

The BHS held its' 2nd annual Rummage Sale to raise money for the Animals that come through our care. It was another successful year thanks to the efforts of donations from the community as well as those who stopped to shop and the volunteers who helped set up and run the event. The money raised will help with vet expense and care for the homeless animals. Thank you to all who made this possible.

Helping in setting up the event were: Delores LaRock, Amy Anderson, Troy McGuire, Sheila Gould, Vicki Meyer, Paula Nielsen, and Cindy & Rob Meyer

Junior Members Dawson & Aden Anderson and Aijah Meyer, with help from Kaden Bjorkquist, managed the refreshment table, serving coffee, Kool-Aid, and cookies.

Helping at the Rummage Sale itself with sales were Amy Anderson, Vicki Meyer, Paula Nielsen, Sheila Gould, Sherry Wold and Delores LaRock.

Bored? Lonely? Looking for something satisfying to do and someone fun to hang around with? Call BHS and we'll fix you up 218-324-2313

Clarice Thompson will be sponsoring an open-to-the-public home interior party for the Borderland Humane Society on a Saturday soon at the Villa. Please look for public service announcements on the radio and in the newspaper. Coffee and treats will be served. If you are interested in helping set up and/or bringing goodies please contact Robin Ramquist at 218-244-4520. We will be celebrating home merchandise with lots of cash and carry; orders taken will be received within two weeks. The BHS will receive 50% of sales back in cash.

Borderland Humane Society will also be having a table at the International Mall's Holiday Craft Sale on Friday, December 3rd and Saturday, December 4th, providing educational and informational materials and selling BHS apparel and accessories. All proceeds will go to the BHS. If you are interested in helping at the craft sale, please contact Robin Ramquist at 218-244-4520.

Look for the BHS float in the "Lights Before Christmas" parade on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Keep your eyes and ears open for when to drop off food for the animals, toys, beds, collars, leashes, blankets and more at The Journal for the fourth annual "Pet Food Shelf Drive." **** Items donated will go to the Food Shelf so that people in need are able to remember the pets that are a part of the family during this holiday season.

If you are interested in making a difference in an animal's life, please go to our website at www.borderlandhumanesociety.org and take a peek at our "Wish List".

Watch for upcoming information as the Third Annual "A Cause for Paws" fundraiser sponsored by UnitedHealth Group is planned. Last year UnitedHealth Group was able to donate \$6,500 to the Borderland Humane Society. With continued community support this can be another fun and successful event to make a difference for the animals.

Dear



Borderland Humane Society:

Hi my name is Natalie Richards, and I work for SR Education Group, an education resource provider. Having had pets my entire life, I know how significant animals are to the family dynamic. They are exceptional companions, and a wellspring of love, affection, and friendship. For me, personally, they've really improved the overall quality of my life.

After researching a variety of careers within the pet health sector, I came across a number of extremely useful resources that can help to improve the well-being of household animals. I was so interested in the material that I decided to compile a list of some of the best pet health insurance options; animal health resources; animal behavior and training websites; pet nutrition information; and charities. <http://www.guidetocareereducation.com/library/pet-health> When I saw that you are using technology to connect people with pets, I thought I'd let you know about this resource, in case it would be helpful to you, or the people who visit your helpful links page.

Borderland Humane Society participates in community events providing education on animals to the public through 4-H groups, libraries, craft fairs, etc. Please contact us at 324-2313 to arrange a presentation to your group.

Keeping Your Dog out of Harm's Way Dogs are curious creatures that are likely to eat and lick things that they probably shouldn't as well as venture into places that may cause them harm. Ideally, you should always keep a close eye on your pet to avoid potentially dangerous situations. Being armed with the right knowledge is the key to prevention.

Dogs face an increased risk of accidental poisoning because of their natural curiosity and tendency to put things in their mouths. Antifreeze, for example, is sweet to the taste and among the most common household poisons ingested by dogs. There are now safer alternatives available such as the less appealing, bitter tasting antifreeze. There are some common symptoms of poisoning that you should watch for, including vomiting, diarrhea, difficulty breathing or lack of coordination. If you believe that your dog has ingested a hazardous substance, you should call your vet immediately.

