

the Chamber of Commerce and a Recognition Plaque presented.

The Daily Journal sponsored Borderland Humane Society for the third year by having a Christmas tree in their lobby for the placement of pet foods, cat litter, toys, beds, leashes, etc. to be donated to the local Food Shelf where persons in need could also get something for their pets during the holiday season.

The Coffee Landing Metro has developed a "Coffee of the Month" program which will benefit BHS. A percentage of purchase price of the flavor of the month will be donated for the animals.

United Health Group will sponsor the second annual "Cause for Paws" February 20th at the Holiday Inn. See article in this issue.

The BHS participates in community events providing education on animals to the public through 4-H groups, libraries, craft fairs, etc.

New members and volunteers are always needed to help with the animals and meetings are open to the public. General meetings are held the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at River's Edge Villa dining room. Membership fees are \$10 per year from January through December.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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.

Borderland Humane Society has animals available for adoption on a regular basis. See pictures on our

What a wonderful job everyone has done to get us to where we are right now! The open house was great. Many positive comments on the facility and almost \$1150 in donations. Many thanks to all who donated and all who shared this long dreamed-of event with us. Some of the contributors were Lu Walhaug, Edie Sandstrom & Leslie Olson, Jean Evens, Degree of Honor #251, Richard & Judy Soger, Teresa Jaksa, Ronald & Kathy Sather, and Marcia & Paul Turenne.

Since taking over the City Pound In July of 2009, Borderland Humane Society members and volunteers have worked feverishly to revamp the building into the "Holding Facility" by cleaning, painting, updating, installing new equipment, and obtaining permits from the State to operate as a facility to take in neglected and abused animals.

The BHS is a non-profit organization which was established in the 1970's by Jean Manley and a group of animal lovers. After Jean retired, June Jaksa kept the group together with her love of animals and her relentless commitment. After a year of slow activity, Sherry Woldmade sure that the BHS had a fervent comeback. At this time the BHS has a very active membership and Board of Directors dedicated to the mission of the organization, which is to promote value and respect for animal life by connecting people and pets through education and technology. In addition to operating the Facility, the BHS provides foster care services to abandoned, abused and/or neglected animals. Attempts are made to reunite pets with their owners through a spot on KGHS-KSDM radio at 7:40 AM every Tuesday and Thursday sponsored by Super One, Monday "pet of the Week" photos in the Daily Journal and an internet website: www.borderlandhumanesociety.org. The BHS acts as an advocate for the adherence of Minnesota animal welfare laws. A spay/neuter program offering financial assistance for alteration is available to help with pet overpopulation.

The contact number for the Resource Coordinator is 218-324-2313 and the number at the Holding Facility is 218-283-9276. Facility hours are 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday. You may call either of the numbers listed if you have lost a pet or are interested in adopting an animal.

On October 22nd the Borderland Humane Society held an open house at the Holding Facility which was attended by about 150 people. Hot cider and goodies were served and people could see the improvements to the building and some of the animals available for adoption. Pictures of successful animal adoptions with new owners were posted and informational handouts on caring for animals were provided to attendees. Mayor Shawn Mason spoke of the importance of the BHS coordinating with the City, County, and law enforcement to advocate for animal welfare. A Ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted by

website, www.borderlandhumanesociety.org, or
Petfinder.com. or in the Daily Journal on Mondays.
Phone 218-324-2313 if you are interested in adopting
a pet or becoming a foster

BORDERLAND HUMANE SOCIETY OFFICERS

President: Nikki Turenne

Vice President: Angelique LaFrance

Treasurer: Tracey Klocek

Secretary: Sherry Wold

Public Relations: Robin Ramquist

Directors: Cindy Kostiuk, Jessica Kokesh,
Cindy Meyer



Financial and Fundraising Committee: Tracey
Klocek , Robin Ramquist , Sherry Wold,

Personnel Committee: Angelique LaFrance, Daryl
Waller, Tracey Klocek

Foster Care Coordinator: Cindy Meyer

Volunteer Coordinator: Kallie Kantos-Fritz
bhsvolunteers@yahoo.com.

Pet Bank Donations: Heather Sjoblom

Newsletter: Sherry Wold

Foster Homes: Cindy Meyer, Cindy Kostiuk,
Catherine and Rachel Crawford, Holly Moyer,
Tiffany Houska, James Barstow, Gary, Betsy, &
Katie Loop (12-15-09)

PLEASE PARTICIPATE

Election of Officers will be held on February
25 at the regular meeting at River's Edge Villa.

