

## Lost to Loved: The Jimmy Hans Von Strudel Story by Amanda Davidson HOV Customer Service & Adoption Counselor



Jimmy during his shelter days

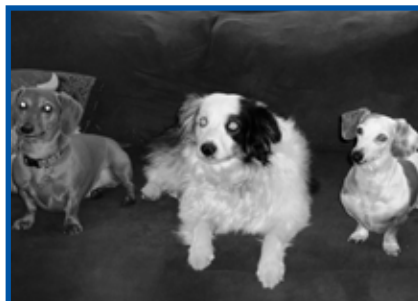
As a dachshund lover and self-proclaimed “wiener dog whisperer” I have always taken a special interest in the dachshunds that come through the doors of the shelter. One dog in particular that stole my heart was a tiny white and brown dachshund that was brought into Heart of the Valley as a stray. This little dog was in very poor physical condition with a mouth full of rotted teeth, a brittle coat and dry skin, and a genetic defect that caused him to have difficulty seeing out of his left eye. Despite his poor health the little dog had a tail that wagged a mile a minute and he just wanted to curl up in my lap and be petted. He would even nudge his pointy nose under my hand if I had the audacity to stop stroking the patchy fur on his head.

After four days no one had come to claim the dog so it was time for him to get a name. My co-worker and I decided on Jimmy Hans Von Strudel, a strong German name for a brave little dog! Jimmy Hans Von Strudel got a behavior evaluation as well as a medical evaluation and after some extensive dental work by shelter

veterinarian Nancy Mayer he was ready for adoption!

With his adorably misshapen snout and spunky personality, it didn’t take very long before Jimmy found his forever home with Jennifer Melville and Jeroen Cranendonk. I have been lucky enough to see Jimmy Hans Von Strudel numerous times since he left the shelter with his new family. When I asked Jennifer what the best part of adopting a shelter dog has been she told me, “The best part is waking up to kisses from Jimmy every morning. Every morning the second I wake up he wiggles out from under the blankets and just smothers me in kisses! He seems to appreciate everything so much. It makes me so happy to give him what he never had (and then some!) and to see him so happy. You can just tell he is so grateful just to wake up in the morning in a nice warm bed with people that love him.”

Jimmy has even become something of a local celebrity. Jennifer operates and owns The Sewing Dog, a local business that makes dog collars and leashes. She sells her wares at the Farmer’s Market and other craft shows in the community



Jimmy with his new brothers,  
Weenie and Pixel



Jimmy at a Gallatin Valley  
Dachshund Meetup

where Jimmy gets to tag along and is often recognized by people that remember him from the shelter. He is also a frequent visitor and favorite face at the Gallatin Valley Dachshund Meetups that occur once a month in Bozeman.

Seeing animals like Jimmy Hans Von Strudel find their forever home makes me proud to be a shelter worker. I couldn’t help but smile when Jennifer told me, “It’s hard to believe we’ve only had him for half a year! He makes us so happy. I always snuggle with him and tell him that it took a while, but he finally found his family!”



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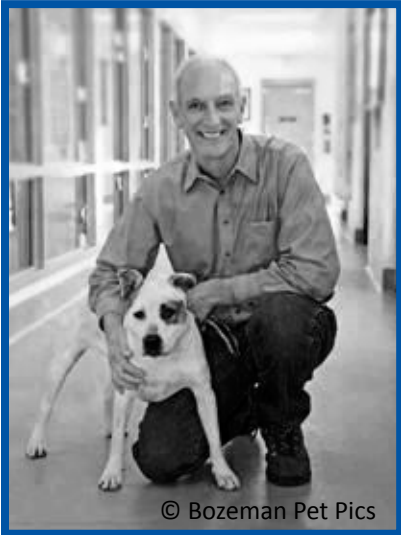
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# New Events Announced for Heart of the Valley!



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## Thank you from each of us!

You make everything possible. The shelter is primarily privately funded. You are our investors. Your support already means a better, more promising life for dogs and cats across the valley. You've done more than you might realize. With your gift of volunteering or being a donor, you've helped launch innovative programs that improve animal welfare and find forever homes for living creatures who cannot speak for themselves.

