

## In Times of Health Care Crisis, Pets are Good Medicine!

by Kathryn Hohmann, Development Director



It's all over the news: health care costs are spiraling out of control and meanwhile, even in a friendly place like Bozeman, we're dealing with stress due to the tough economic times.

One prescription for better health might be waiting just around the corner at Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter. That's because there's a well-documented link between pet ownership and well being. Research is now proving something that we've long suspected: pets benefit their owners' health – without any side effects!

Research has found that just stroking a cat can reduce blood pressure. And a study at State University of New York found that the positive effects continue even when the pet is not present. The very fact of owning a pet can help lower blood pressure -and keep it lower. What's more, researchers at Australia's Baker Medical Research Institute found that pet owners had not only lower blood pressure, but also lower levels of blood cholesterol, which means they had less risk of deadly heart disease.

Statistically speaking, pet owners made fewer trips to the doctor overall. Studies conducted at Cambridge University in

England and at the University of California at Los Angeles concluded that pet owners visited their doctors less often. A study of Medicare patients also found that seniors who own dogs make fewer doctor visits than non-dog owners. Even more striking was the finding that the most highly-stressed older dog owners in the study had 21 percent fewer physician's visits than non-dog owners.

And when pet owners seek out medical advice, it seems that they have another edge. An Australian study of 6,000 households showed that pet owners needed less medication for blood pressure, cholesterol, sleeping difficulties or heart problems. That's good news, given that health care has become so expensive.

Mental health is vital too and pets can play a crucial role here, as well. Everyone knows that pets offer love and attention, bring us joy and allow us to unwind and let go of the stress of our daily lives. Those who live alone definitely understand the importance of pets as companions and may also find that pets, especially dogs, help us to meet others and move outside of our isolation.

Another benefit of pet ownership is that pets can motivate people to exercise, too. When we're more active, we feel better and we're healthier. That goes for our pets as well. For those who need a little extra encouragement to get off the couch, our dogs can serve as "personal trainers." During the holiday season, there's the added temptation of extra-rich food, so taking a daily walk with your dog can help you fight obesity, ward off depression, and prevent diseases like Type II Diabetes, which are growing more prevalent each year.

If your circumstances don't allow you

to have a dog of your own, you can still benefit by becoming a dog walker here at the Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter. It takes some training to help us exercise the dogs, but ultimately, you'll benefit, and so will the animals. You can learn about our education programs, and you can visit the shelter and see the animals that are available for adoption. It's a big decision to bring another member into your family, but taking this step will pay off -- in more love and better health.

You can find out more about the benefits of the human-animal bond at [www.deltasociety.org](http://www.deltasociety.org), and you can learn about our programs at [www.heartofthevalleyshelter.org](http://www.heartofthevalleyshelter.org).



Saidi, an HOV alum, acting as a personal trainer for her new Mom

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

Anyone who is at all familiar with Heart of the Valley knows that we offer shelter, medical care, and the promise of a new home to those animals who are in the most desperate need of help. The animals we take in, are not only surrendered due to these tough economic times, but they also come from some of the most challenging of environments – abused, abandoned and dependent upon people who cannot even begin to provide for their basic necessities.

But what many people don't realize is how many animals living in our community benefit directly and greatly from the Shelter's broad range of offerings. Indeed, Heart of the Valley is propelled by a constant desire to improve and serve the animals in the best of all possible ways and thus, we continue to evolve beyond just being a shelter. Rather, I think the phrase "full service animal and adoption center" better describes HOV and how we are evolving.

Here are just a few examples of our forward progression:

- Thanks in large part to the generosity of our local community (in particular through the many pet food drives orchestrated during the holiday season), HOV maintains a Pet Food Bank, where people who are struggling to provide for their animals can get free food for their pet. This program is further accelerated through partnerships with such great organizations as the Gallatin County Food Bank and 360 Pet Medical, where, in addition to HOV, people in need can receive food for their pets.
• We are deliberately designing our up and coming educational programming including obedience classes and seminars to be kept affordable to allow everyone access to the most modern, humane, and effective training methods.
• Professional advice on training and animal behavior is available from the Shelter's canine evaluator by telephone or email.
• Through the shelter's Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP), and in collaboration with both city and county animal control officers, HOV offers regular monthly spay/neuter clinics for feral and semi-feral cats, the group that suffers the most from the pet overpopulation crisis.
• Our humane educator carries the message of kindness towards animals to schools and other groups throughout our community on a regular basis.
• Regular shelter events, like the Howlin' at the Moon Snowshoe Shuffle (February 27) and Woofstock (September 11), give everyone opportunities to enjoy their animals' company and celebrate the bond they have with them.

