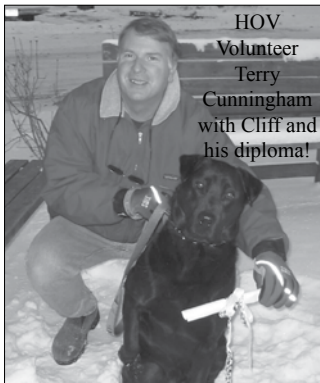


Congratulations to the Class of 2006!

By: Erika Leckington, HOV Director of Shelter Operations



HOV
Volunteer
Terry
Cunningham
with Cliff and
his diploma!

So the cap has two slits for ears to protrude through, the tassel gets a little chewed, and the gown gets . . . well . . . tripped over by those four feet, but nothing can dampen the success of Heart of the Valley's obedience school graduates! Some went to school because they had difficulty in learning manners at the shelter, while others needed fine tuning in walking on a leash. Now the 2006 graduates are distinguished by their completion of a course that covers basic commands, manners, and obedience.

In 8-week long classes offered at a generous discount to the shelter's resident dogs, Cara and Rob Greger of Anduril Kennels instruct the canines in basics such as "sit," "stay," and "heel." The classes also enrich the knowledge of the volunteer dog handlers with information about animal behavior and nutrition.

The goal of placing shelter dogs in the classes is to make each dog more adoptable by providing the training it did not receive as a young dog, as well as extra time and focus that a slower-learning dog may need. The attendees gain great confidence when they are successful in accomplishing basic commands and appropriate social interaction with other dogs. That confidence translates directly into quicker adoption.

One unfortunate reality of animal shelters is that "ordinary" dogs like black lab mixes tend to wait longer for adoption while "showier" breeds get chosen faster despite the fact that they may be poorly trained. Cliff, a black lab mix currently residing at the shelter, is an obedience school graduate who previously may have been looked over. Now, thanks to the support of his volunteer dog handler and the instructors of the classes, he has been given a distinguishing badge of honor – a real diploma - to help him find a new home.

Heart of the Valley's Obedience School attendees of 2006 ranged from Zeke the Collie/Lab mix to Alvin the ever-drooling Saint Bernard to Haus the skinny Redbone Coonhound mix. All but two of the attendees have found permanent homes since graduating, a testament to the increased desirability of a dog with some schooling on its résumé.

Many thanks go to the people who make this program possible, specifically Rob and Cara Greger and all the wonderful volunteer dog handlers who commit to classes once a week in order to make such a big difference in the lives of their canine friends. To learn more about obedience classes and graduates, or to become involved as a volunteer dog handler, contact Charleen Engberg at the shelter at 582-1847 today!

HOV RECEIVES HUMANE EDUCATION GRANT



Heart of the Valley is pleased to announce that it has received a generous grant of \$25,000 from the Mericos Foundation to fund materials for HOV's humane education program. The Mericos Foundation is a private foundation in South Pasadena, California and makes annual grants to diverse charitable organizations.

HOV staff will use the grant to develop a small library, create print materials, and acquire equipment necessary to offer humane education to the community. Humane education teaches responsibility, respect, and humanity towards all life, and helps people become better neighbors by instilling a sense of empathy. Numerous studies have determined that there is a clear connection between animal abuse and violence towards humans. Teaching kindness towards animals helps people be more respectful of all life.

Heart of the Valley offers shelter tours, classroom visits and adult programs in the community at no charge. To schedule a presentation or tour, contact Charleen Engberg at hov_charleen@bridgeband.com or 582-1847.

"With the generous support of the Mericos Foundation grant, Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter can reach people more effectively," according to HOV Humane Education Manager, Charleen Engberg. "This will lead to increased awareness about the vital role people play in the lives of companion animals."



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The big news at the shelter is the Mericos Foundation \$25,000 grant for the purpose of building HOV's humane education program. Education about animals, training and socializing them, and responsible pet ownership is essential to reducing the causes of homeless animals. Thank you Mericos for helping HOV address the cause of the problem as well as the symptoms.