**For 2012, Heart of the Valley is keeping the best of the past and eagerly bringing on new ventures.** Events like Snowshoe Shuffle, The Dog Ball and Woofstock will again be a focus. Pet Pals Kid's Camp is scheduled for the summer and our shelter pets will be well represented at local parades. Exciting new programs such as re-inventing the volunteer program (enabling volunteers to take

meaningful action on behalf of HOV), the K9 9K race, Dee-O-Gee downtown outreach, Town Hall meetings, open houses, and communication exchange lunches with volunteers and donors are scheduled. Spay and Neuter clinics will be held this year in the vet clinic area. And with great exhilaration, HOV will be holding the 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary building celebration this summer.

**The shelter improves with you.** If you're not enrolled already, please enroll in our volunteer program. Come inside the HOV exclusive circle and be part of the care of our shelter pets. Get an insider's view on how the shelter operates and our staff is always available to help you with advice for your own pets. From professional skills to kennel help, you will be welcomed. For training and scheduling, please visit with our Volunteer Manager, Emily Wallace.

For those of you who choose to help financially, please see Kathryn Hohmann, Development Director, for charitable gift giving. Compassion comes in many forms and we are happy to accommodate your wishes. You will be acknowledged immediately and of course, your privacy will be assured, if you want to remain anonymous. **Your contribution can work finding an animal a good family home, maybe even provide a miracle.**

Our optimism is high.

Sincerely,

Phil Rogers  
Executive Director

**Natasha and Zulayka Update:**  
 Many amazing members of our community stepped up to help Natasha and Zulayka, two shelter dogs who needed surgery. This allowed us to perform the desperately needed operations, and we are happy to say that since their surgeries, Zulayka and Natasha have both been adopted!

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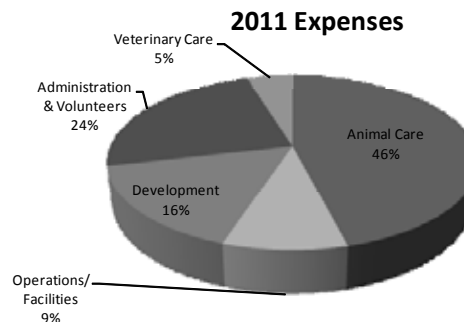
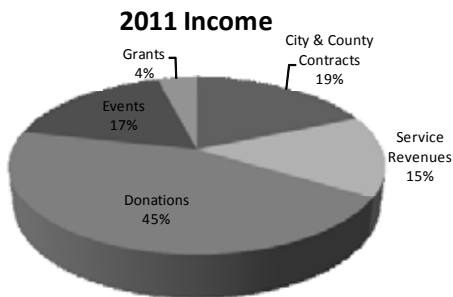
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# 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

INCOMING ANIMALS	CATS	DOGS	TOTAL
STRAY	594	502	1,096
OWNER SURRENDER	670	435	1,105
RETURNS	62	42	104
TRANSFERRED IN	0	29	29
OTHER	26	41	67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>2,401</b>
OUTGOING ANIMALS	CATS	DOGS	TOTAL
ADOPTED	973	490	1,463
RECLAIMED	93	432	525
EUTHANIZED	221	112	333
OTHER	22	11	33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>2,354</b>
<b>SAVE RATE</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>86%</b>



## Improving Heart of the Valley's Bottom Line Combining the best practices of the business world with our heart-felt mission

The most successful organizations-- whether they are Fortune 500 businesses or local community non-profits-- are the ones that deliver what they promise. Here at Heart of the Valley, everything is about quality animal welfare and improving adoption numbers, which is our mission. But we also need to reduce costs, so our goal for 2012 is to marry the best practices of the non-profit model with business savvy, and build an even better animal shelter!

Jaws often drop when we tell visitors that Heart of the Valley annual expenses are over a million dollars (\$1,200,000) a year. Our gas and electric bill alone was \$51,000 in 2011. Commercial and Workers Compensation Insurance was in excess of \$24,000. Our community has a terrific and caring animal shelter. It comes with responsibility, and plenty of costs.

A large thanks goes to all who are helping in our cost reducing efforts. We appreciate the individuals who use their time to help in the office, clean kennels and perform our ongoing list of special projects. Thanks to the businesses that reduce their rates or donate free service hours. Every dollar reduction for the shelter makes a difference.