Some dogs have a tendency to eat plants, whereas others simply enjoy digging them out of your garden. While plants may appeal to your pup some can also be toxic to his health like daffodils or wisteria.. If you happen to be the lucky owner of a digger and also own potted plants, you might try inserting pine or evergreen cones into the dirt or placing aluminum foil over the pot to prevent your pup from doing his own gardening inside the house. For dog owners who use any type of lawn treatment please follow the product instructions exactly and do not let your pooch on the treated area for the allotted amount of time The safest way to keep your canine away from your outdoor garden is to build a fence around it.

There are many foods that we humans enjoy every day, but can be incredibly harmful if fed to our dog. Some of the most dangerous foods are onions, hops (a plant used in making beer) and grapes or raisins. One way to protect your pooch is to keep him away from the dinner table and refrain from feeding him leftover scraps. Be sure he does not have access to the trash, which can be quite tempting to your curious canine.

Keeping your dog away from busy roads is a huge concern for most pet owners. Well exercised dogs are less apt to get into trouble, but not everyone has a large backyard safe from the dangers of a busy road. One alternative is to find a local dog park which allows you to run your dog while also keeping him safely out of the street. Many owners choose to fence in their yard using either a physical barrier or an electronic one. If you

do have a yard with a gate, make sure visitors know that opening the door or leaving it unlocked could let your dog loose.

A pool can often be a very inviting place for water-loving dogs. However, it is important that you never leave your pet unattended by the pool. Teach your dog as early as possible to sit, lay down and stay when near the pool. He should also be trained to remain calm when he hears splashing and other water related noises so that he doesn't feel the need to jump in to seek out the source of the commotion. Provide fresh water for him to drink so that he does not get in the pool and lap up large amounts of chlorinated water. You might also want to consider installing a pet security fence if there is a chance your pet can access the pool when you are not around.

Take extra care to pet proof your house even if you do not think your well behaved dog is at risk.. Ensure that you secure the garbage, keep food out of reach, put your belongings away and make sure that nothing is left out that shouldn't be. Most importantly, train your dog and provide plenty of opportunity for safe activity to keep him mentally stimulated and out of trouble.

It's believed that whenever a 'dog' is mentioned in the Bible, it's referring to a Saluki, one of the oldest breeds.

Scratching is hardwired in cats, like purring or breathing. In the wild they do it to mark their territory with visual marks & smell.



Abraham Lincoln (a true cat-lover) said, "No matter how much cats fight, there always seems to be plenty of kittens"

The herb catnip is known to make cats act silly, a bit nutty and even euphoric... but not all cats respond to catnip. The response is an inherited one, and about 70% of cats have the "Catnip Gene"... 30% do not.

Approximately 50,000 cats were employed by British forces In World War I to serve as ratters and mousers in the trenches.



...only [City Police Officers](#) pick up City animals to bring to the Facility. [County Deputies](#) have no role with stray animals. If County citizens have an issue with that fact they need to call their County Commissioner.

ANIMAL WELFARE CONTACT NUMBERS

Borderland Humane Society 218-324-2313
www.borderlandhumanesociety.org

Holding Facility 218-283-9276

Public Hours of Operation:
Tuesday thru Friday from 3:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturday from 8:00am – Noon
Closed Sundays, Mondays and Holidays

Non-emergency Police or Sheriff 218-283-4416
(to report animal abuse/neglect, animal control issues, lost/found animals)

KGHS/KSDM Radio 218-283-3481 (to report lost or found animals)

If in doubt, contact Borderland Humane Society



MONTHLY MEETINGS

The BHS meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM in the dining room at River’s Edge Villa; meetings are open to the public. New members and volunteers are always welcome and needed. Membership fees are \$10 per year from January through December.



Borderland Humane Society has animals available for adoption on a regular basis. See pictures on our website, www.borderlandhumanesociety.org, or Petfinder.com. or Wednesday in the Journal. Phone 218-324-2313 if you are interested in adopting a pet or becoming a foster



The sweet taste of Anti-freeze and engine coolants make them one of the most common forms of fatal poisoning in cats...

BORDERLAND HUMANE SOCIETY OFFICERS

President: Nikki Turenne
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PLEASE VOLUNTEER



When the hairs on a cats’ back stand up, it means they’re scared and/or ready to protect themselves.

