

## Dog Parks: A Desperately Needed Resource

By Terry Cunningham



Dog parks are an ideal place to socialize your dog

Why are dog parks important? HOV Executive Director Margie Taylor says, “Dog owners should consider a dozen visits to an off-leash dog park during the first year of their dog’s life just as important as teaching their dog to sit or stay.” Despite their importance, the number of fenced, off-leash dog parks in the Gallatin and Madison valleys is pitifully low.

### Background

The City of Bozeman Recreation and Parks website states that the only off-leash parks in the city limits are Burke Park, the Canine Beach section of Bozeman Pond and the Dog Park near the Softball Complex. A distinction should be made between “dog-friendly” parks and actual dog parks. A true dog park is a fenced area dedicated solely to recreation and socialization of dogs. By this definition, Burke Park is not a true dog park.

Connie Lien, Bozeman’s full-time Animal Control Officer says, “I feel strongly that dog owners need fenced dog parks in as many locations as possible to enhance dog exercise and socialization, especially in urban locations. It is a proven fact that well exercised and trained dogs are unlikely to bite humans or attack other dogs or run away, causing traffic hazards and garbage problems. In addition, more

responsibly-owned dogs, exercised in a proper environment, keep unwanted litters from happening. So we need MANY fenced dog parks.”

### New Shelter Offers Off-Leash Park

One of the key elements of the new Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter (you really must come out and see it for yourself!) is Maxi Park, a 15-acre fenced dog park that is open for community use. Shelter dogs have a separate fenced play area, so Maxi Park is a resource specifically designed for you and your dogs. A sign near the entrance to Maxi Park describes the protocol for using the park. This park will eventually expand to a 40-acre park when gravel mining is completed on the western section of the HOV property.

### Get Involved

Perhaps the best way to increase the number of dog-friendly parks and fenced dog parks in the community is to make your desires known publicly. Plans are now being discussed for a number of parks in the Gallatin Valley that might include special accommodations for dogs. Snowfill Park (off McIlhattan Road) is a 37-acre, dog-friendly winter-recreation park and trail system, including Hedvig’s Trail, dedicated in memory of Hedvig

Rappe-Flowers. With recent snow falls, the snowfall is looking good. The Regional Park between Oak Street and Baxter Lane may include a dog park. There is some discussion that the County Fairgrounds might – in the future – include a fenced dog park.

We encourage you to attend park planning meetings and to tout the benefits of dog parks to park planners and government officials. It is equally important that you be a good ambassador to the public when you exercise your dogs in public places. Keep dogs under voice control or leash control, pick up after your dog and monitor their behavior with other dogs. If we do all of these things, we might live up to our dog-friendly community reputation.



Enjoying the fresh snow at Maxi Park

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## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I am watching the wind and snow blow and the thermometer plunge and I am thanking you, the community, every moment for the comfort of the new shelter. In past winters we dreaded the moment every afternoon when the staff had to decide which animals could come in and which would have to stay outside for the night. Thankfully, that is a thing of the past.

Your passion and generosity made this new shelter possible. We are so grateful—please accept a big thank you from all of the four-leggeds and staff at HOV. With your help, we completed construction right on schedule and without incurring any debt.

If you have not yet visited the new shelter, please do. It is just a cinder block building like the old shelter, but there is room inside for all of the animals. It is also bright and cheery and full of many warm, wonderful animals waiting to find new homes. If you came to our grand opening, please come back to see the cat adoption center now that the glass-backed cages have arrived and allow the cats to be displayed in all of their glory. The natural light greatly improves their lives, and it is great fun to watch them sunning themselves in the window.

Moving into the new shelter brings to a close a four-year strategic plan focused on funding and constructing a new building. This certainly does not mean that our job is done—it just shifts our focus to operating in a new environment. Our challenge has always been to sustain our operations. Where before in the old shelter we did not pay to heat and cool all the animals in outside kennels, we now have those utility expenses. Where before we let the sun and extreme temperatures disinfect the outdoor kennels, we now must use pressure washers and chemicals to disinfect the runs. Where before we maintained about 4,000 square feet of indoor space sitting on an acre, now we maintain about 20,000 square feet sitting on 58 acres. Two years ago, we could pay starting salaries of \$7.00 per hour. Now, we pay \$8.50 per hour in hopes of attracting applicants.

HOV's legacy must not be, "They finally built an adequate facility and then went out of business because they could not operate it." The challenge in the next five years will be creating a legacy of success: increasing operational excellence at every level, diversifying and increasing revenue, expanding efforts to prevent homeless and unwanted animals through education and sterilization, and becoming a true resource center for all pet owners.

