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SHUFFLE YOUR WAY TO FUN AT 1ST ANNUAL HOWLIN' AT THE MOON SNOWSHOE SHUFFLE!

Grab your snowshoes, and put your best paw forward to raise funds for Gallatin County's homeless and abandoned animals. Join the Heart of the Valley Humane Society for a tail-wagging, howling good time with your favorite companion and lots of barking-good fun (if you don't have a dog, bring a human friend instead)!

The First Annual Howlin' at the Moon Snowshoe Shuffle is scheduled to take place on Moonlight Basin's new 6 km snowshoe trail on Friday, February 25th.

Registration and check-in is tentatively scheduled to begin at 4:30 and the event begins under the glow of the moon at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a free post-event party at the Pony Express Lodge at the base of the Pony Express Lift.

If you're not into snowshoeing, but want to support your local animal shelter anyway, join the fun at the post event party for a shelter donation of \$20 or \$30, which include the event T-shirt (both prices include free ticket for drawing, plus free beer, food, and fun). Together, we're all helping homeless pets, one step at a time.

All proceeds from this event benefit the Heart of the Valley Humane Society's programs such as Spay/Neuter surgeries for the shelter animals and assistance for the public as well as the general operating expenses such as food, heat, and water for the animals year round.

The post-event party will include a free drawing for race participants and those who attend the party and offer a donation, with great prizes, including snowshoes from Redfeather, prizes from Wolf Pack Brewing, Moonlight Basin and many other local retailers.

This event is made possible by many generous sponsors, including Moonlight Basin, Big Sky Western Bank, the Bozeman Daily Chronicle, the Bozeman Foot and Ankle Clinic, Montana Real Estate Company of Big Sky, Redfeather Snowshoes, Speedy Print, Wolf Pack Brewing Co., Barkenhowells, Barrel Mountaineering, Gold's Gym and Promotions West.

So, come hang out with other pet lovers and have lots of fun while supporting a great cause! Together, we're helping homeless pets, one step at a time. Registration brochures are available at any of the sponsor locations or by calling the Heart of the Valley Humane Society at 406-556-4651.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE ROAD AHEAD

As the newly elected President of the HOVHS Board of Directors, I have an interesting navigation task ahead. We know where we want to be – in a new facility that will accommodate the shelter's many dozens of animals with efficiency and allow our motivated staff to handle our charges with dignity and compassion. There really is no debate about the need for a new building. A quick tour of the facility shows the visitor a crowded, aging structure with totally inadequate heating and ventilation. Keeping our animals healthy with this infrastructure has been extremely challenging. We have outdoor cages for both dogs and cats. In the bitter winter months this just isn't right. We have band aids on band aids. It's time for our organization to create a map for our future and hit the road. Our Board is right now drawing that map. Nearly a year after the merger of the Humane Society and the Heart of the Valley Animal Center this "new and improved" organization has made the commitment to turn the long held dream of a new shelter facility into reality within 24 months.

Recently the Board met to define the scope of the project. Using a carefully defined process, the Board selected a plan featuring a cost efficient structure which achieves maximum health benefits for our animals and adequate amenities to attract the potential adopters of HOVHS animals. Currently a Facilities Design Committee is working on the details to bring the Board's concept to a set of blueprints. We already know where the road leads: a 58 acre donated site is waiting about a mile east of Jackrabbit Lane near the Interstate. Driving east on the Interstate near the airport you will spot the Heart of the Valley sign marking our future home.

It will happen. Our Building Campaign Committee is well along in the planning. A substantial amount of money has already been quietly raised within the Board and close friends of HOVHS. In addition to money this project will require imagination, creativity and a tremendous effort from our Board, our Committees and the thousands of Gallatin Valley residents who have supported HOVHS in the past. We need you now more than ever. Join us on the road to an exciting future for our organization and the wonderful animals that depend on us. Get involved today. Get on the road.

Tom Klein

FROM THE HEART

Gone from our sight, but never our memories.

Gone from our touch, but never our hearts.