PLEASE CONSIDER FOSTERING

Animals are vet checked and vaccinated prior to going to foster care. Veterinary care is paid for by BHS. Animals are to be treated as your own until adopted.

Canine Lifeguards Rescue Doggie Style

BY KATIE LEAVITT | TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010
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Never underestimate the power of a strong doggie paddle!

Every summer hordes of beach-goers swarm the Italian coasts, and each year, the Italian Coast Guard estimates they rescue 3,000 people. Working alongside them is a team of very specialized lifeguards who are responsible for saving many lives during these seaside months — the graduates of canine lifeguarding school. "Dogs are useful in containing the physical fatigue of the lifeguard, to increase the speed at which casualties are retrieved, to increase the security of both the casualty and of the lifeguard," Roberto Gasbarri, coordinator of the Italian School of Canine Lifeguards, told the Associated Press.

The program is three years long and trains dogs to rescue swimmers in trouble. The *lifedogs* wear buoys or tow a raft to which the victim can hold on while the dogs pull them to safety. The pups are particularly useful in missions where they need to jump from helicopters or fast boats, as they are much more capable than humans in these extreme situations. "The dog becomes a sort of intelligent lifebuoy," said Gasbarri. "It is a buoy that goes by itself to a person in need of help, and comes back to the shore also by himself, choosing the best landing point and swimming through the safest currents."

There are currently 300 life-saving pups deployed on the Italian coast lines. Most of the dogs tend to be retrievers, but the only requirement to become a lifedog is weighing more than 66 lbs. "Being retrievers, they set out to pick up anything we tell them, be it a human being, an object, or a fish, and they bring it back to the shore," said lifeguard Monia Luciani. "They do not associate it with a physical activity, but it is rather a game for them."

Please be sure your pet is wearing a collar with an identification tag. They escape and/or get lost so easily and an ID tag will help the finder to find you. Microchips are also good and the local veterinarians and BHS have scanners for reading them.

Without identification your pet will have to spend time in quarantine and be subjected to vaccinations that may be unnecessary. NOTE: An animal wandering around is not necessarily lost. Keep an eye on it for a day or two before reporting it.

For more information about fostering, please call the BHS today at (218) 324-2313 or drop us a line at PO Box 543, International Falls, MN 56649 or email us at

info@borderlandhumanesociety.org.

Contact BHS at 218-324-2313 for information on our spay-neuter assistance program.

Desperately Needed

****Dedicated foster care homes****

Dog Walkers – Cat Petters

Thank you for your support

Dogs are us, only innocent - Cynthia Heimesel

NAME THAT ANIMAL Calling all kids preschool to 6th grade: Simply call 324-2313 and tell us what name you would pick for a male or female animal and when a new animal becomes available for adoption through the BHS we will draw a name. If your name is picked you win a prize and get your picture taken with that animal to be placed on our website.



What's my name?



Giving a pet for Christmas Is

NOT A GOOD IDEA

Unless you plan to take total responsibility for it

DO JUSTICE ~ LOVE KINDNESS
WALK HUMBLLY WITH YOUR DOG

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The BHS is dedicated to the promotion of value and respect for animal life by connecting people and pets through education and technology.

Name

Mailing Address

E-mail address

Telephone Number(s)

____ I would like to join or renew! Enclosed is \$10.00 for membership dues valid through December 31st of current year.

____ I would like to donate \$_____. Donations may also be made securely at our website through Pay Pal!

I would like to volunteer! Areas of interest: ____ foster care, ____ foster care support (vet appointments, supply runs, etc),
____ fundraising, ____ special events, ____ record keeping/clerical, ____ dog walking, ____ Other _____

Tear off here for your receipt-----



RECEIPT – BORDERLAND HUMANE SOCIETY

Name of donor: _____ Date: _____

Amount: _____

In the form of: ____ cash, ____ check, ____ other (ex: Pay Pal): _____

For: ____ donation ____ memorial donation ____ in kind donation ____ membership
____ other (description of non-cash contribution): _____