In another exciting development, HOV replaced the decrepit Cat Isolation Trailer with a newer rental trailer. This trailer is where cats are held until they are sterilized, healthy and ready for adoption. The old trailer was well used when it was generously donated to HOV 20 years ago. In recent months, the roof was leaking, collapsing and too rotten to hold another repair. We had hoped it would last until the move to a new facility next September, but the risk of a fire or roof failure was too great.

With the close of 2006, we are pleased to report that it looks like the intake of animals during 2006 was slightly lower than 2005. We would like to think this means that spay/neuter and education programs are starting to show results. One area we feel is not showing improvement is the higher number of lost and stray animals and lower number of cats reclaimed and returned to their homes. About 50% of the cats and 65% of the dogs received at HOV are stray or lost animals. While 70% of these dogs are returned to their homes, only 8% of these cats are reclaimed and returned to their homes. HOV recommends that guardians keep their cats inside, where they are safe and cannot kill songbirds. Nevertheless, many cats do go outside and become lost because it is difficult to keep collars on them. HOV hopes to change this and improve the reclaim rate by microchipping all animals adopted into new homes. In addition, one day each month HOV will offer the public the opportunity to have their pet microchipped. Implanting a tiny electronic chip in your pet is simple, safe and the most effective means of assuring that your pet will be returned if it becomes lost. All local vets offer microchipping and HOV will offer it one day each month starting in February.

These cold, snowy, icy days of winter are a torment for HOV's dogs and cats housed outside. When the temperature dips below 20°, HOV turns on heat lamps for outside cats and brings short-haired dogs inside or places them in a foster home for the night. HOV wishes to thank all of the generous volunteers that foster our dogs for the night during cold weather. If you would be interested in fostering a dog for the night, please call Charleen Engberg at 582-1847.

Seeing the walls go up on the new shelter reminds us that next winter HOV will finally be inside with all animals. That is a certainty that assures 2007 will be a good year. This would not be happening without the generosity of this community. The animals and staff at HOV thank you for your support and wish you a happy New Year.

Question of the Season:

If you could grant just one wish for Heart of the Valley in this New Year, what would it be?



Blaine Lorkiewicz
HOV Canine Supervisor

"For all the long-stays (animals at the shelter more than 6 months) to go home. To improve their quality of life."



Lisa Korth
HOV Volunteer

"More adopters. People who are willing to take good care of these animals so that they can be the wonderful pets that they are."



Don Ulrich
HOV Visitor

"A brand new building for the animals and the people who come to adopt them. Because the present facility is un-inviting and decrepit."

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ASK THE VET: "Winterizing Your Pets"

By: Kathy Quigley, DVM

Cold weather can be a real challenge for our pets, so here are a number of things that you can do for your pets to help keep them safe, comfortable, and healthy through the long Montana winters.

- Short haired breeds feel much more comfortable and stay healthier during the cold weather if they have a warm coat or sweater for when you take them outside.
- Antifreeze, used in vehicles during the winter months to keep the radiator water from freezing, is a fatal poison for pets even in very small doses. Both cats and dogs like the sweet taste of antifreeze, so make sure all spills are cleaned up. In addition, products containing propylene glycol instead of the traditional ethylene glycol are available and are much more animal friendly.
- If your dogs live outside, you must provide a warm place for them to protect them from the weather. An insulated dog house is a must! Animals left outside with no protection from the cold are susceptible to frost bite. This is not an uncommon problem in winter and usually affects ear tips, paws, and nose.
- Also make sure that both dogs and cats have fresh water available every day. Electrically heated water dishes are available which make it easy to keep drinking water from freezing.
- Increase your dog's food, primarily protein, if it is engaged in strenuous outdoor activities. If you are hiking with your dog, be aware that extended walks on ice and snow pack can cause cuts and abrasions on the bottom of its pads. Also, be sure to wash off pads, legs, and belly to remove any salt, antifreeze, or other chemicals that can harm your dog.
- Cats will often sleep under the hood of a car on the warm engine. When the car is started, the cat is caught in the fan belt, causing serious injury or death. Make sure you bang on the car hood or check to see that no cats are on the engine before you start the car.
- Never leave your pet in a parked car for an extended period of time. Cars are very cold in the winter months, and your pet could freeze to death in a relatively short time.
- Older animals are fragile and have a very difficult time with winter cold, so do not ever leave them outside for extended periods of time.