Without materially reducing our mission efforts, the following is a sample of expense reductions in-acted or scheduled by the shelter.

- We've changed food supplier, and this means similar quality at a lower price.
- Although our operating staff will be lean, this will be offset with training and more defined career paths.
- Volunteers will be encouraged to take meaningful action on behalf of HOV. We will also train, schedule and enable volunteers to perform basic staff duties.
- Routine building care and grounds keeping like snow removal and drain cleaning will be performed in-house
- An audit is being requested from Northwestern Energy to reduce energy bills.

Heart of the Valley is like any other organization, nonprofit or for-profit. A balanced budget is imperative for financial health. We will strive diligently to increase our revenue stream while keeping a discerning eye on expenses. We promise!





## OBESITY

### more than just an unpopular word! by Nancy Mayer, DVM

Who can turn on the radio this time of year and not hear an advertisement pertaining to losing those holiday pounds, or urging you and every other radio listener to join the best gym in town so that you too can look like a supermodel? Most people are aware of the prevalence of obesity in people, but it may come as a surprise to you that obesity is as big of a problem in our pets as it is in the human world with an estimated 35% of dogs and cats in the U.S. suffering from obesity. Sadly, it is we, the pet owners, who are to blame. Just as many of us are in denial that we or our children are overweight, most owners of overweight or obese pets experience this same disbelief; even if we admit that our sedentary couch sharing friend could lose a few pounds, we most often do not realize how detrimental obesity can be to our dog or cat's health.

Health problems related to or resulting from obesity include diabetes mellitus, joint problems such as arthritis, respiratory compromise, potential liver disease (cats), and decreased life span. Some common comments I hear from pet owners include, "but I feed my dog what it says to feed him on the bag," "...I only feed her 1 cup of food twice a day," "...he just picks at his food during the day, he doesn't eat that much." or "I have to keep food in my cat's bowl or she meows constantly!" Many people brag about how big their cat is or how much their dog weighs. It is sad to see such animals as they approach middle age develop health problems such as those listed above, problems which likely would not have developed if they had been kept fit and trim with a balance of diet and exercise. (oops....not the E-word!)

This time of year, many pets, especially dogs, put on "winter weight" because they are not as active (fewer walks and outside activities such as hiking, and playing fetch or frisbee). Despite the reduced activity, they are consuming the same diet, and the same number of calories day in and day out which results in increased fat stores. Indoor/outdoor cats often spend more time indoors during the winter months, are thus less active, and also gain weight. It can be very difficult to keep an indoor only cat close to its ideal weight regardless of the season.

People have become so accustomed to seeing overweight pets that when they view a pet which is at its ideal body weight, they feel that it is too thin or malnourished. Your veterinarian may use a body conditioning scoring system to record how close your pet is to his/her ideal weight, with a score of 4-5 (on a scale of 1-9) being ideal. You can view this scoring system at <http://www.purina.com/dog/weight-and-exercise/bodycondition.aspx> (dogs) or <http://www.purina.com/cat/weight-control/bodycondition.aspx> (cats).

When it comes to slimming down your pet, it is often not as easy as it sounds. It would be logical to conclude that since "Tank" cannot open the refrigerator and help himself to unhealthy snacks at 2 a.m., and because he is completely reliant on you for his food and exercise, that weight loss would be easy. There are, however, a variety of reasons it isn't; there are tremendous differences in metabolism between pets, and, perhaps "Tank" does help himself to food that you don't even realize he ate. For example...do you think your toddler really ate his bagel that quickly? Does the dog eat the cat's food or worse yet, digested cat food found in the litter box!? And what about the handouts and treats that he gladly accepts from the hands of well meaning visitors when he looks at them with "those eyes"? Because each pet is different, there is no single method for weight reduction. A good weight loss plan should include a consultation with your veterinarian, a diet and exercise program, and a regular schedule of "weigh ins" to track your progress. (sound familiar?)

