

# PAW PRINTS

*Bitter Root Humane Association*  
Fall 2024



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## Falling For Furry Friends...

It has been a WILD summer here at BRHA! We have done more events than any other summer and have been busy making forever family connections. Read through to re-cap all the summer fun and get a look at what fall has in store!

## Adoptable Friends...



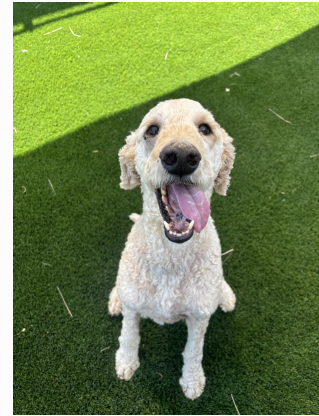
### Molly Brown

Molly Brown isn't a very tall dog, but she is **STOUT!** She is as cute as the day is long and is very, very sweet. She loves people and just wants to be right near you. She enjoys a good play session and lots of belly rubs. She is extremely loyal and wants to be your new sidekick.



### Monocle

This handsome and unique male tabby with a fun name does indeed have both eyes. He is a young and playful feline who loves to chase after toys and play hide-and-seek. Once he feels comfortable he is incredibly affectionate and gentle making him an ideal pet for families with children.



### Thor

If you're looking for a fun-loving, sweet, and happy dog, Thor just might be your guy! This 7-year-old is a lover, and he's got plenty of energy left in him to keep up on all your adventures. Affectionately known as Thor-A-Saurus, is a goofball who loves to cuddle, give kisses, and insists on lots of petting!

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

## Upcoming Events....



Bitter Root Humane Association's inaugural gala promises to be the party of the century! Music by Bea Paxson, dancing, costumes, great food, and libations. There will be games of chance, and a photo booth with Red Curtain to capture the memories of the night. Fun for everyone! Buffet Dinner will be catered by Chef Teri and promises to be a mouth-watering delight as well as a cash bar of beer and wine. Our VIP tables will include complimentary wine, specialty treats to nibble on, and reserved premier seating. We expect a sell-out event, so get your tickets today!

[VIP Experiences and Sponsorship Packages available. More information here.](#)

# GET YOUR TICKETS

[CLICK HERE](#)



[Join this group of TOP DOG Ghouls and Ghosts sponsors and make this event SPOOKTACULAR!](#)





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Association**

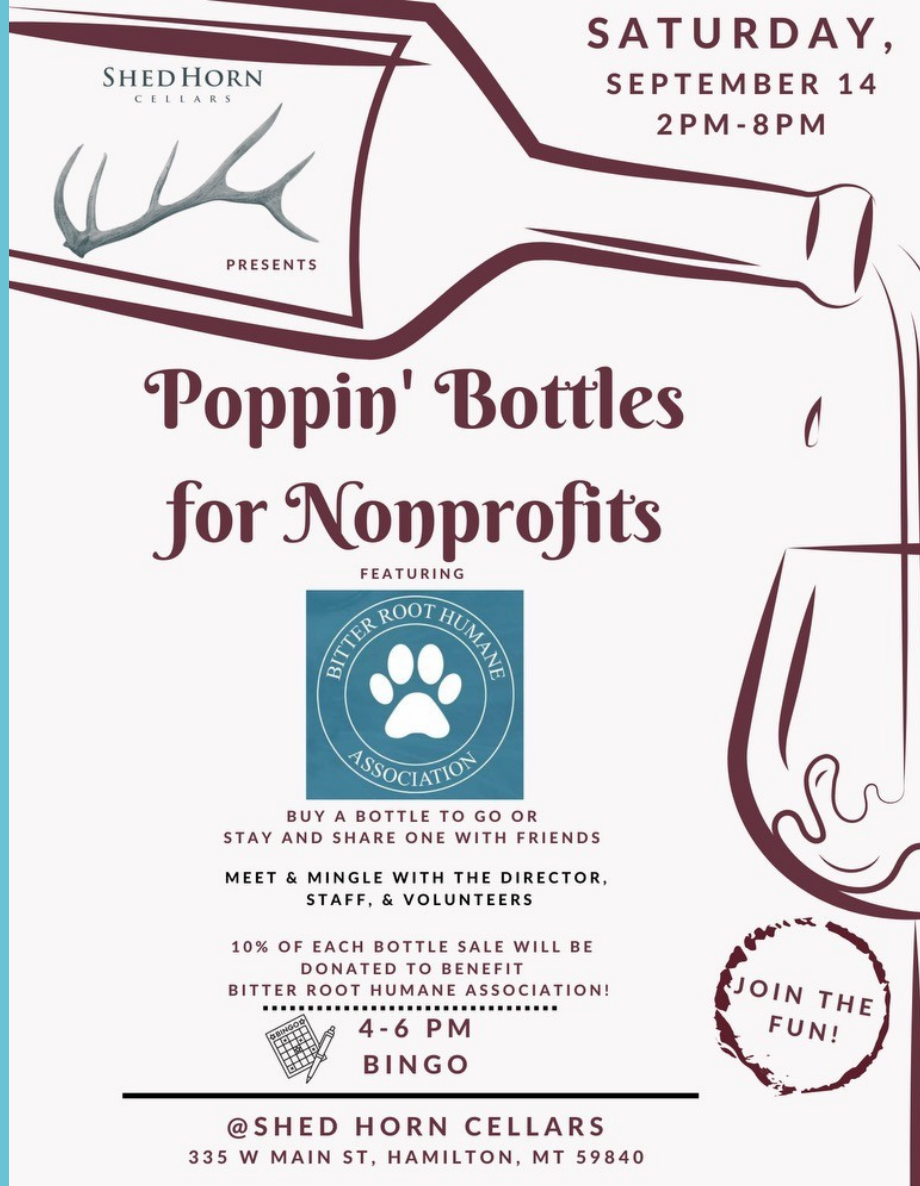
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# **WALK-IN MONDAY TO FRIDAY. FREE SERVICES. (CALL FOR RABIES AVAILABILTY)**