Following persons are running for office:

President – Nikki Turenne

Vice President – Angelique LaFrance

Treasurer – Tracey Klocek

Secretary – Position Available

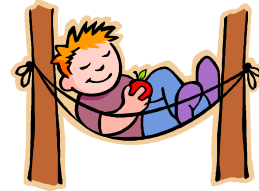
Public Relations Director – Robin Ramquist

Director at Large – Cindy Meyer

Director at Large – Jessica Kokesh

Director at Large – Position Available

Nominations may be sent to:
info@borderlandhumanesociety.org
and will be accepted from the floor at the time
of election.



Did you know? Secondhand smoke is
not only dangerous to humans; it
harms your pets, too. Pets face
an increased risk of cancer
because they live on carpets,
rugs, and floors where deadly
chemicals accumulate long after
the smoke has faded. Dogs are
more likely to develop lung or
nasal cancer, animals can
experience allergies and eye
irritations, and cats can develop
respiratory problems, lung
inflammation and asthma as a
result of secondhand smoke.
*American Lung Association in
Minnesota*

When Lobo, an 80 pound Rottweiler
mix, first saw a licensed practitioner of healing
arts in veterinary medicine, he had lost all
movement in his hind quarters due to a spinal
cord injury. Today he has started to run and
has regained feeling in his legs, which is
credited by his owner to holistic medicines
and care.

Veterinarians in the St. Cloud area are
offering more holistic options in addition to
conventional treatments. Treatments
available in central Minnesota also include
changes in diet, nutritional supplements,
massage, reiki, acupuncture and herbal
remedies. One veterinarian used acupuncture
to help a bird stop plucking its feathers. A
dog with recurring cancer survived two good

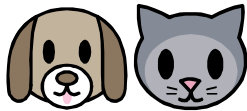
years without having a second leg removed and died of something else. Such results make owners believers.

Holistic medicine takes time and patience. Veterinary visits can last 45 minutes to an hour and owners have to take control of the treatments, such as stretches and massages, at home.

Reiki treatments are available locally.

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@borderlandhumansociety.org.



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 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.

Dog Bite Protection:

Every year nearly five million people are bitten by dogs in the United States, and more than 300,000 seek emergency medical care because of those bites. With over 50 percent of bites occurring on the dog owner's property, the issue is a major concern for owners and guests alike.

Here are some simple rules to follow (and, if you are a dog owner, to encourage your guests to follow) to prevent bites from occurring:

- Ask the owner's permission before petting a dog

- Before you reach to pet a dog, allow it to sniff you first
- Do not try to pet a dog that is eating, sleeping, or playing with a toy
- Always speak quietly and move slowly (quick movements and loud voices can frighten a dog)

Source: Western National Insurance Minnesota Safety Council (www.Minnesotasafetycouncil.org); Insurance Information Institute (www.iii.org)

Saving just one pet won't change the world, . . . but, surely, the world will change for that one pet . . .

"This is a matter purely of conscience; it has no perplexing side issues. It is a moral question in all its aspects." Henry Bergh, ASPCA Founder

The charter incorporating the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was passed on April 10, 1866. Nine days later, an anti-cruelty law was passed, and the ASPCA granted the right to enforce it.

That is exactly what the ASPCA, with a full-time staff of three, set out to do. Bergh wrote to a reporter, "Day after day I am in slaughterhouses, or lying in wait at midnight with a squad of police near some dog pit. Lifting a fallen horse to his feet, penetrating buildings where I inspect collars and saddles for raw flesh, then lecturing in public schools to children, and again to adult societies. Thus my whole life is spent."

The comforts Bergh gained for creatures just during his lifetime are enormous in scope. In 1867, the ASPCA operated the first ambulance anywhere for injured horses; 1875 marked the creation of a sling for horse rescue. Bergh advocated humane alternatives to live pigeons at shooting events, and supplied the horses who pulled carts and streetcars in Manhattan with fresh drinking water daily. These public fountains were visited by cats, dogs and humans, too.

By the time of Bergh's death in 1888, the idea that animals should be protected from cruelty had touched America's heart and conscience. Humane societies had sprung up throughout the nation—among the first to follow New York's lead

were Buffalo, Boston and San Francisco—and 37 of 38 states in the union had enacted anti-cruelty laws. Working for legislation continues to be one of our guiding principles. www.asPCA.org

NOTE: Not until 1959 was the Declaration of the Rights of the Child issued by the United Nations.

"UNTIL ONE HAS LOVED AN ANIMAL, PART OF THEIR SOUL REMAINS UNAWAKENED."

There's a book out there called "How to Toilet-Train Your Cat: 21 Days to a Litter-Free home....."