*** Thank you for your contribution! No goods or services were provided in exchange for the contribution. ***

Call Logs Report July-Sept 2010

10 dogs, 7 cats reported lost
11 dogs, 15 cats reported found
People interested in 19 dogs, 12 cats
People want to surrender 5 dogs, 10 cats
0 dogs, 0 cats taken into foster care
0 dog, 0 cat adopted out
0 dog, 0 cats available in foster care
3 Abuse/Neglect Calls
12 other calls-32 total calls
50 vouchers issued
131 Year-to-Date Total Vouchers:
67 Cats, 64 Dogs: \$6,591.00

Holding Facility Report July-Sept 2010

Taken in: 28 dogs 13 cats
Returned to owner: 20 dogs 0 cats
Adopted: 3 dogs 4 cats
To Foster Care: 5 dogs 3 cats
To other facility: 0 dogs 0 cats
Euthanized: 1 dog 4 cats

Developed in South Africa, the Rhodesian Ridgeback is known for its' bravery and considered the Navy Seal of Dogs. Known for their strength, courage & endurance, they can keep up with a running horse for 30 minutes

Foster Care Report 7-22-10 to 9-21-10:

Taken into Foster Care: 2 dogs 14 cats
Adopted out: 3 dogs 4 cats
Available in Foster Care: 1 dog 12 cats
Foster Homes: 4



Never be afraid to try something new.
Remember, amateurs built the ark.
Professionals built the Titanic.



GOING GREEN:

Our quarterly newsletter is available on our web site www.borderlandhumanesociety.org. If you would prefer to read it there or in your e-mail, please complete and send the form below to us at PO Box 543 in the Falls or drop it at the Facility. This form can also be used for a change of mailing address.

I would like to continue to receive the newsletter through the mail
Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
I would like to read the newsletter on the website _____
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DONATIONS AND GIFTS

Thanks always to Boise ~ they donate the time, paper and equipment to make the copies of this newsletter and other publications for the Borderland Humane Society.

In memory of Little Mundela, my devoted little fishing dog for ten years: Katherine Owre

In memory of John Roche and Anne LaPointe: Chuck Corrin

In memory of Christine Weum, who loved and cared deeply for animals: Theodore and Vickie Dlugos

In memory of mother Christine Weum, who loved her companion dog "Yukon: Charles & Helen Bly

In memory of Christine (Tina) Weum: Susan G. & J.B. Reichel, Irene Sether, Pat Debenedet

In loving memory of Nick (Kochaniuk): Dale & Valerie Olsen

For big Nick K: Derek Villebrun & Michele Walls

In memory of Nick Kochaniuk: William & Jeanne Corrin

In memory of Nick Kochaniuk, who always believed in your mission in saving and respecting the lives of animals: Twila M. Doris Sauve and Michael J. Sauve

In memory of Trixie, my first pet, 1939-1953, an "auburn" cocker spaniel: Janet Larson Schultheis

In memory of Verna Bolstad: John & Peg Westom

Other donations:

Barb Albert, Arthur Corrin, Julie Holmstead, Renee Radford, Debra & Randall Ciminski, Janet Arai

Thanks always to Animal Care Attendants at the Facility: Donna Nordrum, Rowland Hamly, Lead Attendant Vicki Meyer and to the volunteers. Also, Congratulations to Vicki on her new baby girl!

Thank you again and again and again to Dick and Judy Soger for the handy dandy microchip scanner for the Holding Facility. We can get dogs back to the owners in no time....if they have a chip.

Thanks to those who have read the Cesar Milan books distributed at the "Cause for Paws" in February. We hope you enjoyed them and have passed them along to another interested reader.

Thanks to Dr. John & Robin Fisher at the Vermilion Vet Clinic for putting ahead of the almighty dollar the couple of stray huskies brought in by Game Warden Lloyd Steen with so many porcupine quills in their faces that they were unrecognizable. Thanks also to Lloyd for bringing them in.

Thanks to the sponsors of the BHS web site: City Drug, Coffee Landing Metro, Sjoblom's, Sears, and Super One Foods

Sue & Larry Dow recently donated a dog kennel

Abbie & Rob Boyd donated dog collars, waterless bath, and flea spray

Joanne and Tom Coulombe donated a bunch of canned cat food to the Facility

Kari Johnson of Lino Lakes is lining up skateboarders for the 2011 4th of July parade

Sherry Wold paid the registration fee for BHS to sponsor a ladies' volleyball team on a Canadian League. All the players will be wearing BHS shirts.