During the coming months, HOV's board is preparing a strategic plan for the next five years. They will assess, among other things, what we do and how; HOV's strengths, weaknesses and opportunities; and the community's needs. Your views are a critical part of the strategic planning process. I encourage you to contact any member of the board or me with your thoughts. The names of our board members are listed to the right and my email address is Margie@HeartoftheValleyShelter.org. Your support has brought HOV to where it is today. Your input on a new strategic plan will take HOV into the future.

*Margie Taylor*

## GOT LOVE?

Get a whole lot more when you volunteer at Heart of the Valley!

Dog and cat socializing, grooming, events staffing, children's programs, cleaning, paperwork...there are many ways to help the shelter! Call 388-9399 or email [volunteer@heartofthevalleyshelter.org](mailto:volunteer@heartofthevalleyshelter.org) to get started!



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## New Faces and New Places

### *HOV fills two important positions*

Heart of the Valley welcomes Lacy Gray as the new Development Assistant. A graduate of Montana State University, Lacy recently returned to Bozeman from the Flathead Valley. She served as Management Assistant for the Going-to-the-Sun Road rehabilitation project in Glacier National Park since May 2006. Her involvement with the project allowed her to gain a thorough understanding of event planning and community outreach.

"I am honored and excited to be a part of this team," says Lacy.

"HOV has accomplished so much over the years and the opportunities are endless with the incredible support that comes from this community."

Accompanying Lacy back to her old stomping grounds is her dog Harper, a rescue from Flathead County Animal Shelter.

Also moving into a new position at Heart the Valley is Jennifer Zeter. Jen recently stepped into the position of Feline Supervisor. She began with HOV in May 2007 as a Kennel Technician, working her way to Lead Feline Technician before taking on her new role.

"It's exciting to grow as an employee at HOV," states Jen. "Being in such close proximity to many different animals is often stressful for the cats, who really need the stability and consistency of a permanent home. Being in this position will allow me to be sure they get the best care possible during their stay here."

A native of Gardiner and clearly an avid animal lover, Jen moved to Bozeman eight years ago and worked at Tri-H stables and Doggie Daycare before coming to HOV. She lives in Bozeman with her puppy, J.D. and cat, Ozzie, a HOV rescue.



Jenn and Lacy with shelter cat, Leviathan

## New Year, Fresh Start, Happy Pet!

By Angela Sandoval, HOV Volunteer & Education Manager

When January 1st rolls around, many of us take the chance to start over with a clean slate and make resolutions designed to get us closer to our "perfect" selves. Usually this means a better diet, regular exercise, and maybe a fun vacation. But for those of us whose lives are blessed by animal friends, the New Year can be a great time to start becoming the "perfect" pet owner as well. In that spirit, here are some simple resolutions any pet owner can make:

1. **Keep your pet tagged every day!** Pet identification tags are very inexpensive – yet they are invaluable in making sure your pet stays safe at home with you. Many cats and dogs lose their ID tags during play, so it is recommended that you always have a spare set of tags at home just in case. And tags don't help at all if the information on them is incorrect, so keep them up-to-date!
2. **Teach your pet a new trick!** The extra time you spend with your pet during training sessions will make a big impact on both of you while providing extra mental stimulation for your pet. And remember – tricks aren't only for dogs! Visit [www.wikihow.com/Teach-Your-Cat-to-Give-a-Handshake](http://www.wikihow.com/Teach-Your-Cat-to-Give-a-Handshake) for a tutorial on teaching your cat to shake hands (your houseguests will be amazed!). Heart of the Valley also has many pet behavior books that can be loaned out to get you started.
3. **Get your pet checked out by a veterinarian at least once a year!** This routine examination by the vet isn't just about updating vaccinations – even the most animal savvy among us could miss certain health problems that your vet will be able to pick up. When it comes to loving and protecting our pets, ensuring their physical well-being is the most important building block. Everything else stems from there.
4. **Learn something new about your pet!** You may have had Persian cats all your life, but did you know that many Persians lack the bristly "awn hairs" present in most undercoats? (This is what can make their bellies feel so silky!) There is a whole world of information out there about animal breeds, and learning more about them can increase your understanding of every pet, including those lovable mixed breeds. Plus, it'll help you win more trivia contests!
5. **Be an animal ambassador!** Your pet has got everything it needs: a safe home, good food, a loving owner. But what it doesn't have is a voice, at least not one that influences changes in education and policy in your community. Be your animal's voice! Animal advocacy doesn't just mean marching or picketing – it starts at home when we share our love for animals and our knowledge of how to properly care for them. Share this joy and education with the younger people you know. Don't ignore negligent pet owners in your neighborhood – that animal is counting on you to intervene when its safety is at risk. Volunteer at an animal shelter or some other animal advocacy group – call Heart of the Valley anytime to find out how.

Start the New Year off right with a resolution to be the best guardian your dog or cat could hope for. Now is the time to become the person your pet thinks you are!