HOV has a long history of animal welfare here in Gallatin County. In addition to our new facility (now going into our 3rd year), we continue to look forward - envisioning an animal shelter as a community resource where everyone who needs help for their animals can find what they need.

Unfortunately, animal abuse, overpopulation, and abandonment are all problems that still loom large. Every day brings us new victims, the depth of their suffering still evident in their faces. We owe it to them to work with all like-minded and caring people who care to join us in healing the wounds, soothing the fears, and building new families.

As always, we welcome your partnership in this exhilarating and rewarding work. If you have the desire to help animals, your neighbors, and your community, the Shelter offers lots of ways for you to do all three. Please join us in making the world a better place for animals and the people who love them.

Thank you for being among these compassionate people. Your support of the animals through the Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter and our partners is making the world a different—and better—place.

For the animals,

Traci M. Weller (handwritten signature)

Traci Weller, Executive Director



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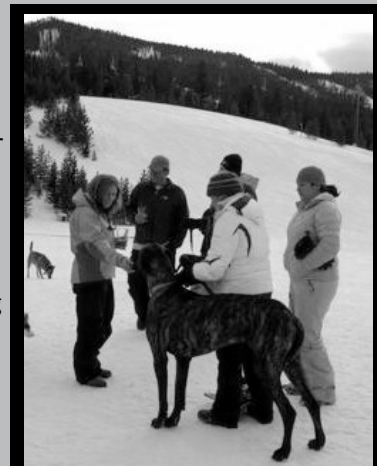


## 10 Things to do with your Dog this Winter

By Traci Weller, Executive Director

It's no secret that Bozeman is a dog friendly town – make that “dog-loving” town. In the summer months, make no bones about it, you'll see dogs everywhere – on the trails, in the streams and lakes, downtown and in the parks – like their handlers, they crave the fresh air of Gallatin County. The winter months are no different, however it can be a little more challenging to find things to do with your dog when it's cold outside. To help you out this winter, here are 10 fun things to do with your dog.

1. **Late Season Bird Hunting** – if your dog is a trained bird dog, some great places to go include the Bangtails, West Pine Creek (near Emigrant), and Flathead Pass.
2. **Howlin' at the Moon Snowshoe Shuffle at Moonlight Basin** (Feb. 27, 2010) – This year marks the 6th year for this growing event --- a fun activity for you and your pooch, live music, chili feed and cold beer - this is a must do for you and your canine friend!
3. **Cross-Country Skiing** the Nordic trails at Hyalite reservoir – the road is now plowed to Hyalite Reservoir – it's a “rustic” skiing experience that's perfect for dogs. Specifically, check out the Palisade Falls access road to the Palisade Falls trailhead – even venturing up to the frozen falls – a sublime sight.
4. **Ski Joring** – What could be more exhilarating than having your dog pull you on cross country skis? It takes some training, but then you're off!
5. **Take your dog swimming** - Is your dog a swimming fiend? Help your furry friend get their winter water fix at Canine Aqua Balance - go to Open Swim, and watch the tennis balls fly!



Join HOV at the 6th annual Snowshoe Shuffle!

6. **Take your dog on a hike** – The same trails in the summer months are beautiful in the winter too – check out the Galligator Trail System in Bozeman, Sypes Canyon, South Cottonwood Creek and Sourdough, to name a few.
7. **Romp in any of the county's Off Leash Parks** – Snowfill, Cooper Park, or Heart of the Valley's Off Leash Park which has a great .75 mile loop that is fenced in, relatively flat and offers great views of the Bridgers – exhilarating on a brisk winter morning.
8. **Backcountry skiing** – Mount Ellis offers a fun backcountry skiing location. Also, check out Goose Creek.
9. **Sledding at the Snowfill Off Leash Park** – It's the best dog-friendly sledding hill in the valley and the perfect location for families to go sledding.
10. **Snowball fights** – You never lose a snowball fight to someone without opposable thumbs!