- DA2PP
- FVRCP
- Rabies
- Microchips
- ID Tags



SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 14  
2PM-8PM




SHED HORN  
CELLARS

PRESENTS

# Poppin' Bottles for Nonprofits

FEATURING



BUY A BOTTLE TO GO OR  
STAY AND SHARE ONE WITH FRIENDS

MEET & MINGLE WITH THE DIRECTOR,  
STAFF, & VOLUNTEERS

10% OF EACH BOTTLE SALE WILL BE  
DONATED TO BENEFIT  
BITTER ROOT HUMANE ASSOCIATION!

4-6 PM  
BINGO

JOIN THE  
FUN!

@SHED HORN CELLARS  
335 W MAIN ST, HAMILTON, MT 59840

Shed Horn Cellars has invited us back for more fun and games! They have also generously offered 30% off all bottles purchased for donation to our Howling Event! Join us Sept 14, or stop in to purchase at 335 W Main, Hamilton!

# SHE'S BACK!

## BY POPULAR DEMAND

RESERVE YOUR SPACE ASAP! THIS SELLS OUT QUICK!

Lets Get  
Scratchin!



## Scratchboard Workshop

Taught by Artist Cynthia Fisher

*Open to beginners and advanced.*

Register at the Shelter  
or call 406-363-5311  
- OR -  
For questions email:  
cynthieart@gmail.com

**Sat., November 2**  
1:00 - 4:00 pm  
**BRHA Meeting Room**  
\$50 / Person

*Materials Provided;  
Snacks and Drinks too!*  
Check out Cynthia's website  
for more examples:  
[www.fisherart.com](http://www.fisherart.com)

*All proceeds benefit Bitter Root Humane Association*

Scratchboard Examples





# WANTED



# BAKERS



## For BRHA'S COOKIE WALK AND BAKE SALE

If you would like to support the animals at the shelter, we are in need of volunteers to bake cookies, cakes, pies and other sweet treats for our bake sale on December 14th. To sign up to bake or for more information, contact Jen at [chasejenn@gmail.com](mailto:chasejenn@gmail.com) or (406) 369-5328

Click to visit our [Events Page](#) to see all our events!

## Happy Tails...

# Happy GOT-YA DAY

# DUKE



After 677 days of residency, this AMAZING dog was ADOPTED!!!! We sent him off with a brand new KONG chew toy and balls donated from Scheels, adoption treats and bone from Nylabone, and a home made PupCup to celebrate! If you see him with his new momma, give him extra love!