## WISH LIST

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

**CLEANING SUPPLIES**  
 Powdered laundry detergent  
 Paper towels  
 Tall kitchen garbage bags  
 Toilet paper  
 Rag mop heads

**MEDICAL SUPPLIES**  
 Nitrile gloves (M & L)

**OFFICE SUPPLIES**  
 Copy paper (any color)  
 Scissors  
 Plastic clip boards

**PET SUPPLIES**  
 Indestructible dog chew toys  
 Dog training treats  
 Lots of small cat brushes

Dog shampoo  
 New cat trees  
 Friskies canned cat food  
 PaPurr cat litter

**OTHER**  
 AA Batteries  
 Children's craft supplies (various)

Large rectangular vinyl tablecloths  
 Gift cards for Costco, Petsmart or Rocky Mountain Supply  
 Feliway refills (for plug in)

### A WAVE OF THE PAW TO...

**Kris Ellingsen** for her benefit concert at Gallatin Valley Mall.

**Gil and Deb Stober at Peak Recording and Sound** for creating our Santa Paws radio spots.

**Heisel Springhill Nursery, Inc., Cashman Nursery, Challenger Landscaping and Beth MacFawn Landscaping Design, Inc.** for donating landscaping services at the new shelter.

**Yellowstone Harley Davidson** for the proceeds from their "Road Tested Recipes" cookbook.

**Keith Mainwaring** for building a barn cat area.

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### Join us for the 4th Annual Howlin' at the Moon Snowshoe Shuffle!

The 4th Annual Howlin' at the Moon Snowshoe Shuffle is fast approaching. That's right, folks! It's time to grab your canine companions and snowshoes and head for the hills. More specifically, Moonlight Basin Resort at the Headwaters Grille at the Madison Base Area. This year's event, sure to be bigger and better than ever, is set to take place, Saturday, February 23. Registration starts at 5:30 PM and "shuffling" begins at 6:00 PM. Don't have snowshoes? Want to try something new? Kahtoola will be offering free snowshoe rentals and demos for the event. For a mere \$20 registration fee, you'll receive an event t-shirt, a goody bag that all dogs are sure to love and a delicious chili dinner, courtesy of the Headwaters Grille. A \$3 draft beer special will also be provided by Moonlight Basin Resort, with mixed drinks available.

After dinner, the fun continues with bluegrass by the Bridger Creek Band and the Barkin' Doggy Raffle. This year some great prizes are up for grabs, including skis courtesy of Lone Mountain Sports, a stay at Saddle Ridge Townhouses provided by East West Resorts, a guided half-day fly fishing trip from Lone Mountain Ranch, an overnight stay at Rainbow Ranch, a dog sledding tour for two from Spirit of the North, snowshoes from Kahtoola, snowmobiling with Yellowstone Vacations, spa packages and dinners from restaurants all over Big Sky. That's just to name a few! Raffle tickets will sell for \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and all proceeds will go straight to HOV. So, bring the whole family and be ready for a howlin' good time!



# HEART OF THE VALLEY, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2007

## SAVING LIVES

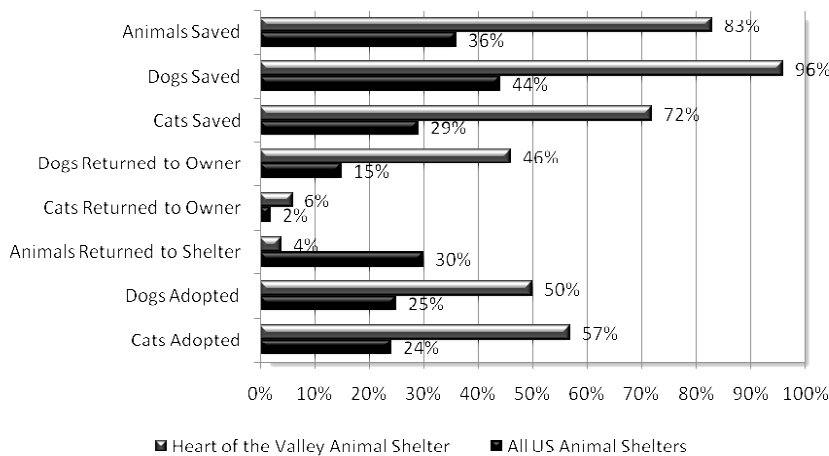
### 2007 SUMMARY STATISTICS

Incoming animals	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total
Abandoned or Sray	617	646	12	1275
Owner surrender	488	353	31	872
Returns	57	80	2	139
<b>Total</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2286</b>

Outgoing animals	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total
Reclaimed	73	494	2	569
Adopted	664	539	36	1239
Died or euthanized	354	27	3	384
Other	15	6	1	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>1066</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2214</b>

Heart of the Valley is one of only a few shelters in the nation that are both "open door" and "no kill," which means that HOV accepts and evaluates all incoming animals, and only unadoptable animals are euthanized. Animals are never euthanized after a set number of days or to make space in the shelter. We are proud of our track record of saving lives, while preventing overpopulation through an active spay/neuter program. (Statistics for 'all US shelters' are from the American Humane Association.)