Backcountry skiing up Goose Creek

### Join HOV at the 6th Annual Howlin' at the Moon Snowshoe Shuffle! Saturday February 27, 2010

The 6th 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 27, 2010. Registration starts at 5:30 PM and “shuffling” begins at 6:00 PM. Don't have snowshoes? Want to try something new? Moonlight Basin will be offering snowshoe rentals for only \$5. 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.

After dinner, the fun continues with live music by Mountain Grip and the Barkin' Doggy Raffle. This year some great prizes are up for grabs, including a brand new pair of skis, and a 2010/2011 Season Pass to Lone Mountain Ranch. 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. For more information, visit [www.heartofthevalleyshelter.org](http://www.heartofthevalleyshelter.org). **Bring the whole family and be ready for a howlin' good time!**





## HAPPY TALES ADOPTION STORIES!

### Blake and BJ

by Carol Smith

Hi Guys!

This note is a long time in coming. Mom has been after me, so I'm dictating and she is typing.

It is almost three weeks since I moved to Livingston. When we were pulling away from the shelter, I started barking. I barked and howled the whole way over to Livingston. When we got to my new home, Mom said "Wow, that was fun!" I really missed you guys and I sat out at the gate and howled and barked for 2 1/2 days, but I guess you didn't hear me. My new sister Blake (I call her "the Blakester") asked Mom if she could return me and get a parakeet instead. Mom said "absolutely not." She kept telling me that this was my "forever home"; that she loved me unconditionally, and I could keep crying if I wanted to but I would be using up good energy. I decided that the accommodations weren't bad - the food was pretty good, the Blakester and I had two beds each, and we got to go swimming in the creek almost every day. We go for rides in the car, walks in the park, we recycle, and we go up to visit my new cousin a lot. The ladies who deliver the mail and some of the neighbors come by everyday with treats for us. I had to go to the Vet last week and he took an X-ray of my shoulder. He said that I was a really good boy and he gave me some treats too! Well, I'd better get going and help Mom. I stay pretty close to her. Sometimes she calls the Blakester and me "velcro." Mom decided to wash the covers for our beds and put the beds out in the sun today. I certainly don't understand why, they were just beginning to smell really good.



I love you guys, BJ



Hello Everyone!

I just wanted to say "hi" too. I couldn't believe it when Mom brought BJ home. She told him to wait in the front yard and went to let me out so that we could be properly introduced. He bolted up the front stairs and ran right over me! I thought that I had been hit by a steam roller! He cried a lot at first but he has gotten over that. He is really a great brother. He knows that I have some issues around food and sometimes he leaves some in his dish, lays down a few feet away, and then lets me finish it. I think that he is telling me that he won't take my food and that I can have some of his and that he understands. When Mom took him to the Vet, I got really upset. I didn't understand what was happening and was worried that he was going away. When he got back home I cried, I kept kissing him and jumping all over him! He just kept wagging his tail. I know that he loves me too. I don't feel lonely anymore. Mom said that our family is now complete. It just feels right having BJ with us.

You wouldn't believe how beautiful I am. I have put on a few pounds and my ribs don't show anymore. BJ and I are now taking fish oil every day and my morning limp is gone. We got brushed this morning and are very "shiny." Mom says that I am the prettiest girl in the neighborhood. BJ is quite handsome too. Sometimes he is a bit of a goof ball, but when he sits at the front door on the porch, he looks so stately and dignified! He's my best boy!

Mom said to say "Thanks" for taking such good care of us and loving us until she could.

Love you guys, Blake (aka "The Blakester" )

## WISH LIST *Your donations mean the world to the animals at the shelter!*

### **Pet Supplies**

Nutro Max adult dog food  
Nutro Max adult cat food  
Nylon dog collars  
Nylon cat collars  
Feliway plug-ins

### **Kong stuff-it toys**

Dog training treats  
Cat trees  
Canned cat food  
Gift cards to pet supply stores

### **Cleaning Supplies**

Powdered laundry detergent  
Paper towels  
Toilet paper  
Bleach

### **Miscellaneous**

Various children's craft materials  
Copy paper



## Willie

by Bethany Arenas

We adopted Willie from Heart of the Valley in August of 2008, he is a red/brown and white, Border Collie/Australian Shepherd mix who was at the shelter for about 5 months. He has Pemphigus, or as some volunteers that I have run into on our walks have referred to it as bubblegum nose. Now you can barely tell that he ever had bubblegum nose, his white fur is growing in well and he has not had blisters or irritated skin in about a year now.

