Monies collected from the donation jars are used to finance a particular medical issue or procedure, that we would otherwise not be able to afford, thus making an animal's life better and a forever home possible. If your business would like to host a "Dani Fund" jar to help "change" the life of a homeless pet, please contact Robin @ 406.381.2912. SHOP LOCAL & SHOP OFTEN!

It's true, a picture is worth a thousand words.... and can change a life! THANK YOU's

to

Valley Pet Clinic PC, Shear Delight Grooming, Moeller's Nursery,

First Presbyterian Church & Burnt Fork Veterinary Clinic for sponsoring the wonderful adoption ads of our awesome BRHA residents in the Bitterroot Star & Ravalli Republic.

If you or your business would like to sponsor an ad, please contact the papers directly for all the details!





Thank you Tony for your continuing support of BRHA!





Thank You Mudoch's for your continuing support....your 2023 Calendar and "Round Up for BRHA" are greatly appreciated!



THANK YOU 24PetWatch for your generous donation of micro-chips for our low-cost "CHIP & TAG DAY" events!

With your help we are able to turn

"LOST INTO FOUND"!



Huge THANKS to Ravalli County Federal Credit for their \$3,000 donation from their recent BRHA fundraising event!

Your generous caring will help us create a new exercise & play area at the front of our property for our canine guests!

GIVE A
LITTLE
GIVE A LOT
YOUR
DONATION
HELPS US
SAVE LIVES
EVERYDAY!



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With your continued support we can continue to make "Happy Tails"!





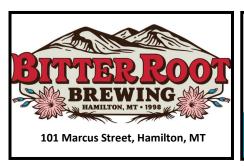


Thank You for adopting!

PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE THAT SUPPORT US!















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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 to the animals we're trying to help. Please help us keep our records up to date by advising us of any address change or duplicate mailings.

Thank You!

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NEW & RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual Memberships run January through December. Your address label indicates the year that your current membership expires. If you have any questions, please call Sue McCormack at 406.370.8071. Your continued support is so important to all the animals. Thank You!

Ne	v Renewal Senior (65+): \$15 each Individual: \$25 each Business: \$30 each	
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() Please contact me with information concerning the Foster Program		
() Please contact me about Board of Director positions & responsibilities		

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