### Heart of the Valley vs. Other U.S. Animal Shelters

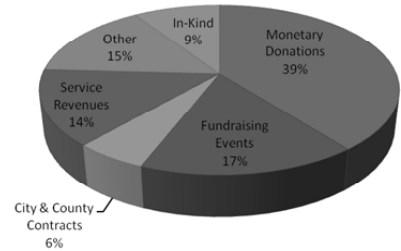


## FUNDRAISING

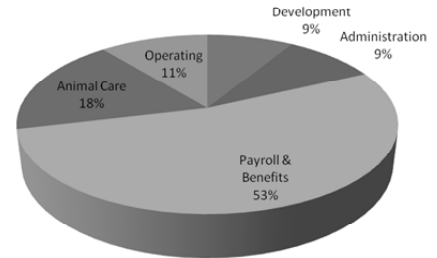
Heart of the Valley is grateful to have received more than 2,500 donations from private individuals and businesses in 2007, as the community turned out in force to support the building of a new shelter, in addition to keeping the animals safe. Public funds, in the form of city and county contracts, make up only 6% of the budget, while private gifts and donations make up 65%.

During 2007, Heart of the Valley completed the first phase of its capital campaign as the efforts and generosity of many, many people came to fruition with the opening of the new shelter facility. Shelter supporters can be proud that the new shelter was built on budget, on time and with no debt. With more than \$4 million raised to date and campaign expenses of under \$40,000, this is one very efficient capital campaign!

### 2007 SHELTER INCOME

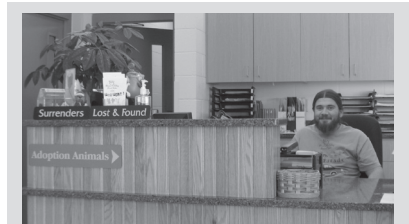


### 2007 SHELTER EXPENSES



## NEW SHELTER OPENS

On October 20-21, more than 1,000 people from the Gallatin and Madison valleys joined 230 animals to celebrate the grand opening of the Anderson Animal Center. (See Margie Taylor's letter in this issue for details on how both animals and humans are adjusting to their new surroundings.) If you haven't been out to visit yet, come and see us!



Canine supervisor, Blaine Lorkiewicz smiles for a photo at the front desk in the new shelter

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR HOV?

Like all non-profit organizations, Heart of the Valley's biggest challenge is sustainability. In an economy that continues to drive operating costs up, we are strengthening our fundraising to make sure we never let the animals down. We've come very far with the building of the new facility, and now is the time to build the endowment that will protect our core of animal care. This is the second phase of our capital campaign, which will be launched quietly in 2008. We are happy that Montana supports endowment gifts with the Montana Tax Credit for Endowed Philanthropy, and welcome inquiries about how your gift to the Best Friends Forever Fund can improve your tax position!

# PET PALS



## Join the club that helps animals!

Pet Pals is a fun way for kids aged 6 to 12 to get involved at the shelter and help homeless animals!

Benefits include a Pet Pals T-shirt, shelter pet sponsorship and free admission to monthly Pet Pals events at the shelter!

### The 2008 schedule of Pet Pals events includes:

February	All About Rabbits!
March	Pet First Aid for Kids
April	Amazing Cats!
May	Animal Jobs – Part 1
June	Animal Jobs – Part 2
July	Dogs Rule!
August	Animal Fun scavenger hunt
September	Backstage Shelter Tour
October	Teach a dog a trick
November	“Me and my Pet” photo event
December	Pet Pals Holiday Fair

Plus other events and story-times throughout the year!

## Yes! I want to join Pet Pals!

2008 Pet Pals Membership: \$15.00

Pet Pal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size:  Child's Small  Child's Large

I would like to sponsor a:  Dog  Cat  Rabbit

Payment options:

Check made out to Heart of the Valley, Inc.

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter

P.O. Box 11390, Bozeman MT 59719

## Introducing a New Kids' Program for Animal Lovers!

Are you a young person aged 6 to 12? Do you love animals? Do you ever wish there was some way to help the homeless animals at the shelter? Well now there's a club for kids just like you! Heart of the Valley is proud to introduce Pet Pals, a fun and educational club for kids! Learn all about the dogs, cats and rabbits at the shelter – and make a real difference!