Volunteer Program Year in Review

By: Charleen Engberg, HOV Volunteer/Education Manager

The volunteers at Heart of the Valley are amazing people who are dedicated to doing all they can to help the homeless animals in our care. The number of volunteers and hours donated is increasing all the time. This means more dogs get out on walks, more cats get the attention they deserve, and Heart of the Valley is able to accomplish more as an organization thanks to the efforts of wonderful citizens who are making the time to help. Highlights for 2006 include:

Records were set!

In October 105 volunteers donated 701.50 hours of time.

In November 104 volunteers donated 739.5 hours of time.

More COUPLES are volunteering than ever before!

That means twice the fun and twice the number of animals that get attention.

More volunteers are recruiting friends and co-workers to help!

There is nothing like a personal testimony to motivate others and convince them to get involved.

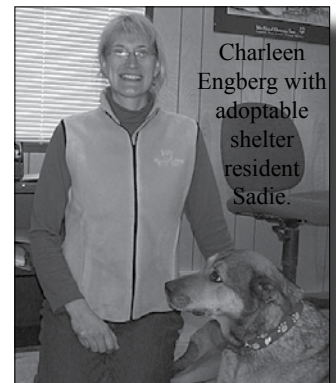
All the adoptable dogs got a walk in one day!

It was a beautiful thing, and we would love to have enough volunteers to make this happen every day.

The shelter is now open 7 days a week.

We hope this accommodates the schedule of more volunteers.

Every individual who donates time is helping to make this a better world for the many homeless animals that depend on Heart of the Valley. And the more time you give, the bigger the impact you have on the program. We want to be able to provide these precious pets with a good quality of life while they wait for an adoptive family. We hope all our volunteers know that their two-legged and four-legged shelter friends are most grateful for their time and effort. HOV needs and appreciates you!



Ten Minutes with....Candace Hamlin

By: Lori Stephens, HOV Volunteer

Candace Hamlin is a *yes!* man, so to speak.

From the sky to the slopes to thin air, Candace Hamlin says *yes!* For years, she's been at home in the sky and falling out of it. When skydiving won out over hitting the books in the '70s, Candace left college for California. She embraced her passion full throttle and became a jumpmaster, teaching others how to take the dive.

When Candace wasn't leaping out of planes, she was flying them. Going up. Coming down. Going up. Coming down. It's a distinct pattern in Candace's life. First skydiving, then flying, then downhill skiing. Mastering all, with a vengeance.

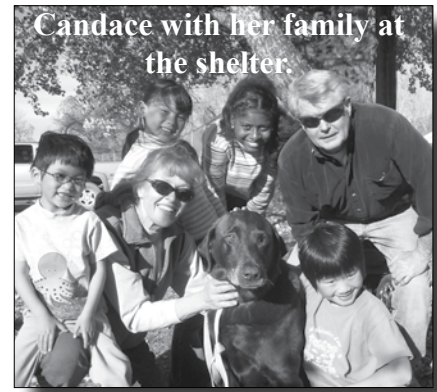
What kind of man can keep up with a woman like this? A man who wins Stuntman of the Year for his work on the MacGuyver television series, that's who. It's a big *yes!* to Jerry Meyers as they pilot, skydive and ski their way to wedded bliss.

After years of this kind of extreme existence, most people would consider slowing down. Not Candace. She cranks it up a notch or two. Or three. Or four. Candace said *yes!* to adopting FOUR children! All within a four-year time span! Hailey, Lily and Daisy joined the family from China. Cicely came from Ethiopia.

Throughout her decidedly affirmative, out-loud life, Candace has always carried a torch for animals, nature, and doing what's right by Mother Earth. Right now, she and Jerry juggle an aviation business with parenting, caring for two horses (saved from the slaughterhouse), three dogs, (one of them is Tipper, a recent long timer at our shelter)... and a "dogged" dedication to Heart of the Valley.

Always full of pep and a ready smile, Candace walks shelter dogs nearly every day, often with her youngest child in a pack on her back. For Candace, time with the shelter dogs is a sort of religious experience. She feels much joy in that free-flow of love between two beings. Spending time with the shelter dogs is such a gift that Candace thinks people should be on a waiting list to adopt dogs, rather than the other way around.