In Memory Of Donnie Rex Allen

Debra De Bode and Dale Pickard
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In Honor of "Bodhi"
Gena Powell

On Behalf of Lyle and Linda Jordan
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On Behalf of Buddy and T-Bone Wenzel
Steve Wenzel and Susan Smiley

In the Name of Devin, Gina, Kans and Kyle Welty
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In Honor of Silver, Lucy, Zaius and T-Cat
Sheila Neidhardt

SHELTER NEWS - URBAN RENEWAL

There's a new look to the shelter's cat adoption room these days. Gone are the rickety old black wire condos. You know, the ones with the prison camp look? The old cells have been replaced with brand new Ultralite cat enclosures. The visual difference to visitors is obvious. The new housing is white and dove gray, open on all four walls for easy viewing of the residents. More importantly, these enclosures are specifically designed to decrease cleaning time and increase cleaning effectiveness. This lighter, brighter ambience is winning rave reviews from the cats. There's something . . . well, homey about these new digs. Best of all, the new Ultralites allow for flexibility and creativity in housing. A single three-story unit can provide three cozy studio apartments for three cats. The same unit can easily be opened to create a two- or three-story townhouse, perfect for those times when two or three roommate cats come into the shelter together! No one appreciates a loft bedroom like a cat. Ultra, indeed.

We are hugely grateful to the many individual efforts that helped put together the funding for the new Ultralites. The first four structures were installed in December. Another seven were ordered almost immediately. And now? The 'hood' just isn't the same!

A WAVE OF THE PAW TO . . .

All the wonderful volunteers who shared their time over the busy holiday season in helping out with the Heart of the Valley Humane Society 2004 Dog Ball and Santa Paws . . . extra special wave of the paw to Mitch Simkins for generously donating cabinets and table tops for our surgical room, Home Depot for erecting our "Future Home" sign; Owenhouse Hardware for donating legs for our new surgical table; Montana Ready-Mix for pouring our cement pad at the Shelter and Bozeman Brick and Block for gravel and Intermountain Therapy Animals for providing the funds to purchase a much needed microscope. Thanks so much, you are pawsitively terrific!



HAPPY TALES



Sophie's journey to her new home began in March of 2004 when a staff member from the Heart of the Valley Humane Society called Lou and Charline Spain.

Blessed with a standard poodle named Sonny who lived with them for 14 years, Lou and Charline have always been animal lovers. As a member of the Spain family, Sonny was welcomed to stay in some of the finest hotels in the country and became a close companion for the Spains. "She was like one of our own children," explains Lou. Sadly, Sonny departed this life for greener meadows when she passed away in March of last year.

Shortly after Sonny's passing, the Heart of the Valley Humane Society (then the Humane Society of Gallatin Valley) took in a homeless standard poodle puppy, the same breed as Sonny. Knowing that Lou and Charline had suffered a tremendous loss, a shelter staff member called the couple and urged them to come meet this new addition.

Hoping to fill the void that Sonny had left in their hearts, the Spains visited the shelter and met the little puppy. Though quite similar in appearance to Sonny, the puppy had a very different temperament. Extremely submissive, the puppy was wary of letting Lou get too close to her. The Spains left without the puppy.

A couple of days later, unbeknownst to Lou, Charline went back to the shelter and picked up the puppy. Today Sophie is part of a loving family. She frolics with all the critters at the ranch including three adult horses, a two-year-old colt, a llama, a donkey and a mule. Despite her

early reservations, Sophie now accompanies Lou every morning to spread hay by sled for the other animals. "She's fun to have along," says Lou. "She stays with me and is my constant companion, my friend," he says. "Sophie even visits the ducks on the pond. She loves to run with them, though is perplexed at why she can't fly," Lou says with a laugh.

The value in having a pet," explains Lou, "is that if people know how to deal with a pet, then they will know how to deal with people. And it's especially great for children," he says. "In all of the many experiences I've had with pets, each one has, in some way, prepared me to deal with people."

"Sophie has truly been a blessing for us. She learned how to shake hands the second day I had her and her intelligence continues to amaze me. The standard poodle is a great breed. They can be lap dogs and they are great with children because they're so smart. She tells me everything I need to know with her body language. Similar to a horse whisperer, animals can hear your whispers. There's no need to shout," says Lou.