The first of the monthly Pet Pals events is “All About Rabbits” and will be held on Saturday, February 23rd at 1pm in the Community Room at the new shelter. The fee to attend this event is \$3 for non-members or FREE to Pet Pals members and their families! Join us as we learn about rabbit care and behavior – featuring a real bunny to pet!

We are also hosting a children's storytime event at the shelter on Sunday February 24th at 11am. Come read some great picture books about pets and say hello to a real dog!

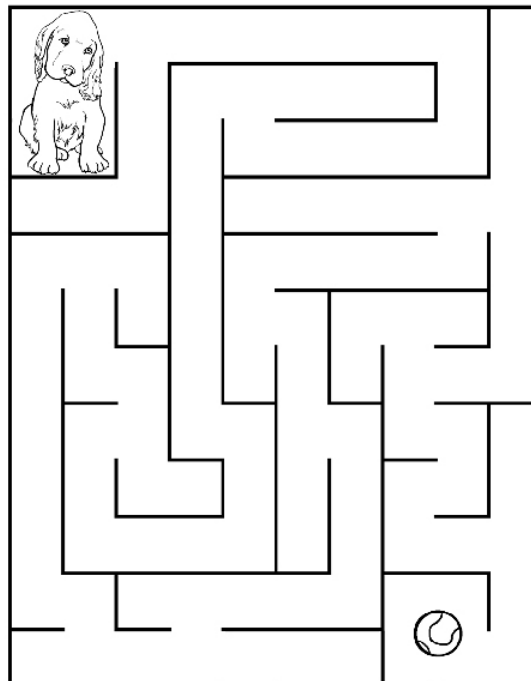
For more information about these fun events or becoming a Pet Pal member, please contact Angela at (406) 388-9399 extension 105 or volunteer@heartofthevalleyshelter.org!



Pet Pals Jessie and Ellie with their friends Queen and Grendal

## A-MAZE-ING ANIMALS

Help the puppy find the ball.



## SHELTER FUN FACTS

- In 2007, HOV volunteers contributed over 5,800 hours!
- HOV found new homes for 1,240 dogs, cats and rabbits!
- HOV goes through more than 22 tons of pet food per year!
- HOV did 1650 loads of laundry in 2007.

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And now, Ladies and Gentlemen, here are the **top ten reasons** why you should **become a Heart of the Valley member** today...

10. Montana is dog-friendly and so are you.
9. When you hear "Go Cats!" you think of adopting...um...again.
8. You had a pet long ago who taught you the meaning of loyalty.
7. You're looking for a new best friend, preferably one who won't talk back.
6. You are sick of campaign ads and are thinking of going feral yourself...
5. It makes you sad that pets can end up homeless through no fault of their own.
4. You'd visit the shelter more often, but you're afraid you'd adopt all the animals.
3. You like supporting a great cause and a well-run organization.
2. You're glad that the new shelter offers fun and educational programs.



And the number one reason is:



**1. Your HOV membership dollars save precious lives!**

Your commitment to an annual membership contribution will help make sure the animals are well cared for, and that Heart of the Valley can continue to reach out into the community with education programs promoting responsible pet ownership, preventing pet overpopulation, and enriching the lives of both people and animals.

**Step 1. Find the level that's right for you:**

- \$50 – Individual/Family Membership  
(includes HOV bumper sticker, Paw Prints newsletter, discounts on Heart of the Valley humane education programs and merchandise)
- \$100 – Animal Lover  
(Individual/Family benefits plus one half-price adoption)
- \$250 – Pick of the Litter  
(Animal Lover benefits plus invitations to HOV special events)
- \$500 – Top Dog/Cat  
(Pick of the Litter benefits, plus a free shelter pet naming opportunity)
- \$1,000 – Kennel Club  
(Top Dog/Cat benefits plus invitation to annual HOV President's Luncheon)



A special word of thanks goes out to the MIP students of Belgrade High School, who come to the shelter every month to help with large projects. So far these great volunteers have helped prepare HOV's evacuation storage area, helped make the dog runs more sound, and created attention-grabbing adoption posters for a special display! HOV is proud to partner with Belgrade High School and grateful for all the hard work they have done on behalf of the animals!

**Step 2. Use the donation envelope enclosed, or call us at 388-9399, ext. 112.**

Ask us about gift memberships and business memberships!



