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# WELCOME *Spring*

Whoever said that life slows down in the winter months has never met the busy folks at BRHA! We have been collaborating, connecting, and building our skills to enrich animal lives and find forever homes!

Read through to get updated on all the great things we have been up to! From spay/neuter clinics, play group training, to reading time with kids from all over the valley- there has been no time for hibernating!

And just when we thought we might get a cat-nap, the sun came out and so did our plans for an action packed event season! Scroll through to see what plans we have in store!

A huge thank you to all of our friends, supporters, adopters, and sponsors. We could never do all this great work for the animals without you!



## News from The BRHA Board of Directors...

"Changing of the guard" is a bittersweet time here at BRHA... We are thrilled to bring on new faces with fresh ideas, but with the new we have to say goodbye to the past. These two ladies have exhausted their terms as board members and we salute all their hard work and dedication!

**Linda Williams**

**Barb Garten**





"A good treasurer is hard to find, difficult to part with, and impossible to forget." We say THANK YOU for the last 12 years of service and dedication to Linda Williams. Linda could frequently be seen at almost any of BRHA's events greeting people as they joined us as well as leading "Her Ladies" at checkout. She kept her eye on the organization's financial health and well-being, making recommendations to best utilize our resources. We are grateful she will continue to join us as a committee member and look forward to her insightful contributions. She has also graciously agreed to assist with the transition following our election of a new Treasurer.



Barb Garten has been a friend to our animals, both large and small. The small barn out front is her gift to any animal with hooves or hide, a single feathered friend or an entire flock. She also became our volunteer photographer, patiently capturing the pictures of those pets waiting to find homes. While they had no voice to tell their story, Barb's photographs helped highlight their personalities and let people know they were looking for forever families. We say THANK YOU for her service and dedication to BRHA and the animals we all love.

## Welcome New Board Members...

The Bitter Root Humane Association is thrilled to welcome our newest board members, whose diverse skills and experience will be a significant asset to our organization. Their expertise in web development, coupled with backgrounds in small business ownership, accounting and finance, oversight and supervision, as well research, positions them to make impactful contributions. Their demonstrated leadership and unwavering willingness to serve further strengthen their commitment to our mission.



**Sean Hurst**



**Hope Lawson**



**Cheryl Dooley**



**Natalie Thurman**



**Heidi Pederson**

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## Recent Adoptions...





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

## Connections and Collaborations....

2025 is the year for leaving paw-prints all over the community! We are focusing on community involvement and programming as well as partnering with other groups and businesses. See below for some of our recent collabs!



Low cost, High Quality  
**SPAY & NEUTER  
CLINIC**

**March 18-19, 2025**

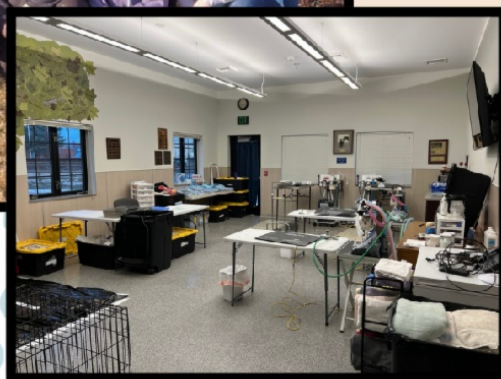
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**51  
PUBLIC ANIMALS  
SERVED!!!**



### "Dog's Playing For Life"

Dogs Playing for Life has served hundreds of thousands of dogs in shelters through playgroup seminars and enrichment programs. By helping shelters improve the quality of life for their dogs, more dogs will be adopted and fewer will fall through the cracks.

[Learn more about DPFL Here!](#)



BRHA hosted "Dog's Playing For Life"  
Nationally renown dog play-goup training for  
Staff, Volunteers, and shelter partners.

# Dogs Playing for Life™





**Bitterroot Discovery  
Children's Museum**

Discover what you can BEE!












**Pet Care Place**

Come explore how pets need our help to stay happy and healthy. You'll discover what pets eat, how to keep them clean, and why they need lots of love, playtime, and exercise. This mini vet office allows your kiddos to be the caregiver and practice compassion, empathy, and more!

**Come Visit! Exhibit will be hosted through Spring '25**





Our friends in Livingston received an in-kind grant shipment of food from Greater Good Charities. 13 pallets!!! They reached out to shelter partners around the state needing help because they had TOO MUCH FOOD! What an awesome problem to have!

One of our great volunteers made the 10 hour round trip to relieve them of 2 pallets. This has been a huge blessing to our Community Pet Pantry!

## Evans ACE Hardware 2025 "Have A Heart" Campaign



Another successful partnership with our friends at ACE! They sold hearts for \$5 each during the month of February. On February 8, they hosted us for lunch and even had a friendly competition between staff to see who could sell the most hearts! Thanks ACE Hardware! You 'have our heart'!



## Upcoming Events....





# Donate Today!



**THIS WEEKEND!!!!**

If you would like to participate, donate, or sponsor please reach out to event chair:

Hope Lawson  
pookiecat17@hotmail.com



## Bitterroot Gives

May 1-2, 2025

Join us again this year for Bitterroot Gives as we come together on May 1 and 2 with our nonprofit community to Support, Connect, and Give during the 26-hour online fundraising event. We've got a \$2000 match to meet this year so your dollars will double! Early giving opens 4/18. Keep an eye on our social pages and website for updates and the link to give coming SOON!