Willie gets lots of walks and hikes. He gets to go on ski and snowshoe trips or mountain bike rides often. He lives with a calico cat that likes to bat at his tail when she wants chased and likes to snuggle up to Willie when he is asleep. Willie loves to cuddle with us (not so much with the cat). He is amazing with other dogs. Willie has a great ability to calm aggressive dogs. He stays cool, confident and always displays a wagging tail to show that he brings peace to any situation.

As Willie's parents, both Neil and I would like to thank the Heart of the Valley staff and Volunteers for both taking such great care of our Willie and for showing him to us. I know that he enjoyed his time with each one of you that he came into contact with because he still enjoys stopping by the shelter to give kisses to his friends. We run into people all the time that say that they walked Willie while volunteering and we know that Willie remembers because he immediately says Hi by giving kisses. Willie only really kisses those people that are dear to him. Last spring, while walking up Pete's Hill, Willie allowed a little girl of maybe nine years old to pet him and he kissed her. She said that she had walked Willie while volunteering during summer camp. We found this especially amazing because Willie usually avoids children and never gives them kisses.

I could go on all day about how great Willie is, but right now he is making the huffing sound that he makes when it is time for his morning walk.

Thank you again for all that you have done for Willie and for us. Our lives are so much better because he is a part of our family.



## BLAKE and BJ UPDATE

They are doing well. Both of them have put on weight and look wonderful. They are very happy kids. They both wake up wagging their tails.

I feel like I am in the middle of a circus train in the morning when we get up. BJ is behind me head butting me all the way down the hall and Blake is in front, snorting and snuffling like a little pig, dancing, and covering her eyes. I keep waiting for her to do somersaults. I can not begin to tell you of the joy they have brought to me. I wake each morning with BJ's face in mine encouraging me to get up.

They are good buddies and they each have two huge pillows to sleep on. Lots of times they choose to sleep snuggled up together on one pillow. BJ always has Blake's back. When she goes out he follows along and keeps his eye on her. She on the other hand knows that he is deaf and keeps him informed when anyone comes to the house or anything is going on that she thinks he should know about.

Blake is so sweet on the one hand and so sassy on the other. She used to stand quietly on the front porch wagging her tail. Then she started barking at other dogs, then the magpies, now she barks at the wind! All the while her tail is wagging. BJ's arthritis is troublesome. Aside from the Rimadyl, the vet has prescribed pain pills when I think he needs them. I give them to him at night so that he can sleep soundly. I can tell that he is beginning to fail. He is such a good boy, so sweet and mellow that I can't imagine what life would be like without him. We just take each day as it comes and they are happy. The three of us went to the dog park today for a short walk, then came home, had dinner, and now they are both snoring away!



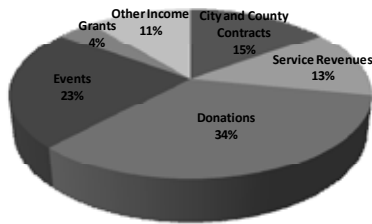
I don't know their full histories, but I do know that somewhere along the way they were both loved. They are both very affectionate to me and now it is beginning to spill over to my family members. When everyone comes to the house they get so excited and when we are going to visit, just before we get to their driveway, Blake begins to cry and BJ begins to howl. They race to meet their cousin, a 2-1/2 year old, very large, yellow lab. They love to hang out together.

I feel so blessed to have these kids and I do believe that they are happy having me as their Mom. We meet lots of shelter dogs at the dog park, most from Stafford but some from HOV. We all have happy tales to tell and we each feel that we got the best dog(s) possible!

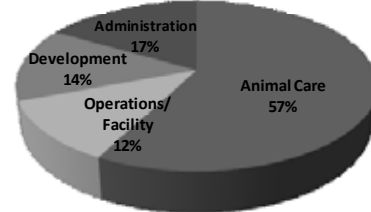
**"We all have happy tales to tell, and we each feel that we got the best dog(s) possible!"**

HEART OF THE VALLEY, INC.  
ANNUAL REPORT 2009

2009 REVENUES



2009 EXPENSES



2009 SUMMARY STATISTICS

	CATS	DOGS	RABBITS	TOTAL
<b>INCOMING ANIMALS</b>				
Stray or Abandoned	641	583	13	1,237
Owner Surrender	464	387	22	873
Returns	91	67	3	161
Legal Impound	1	16	0	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>1,053</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2,288</b>
<b>OUTGOING ANIMALS</b>				
Reclaimed	82	551	0	633
Adopted	881	447	37	1,365
Died or Euthanized	316	130	2	448
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2,446</b>
<b>SPAYS &amp; NEUTERS</b>	<b>526*</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>791</b>

\*An additional 293 cats were spayed and neutered through Heart of the Valley's Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) in 2009.