When she's not on the trail with the dogs, she's helping out with shelter events and projects, collecting donations from HOV's animal banks around the Gallatin & Madison valleys and attending shelter Fundraising Committee or Dog Ball Committee meetings. Fact is, just about anytime HOV calls for help, Candace responds with a big, enthusiastic *yes!*



HOV Re-Launches Senior Pets for Senior People Program!

Heart of the Valley is pleased to announce the first pairing of our newly re-launched Senior Pets for Senior People Program: Pat is a volunteer dog walker at the shelter and has fallen in love with her new best friend Minnie. Heart of the Valley is pleased to be able to offer this program with the support of Williams Plumbing, Heating, & Utilities, Inc.

The Senior Pets for Senior People Program provides free adoptions of pets 8 years or older to qualified seniors 62 years or older. If you or someone you know would be interested in this program, please call the shelter at 587-0456 for more information!



Heart of the Valley is a proud member of Montana Shares, a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in communities throughout the state.

The 37 member groups of Montana Shares seek to solve the root causes of problems in our communities and address such issues as the environment, animal welfare, arts and culture, medical care, and human rights.

For more information about Montana Shares and its committed member groups, log on to www.montanashares.org today!



DOG WALKING CHALLENGE



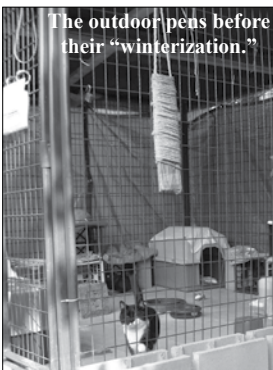
The crew of volunteer dog walkers who made it happen!

THE CHALLENGE: Get every shelter dog out for a walk in one day

THE RESULTS: It took 19 people 36 person-hours to walk all 65 dogs residing at the shelter. We were done by noon! 8 more volunteers came in later that afternoon to give many dogs their second walk of the day!

It was a snowy day for a dog walking challenge, but that didn't stop these dedicated volunteers from getting the job done. Unfortunately, the reality is that many shelter dogs don't get a walk every day. HOV is always looking for more volunteer dog walkers: Call Charleen at 582-1847 to join the team today! Happy Wags!

A BIG WARM THANK YOU FROM HOV'S OUTDOOR CATS!



The outdoor pens before their "winterization."

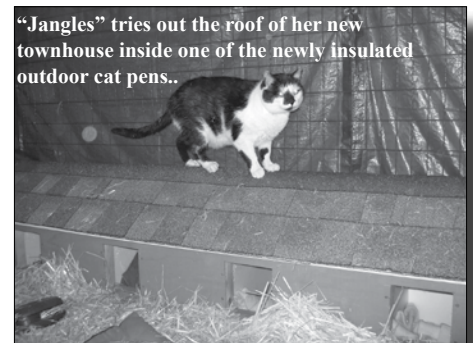
The cats currently residing in the shelter's outdoor cat pens now have some nicer accommodations while they wait for adoption, thanks to two local couples who have made major contributions to these temporary homes.

Pam and Conrad Mitchell of Ennis crafted several large, insulated cat "townhouses" complete with cubbies the perfect size for snuggling cats. In addition, this generous couple brought cat food, litter, and tarps for these grateful felines!

Vernon and Lou Ann Westlake of Bozeman also contributed to warmer cat housing this winter. Their generous donation helped HOV purchase very large and heavy-weight tarps to help insulate the outdoor cat pens. Best of all, this wonderful gift to HOV's kitties was Lou Ann's birthday gift from Vern!

Thank you to these and all HOV's other wonderful supporters who really make it happen for the animals every day!

Of course, the end goal is to find permanent, loving homes for all of these wonderful cats, but in the meantime now they have warmer and more comfortable accommodations. And if you have any doubt that they are appreciative, just stop by the shelter to see them snuggling and cozy and full of contented purrs!



"Jangles" tries out the roof of her new townhouse inside one of the newly insulated outdoor cat pens..

WISH LIST

Your unwanted items and in-kind donations may mean the world to the animals at the shelter!

Our most current needs at the shelter are...