To relate this to the amazing animals we take in and care for at Heart of the Valley... we see our share of obesity in both dogs and cats more than we would like. Dogs frequently come in weighing a bit more than they should, and some are outright obese. Perhaps you remember "Jackie", the 64 lb. beagle that graced the HOV float in the MSU homecoming parade this fall. During her stay with us, she dropped almost 20 lbs, but had not yet reached her ideal weight of 25-30 lbs. Our goal is to get overweight dogs to a more ideal weight so that they will have less stress and strain on their joints, be less prone to injury and joint disease, and live longer healthier lives. We are so grateful to the many dedicated volunteers who come out and walk HOV dogs, giving many of them the additional exercise that they need to help them build muscle and lose excess body fat. Not only is this beneficial for the dogs' physical well being, but for their emotional and mental health as well.

Plus...more often than not, the volunteer gets a bigger mental or emotional boost from their time spent walking an HOV dog than the dog does!

Cats are a different story when it comes to weight loss. 1. Cats are, in general, sedentary creatures. Kittens excluded, most cats hate the E-word and would rather curl up on a couch and sleep for 18 hours. 2. We have cat cuddlers, not cat walkers at HOV (refer to #1). 3. Space is limited for each individual cat at HOV and most of them do not have sufficient physical space to roam, climb, and play, let alone hunt. But, our hard working cat techs do try to get overweight and obese cats onto appropriate reduced calorie diets designed to promote weight loss. Though we do have many obese cats surrendered to the shelter, the majority of these cats do lose some weight before they leave our facility. I often see volunteers in the cat meet and greet room encouraging cats to play various games with assorted toys- interaction which is both physically beneficial and also mentally stimulating for the cats.

If you are so inclined...check into volunteering at the shelter as a dog walker or cat cuddler. The animals here will appreciate it, and you will benefit from the experience too!



**VOLUNTEER**



2012 is an exciting year for the HOV volunteer community! If you are new to the volunteer program, there are many ways to get involved. If you love animals, like working as a team, have a positive attitude (and don't mind getting dirty!) the HOV volunteer program could be a great fit for you. Whether it be sharing your skills, fulfilling hours for a service learning project or simply wanting to enrich the lives of our cats and dogs, we have many opportunities for you.

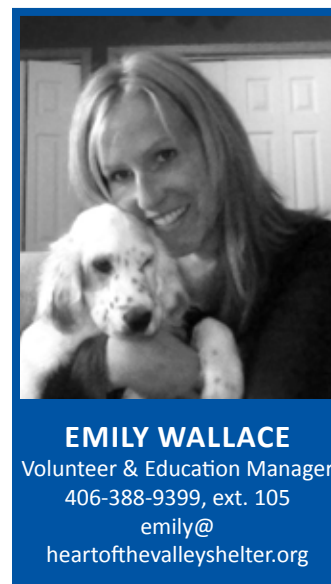
If you have been a volunteer for at least five weeks, we encourage you to attend one of the upcoming 'Volunteer Potluck & Forums' detailed below. It'll be fun!

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me into my role as HOV's newest volunteer manager. There are some pretty amazing people involved in the volunteer program. I am very thankful to be a part of the greater HOV community!

**Volunteer Potluck and Forum**

- WHERE: HOV's Community Room
- WHEN: Wednesday, February 22nd, 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, March 28th, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 25th, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- WHY: To share your ideas and goals for HOV's evolving volunteer program  
To learn more about ways you can help to enhance the lives of shelter cats and dogs.
- RSVP: Please RSVP to [volunteer@heartofthevalleyshelter.org](mailto:volunteer@heartofthevalleyshelter.org)