**SAVING LIVES**

At Heart of the Valley, every adoptable animal finds a home. As one of the few shelters in the nation that is both "open door" and "no kill", Heart of the Valley accepts and evaluates all incoming animals, and only unadoptable animals are humanely euthanized. Animals are never euthanized after a set number of days or to make space in the shelter. We offer shelter, medical care, and the promise of a new home to those animals who are in the most desperate need of help. We are proud of our track record of saving animals, while preventing overpopulation through an active spay/neuter program.



**HUMANE EDUCATION**

At its most basic level, humane education is about learning to care for the animals in our homes and communities. It is about fostering kindness, respect and empathy for both human and nonhuman animals, and looking after the environment and its diverse habitats. Humane education has a philosophical component that strives to establish a sense of responsibility and make the world a better, more humane place. No one person or any one organization will end the problem of homeless and abused pets. It takes a community. Heart of the Valley's Humane Education Department educates the public about animal welfare issues to help provide safe and happy forever homes for pets. Our areas of focus include: Educating potential pet owners on proper pet care and treatment of animals; Educating the public about the benefits of spaying/neutering to help prevent unwanted pets; Educating our youth about the overarching themes of responsible pet ownership and the role of the animal shelter in our community through year-round activities, as well as a summer Day Camp program for youth ages 6 to 12.



**VOLUNTEER**

Donating your time to animals in need is one of the most rewarding commitments a person can make. Volunteering at a shelter provides mutual fulfillment for both human and animal—and it's a great way to satisfy one's desire for furry companionship if it isn't feasible to have a pet of one's own. During 2009, volunteers from the Gallatin and Madison valleys donated over 6,000 hours of service doing everything from walking dogs, cuddling cats, cleaning kennels, adoption counseling (the folks who actually help the animals find good loving homes), clerical work, helping with off-site events; assisting with HOV's monthly Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP); and collecting change from animal banks to putting on fundraising events. Volunteers enriched the lives of the animals and staff and greatly extended Heart of the Valley's ability to provide quality care.

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## HOV Spay/Neuter Assistance Program – A Year in Review

by Crista DeJoia, DVM

Heart of the Valley began the Spay Neuter Assistance Program (S.N.A.P.) in December 2008. The focus of the program is spaying and neutering of feral and semi-feral cats to improve cat health and prevent unwanted litters. Many feral and semi-feral cats and kittens are surrendered to HOV each year due to overpopulation of colonies, sickness or becoming a nuisance within the community.

S.N.A.P. clinics occur on a once monthly basis and are almost completely volunteer driven. A core group of volunteers, under the direction of the HOV staff vet and Medical coordinator, are trained on all aspects of the clinic from check-in paperwork to surgery prep and recovery of animals. Eight local veterinarians and several veterinary technicians from various clinics in Bozeman and surrounding areas generously donated their time to participate in the surgeries. The S.N.A.P program spayed or neutered a total of 323 cats in its first year of clinics. Statistics are as follows:

174 female cats spayed  
149 cats neutered  
323 cats NOT reproducing!

One unspayed female cat, her mate and their offspring, producing 2 litters per year with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter can total:



1 year: 12  
2 years: 67  
3 years: 376  
4 years: 2,107  
5 years: 11,801  
6 years: 66,088  
7 years: 370,092  
8 years: 2,072,514  
9 years: 11,606,077



Thank you to all who participated in the S.N.A.P. clinics. A special thanks to Jan and Terry Deal for managing the program with efficiency and grace. We look forward to another great year! If you are interested in volunteering time or contributing to the S.N.A.P. program, please contact Kari Chiocchi at 388-9399 ext. 105.