## 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 Pets

In Memory of Jesse Aber  
Bill & Jane Shields

In Memory of Jim Brooks  
Stan, Steve, & Bobbie Adams  
Richard & Janice Counter  
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Naida & Jack Sievert  
Dan Sundling

In Memory of Mrs. Frances Cassell  
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In Memory of Dusty Cline  
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In Memory of Phillip Crowell  
Roundtable Coffee Club  
The Romeos

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Mike Jones

In Memory of Peg Hileman  
Margaret Mackin

In Memory of Mark Horswill  
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Leisa, Craig & Emily McCormick  
Judith Shepherd  
Stu & Ann Tisdale  
Kathleen Horswill

In Memory of Bruce Kent  
Carl Craft

In Memory of Vern Leibbrandt  
The Brooke Family  
The Sepka Family

In Memory of Judy Marchwick  
Milli Cox  
Jim & Linda Hauptman

In Memory of John McIlhattan  
Jim & Carmen McIlhattan

In Memory of Elaine Miller  
Gloria Gilbert

In Memory of Richard L. Miller  
Larilyn Miller

In Memory of Mike Moncada  
Carol and George Moore

In Memory of Robert K. Morris  
Roberta “Robin” Morris

In Memory of Cynthia Neuffer  
Anonymous  
Lee Berchak  
Kay & Tom Bergsland  
Vanda & George Gallagher  
Candace Hamlin & Jerry Meyers  
Patricia Ann Jennings  
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### In Memory of Beloved Pets

In Memory of Amus  
Jay & Martha Rotella

In Memory of Andre  
Debby Bangs  
Nancy Barber  
Judy Schaap  
Lou & Charline Spain

In Memory of Auggie Semerad  
Judy Rente

In Memory of Beau  
Jeannette Hoell

In Memory of Ben  
John & Janet Wheeler

In Memory of Bert & Murphy Park  
Debbie & Jack Crowther

In Memory of Boo  
Sue Hamilton

In Memory of Boxer  
Gregg Messel & Anita DeClue

In Memory of Brandy and Arrow “Mr. Kitty”  
Lorrain Decker

In Memory of Brooke Bicksler  
Debby Bangs



In Memory of Brookie the Golden Retriever Alice Siebecker	In Memory of Henry Tarkalson Janel & Lloyd Queen	In Memory of Rita, Bridger, Ginger, Murphy, Penny, Sammy, & Susie Nancy Poole
In Memory of Butthead Boylan Cheryl Boylan	In Memory of Hoku Lea Janne & Bill Hayward	In Memory of Rossa, Beloved Mom Dog Judy Staigmiller
In Memory of Callie Montgomery Maxine Lewis	In Memory of Jacky Lorrain Decker	In Memory of Roxi Randall Wilson
In Memory of Chance Zetzer-Fladhammer Robin Zetzer & Steven Fladhammer	In Memory of Jazz Ginny Barry	In Memory of Rudy Younger Lauri McCommon
In Memory of Charlie Sharon & Joe Smith	In Memory of Our Dog Jessie Teresa & Pat Lynch	In Memory of Sage Mike Jones
In Memory of Chisel Sandee Mills	In Memory of Jessie Mary Noll & Michael Burke	In Memory of Sam & Schuyler Keith & Zaibun Alexander
In Memory of Chuck Story Donna R. Atkins	In Memory of Joker Erickson Debbie Applebaum & Doug Kremer	Bert & Sharon Hopeman Amy-Ann Nakamaru
The Glenn Huntsman Family	In Memory of Jupiter Baldwin Nancy Barber	In Memory of Shannon Patricia McKernan & Charles Petrie
In Memory of Clancy-Mae, Bubba, Colter & Mandan Nikki Kimball	In Memory of Katie Eleanor Truitt	In Memory of Shela Mary Kay Fouhy-Thurston
In Memory of Cleo Witschard Tara Martin	In Memory of Katie Dan & Joyce Lohsa	In Memory of Silver Sheila Neidhart
In Memory of Cody & Stoker Laura & Kevin Oliver	In Memory of Keylay Bing Frances & William Shaheen	In Memory of Skye Joan Creel
In Memory of Colter & Mandan Donna & Tony Demetriades	In Memory of Lilly Hansen Mary Anne Hansen & Craig Hall	In Memory of Sojii Mike & Kathy Phillips
In Memory of Colton Colleen M. Laumann Estate	In Memory of Little Tike Bourrie Margaret & Glenn Huntsman	In Memory of Tara & Ramble The Rev. Roxanne P. Klingensmith
In Memory of Cricket James & Ann Cannata	In Memory of Lucy Sisson Randy & Mickey Moret	In Memory of Trapper John Robert L. Harrison
In Memory of Dave & Eddie Goetz Jill Davenport & Jim Goetz	In Memory of Maggie Mary Ferne Palmer	In Memory of Uma Bleu Hilary Field
In Memory of Dobie Donna Beasley	In Memory of Marvin the cat Heidi Hornung	In Memory of Vanessa Cain Christine Greve
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In Memory of Duke Jana Christensen	In Memory of Mei-Mei John & Jane Hodges	In Memory of "Willow" Stencil Debbie Applebaum & Doug Kremer
In Memory of Figaro Victoria O'Donnell	In Memory of Missy & Mikey Kay DeMeritt	In Memory of Woody & Scotty Polly Rogers
In Memory of Fred Thompson Debby Bangs	In Memory of Misty & Barney Joe & Chris Sabatini	In Memory of Zeke & Uma Al & Brooke Cunningham
In Memory of Fritz & Freddie Topper & Sam Bronaugh	In Memory of Molly the Cat Joyce Ann Wasinger	
In Memory of Gabby, the beloved black lab of Pam & John Flach Dee Hall	In Memory of Monty Judith Lee Gainer	
In Memory of George aka Bear Jan and Terry Deal	In Memory of Mr. Tiggs Shana Seelye	
In Memory of our Grand-Puppies Dick & Bea Horswill	In Memory of Newman Radick Debbie Applebaum & Doug Kremer	
In Memory of Gulliver Kathleen & Richard Thompson	In Memory of Nova Carrier Diane Corrick & Dale Pickarel	
In Memory of Gypsy Dorothy Refling	In Memory of Pee Wee Mary & Jim Ayres	
	In Memory of Rambo Elaine Reardon	