GivingThanks

More Thanks: to the volunteers at the Holding Facility: Chuck Lindahl, Mike Fritz, Taylor Fritz, Kallie Kantos-Fritz, Mike and Nikki Turenne

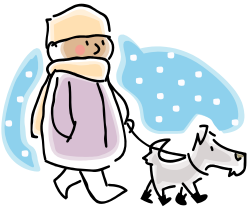
The most common gestation period of cats will last between 63 and 67 days. That's just over two months. If they don't breed again for eight weeks (until the kittens are weaned) that's another two months. So a female cat can easily have three litters of kittens in a year. Average about 5 or 6 per litter is 15 to 18 kittens a year from one mama cat. The toms are ready any time a female is ready and can service many females in a year. See how quickly they can reproduce!!

"If you are considering volunteering to be a voice for the homeless, abused and neglected animals, please don't stop there, get plugged in to your local humane society's meetings and get the full story on what is happening in your community."

Meetings are held each 4th Thursday every month at the Good Samaritan Rivers Edge Villa at 6pm.

Please join the BHS in its' endeavor to make a difference in our community and the animals lives.

The animals need you!



The active members of the Borderland Humane Society need you, too. There is a good core group who end up

doing pretty much all of the work, and since taking over the Facility this group has been overwhelmed with that. More warm bodies are needed to help with fun things...walking the dogs, petting the cats, grooming the dogs and the cats, getting information out to the public via tables at local businesses and articles in The Journal & the newsletter, fundraising activities, parades, dog and cat shows and competitions. Someone could assist with assembling and mailing the newsletter. Maybe someone could take pictures of children and animals. Someone could do presentations to and answer questions for the 4-H kids and the school kids (they love it when you bring animals). Learning to respect and enjoy animals needs to start at an early age (animal abuse leads to domestic abuse and vice versa). People at the Care Center are always delighted by animal visits. These are also opportunities for persons who don't have a pet of their own for whatever reason to interact with people-loving animals and animal-loving people. Share *YOUR* ideas and time to help the animals. Sherry Wold

We have been a little less active since our dog became ill/died and Rachel graduated, but I want to make sure you know we are still dedicated to BHS as a foster home. BHS is a great organization and the board is so very hard-working and passionate in their care for animals (thank-you, thank-you). We will always be honored to be members and to foster. Catherine Crawford

Thanks and keep up the good work, Dick & Judy Soger

Fostering gives not only the animals a leg up on life but it also changes the heart of the foster family. Speaking from experience, my family has become more aware of issues with homeless and neglected animals and it makes wonderful conversation at the dinner table when we all share a common goal. Taking a helpless, unwanted animal and giving them something that they would never have known otherwise is the most rewarding experience in a Humans life. Namely mine. Cindy Meyer 9-21-10

The BHS did not get to where it is now without all the work of those involved since 1973 but I think there was a corner turned in February 2006 when it changed somehow following that meeting at the Coffee Landing and took on a new life. I have been so proud (although often very tired and frustrated) to be part of it all. I feel really good about the direction things are going and so so glad that other people have gotten involved. However, as each new person comes on board (and some leave) I think it is important not to forget all those who have contributed and moved on or not and those who have and continue to work behind the scenes or in their little ways, including Bob Congrave, Wanda Matiski, Samantha Allie, Cindy Kostiuik, Doug Grindall and Rod Otterness, Holly Sparby, Mike & Nikki Turenne, Val Larsen, Kathy Dault, and Roberta Larsen. Previous Board members Robin Ramquist, Delores LaRock and Ormond Cooper became involved again. Lisa Jenkins designed the logo. Trina Severson joined our Board in 2007, helping to organize the "Call Book" and schedule and coordinate foster care things, as well as getting us set up with our web site and on PetFinder. And don't let me forget Pam Mathys, who kept up to about 20 cats and kittens at her house for a few months. Rosie Klementson has been a loving foster home. Laurie Youso has helped. Nikki Turenne has really risen to the job as President with the talks with the City and County and the taking over of the Facility last year. What would BHS have done without Angelique, and now Kallie, and Tracey and the wonderful employees at the facility and people like Abbie the painter, and all the foster parents I may not even have met yet, the many adopters and others. Kathie Fluke