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#### FUNDRAISING

Heart of the Valley is grateful to have received donations from more than 1,700 private individuals and businesses in 2009, as the community turned out in force to support the shelter, in addition to keeping the animals safe. Public funds, in the form of city and county contracts make up 15% of revenues, while private gifts and donations make up 61%.



#### WHAT'S NEXT FOR HOV

Heart of the Valley is in the process of preparing educational programming available to the entire community. Programs will be designed to help residents understand pet and animal issues, including topics about parenting your canine; breed specific seminars, pet first aid and living among wildlife. In the long run, our hope is that through increased education, we can serve as a community resource where everyone who needs help for their animals can find what they need. An educated owner and an educated pet are a happy owner and a happy pet.


Like all non-profit organizations, particularly in the recent recession, Heart of the Valley's biggest challenge is sustainability. In an economy that continues to drive operating costs up, we have to make sure we never let the animals down. We've come very far with the new facility, and now is the time to build the endowment that will protect our core of animal care. We invite you to learn more about how you can leave a legacy that will benefit the animals forever.





## Keeping Your Pet Happy and Healthy During The Winter Months


By: Kari Chiocchi, HOV Volunteer and Education Manager


Cold weather can be hard on your pet, just like it can be hard on us. Sometimes owners forget that our own pets have become accustomed to the warm indoors just like we have. Cold temperatures mixed with wind chill can lower temperatures drastically and put your pet in a dangerous situation. Below is a list of things you can do to keep your pet warm and safe.

 Pets that go outside can pick up rock salt, ice, and chemical ice melt on their paw pads. It is a good idea to wipe your pet's feet after they have been outside to ensure their paw pads don't become raw or chapped. It can also prevent your pet from licking and ingesting the chemical ice melt that can cause inflammation of the digestive tract.

 Some pets can remain outside for longer periods of time than others. It makes sense that a longhaired breed can remain outside longer than a shorthaired breed. Very young, old, or pets with medical conditions are also more susceptible to cold temperatures. No matter the age or health condition a pet should not be left outside for unlimited amounts of time in freezing weather.

 If you do keep your pets outside for longer periods of time it is best to have a well insulated shelter with the entrance pointed away from the wind. Blankets are not recommended as a good bedding because once they get wet they become frozen blocks of ice. It is recommended that you use straw as nice bedding, but keep an eye on your pet to make certain they don't have allergies to the straw.

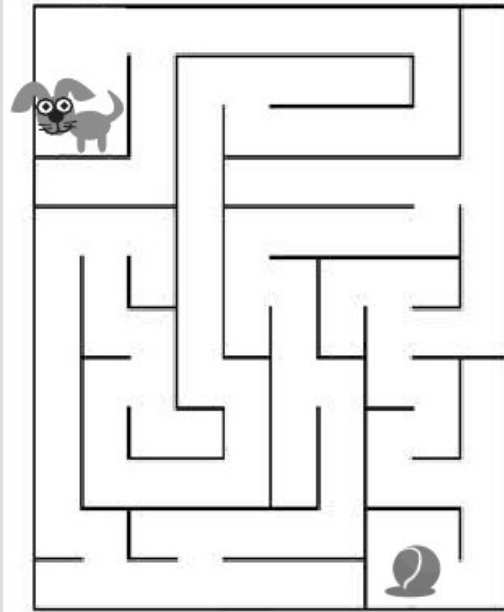
 If you keep a bowl of water outside for your pet it is best to change the water frequently or purchase a heated water bowl.

 Cats will curl up to almost anything to keep warm, including your car engine. Cats can crawl up around your engine and get hurt or even killed. If your cat has access to your vehicle it is always a good idea to check underneath your car hood, honk the horn, or pound on the car hood before you start your car.

This is just a short list of the many things you can do to keep your pet happy and healthy during the cold winter months.

## Kids' Corner

Animals are a-MAZE-ing!  
Help the puppy find his ball.



Birthday Fun!!







## The Importance of Play

by Ben Donoghue, Canine Evaluator and Trainer

One of my favorite things to do in the whole world is watching and playing with dogs. I feel it is a sign of not only happiness in your dog, but also a show of comfort in their family. It is a ritual that has been passed down for generations and for good reason. Not only do I think dogs find joy in play, but it is also very important in reinforcing their social status among family. I also find the more positive playful encounters a dog has with humans and dogs, the less likely they are to have negative ones.