- Gift cards to Bridger Feeds, Murdoch's or PetsMart
- A "newer" digital camera
- Paper Towels
- Trash bags (13-55 gallon)
- File cabinets (2 & 4 drawer)
- Carpeted single cat cubbies
- Cat toys & brushes
- Dry or canned dog and cat food for our food assistance shed
- Powdered laundry detergent (without bleach)
- Office supplies (staples, tape, pens, paper cutter, copy paper)



GOT CANS?

RECYCLE THEM AT THE SHELTER!



All proceeds go toward caring for animals! Just drop your aluminum cans by our recycling shed at the shelter - one more easy way to support Heart of the Valley!

Teach Children Well

By: Charleen Engberg, HOV Volunteer/Education Manager



Children are little sponges, soaking up information that is said and unsaid. Our actions are seen and remembered. My sister-in-law recently witnessed the driver of a pick-up pull over in rural Montana, open the tailgate, and as the truck accelerated, several kittens fell out. She followed and confronted them about what she had just seen. In the vehicle sat his wife and four young children. What had they just been taught by their parents? That dumping animals in the country was acceptable? The parents tried to justify their actions by saying the kittens were feral. My sister-in-law calmly explained that was no excuse. Not only is it ethically wrong, but there is the practical fact that if the kittens did manage to survive, they are fertile and going to add to overpopulation. They wander into barns and under patios and become someone else's problem. She reported the man to the authorities. He was required to appear in court and pay a hefty fine for the offense. While the lesson was a difficult one, the children learned that what their parents did was wrong.

Even those of us who are not parents are influences in young people's lives. It may be as a relative, neighbor or friend. Our actions can teach children to ignore injustice, to be self-involved, to make excuses, to paint a rosy picture or we can be role models for responsibility, courage, fairness, commitment, citizenship and compassion. There are many opportunities to teach respect for others including animals. It begins with how we treat our own pets. Is the dog in the back yard bored and barking 24/7? Or is he leash-walked daily and is a bag always handy to pick up after him? Does the cat roam outside in all types of weather and defecate in the neighbor's garden? Or is she warm and safe inside?

The choices we make do matter. Our impact on tomorrow's world can be positive. It starts with the decisions we make today.

A WAVE OF THE PAW TO...

Dan Himsworth and the staff at Insty-Prints in Bozeman for great service and a generous discount on the printing of this newsletter! Thank you for your continuous support and beautiful printing!

The folks at **Montana Sheet Metal** for repairing our furnace at the shelter! The dogs sure appreciate the warmth right now!

Bozeman Office Express for making donations to local charities easy with their wonderful "token" program!

Jane Huffine for donating a state-of-the-art coffee grinder and brewer to very appreciative staff members in the shelter's breakroom!

John Bailey at the Meat Shoppe in Bozeman, for donating a portion of his proceeds to Heart of the Valley every month for over 12 years! Thanks for the commitment - it has added up to thousands of dollars for the animals!

Robin Mayer and the staff at the MSU Office for Community Involvement for creating the beautiful "Gift Tree" displayed at Murdoch's during the holidays!

HOV IS ON THE AIR!

Join Heart of the Valley on the radio-waves three times a week! Three local radio stations feature HOV representatives weekly - sometimes with adoptable shelter animals! Topics discussed include current events and news about the shelter, a spotlight on the dog and cat of the week, and the shelter's current "Wish List." Listen and learn something new about Heart of the Valley!

HOV's Charleen Engberg with KBOZ's Dean Alexander and friends in the studio booth.



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Thank you

to everyone who participated in the latest Community Meeting for Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter! Held at the Emerson Cultural Center on December 13 2006, the informational meeting featured updates on the shelter from Executive Director Margie Taylor and Volunteer/Education Manager Charleen Engberg. Also making an appearance was "Indigo," a Dalmatian mix currently available for adoption at the shelter. Questions about the shelter and its new building were answered, policies were discussed, and everyone walked away more informed about their community animal shelter.

We at Heart of the Valley encourage all members of our community to know and learn more about the work we do here every day. For the date of our next community meeting, keep reading the Heart Beat or call us at 556-4651 for more information!



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To order yours, or for more information, contact the HOV Development Office at (406) 556-4651 or hov_angela@bridgeband.com today!

Digging one of the wells on the site.



NEW BUILDING UPDATE!