Questions? Call Emily @ 388-9399 x 105



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## 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 Craig Alexander Dorothy & Dick Stratford	Darlene & Edward Monforton Alan Kahn Joni Siewert Myrna Roberts	Marshall & Luzann Bennett Patricia Paynich
In Memory of Ardis Bissell Clarice & Robert Koby Fred & Carol Sanford Karen Kolman Darryl & Nancy Baker Diane Allen Bozeman United Methodist Church – Morning Sounds Choir MSU Bookstore Rick & Debra Davies William & Virginia Kindzerski DJ Cummings Ray & Kim Hofstad Conrad Building Center Janice Christofferson Vonda Fifield Joe Eslick Maureen Lear JD Mahurin Jack & Pat Robbins	In Memory of John Duggan Lynne & Ed Hines In Memory of Edith Franke George Koutoulas & Karen Loomis In Memory of Elizabeth "Lisa" Oakey Galle Rick Landers, Axilon Law Group Margaret Fitzgibbon In Memory of Ben Gatch Pat & Ginger Povah In Memory of Mary H. Gay Deborah Gay & Lori Booth In Memory of H.C. Goodell Larilyn Miller & Family In Memory of Janis Hoffman Jerry, Valda & Karen Prescott In Memory of Mark C. Horswill Richard & Beatrice Horswill Stuart & Ann Tisdale Craig & Leisa McCormick In Memory of Jessie Hubbert Wayne & Mary Ricks In Memory of Sue Jameson Roberta Colvin Melissa Randall In Memory of Woody Johnson Ron, Vicki, Jessie & Reese Young In Memory of Flo Kern Richard & Kate Reid In Memory of Koralyne Kibbee Judy Ungerecht In Memory of Laura Kolman Karen Kolman In Memory of Dwayne Kronz Yvonne Hauwiller In Memory of Joan Kutzman Patricia Dunn Joe, Jenny, Julie, Nick & Mary Faure Kandy & Pete Rose Jean Faure Stephen Spencer, DDS Vanda & George Gallagher Cindy Reiquam Ann Braley Smith Tom & Martha Daiello Donald & Katherine McBride Debra & Richard Evans Martin & Catherine Burnham Shirley & Charlie Hamp David Paoli Ann Johnson Sara Luoma Kenneth & Dottie Keyes Lynne & Ed Hines	In Memory of Adam Lackey Adam Lackey Memorial Fund In Memory of Shane G Lalani Sal & Carol G Lalani In Memory of Thomas G. Larson David & Laura Larson In Memory of Chan Libbey Mary Libbey In Memory of Maxine Lewis The Foy Family In Memory of Adrian Manley Eileen Kuhl In Memory of Florence Marshall Laura McDevitt & Marshall Magee In Memory of John McIlhattan Carmen & Jim McIlhattan In Memory of Jerry Mernin Glen & Maxine Moore In Memory of Richard L. Miller Larilyn Miller In Memory of Eva Neils Mary Noll & Michael Burke Roger LaCroix In Memory of Jan G. Parker John & Tamie Parker In Memory of Brown Parsons Sammylu Parsons In Memory of Fronie Simonson Mahri & Nathan In Memory of Dee Stringer Arthur & Betty Williams In Memory of Christopher O'Donnell Stupp Paul Monaco & Victoria O'Donnell In Memory of Cathy Pickett Buffalo Exchange Judy Staigmiller In Memory of Jeffrey Stufflebeam Charles & Norma Stufflebeam In Memory of Carol Sutton Tarlow, Stonecipher & Steele, PLLC Phyllis Hargrave Roland & Brenda Kroos Margie Taylor Wittich Law Firm Linda Sherwood Frank & Mary Kowalczyk Carol Code In Memory of Lucy Tackle Scott & Jennie Holton Kent Madin & Linda Svendsen In Memory of Harry Thomas Teresa & Paul Flanagan In Memory of Jim Urton Jean Sullivan In Memory of Arthur Van't Hul
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 Mel Sullivan  
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 Gena Powell & Margie Brooks

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In Memory of Abby  
 Marshall & Marsha White  
 In Memory of "Alex" Kimpton  
 Amy Gattuso  
 In Memory of all of our beloved pets  
 Tom & Evelyn Halpin  
 In Memory of Amy  
 Shirley Gerhardt  
 In Memory of Annabelle May  
 Dickinson Family  
 In Memory of Aruba & Griffin  
 Jan Bowers  
 In Memory of Audrey  
 Shirley & Dennis Davidson  
 In Memory of Bailey  
 Deadre Walter  
 In Memory of Barelay  
 Tracie Vanderpan  
 In Memory of Barker Dickens  
 Toby & Robin Cadby Sorenson  
 In Memory of Barney  
 Erin Pepus  
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 Richard  
 Richard & Beatrice Horswill  
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 In Memory of Brady Smith  
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 Karen Alexander  
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 In Memory of Bubba  
 Shirley Gerhardt  
 In Memory of Buddy  
 In Memory of Bunny  
 Dick & Bea Horswill