So what's the best way to play with your dog? This is a bit of a loaded question as I find every dog has its own playability or varying desires of interactive play. As the human you need to be the motivator, be the buddy they can count on for fun, as well as being the referee and maintaining a safe environment. Play can easily turn into aggressive actions, so controlling the arousal or excitement level of your dog is of great importance and requires your emotions to remain steady. Balance your dog's energy level: this means that if you have an animated physical dog you should remain more

calm and laid back while playing. If your dog is the laid back one, you may need to be more animated. (Be careful not to overdo animation as it can easily frighten a scared or timid dog.)

Below are some tips for creating enriching play sessions for your dog.

- Rotating toy variety- One mistake I find is that people will have too many toys available for their dog. It's more exciting for the dog when you bring out and make a big deal about a different toy that you just pulled out of your closet. So rotate your toys and keep inventory. Dogs will have their favorites, which can be used as motivators for training.
- Search for Playgroups- A multitude of dogs helps to create a variety of different social interaction. I find hanging out with your friends' or neighbors' dogs is the best, as there should be a good human canine communication chain. If you have a dog that is overreactive or aggressive when meeting new dogs, definitely avoid dog parks, as it is over-stimulating, and very difficult to come away with a positive outcome, which is unfair to your dog.
- Control the teeth- Dogs' skin is tough and is built for the wear and tear of another dog's bite. Our skin is not and most dogs need to be taught the difference. If your dog ever bites you hard during play, give a sharp noise and immediately stop and cut off all social interaction with the dog, this means even eye contact. It's best to always encourage your dog to only use its teeth on a toy, so if you have a mouthy dog, try to always have a toy handy to redirect proper use of its teeth.

Remember to keep your emotions even, control your dog's arousal level and always think redirect if an unwanted behavior arises. If you have problems controlling your dog's play contact the shelter or a dog training professional.



**Most of all, have fun and play everyday!**

### Hear the voice of Heart of the Valley on the following days and times:

#### **On the Radio:**

Every FRIDAY at 7:15am on KMMS 1450 AM, current shelter happenings with Mark Allen

Every FRIDAY at 9:00am on The Eagle 105.7 FM, upcoming events with Colter Langan

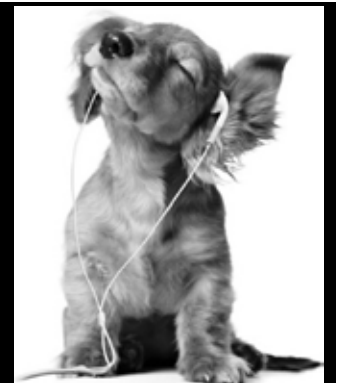
Every FRIDAY at 9:15am on KBOZ 1090 AM, Pet of the Week and upcoming events with Dave and Dean

#### **On TV:**

Every WEDNESDAY at 6:15am on KBZK (channel 4) , Pet of the Week with Adam Bell

#### **In Print:**

Check out our Pet of the Week in the Belgrade Weekly News, Big Sky Weekly, the Bozone, Bozeman Daily Chronicle and on KGLT!





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."*

**MEMORIALS**

<i>In Memory of Those Who Loved Pets</i>			
In Memory of Craig Alexander	Melissa Hurst	In Memory of Larry Sargent	In Memory of Bailey Baluski
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### **Kitty Pick of the Litter: "Blackjack"**

Blackjack is a very active cat, always jumping in to be a part of the action. He is looking for someone that will give him lots and lots of playtime. He gets along very well with other cats and is adventurous enough that he would probably enjoy playing with a cat savvy dog. He is front declawed so needs to be an indoor cat with one exception - he is an expert walker on a harness and leash. If you are looking for an energetic and sometimes goofy cat, stop by to play with Blackjack!



### **Staff's Pick Pup: "Puma"**

Puma is a hound that loves to follow her nose. She is very energetic and requires a good amount of exercise to be happy. Typical of hounds she will need to be in a secure yard or on leash otherwise she will follow a scent to her heart's content. She can be a bit stubborn but food is a great motivator for Puma. She likes the company of other dogs but she will do better with a male that lets her be the boss.





## A WAVE OF THE PAW TO...

**Marcia Anderson**, for her incredible generosity in sponsoring Heart of the Valley's Veterinary Program. Marcia, you amaze and inspire us!