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## HONORS

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!

### In Honor of Those Who Love Animals

In Honor of Barbara & Mike Banach  
Sue & Christopher Fellows  
In Honor of Kathy & Dave Beckhardt  
Corinne & George Kerber  
In Honor of the Benders  
Penny Monforton  
In Honor of Bozeman Public Schools  
Curriculum & Instruction – Craig, Jeanne,  
Bonnie, Lisa, & Nancy  
Marilyn & Robin  
In Honor of Becky Byrom  
Howard Davis  
In Honor of Terry & Laura Cunningham  
Lynda Dean  
In Honor of the birth of Isaac De Joia  
Gethsemane Episcopal Church  
In Honor of Joyce & Ken Dierks  
Penny Monforton  
In Honor of Nancy Gowan  
Penny Monforton  
In Honor of Erin, Paige, & Rachel  
Gunnink  
Marilyn & Henry Kathrein  
In Honor of Sandy Hanneman  
Lynn & Dennis Marudas  
In Honor of the 51st Wedding Anniversary  
of Dick & Bea Horswill  
Leisa, Craig, & Emily McCormick  
In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. Amin Jalal  
Joanne Pieper  
In Honor of Jim & Marsha Jarrett  
Tom & Pat Klein  
In Honor of Marilyn Kaauamo  
Dave Siewert  
In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Robert  
Kirschberger  
Joanne Pieper  
In Honor of John E. Larson for rescuing  
her purse in the Albertson's parking lot  
Sara Anderson  
In Honor of Dianna Lawson  
Jim Doran  
In Honor of Molly Leaf  
Marianne Liebmann

In Honor of Jan & Frank Luckay  
Scott Luckay  
Chris Luckay  
In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. Alan Maycock  
Joanne Pieper  
In Honor of Annette Meyer  
Lynn & Dennis Marudas  
In Honor of Becky Mattix  
Tom & Sarah Foster  
In Honor of Kristen & Gary Monforton  
Penny Monforton  
In Honor of Glen & Maxine Moore  
Thomas & Theresa Moore  
In Honor of the Birthday of Tess Moore  
Kris Larson  
In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mullaney  
Joanne Pieper  
In Honor of Kara, Jasper & Nikki Palm  
Kristin Palm  
In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Pieper  
Joanne Pieper  
In Honor of the Birthday of Joanne Pieper  
Katie & Bruce Pieper  
In Honor of Laurie Pieper & Bill Kaszer  
Joanne Pieper  
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Katie Rea  
Dan Rea  
In Honor of Doug Raines & Kerry at  
Faithful Friends Animal Clinic for Loving  
Care of Tasha  
Joyce Armour  
In Honor of the Birthday of Doug Reeves  
Les & Margie Reeves  
In Honor of Reed & Myrna Renshaw  
Marilyn & Paul Steere  
In Honor of Neal Ross  
Mike & Cathy Dubois  
Michael Dubois  
In Honor of Rocky & Helen  
Roxanne Longano  
In Honor of Shelter Volunteers  
Georgiann Williamson  
In Honor of the Birthday of Melissa Schiff  
Kate Hill  
In Honor of Bill Simkins  
Nicole Wood – Simkins-Hallin

In Honor of Mitch Simkins  
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In Honor of Tom Simkins  
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In Honor of Eileen Slevin & Donald  
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In Honor of Scot Smith  
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Jane Lerner  
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Nettie Warwood  
In Honor of Diane & Mike Watch  
Henry & Marilyn Kathrein  
In Honor of the Wills Family  
Corin Brucker  
In Honor of Celia Wood  
Carrie French  
In Honor of Diana & Mark Woodward  
Corinne & George Kerber  
In Honor of Jo Young  
Tom Winston