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 Mike & Cherry Eustace  
 In Memory of Buster  
 John Maysak  
 In Memory of Charlie  
 Tom & Allene Waldorf  
 In Memory of Chauncey  
 Mary Zartman & Chuck Nelson  
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 Robin Zetzer & Steve Fladhammer  
 In Memory of Chuee  
 Peter & Shirley Thatcher  
 In Memory of Clementine  
 Sherry Heis  
 In Memory of Coach  
 Tom & Sandra Starcher  
 In Memory of Cori  
 Sherry Heis  
 In Memory of Dailey "Dirty Dick"  
 Dave & Krista Palagi  
 In Memory of Daisy  
 Mary & John Murphy  
 In Memory of Daisy & Max Ferkin  
 Ron & Bonni Glock  
 In Memory of Dale  
 Pat Booth  
 In Memory of Darby Cunningham  
 Maurice Heald  
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## Canine Behavior 101

### A Week in the Life of Heart of the Valley's Canine Evaluator and Trainer By Amanda Davidson, HOV Customer Service and Adoption Counselor



If you have been out to visit the animals at Heart of the Valley you may already be familiar with the shelter's canine evaluator and trainer, Ben Donoghue. You may have spoken with him about your own dog's irritating habit of jumping up on visitors who come to your home and asked for advice. You may have recently taken a dog walking class and learned from him the proper way to put an Easy Walk harness on a shelter dog. You may have walked by his evaluation room and seen him testing a shelter dog's level of resource guarding with a bowl of canned food and a somewhat creepy rubber human hand. The above are three examples of the very important and busy position that is canine evaluator and trainer at Heart of the Valley.

In 2011, Heart of the Valley adopted out a total of 490 dogs. Every adult dog that leaves the shelter leaves with a thorough and complete behavioral evaluation that includes a child safety test and a resource guarding test as well as many other behavior observations and notes for the potential adopter. A dog that exhibits challenging behaviors that will require special attention on the part of the adopter may also require a behavior consult or home check from Ben.

Ben also takes on the role of educator at Heart of the Valley and offers affordable obedience classes as well as one-on-one behavior consultations to the public. The obedience classes revolve around pet parents learning canine obedience skills with a stress on creating a higher communication level with their canine. The one-on-one behavior consults are similar in focus with an emphasis on the particular behavior concerns of the owner. These classes are offered several times throughout the year.

As an educator, Ben also takes on the important responsibility of teaching and assisting dog walking volunteers. He teaches two levels of dog walking classes, a beginner and an intermediate, at least 3 to 4 times a month. It is during these classes that volunteers learn the basics of walking a shelter dog as well as the correct use of several different types of harnesses and collars. These classes provide hands-on experience for new volunteers and offer an opportunity for growth for seasoned volunteers.

The mission of Heart of the Valley is to compassionately shelter the lost and surrendered pets of Gallatin and Madison valley and to enhance the lives of people and companion animals through pet adoption and education. The position of canine evaluator and trainer plays a huge part in fulfilling this mission. If you are visiting Heart of the Valley take a moment to stop and meet Ben and ask him any dog related questions that you may have. He will be happy to help you!



## Join HOV for the 8th annual Howlin' at the Moon Snowshoe Shuffle!

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Saturday, March 3rd, 2012  
Madison Village Base Area at Moonlight Basin  
Registration: 5:30pm, Snowshoeing starts at 6:00

Guests will enjoy trekking the lit course with their dogs after the slopes have closed, followed by a great chili feed and \$3 draft beers. After dinner, the fun continues with music by the Bridger Creek Boys, and the Barkin' Doggy Raffle. Tickets to the Snowshoe Shuffle are \$25 per person, and kids 10 and under are free!

## My Dog is Predator by Ben Donoghue, HOV Canine Evaluator and Trainer

My little Border Collie/Springer Spaniel cross comes running up the steps at the sound of the sliding glass door opening to my back yard. "Jedi, here boy" I call to my husky cross who sometimes takes a little more encouragement, but not much more than I've already done in this familiar environment and situation. I close the door as that sometimes gets the "hey, don't forget me" response and stand and watch for him. I see him, not running to the doorway, but holding completely still, ears forward, staring, legs bent, ready to pounce... he's in stalk mode. I then see a flash fluttering of birds as Jedi lunges and grabs one in mid-air, bites, shakes and chews.