This sweet girl was flown to BRHA from Texas where she was on a euthanasia list. With the help of fantastic organizations like "Dog is My Copilot", "PetSmart Charities", "All Kind" animal



initiative, and more we were able to transfer Ruffles to California where she is training to do search and rescue! See below for the update from Search Dog Rescue Foundation.

Greetings from California! Hope all is well with you. Here is the latest update for our little spitfire, Ruffles:

Ruffles steals the hearts of everyone who sees her work, and that's no surprise; she is a rockstar! This month, she was introduced to rubble searches and showed no fear when traversing difficult terrain. She even seemed to light up as she ran across the pile. On top of that, she passed her emergency stop skill proficiency and has been working on direction control, heeling, and agility. Ruffles truly is the whole package and we are confident that she is meant to be a search dog.

Do you have a "Happy Tail" to tell???



Share your love stories about your adopted family member with PetCo Love and they will enter BRHA for a chance to win up to \$100,000!

[Share your Love Story here...](https://www.petco.com/lovestories)

Don't Forget to...

# TAG YOUR BESTIE



**FREE  
ID TAG &  
MICROCHIP**

Funding thanks to:  
Rapp Family  
Foundation  
Maddie's Fund

Mon-Fri: 1-6pm  
Sat-Sun: 12-5pm

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## 2024 BRHA Community Survey

We would like to hear from you! To continue serving our community to the fullest, we're asking asking for your input. Follow the link below...

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXHGi\\_d-YBIRVF7gus4nEItnUKG3UaDrTowHwb1UmSUmfzOg/view\\_form?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXHGi_d-YBIRVF7gus4nEItnUKG3UaDrTowHwb1UmSUmfzOg/view_form?usp=sf_link)



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## Ways to Give...





## Become a "Paw Protector"

For as little as \$5/month join our community of monthly donors bringing care to pets in need. For more than 50 years BRHA has been the only animal shelter in Ravalli County working to protect animals and place them in loving homes. Our work wouldn't be possible without regular, monthly gifts from Paw Protectors. Becoming a Protector is a simple and easy way to make a difference in the life of the animals who need us most.

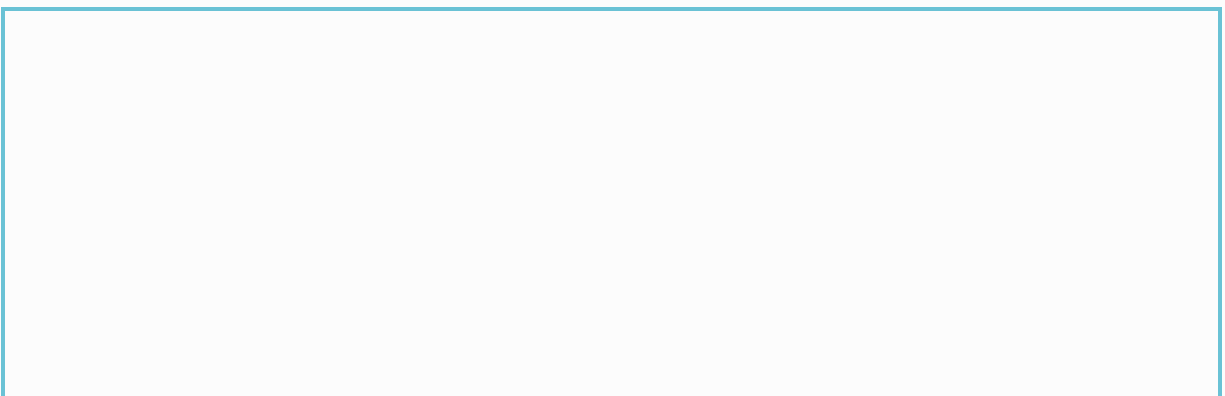


## Purchase BRHA Merchandise!!!

Support the shelter with a hat, hoodie, or T-shirt! We have pint glasses and Koozies too!!! Proceeds go back to operating expenses for the shelter. Come down today to get your BRHA Swag!

Shop for other cool gear at our AMAZON store! A portion of sales from the BRHA Brand store support the shelter!

[CLICK HERE TO SHOP!](#)





## Support BRHA with a "Proud to Adopt" License plate!

Montana MVD will give a portion of proceeds of these plates to our organization. Show everyone on the road that you support your local animal shelter! Click the link below for more information on this colorful plate!