### In Honor of Special Pets

In Honor of Anna  
Jane S. Barber  
In Honor of Casey's Birthday  
Becky White  
In Honor of the Shelter Cats  
Sandra Murphy  
In Honor of shelter dog Georgia  
Anonymous  
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In Honor of Ginger & Lucy Morningstar  
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Geraldine F. Schessler  
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In Honor of Mohrchen  
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In Honor of Shalimar & Jasmine Rising  
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Patricia McKernan & Charles Petrie  
In Honor of Terri  
Jill Palagi & Jason Kieffer

In Honor of Weatherby Hopkins, a Great  
Dog  
Ashley Marie Jones & Robin Kelly  
In Honor of Wyatt  
The Moorshead Family

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## Pet Trusts Pamper Your Pet Long After You're Gone

By Melanie Bury Schell, JD

Twelve million to Trouble. Two million to Tinker. \$100,000 for Big Tibby the Tortoise. We've all heard the stories and, if you're like me, you've probably chuckled about them. But, while these tales may be extravagant and far from ordinary, they underscore a very real problem and the way to avoid it. According to estimates, more than 500,000 animals are orphaned each year following the death or disability of their owners. So what will happen to your pet when you die? Quite simply, Montana law lets you decide.

Under Montana Code Annotated § 72-2-1017, an individual may set aside, bequeath, or otherwise designate assets from his estate for the care, support and maintenance of "a designated domestic animal or pet animal" following the death of the owner. These "pet trusts" or "honorary trusts" hold funds for the benefit of the designated animals, financially supporting their care for life. Once there is no living animal benefiting from the trust or after

21 years, whichever is earlier, the trust ceases to exist and any remaining assets are distributed according to the terms of the trust or the deceased owner's will.

While Montana law sets forth the bare essentials, the terms of pet trusts vary widely. Some trusts set out detailed care requirements, while others provide a great deal of flexibility. Some trusts describe the designated animals in generalities ("all domestic animals living and under my possession and/or ownership at the time of my death"), while others designate the animal by name, breed, and other identifying marks. Regardless of which avenue is chosen, care must be taken to provide for animals adopted or otherwise acquired after the creation of the trust but prior to the person's death. Furthermore, additional care is required in choosing an appropriate trustee who is both able and willing to properly use the trust assets and, most commonly, actually care for the animal as well.

Finally, there are no minimum funding requirements for creating a pet trust although larger sums are most commonly used. However, those with more modest means are not out of luck. The law provides alternatives such as bequeathing (by will) one's pets, as well as money or other assets to a named individual charged with caring for the designated animals. The key is to plan ahead.

So maybe your dog won't dine solely on sirloin and maybe your cat won't rest on down-stuffed chintz. Nevertheless, after you're gone, pet trusts – even modest ones – can ensure that your furry friends are well-cared for in the manner that you deeply want and they richly deserve. Who says you can ever spoil your animals?

If you are interested in exploring how you can provide for your pet even after your death, contact your attorney for assistance.

### Staff's Pick Pup: "Rambo"



Description: This 3 year old Akita/Lab mix is ready for wintertime fun! Rambo was built for romps in the mountains, and recently has taken up ski-joring with an HOV volunteer! Add some fun to your life – come meet Rambo today!

### Kitty Pick of the Litter: "Grasshopper"



Description: This mellow and cuddly 8 year old male has had a hard time finding a home – twice he's been adopted and returned when his owners had to move. Grasshopper is an extremely tidy boy, with the cleanest cage at the shelter. And yes, he is wise!





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## Screen-Free Week April 20-26, 2008

Move more, watch less! Heart of the Valley supports the Montana Nutrition and Physical Activity Program community-wide effort to get families to turn off the TV, computer, x-box for a week. Play with the cat, take the dog for a walk, or better yet come out to the shelter for a family dog-walk or cat-cuddle!

## SAVE THE DATE!

### **Snowshoe Shuffle**

**Saturday, February 23, 2008**

*It's time to grab your dogs and snowshoes and head to Moonlight Basin for a howlin' good time. This year's event features live music by the Bridger Creek Band, a raffle and chili feed. See page 4 for more information.*

### **Dog Ball**

**Saturday, June 14, 2008**

*Join us for our annual gala event! This year's Dog Ball, held at beautiful Riverside Country Club, will feature a delectable feast prepared by chef Stanford Isobe. This is sure to be an exciting evening spent listening to live music and vying against your neighbors in lively silent and live auctions. All proceeds go toward operational expenses at the shelter, so bring your family and friends and join us! Tables of eight are available. Call now for reservations!*

**For more information about upcoming events, call at (406) 388-9399 extension 112.**

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