From the days of the hunter-gather, dogs have joined us in the hunt and then sharing of the family meal. Dogs find the physical action of this instinct extremely rewarding. The different size and type of quarry we desire or desired to capture determined the qualities in our canine friends that we would take on the hunt and breed for in their offspring. This is how a lot of our breeds were developed. The prey/hunt sequence and the breeds that excel in those area are as follows- 1. The search - Beagles, scent hounds 2. The stalk - Border Collies 3. The chase - Huskies, sight hounds 4. The grab bite - terriers 5. The kill bite - terriers.

Yes, your dog is a predator too and this is one of the main reasons they may not come to you when called. I think that it is our jobs as guardians of our little hunters to do at least these two things for them. One is to make as close to 100% sure that your dog is kept safe - this means knowing what triggers your dog into such instinctual hunt mode that they can not be called out of it or what level of recall your dog has. The general rule of thumb is that your dog should come 9 out of 10 times when called in order to be allowed off of a leash. The second part is acceptance and embracing your dog's predatory instincts. Find safe and constructive ways for your dog to search, stalk, chase, and bite. Your dog needs to release this predatory energy and one of the best ways is through play, as well as problem solving tasks. Below are a few fun activities to try with your resident carnivore.

1. Kibble puzzles- make your dog work for their meal, they make a number interactive toys that your dog has to bat and move around to get the kibble to fall out of. My dogs current favorite is a weeble wobble kong. Be creative, I put large rocks in one of my dogs food bowl.
2. Shred fest- go to the thrift store and get some cheap stuffed animal and let your dog go to town. If your dog does not naturally disembowel stuffies, take an old sheet, wrap kibble or treats inside and tie in knots.
3. Seek and Destroy- to really make your dog feel proud of themselves take one or more of the above and hide it somewhere in your house. Teach your dog to "find it" by making it easy to find at first then slowly increasing difficulty as they understand the cue and reward.



I open my sliding glass door again, this time armed with a squeaky toy and leash, Jedi is in stalk mode again. I move quickly and excitedly to about ten feet from him, I get low to the ground with my back to him and start squeaking. I motion and call to him playfully inviting him to see what I captured, his eyes shift to me, I quickly move away from him pouncing and squeaking. He moves towards me and I take the opportunity to toss the squeaky toy in the air, he pounces, bites, squeaks and invites me in a game of chase. I chase him first then he chases me into the house, the two of us happy knowing that together we could put food on the table; if we really wanted to.

Just a few of our happy adoptions in the past few months...



**BELL**



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***Happy Tails: Penny!***



Hi!

My name is Penny and I am a Welsh Corgi. My first family had to give me up earlier this year. I enjoyed living with them on the ranch, but I understand when things get tough and you have to make hard decisions. My first family cried when they left. I cried a little, too. But the staff greeted me with a lot of loving hugs. Little did I know that a real adventure was ahead for me. ...but let me tell you a little about the heritage of my breed. Did you know that Corgis are loyal and affectionate working dogs? We love to herd other animals. In fact, we rarely bark and then only to protect our owners. Corgis have a long and interesting history. Lore tells us that Welsh Corgis were ridden in the countryside by fairies. Yep, we are that famous! In fact, we are so special that the Queen of England owns 5 corgis that never leave her side! Enough of my background and on with my story.

My new adoptive parents were greeted by Terry and Laura Cunningham. They were given a complete tour of the HOV shelter and they saw ALL of the dogs and ALL of the cats that live here. But, when they saw me they were surprised. I went out and looked up at them and thought that they might work out for me. But, we both needed to think about it for a day. But, the next day, the phone call was made and I was chosen to go live in Bozeman at a home that is located on one acre. However, I don't really care about the yard; I want to stay by the side of my new parents. I stick close to them. I like to go off leash on county trails with new friends that my mom introduced me to. I especially like a big black lab, North, who likes to run in the fields and play. Even though my legs are short, I can run like the wind! He can't catch me. I surprised my new parents with tricks that I learned on the ranch. I can jump up and stand on a 4 wheeler; I can play ball; I can dance on my back legs. I may have more tricks to show them when the time comes. I like to lie on the couch and I let my head hang over the cushion. Yes, they let me lie on the couch and they take a lot of pictures of me. I also like to lie near the back door. I want to make sure that they include me in all family outings because I love looking out the car window. Yep, I am very happy here with my new parents. They love me and I love them. Well, it is time for another trip; I have to go now.

