

# Paw Prints

Bitter Root Humane Association

February 2024

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## Spring is Coming!

The shelter has been a busy place! We have had some fun new community events, welcomed new staff and volunteers, and of course, found loving homes for lots of our furry shelter residents.

We are looking forward to sunshine and starting new projects at the shelter and finding more fun ways to get the community involved!

Scroll through for a re-cap of past events, a shout-out to a couple of our favorite businesses, a featured "friend", board report, and more FUN coming to you soon!

As always, THANK YOU to our community



of supporters- we could not do any of this  
without all of YOU!



## NOTICE FROM THE BOARD:

Annual Membership Meeting  
**Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**  
BRHA Community Room  
262 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton, Montana

### AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions of Board Members - President Lisa Allison
- Reading & Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes - Vanessa Hammond
- Board and Committee Reports:
  - President's Report - Lisa Allison
  - Shelter Director's Report - Tucker Chase
  - Treasurer's Report - Linda Williams
  - Fund Raising Committee Report - Jen Chase
  - Marketing Committee Report - Chad Hillman
  - Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Charlotte Webb
  - Volunteer of the Year Presentation
- Election of Board of Directors
- Meeting adjournment

*\*Please note that to be eligible to vote at the meeting, members' 2024 dues must be paid to BRHA and received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024. Absentee ballots must be requested from the BRHA Secretary @ BRHABoardofDirectors@gmail.com or 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 19th, 2024.*

## Renew Membership TODAY!

Mail payment to: P O Box 57, Hamilton, MT, 59840, drop off at the shelter: 262 Fairgrounds Rd, or pay online. (Please be sure to note "new or renewal membership" and add your address.)

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

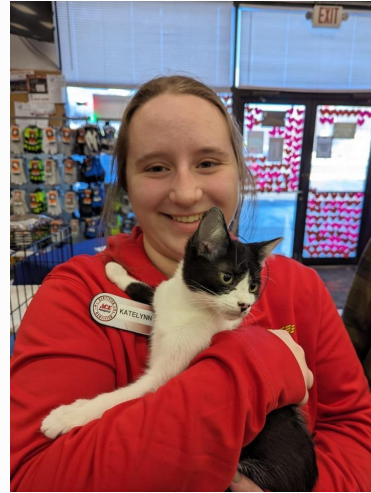
**Every membership helps the animals in our care.**  
[Renew Membership Online](#)

# Recent Events...



## PUPPY YOGA!

Puppy yoga was a huge success! We were lucky to have a litter of 8 puppies running around! All spots were filled as well as a few extra walk-ins. We are so grateful for Farm Fitness for coming down from Missoula to teach our class! We are looking forward to more events with them soon!



## ACE "Have A Heart"

ACE Hardware in Hamilton hosted another fantastic and highly successful fundraising event for us. This year's "Have A Heart" raised funds and featured this ADORABLE litter of kittens. We also had a wonderful turn-out of board members and volunteers.



## Pet Memorial Park...

Purchase a brick in remembrance of loved pets that have crossed the rainbow bridge. These bricks will be showcased in the new garden to be appreciated for years to come.

Download a brick purchase form here...

[Memorial Bricks](#)

# Featured Friends...





Legolas "Legs" is an 8 year old heeler mix. He is the sweetest, most loving boy. He knows many commands and has amazing recall. He is extremely loyal and will be by your side anywhere you go. He can be protective of his humans from other dogs, but gets along with some. He likes cats and kids. Legs needs a home with lots of space to run and play.



I'm Whisper, the feline enchantress. I wasn't always a shelter cat, you know. Once, I was a mystical huntress in a magical realm, chasing ethereal mice and butterflies. But one day, a sorcerer cast a spell on me, and I found myself in this world. I've adapted, though I still love a good hunt. I'm independent, but I still need a human to share my magic with. Will you be my forever friend?

[Click here to find more adoptable animals](#)

## Upcoming Events...

**Pint Night For Pets**

**Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm**  
**Blacksmith Brewing, Stevensville**  
**Raffle basket ticket sales and % of each beer goes to help BRHA!**

**SHELTER™**  
 SLUMBER PAWTY

Save The Date

**APR 06**



# GOT *Jewels?*



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, BRHA WILL AGAIN BE HOLDING ITS "2ND TIME AROUND JEWELRY SALE" THIS JULY! IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO SORT THROUGH YOUR JEWELRY BOXES & DRAWERS AND DONATE ITEMS YOU DON'T WEAR OR APPRECIATE ANYMORE! WE ARE SEEKING ALL THINGS JEWELRY; PRECIOUS OR COSTUME... RINGS, NECKLACES, BRACELETS, EARRINGS, PINS & BUCKLES. DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE SHELTER AT 262 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD IN HAMILTON DURING BUSINESS HOURS OR MAILED TO BRHA, PO BOX 57, HAMILTON, MT 59840. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ARRANGE PICK UP, CONTACT JEN AT 406-369-5328 OR EMAIL [CHASEJENN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CHASEJENN@GMAIL.COM)

## THANK YOU...

### Ask and you shall receive...

Thank you to the community for answering our social media request for more treats! You all stepped up and made some tails wag!