Click to visit our Events Page to see all our events!

## 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.





# Cars make GREAT gifts!

Turn your unwanted cars, trucks, boats (and more!) into a tax-deductible donation to BRHA

Vehicle Donation Web Page: <https://careasy.org/bitter-root-humane-association>  
Or Call Toll Free: 855-500-RIDE



Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

*All donations will be a charitable benefit to one of thousands of our nonprofit partners and CARS, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit*

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## Purchase BRHA Merchandise!!!

Support the shelter with a hat, hoodie, or T-shirt! We have pint glasses and Koozies too!!! Proceeds go directly to shelter programs and operating expenses.

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!](#)



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## 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





# KitNipBox



Welcome your new purr-fect family member with a monthly box of goodies!

**kitnipbox.com**

use code: BRHA for 15% off

KitNipBox will donate \$20 to BRHA from each new subscription!



## 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...

[Memorial Bricks](#)

Unable to make a financial contribution?

# VOLUNTEER!

## Volunteer Application

### Daily Volunteer Opportunities...



Dishes



Laundry



Housekeeping



Dog Walking  
and Socializing



AdvoCATS



Events and  
Fundraising

## 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](#)



### Tales 4 Tails: Reading Program

Elementary aged kids can come to the shelter during open business hours and spend time reading to our animals! Reading aloud has proven to help kids with their language development, and it helps anxious and nervous shelter pets become more socialized and trusting of humans; a Win/Win! Starting January 2025, our "Readers" will be given special name tags with hole punches. Kids that fill their punches, can choose a gift card to one of our local stores: Chapter One Books or Main Street Toys.



\*Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. A waiver and registration must be signed before admittance. Please call 406-363-5311 for any questions!\*



## THANK YOU...

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



Give your newly adopted dog the best start with professional training! Off Leash K9 Training Missoula helps dogs of all breeds and backgrounds master essential obedience skills, from leash manners to polite greetings. We focus on in-home and real-world training environments, ensuring your program is tailored to your lifestyle with your dog. We even offer exclusive discounts for adopted dogs!

Learn more & sign up today: [www.missouladogtrainers.com](http://www.missouladogtrainers.com)



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Maddie's  
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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.

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## 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](#)

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# 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.

**November 16, 2024 through February 28, 2025**

## In Loving Memory of Pets

- For "Dakota", From Irene Iwata
- For "Sara", From Mabel & Vernon Baker
- For "TJ" & "Lexi", From BRHA Operations
- For "Boojum", From Janet Lee
- For Lukomski Dogs & Cats, From Janna Lukomski
- For "Cissy", From Nonda Beardsley
- For "Baby (Tom)", From Joseph & Kea Yanzick



For Erika Largay's dog "Molly", From Shear Delight  
For "Ralphie" and "Gracie", From Judith Voigt  
For "Bea", From Michael & Joette  
For "Bella", From Debra Styles  
For "Tova", From Mikael Klingeborn  
For "Ellie Tehan", From Don & Linda Williams  
For "Simon", From Karen Shear  
For "Thea", From Lois Vallance  
For "Lizzie", From Duane & Janet Goicochea  
For "Annabelle", From Janice Geer  
For "Indie", From Luanne Greer  
For "Tucker", From Phil & Dorreen Romans  
For "Big", From Melinda & Herb Depp  
For "Kahli" "Max" "Mya", From Dean & Valerie Herschede  
For "Daisey", From Maureen Montague  
For "Grady", he was a good dog, From Renee Snyder  
For "Belle", from Jen Chase  
For "Cedar", From Barry Mills  
For "Sis" & Rhonda Melton, From Tom and Cindy Stewart

### **In Loving Memory of People**

For Geoff Pepos, From Francis A. Hare 111  
For Jennifer Blachura, From Karen Graham  
For Leona Jobe, From Carol Ann Maier  
For Keith Kuchel, From Lynn Koeppen  
For Rudy Pepprock, From Connie Johnson  
For Neil Thex, From Joseph & Kea Yanzick  
For Rob Edwards, From Joseph & Kea Yanzick  
For Fern Robinson, From Deanna Raisl  
For Ron Garlick, From Joyce Garlick  
For Carol Saylor, From Vicki Kiker  
For Carl Monismith, From Sue & Dave McCormack  
For Laurie Burnham, From Alice Foster  
For Fred Tossberg, From Alice Foster  
For Judy Hoy, From Alice Foster  
For Nick Hallett, From Stephen & Gail Goheen, Peggy Tonon, Larry & Margaret Johnson, Sue Ellen & Natalie Miller  
For Randy Ray Stark, From Leonard McCann  
For Jan Conklin, From Mielke Construction  
For Larry Streetman, From Nancy Dupuis  
For Crista Pender, From Serena Walshaw

## In Honor of

For Beau & Emilie Wells

From Lois Vallance

For Lygia Skipper for Christmas

From Mary Ann Darby

For Kent & Diane Myers for Christmas

From Carol Wymore

For Vera McGarell

From Deborah Linzey

For Grandma Barb

From Chris Auch

For Rocky Mountain Eye & Ear Center,  
Ram Engineering, Berkshire Hathaway  
Mountain Properties, New Horizons  
Physical Therapy

Jan King,  
Westside Commons Professional  
Plaza

For Tyler, Kelsi, Kambrynn, & Tymber  
Scully

From Lynn Parker

For Brielle Fain & Leland Holmes (age  
11)

From Tim Fain



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