## A WAVE OF THE PAW TO...

Cottonwood Veterinary Hospital, for sponsoring Woofstock, helping us get cats adopted, and for veterinary advice and services.

Mrs. Bills' Class at Anderson School, for donating the proceeds of a fundraiser they held to HOV!

Petsmart, for once again hosting our Santa Paws event, and for helping us adopt 224 cats through their pet adoption area in 2011!

Alexis Ward, for raising money for HOV as her senior project at Bridger Alternative School. Alexis used the money to buy HOV tons of awesome supplies!

Bozeman Dog Company, for donating cleaning supplies.

David Mann, Robin Evers, Erik Petersen, Kyle Bateson, Sarah Day, Sarah Howell, and Molly Stovel, for helping clean cat kennels.

Shauna Deckert, for bravely coordinating Santa Paws, and making it entirely volunteer-run, and the best one ever!

Gallatin Veterinary Hospital, for taking photos of pets with Santa, and donating a portion of the proceeds to HOV!

Vic Tate, for donating the amazing snowblower that is allowing our paths to stay clear, and our dogs to get walked!

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Jeanne Knox, for creating TONS of fabulous videos of shelter dogs and posting them to HOV's Youtube channel. These videos make a huge difference in getting our dogs adopted!

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Rebecca Murray and Sandy Owens, for donating her time and talent to taking beautiful photographs of shelter cats and dogs

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Danny Schotthoefer, Kietra Nelson, and the rest of the staff at Classic Ink, for all of their amazing work on HOV's social media.

All the wonderful foster homes of 2011 - you make a world of difference to the lives of so many dogs and cats.

Luca Allaria and Roberta Amendola for eagerly taking on roles as Saturday morning groomers.



The new sound baffling in our dog kennels. Thanks to all the donors at the Dog Ball who made this possible!

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This five-week obedience course is taught by HOV's Canine Behavior Consultant, Ben Donoghue. Classes are offered on Thursday nights - March 29th through April 26th  
Times 5:30 and 7pm

Cost: \$35 for HOV alumni, \$65 for spayed/neutered dogs, and \$75 for intact dogs  
For more information, call Ben Donoghue at 388-9399, ext. 122

### Howlin At the Moon Snowshoe Shuffle March 3rd, 2012

Registration at 5:30pm, snowshoeing starts at 6:00

Join HOV at Moonlight Basin for a howlin' good time! Snowshoe a lit two mile course with your dog, and then enjoy a chili feed, raffle, and live music!

### The Dog Ball: Spot On! June 1st, 2012

The Dog Ball will take place at Riverside Country Club on Friday, June 1st, 2012. Tickets are \$150 per person. Guests will enjoy a fully hosted cocktail hour and indoor/outdoor silent auction, a delicious dinner, live auction, and a night of dancing and fun!



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

### Kitty Pick of the Litter: BAYA

Baya is a beautiful seven year old, short-haired cat who loves people. She can be shy in new situations, but once she gets to know you, she is very affectionate and sweet and loves to get gentle attention. Baya would do best in a quiet home with someone who understands shy cats and who will bring out her loving personality.

Baya's feline-ality is a Private Investigator which means she would be a quiet affectionate feline companion if given the time and attention she needs.



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### Staff's Pick Pup: MAIZE

Maize is a seven year old Chesapeake Bay Retriever who loves playing fetch with a tennis ball, enjoys long walks and - true to her breed - she feels right at home in the water. She requires a moderate amount of exercise and she enjoys having her ears rubbed. She'd be a loyal companion to have by your side as the two of you work your way through life's twists and turns. At the finish line, you can reflect on the adventures you've had, the joy you've provided one another and the fact that you worked together as a team.