**Old Navy**, for promoting and hosting an AMAZING fundraiser for HOV - we are so grateful for all of the wonderful donations!

**Pat Hess, Gallatin County Animal Control Officer, and Kathy Middleton, Bozeman Animal Control Officer**, for their dedication to and hard work for the homeless animals of Gallatin County, in an often thankless job.

**Deb and Gil Stober, from Peak Recording and Sound**, for generously donating recording time and sound engineering to help HOV craft top notch Public Service Announcements!

Everyone who made **Santa Paws** a success, including our hosts **Murdoch's and Petsmart**, photographer extraordinaire **Joe Deason**, all of our volunteers, and our jolly Santas, **Jerry Campbell and Mike Bechtold**.

**Heather Knarr and Buffalo Bump Pizza**, for kindly donating pizzas to feed our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program volunteers.

**360 Pet Medical and the Meehan Foundation**, for running another wildy successful Pounds for Hounds campaign.

**Kristen Messer and Jodi Kleinhans and families**, for fostering Heart of the Valley's animals who need help the most.

**Mary Suit of Prudential Montana Real Estate** for mobilizing the team to volunteer and get more involved at HOV.

**Abby McMillen**, for happily painting the beautiful artwork for Heart of the Valley's fall appeal, at the drop of a hat.

**Sarah Compton and the Gallatin County Health Department**, for their generous donation of boxes and boxes of syringes.

**Terry Lynn James and Sunrise Entertainment**, for donating the proceeds of her karaoke contest to HOV.

**Jane Moyles**, for donating part of the proceeds of her wine charms, to HOV.

**THANK YOU ONE AND ALL FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: TOM ROBINSON

With a big smile and a chuckle in his step, it is always a pleasure to have Tom arrive at the shelter to walk the dogs. The canines at Heart of the Valley have a very special spot for Tom in their hearts, because they know he truly cares about and loves them. Tom allows the canines to take a break from the stressful shelter life and just have a moment to love life and have fun. We asked Tom a few questions about volunteering at the Heart of the Valley and here is what he said.

\*What is your motivation for volunteering at the HOV?

"Love of dogs and spending time with them and the wonderful people who work at the Heart of the Valley."

\*What has been your biggest challenge while volunteering at the Heart of the Valley?

"Wish I had more time."

\*What goals did you set for yourself when you first started volunteering?

"Just to contribute when and where I was able to."

\*When you look back at all the dogs you have worked with, which canine sticks out in your mind? And why?

"Olive, so very independent and loving."





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## COMING SOON!

Introducing Heart of the Valley's new obedience classes and seminars, taught by HOV Canine Behaviorist Ben Donoghue, and guest lecturers - dates coming soon!

**February 27, 2010**

### **Howlin' at the Moon Snowshoe Shuffle**

Join HOV for a moonlit snowshoe trek with your dog at Moonlight Basin, followed by a chili feed and live music! Tickets are \$20 per person, and include a t-shirt and lots of goodies for you and your dog!

**March 12, 2010**

### **Folk Dogs Opening at tart**

Meet adoptable dogs and check out local artist Abby McMillen's whimsical and fun folk dog paintings - a portion of sales goes to HOV!

**April 2, 2010**

### **Folk Dogs Opening at Sola**

See lots of Abby's folk dogs at Sola - 20% of sales will be donated to HOV!

**June 4, 2010**

### **The Dog Ball: Heel!**

The Dog Ball is no ordinary dinner-auction—it's a real Montana celebration that has taken root as one of the best parties in the Gallatin and Madison valleys combined! The 2010 Dog Ball will take place at Riverside Country Club. Tickets are \$150 per person. Guests will enjoy a fully hosted cocktail hour and indoor-outdoor silent auction, followed by a seated dinner, live auction, and a night of dancing and fun!

*For more information about upcoming events, call (406) 388-9399 extension 112, email [jess@heartofthevalleyshelter.org](mailto:jess@heartofthevalleyshelter.org), or go to our website at [www.heartofthevalleyshelter.org](http://www.heartofthevalleyshelter.org).*

*Many thanks....*

In our last newsletter, we reported on the success of our community event, Woofstock, which attracted more than 3,000 people. But we neglected to thank our premier sponsor, **Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply**. Murdoch's has been a long-time supporter of Heart of the Valley, and we wanted to recognize their contributions now!