### Thank you to our local vets...

#### Burnt Fork Veterinary Clinic and Valley Pet Clinic

By sponsoring our newspaper ads, we are able to reach readers all throughout the valley and spread our mission and find homes for our guests! You help give our "tails" happy endings!



[Valley Pet  
Clinic](#)

[Burnt Fork  
Vet Clinic](#)



## Skalkaho Creek Veterinary Clinic and St. Francis Pet Hospital

These fantastic clinics reserve time in their busy schedules to offer our animals medical attention such as vaccinations and spay/neuter surgeries. Without these community partners we would not be able to continue offering pets much needed health services and continue supporting healthy pet populations in the valley.



[St. Francis  
Pet Hospital](#)

[Skalkaho Creek  
Veterinary Clinic](#)

## LINKS



### Volunteer Spotlight...

Welcome to our new Volunteer Coordinator Charlotte! We are excited to have her positive attitude and friendly personality on our team. Stop by the office and say hello- Mon-Fri 10:00 to 3:00pm.

Become a  
Volunteer

## Remembrances

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.

**September 16, 2023 through January 18, 2024**

**In Loving Memory of Pets**

For "Murphy", our loving, faithful Yellow Lab From Nels & Leona  
Anderson

For "Butkis" From Maureen Montague

For "Mattie" Bender From Linda Williams

For "Mocha" & "Simba" From Daniel & Johanna Reed

For "Argyll" Steele From Donna & Jay Haglund, Robert Ratcheson

For "Teddy" & "Gracie" Canning From Herb & Melinda Depp, Jim &  
Becky Cote

For "Lottie" Bachman From Ann Bachman

For "Shadow" From Tish Caton, Michael McKee

For "Chase" From Kathy Mayerchak

For "Gus" From Karen Williams

For "Buster" my beloved cat, lost Dec. 2021 From Leona Hastings

For "Squirt" From Helen Buker

For "Lucy" From Dorris & Roger Olsen

For "Sassy" From Donna Neidhardt

For "Rudy" From William & Jeanne Leno

For "Harly", a very good boy From Julie & G.S. Foster

For "Kimber" From Gary Roberts

For "Penny" From Marilyn Saunders

For "Kitty" From Suzanne Irwin

For "Griffy" & "Sadie 1" & "Sadie 2" From Terry & Sherry Phillips

For "Miss Lilly" – our yellow lab From Kimberly Gysling

For "Odie" From Betty Andrews

For "Cissy" & "Savvy" From Nonda Beardslly

For "Dexter" From Tish Caton

For "Kate", amazing & wonderful dog From Larry Fulbright

For "Argyle" From Erma Badt

For "Maddy" From Leonard & Barbara McCann

For "Lucy" From Kent & Diane Myers

For "Odie Doodle" From Helen Volden

For "Shaggy" & "Minnie" From Joseph & Kea Yanzick

**In Loving Memory of People**

For Charles "Carl" Russ From Nels & Leona Anderson

Michele Potter

Ronald & Nancy Osborn

Ronald & Jean Collett

Jane Mason

John Trangmoe

Sally Porter

Sandra Russ

Joan Brummond

For Bobbie McCauley From John & Judy Folz

Nancy Parish

Jeff Duus

Patti Rosa & Paul Policastro

Ronald & Nancy Osborn

Sue & Dave McCormack

Christine Coffin

Kathy Bartos

For Charlie Oliver From Chuck & Niki Shonkwiler, & Laurie Ault

For Kai From Beth Robbins

For Jerry Chopper From Alice Foster

For Lawrence Korman From Dianne DeCamp, Stephen Sprang, &  
Norbert Curry

For Annie Murphy From Arlene Curry

For Dr. Richard Race From Alice Foster & Nancy Kurtz

For Herb Howe From Diane Howe

For Dr. Milt McCurdy From Dan & Marie Myers

For Lucille Speir From Dan & Marie Myers

For Vern Bowers From Bill Bowers

For Witta Sargisson From Janet Sigmond

For Fern Robinson From Deanna Raisl

For Mable McKillop From Carol Meves

For David Berenyi From Cheryl Leach

For Leo Goo From Bernice Kratofil

For Darlene Husby From Bernice Kratofil

For Jim Agen From Dan & Karen Agen

For Linda Pfau From Duane & Janet Goicoechea

For Doug Purl From Joseph & Kea Yanzick

For Darlene Huseby From Joseph & Kea Yanzick

For Bill Sweet From Joseph & Kea Yanzick

For Bill Molenda From Joseph & Kea Yanzick

### **In Honor of**

For Shyanne & John's Wedding From Loni Vargovich

For Sherri & Tom Smiddy From Stanley & Myra Bartos

For Wedding of Patrick & Whitney & pup From Carla Sanders



For Tregi Starr From Tara Wehrly  
For Jen Chase & Audrey Chong From Tara Wehrly  
For Paul & Denise Benson From Cheryl Deholl  
For The Harris Family From The Klein Family  
For The Lukomski Crew for Christmas From Janna Lukomski  
For Our son Ben Greene From Karen Greene  
For Laura Rincon's Birthday From Nancy Celms



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