Now 15 months old, Sophie is wiggling her way further into Lou and Charline's hearts. Her lineage came as a surprise to the Spains when they learned that Sophie is the great niece of their beloved Sonny, something they were able to determine through Sophie's rabies tag. "Thanks to the Heart of the Valley Humane Society, we have this puppy. She's totally filled the empty space in our home, and in our hearts, left by her great aunt Sonny," he explains.

"If there is one word that I would use to describe Sophie, it would be 'companion.' She's been a tremendous friend and I would encourage anyone to have a pet of any kind—even a bird—because of the companionship and friendship that animals offer us. The more you give to them, the more they give back. Animals are wonderful companions," says Lou. "I am very grateful to the Heart of the Valley Humane Society, which is exactly why I've decided to give back by joining the Board of Directors and volunteering to help raise funds for the organization and the new building they desperately need."

WISH LIST

Canned Dog Food

So we can give the whole canine crew some extra fuel to burn on those sub-zero nights.

Heavy Duty 12x12 Plastic Tarps

These are the walls on our outdoor cat enclosures. We need extras so that repairs can happen immediately as needed.

Sponsorship of Dog Groomings

Because once the thaw (mud season!) begins some of our most magnificent dogs tend to look like professional mud wrestlers.

Dog Obedience Class Sponsorships

- The history on this is clear and consistent. Shelter dogs who have taken group obedience classes just can't seem to stay around!

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO; THANKS FOR ALL YOU GIVE!



Heidi



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2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 24	National Spay Day
FEBRUARY 25	1st Annual Howlin' at the Moon Snowshoe Shuffle Carhartt Ball – stay tuned for more information!
MARCH 5	Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month
APRIL	National Be Kind to Animals Week
MAY 2-7	National Dog Bite Prevention Week
MAY 16-21	Duck Float – stay tuned for more information!
JUNE	Adopt a Shelter Cat Month
JUNE 25	Take Your Dog to Work Day
JULY 1	Blue Jean Friday - proceeds to benefit HOVHS
JULY 16	Bark in the Park Dog Walk - tentative date
AUGUST 21	National Homeless Animals Day
OCTOBER	National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month
OCTOBER 16	Dog Ball – stay tuned for more info
NOVEMBER 6-12	National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week
DECEMBER	2006 Membership Drive
	Santa Paws – stay tuned for more information!

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STAFF PROFILE

Dr. Kathy Quigley has been a practicing veterinarian for the past 21 years. She has worked as a clinician, as well as owned her own practice. For the past 12 years, she has held the position of Veterinary Coordinator for the Hornocker Wildlife Institute, an international organization that conducts field-based ecological studies of large carnivores worldwide. The Hornocker Wildlife Institute recently merged with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS).

At WCS, Dr. Quigley provided veterinary oversight for the Siberian Tiger Project – a study of the ecology of Siberian tigers, Amur leopards, Asiatic black bears, and brown bears in the Russian Far East, as well as numerous WCS/HWI carnivore field studies in North America, including cougar- wolf interactions in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, bear and human interactions in Teton and Yosemite National Parks, and wolverine ecology in the Madison and Teton Ranges.

In November of 2004, Dr. Quigley joined the Heart of the Valley Humane Society as the In-House Veterinarian. The following questions were asked of Dr. Quigley to help those whom HOVHS serves, better know our current staff.

WHY DID YOU WANT TO BE A VETERINARIAN?

I have always had a strong interest in animals, both domestic and wild. When I was growing up we had dogs and cats, and I even raised two guide dogs as 4-H projects. I seem to be able to “read” animals pretty easily, and feel a connection to them, so for as long as I can remember I have wanted them in my life, and have wanted to care for them.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO A YOUNG MAN OR WOMAN WHO IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VETERINARIAN?

Veterinary medicine is a wonderfully rewarding profession. I have loved being a vet, and would highly recommend to anyone that has veterinary medicine as their dream, to pursue it. Don't be intimidated or deterred by the amount of schooling. It is a rewarding profession with many different options.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AS A VETERINARIAN?