The new building is finally going up! Martel has poured and backfilled all of the foundations and footings. Williams Plumbing has installed all of the waste and floor drain piping. Kanta Products is making and delivering cement blocks regularly. Marks & Hanson is laying the concrete block walls and they are reaching full height in many areas. Northwestern Energy is bringing the gas and electric service to the building. Water wells for commercial use and fire suppression have been drilled. It will not be long before Superior Concrete pours the concrete floors. Precision Fence has constructed part of the fencing around the off-leash dog park. JTL is stripping and stockpiling topsoil

in preparation for mining gravel from a corner of the property.

The fundraising campaign continues. The community has donated \$3.6 million of the \$5 million needed (\$4 million for construction of the building and \$1 million for endowment). **THANK YOU!** HOV still needs your help to complete this campaign. Please honor the wonderful memories your pets have brought into your life by making a gift or multi-year pledge to this vital campaign. The homeless animals spending another cold night outside thank you for your support.

The walls are going up and the site is abuzz with activity!





MEMORIALS

A memorial gift to Heart of the Valley is a thoughtful way to express your sympathy and honor a departed loved one. A Heart of the Valley memorial not only remembers the life of a loved one, it also offers hope and opportunity to the animals at the shelter.

"Gone from our sight, but never our memories. Gone from our touch, but never our hearts."

In Memory of Those Who Loved Animals

In Memory of Dorothy Brence Phyllis Barnes & Betty Green Isabelle B. Harris Maggie Peluso	In Memory of Tom Kerr Casey & Steve Tucker	In Memory of Arden Pieper, continued: Jack & Karen Marshall
In Memory of Eileen Brann Gerald & Theresa Hoeffs	In Memory of Chan Libbey Mary Libbey	Myrtle Martin & Sandra Maher
In Memory of Howard Brown Montana 4X4 Association, Inc.	In Memory of Joy McAnally Col. Eric & Jean Hastings	Steven & Pam Mermell
In Memory of Candis Bruswell Becky White	In Memory of Jeanne Miller William & Lynell Martel	Debby & Mike Mullaney
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There are many reasons to honor someone you love with a donation to Heart of the Valley. Holidays, birthdays, weddings, or just everyday good deeds can be a reason to celebrate - and transferring that good feeling to direct aid for the shelter animals is the sweetest gift of all!

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Snowshoe Shuffle at Madison Base, Moonlight Basin Resort

Friday, February 2, 2007

Bring your dogs and your snowshoes (or cross-country skis) to Moonlight Basin and romp by the light of the moon, then enjoy fantastic food and drink at the Headwaters Grille and a party worth remembering! Registration starts at 5:00 pm, Shuffle at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Jane Van Alstyne Ceramics Collection Show and Sale

Friday, February 9 - Thursday, March 15, 2007

On display at Shack Up, located at 109 North Rouse Avenue in Bozeman. Proceeds to benefit Heart of the Valley!

Wild West Winterfest

February 16-18 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds

Visit our informational booth and meet some wonderful dogs available for adoption!

Montana Spay/Neuter Task Force Clinic in Bozeman

Late April 2007

Stop those litters - spay those critters! MSNTF offers a free clinic for those who could not otherwise afford to spay or neuter their pets. To make a reservation for the next clinic, call MSNTF at (406) 209-2293.

Dog Ball 2007

June 15, 2007

Save the date for our annual gala event! Wine and dine while vying for fantastic live and silent auction items, all in a beautiful setting and for a good cause!

For more information about upcoming events, call the HOV Development Office at 556-4651.

Staff's Pick Pup:

"Georgia"



Are you a hound lover? Then come check out Georgia, a beautiful brindle 4 year-old purebred Plott Hound! Like most hounds, Georgia follows her nose and is quite vocal, and needs a secure fence and a family committed to keeping her on leash when away from home. Need someone to warm your bed during the cold winter? Look no further than this goofy girl!

Kitty Pick of the Litter:

"Equinox"



Equinox is a gorgeous black neutered male domestic long-hair who was brought in as a stray running around the dangerous I-90 near Butte. He is 4-5 years old and has been declawed by a former owner, so he especially needs a family that will keep him safe and inside. Come see him at the shelter today!