MVD License  
Plates



## Pet Memorial Park...

Purchase a brick in remembrance of beloved 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...



# Unable to make a financial contribution? VOLUNTEER!

## Volunteer Opportunities...



### The Howling...

Needed:

- Kitchen help
- Set up/take down
- Help with auction and sales
- Buffet Servers

Volunteers will be fed, and a great time will be had by all!



### Dog Walking and Socializing...

Our volunteers make sure that EVERY dog gets some fresh air and outdoor time twice per day. Help out on-site, or take a pup for "Doggie Day Out".



### Kitten Cuddlers and "Tales for Tails" Readers...

Rainy Day? Kids need more reading practice? Bring them to the shelter to spend some time reading and snuggling our cats! The furry friends love the attention, and the kids get to improve their language development.

## WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Meet some of our core group of PAWsome people that take their time out of their busy lives to walk, run, and play with our four legged friends! Their efforts are crucial in socializing and training our dogs to become adoptable and lovable family members. Thank you for all you do!

[Download Application Here](#)

# THANK YOU...



"We had the exciting opportunity to partner with KONG for their "Play it Forward" initiative where we were able to donate KONG toys to a local animal shelter! Thank you Bitter Root Humane Association for all that you do for the community! We hope the dogs love their new toys!"



Scheels also invited us to join in for their annual GRIZ kickoff celebration! The dogs loved getting to meet all the student athletes, and a few even met their forever families!



## TRUCKLOADS OF THANKS...

We placed a call out for help replenishing our pantry after taking donations to help with those displaced by the fire evacuations. The great folks at Glacier Sotheby's of Hamilton answered the call... BIG TIME!

Thank you to Cindi Hayne and all the crew for your donations!





Thank you for your on-going support and generosity to the following, as well as many other community partners...



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**love**<sup>TM</sup>  
A NONPROFIT CHANGING LIVES



**Maddie's  
Fund**



*Rapp Family*  
FOUNDATION







Are you a supporter of our shelter and programs and don't see your logo? Please let us know...  
Email [volcoordinator@bitterroothumane.org](mailto:volcoordinator@bitterroothumane.org) to be added to this page.



## Emergency Preparedness...

Get registered to receive emergency communications from the county. We also offer information on what to do for your pets in the event of an emergency or evacuation.

Follow the links below:

[Ravalli County Hyper-Reach](#)

[BRHA Preparedness Tools](#)

# 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.

**May 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024**

**In Loving Memory of Pets**

For "Boone" From Stock Farm HOA  
For "Rio" From Stock Farm HOA  
For "Bandit" From Beth Robbins  
For "Bevis" From Beth Robbins  
For "Luna" From Elizabeth Sandon-Kleiboer  
For "Goldie" From Diane Day Sanders  
For "Toby" From Jay & Q DeHart  
For "Lily" Oliver From Sue & Dave McCormack  
DeeDee & Tom Sanders  
For "Brody" From Donna Slocomb  
For "Ebony" From Alison Leathley  
For "Kruz" From Esther Crooks  
For "Ebony Eversole" From DS & TL Forest  
For "Tank" From Jadene Stewart

## In Loving Memory of People

For Terry Verworn From Tom & Cynthia Stewart

For Randi Zimmerman From Tom & Cynthia Stewart

For Evelyn Youmans From Jane Mason

For Willow Christensen From Jay & Q DeHart

For Debbie Wargo From Corvettes of San Diego

For Tisha Wheat From Stock Farm HOA

For Deb Galloway From Nancy Gede, Milton & Leetha Parham, Susie Moreland, Marty Stromberg

For Grace Koeppen From Donna Paulson

For Richard Steed From Melinda & Herb Depp

For James Holmes From Jonathan Lowrey

For Evelyn Youmans From Rebecca Craig



For Carol Smith From Nels & Leona Anderson

For Pat Hellman From Barbara Bayer

For Treece Rousoff Bosworth From Alice Foster

For Joe Tenzer From BR Back Country Horsemen

For Shirley Barron From Ralph & Marilyn Keppel

For Linda Klipenstein From Marilyn Wilde

## In Honor of

For Birthdays of Pam Ward, Maggie Stelzl, And Gail Cottle From Gail Helms

To Honor John & Rachel Owen From Margaret Owen



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