When I was a senior in vet school I worked as an extern at the Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle. One day we anesthetized two gorillas for examinations, and it was the most amazing thing I have ever seen. I just kept examining these beautiful animals, marveling at how similar they are to us. Same teeth, same ears, same mouth, etc. It was truly like they were people in gorilla suits instead of different animals. I have a dream of traveling to Rwanda to see them in the wild, and if I really get to do it, I will die a happy person!!!

WHAT CHALLENGES DO YOU SEE ON THE HORIZON FOR HOVHS?

There are many challenges I see for the HOVHS, the primary being working in the old existing building on Rouse. It is poorly designed, making it difficult to maintain the health of the animals; it is too small for the volume of animals we see; it has a history of serious diseases outbreaks that are very difficult to eliminate completely due to the existing structure and circulation; and is not at all inviting to the public. It is a constant frustration to me to try and keep the animals healthy under the present conditions, and we need a new building desperately. I think a new building and more community awareness and involvement will eliminate most, if not all, of the problems the shelter has right now. and is not at all inviting to the public. It is a constant frustration to me to try and keep the animals healthy under the present conditions, and we need a new building desperately. I think a new building and more community awareness and involvement will eliminate most if not all of the problems the shelter has right now.

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DO YOU SEE ON THE HORIZON FOR HOVHS?

I think the HOVHS can be integrated into the community and become an organization that the community is involved in and proud of. No one likes to visit shelters because it is sad to see all the unwanted animals. But, I think with a new facility that is inviting to the community, and outreach programs where the community can be easily involved, the shelter can become a positive asset to the community.

WHY DO YOU FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO CONTRIBUTE (TIME OR FUNDS) TO HOVHS?

I think the care of unwanted animals in any given community is the responsibility of the entire community. The people working at the HOVHS are incredibly dedicated and do a wonderful job. BUT, they are totally overworked, and the responsibility of all the animals is not entirely theirs. If the community pitched in and helped with either time or money the job would be easier on everyone.

ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD?

I think the most important thought I'd like to get across is that the problems at the existing shelter are community problems, and the solutions are also community solutions. Those animals are everyone's responsibility.

2004 ADOPTIONS SET A WELCOME TREND

If there's one subject guaranteed to bring smiles to the faces of the HOVHS staff it's adoptions. Not only did overall adoptions exceed 2003 by more than 500 animals, but also 2004 had two all time record-breaking months—July with 150 adoptions and October with 164.

Several factors contribute to the rise in adoption rates. First among them is creation of a specific Adoption Counselor job description. Adoption Counselor is a promotion for kennel technicians who demonstrate both outstanding customer service skills and animal knowledge.

“We always pull out the file on an animal someone is interested in,” says Adoption Counselor Corrie Larson. “Then we're able to tell people what we've learned about an animal, from its background, to its behavior, to its health. And we ask people plenty of questions. If one match isn't going to work, we immediately start thinking about some other possible really good fits to show people.”

Where those showings takes place is another nice change in the shelter's adoption program. There are now two Get-to-Know-You Zones in the shelter parking lot where prospective adopters can meet and observe a dog, one-on-one outside the noise and distractions of the dog yard. The Get-to-Know-You Zone is also the perfect place for a dog-to-dog introduction in a controlled setting.

Getting to know shelter cats has gotten “friendlier” over the past year also. The Real Life Room allows an individual or family a one-on-one meeting with a potential feline family addition. The Real Life Room is also perfect for handicapped individuals who have trouble getting around the cat room or exploring the outdoor cat areas.

Lastly, the shelter's partnership with PetsMart has become larger and stronger during the past year. PetsMart provides the perfect off-site adoption setting, and the shelter's full-time Adoption Counselor is there to help make connections happen either at PetsMart or through referral to the shelter with some specific must-see recommendations. The PetsMart partnership has proven a win-win for everyone involved.

Care and feeding, behavioral and medical assessment, training, and just plain TLC are the nuts and bolts of day-to-day shelter operations. Adoptions are the finished products, the showroom success stories. When those adoption numbers go up, the smiles are contagious, spreading through the staff, the clients, and even those grinning dogs and cats.



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SCENES FROM SANTA PAWS 2004