PUPPY CHOW (for people)

- 1 ½ cup peanut butter
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 6 cups Crispix cereal
- 1 ½ cup powdered sugar

Melt peanut butter, butter, chocolate chips. Mix in Crispix. Put powdered sugar in brown paper bag. Pour in Crispix mixture. Close the bag and shake, shake, shake!! Keeps well in Tupperware. *Sue Murphy*

MUDDY BUDDIES (Puppy Chow)

- 9 cups Chex cereal (any)
- 1 pkg. semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ¼ cup margarine or butter (no tub product)
- 1 ½ cup powdered sugar
- ½ cup peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Measure cereal into large bowl; set aside. Microwave chocolate chips, peanut butter and margarine in 1-quart microwavable bowl, uncovered, on high for 1 minute; stir. Microwave 30 seconds longer or until mixture can be stirred smooth. Stir in vanilla. Pour chocolate mixture on cereal in bowl, stirring until evenly coated. Pour in large plastic food storage bag; add powdered sugar. Seal bag, shake until well

coated. Spread on waxed paper to cool. Store in air-tight container. *Wendy Nyberg*

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

It's called the HAPPY Act – Humanity and Pets Partnered Through the Years – and if it gets through Congress, pet owners across the nation will get a tax deduction for pet care expenses of up to \$3,500 per person. The bill, introduced by Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Mich., defines a pet as “a legally owned, domesticated, live animal,” which covers dogs, cats and an assortment of other creatures. *AARP Bulletin December 2009*

Second Annual “A Cause for Paws”

United Health Group is again pleased to sponsor “A Cause for Paws” fundraising event for the Borderland Humane Society (BHS)! The funds raised at this event help support the well-being and health-care of abandoned and neglected animals in greater International Falls and Koochiching County. Our first annual “A Cause for Paws” held last February raised more than \$9,500.00. Those dollars were used for checkups, vaccinations, spays and neuters, medications, and a variety of other necessities. Last July, the BHS contracted with the City of International Falls to manage and operate its animal pound. Some of the revenue raised at last year's event also went toward improvements to the Facility. About half of the BHS annual budget is used for medical care and spaying and neutering.

On Saturday February 20, 2010, we will be hosting our second annual fundraiser at the Holiday Inn in International Falls. The BHS is grateful for our community's generosity and interest in the lives of abandoned and stray animals. Please mark your calendars and come out for a fun evening while

supporting a great cause. You're sure to be delighted by the door prizes, raffle ticket items and auction items along with great food and cheer.

If you are interested in making a donation of any kind to "A Cause for Paws", please contact Angelique LaFrance, "A Cause for Paws" Committee Chair at 218-240-1037.



2010 Wish List

Laser toys for the cats

Big towels for the dogs for beds (used towels are great)

Dog toys (balls, squeaky toys, etc.)

Dog treats (rawhide, pig's ears, any treat would be appreciated)

Flea collars & powder

Laundry hamper (tall & plastic) x 2

Garbage/leaf bags

Spillproof stainless steel bowls for dogs

Snap on feeders for the cats

Set of screwdrivers
Indoor/outdoor thermometer
Rectal, digital thermometer

Paper towels

Cleaning supplies (bleach, Lysol, etc.)

Disposable gloves

Cleaning gloves

Cat & dog nail clippers

Can opener

Foster Care:

Cat beds

Cat toys (balls, lasers, etc.)

Cat condos (Menards sells these)

Cat nail clippers

Small pet carriers

Litter boxes with covers

Frontline for cats

Towels

****Committed foster care homes****

Thank you for your time, consideration and assistance

BORDERLAND HUMANE SOCIETY
PO BOX 543



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BORDERLAND HUMANE SOCIETY, P.O. Box 543, International Falls, Minnesota 56649

Web: www.borderlandhumanesociety.org; Email: info@borderlandhumanesociety.org; Ph:218-324-

2313

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



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and respect for animal life by connecting people and
pets through education and technology.

Call Book Report
Fourth Quarter
2009

7 dogs, 3 cats
reported lost

13 dogs, 7 cats
reported found

People interested in
32 dogs, 17 cats

People want to
surrender 1 dog, 2
cats

2 dogs, 8 cats
taken into foster
care

2 dogs, 12 cats
adopted out

2 dogs, 10 cats
available in foster

Ten
Abuse/Neglect
Calls
79 other
calls-152 total calls
28 vouchers
issued

Holding Facility
Report July-
December 2009

Taken in: 75 dogs
35 cats

Returned to owner:
41 dogs 3 cats

Adopted: 18 dogs
13 cats

To Foster Care: 6
dogs 7 cats

To other facility: 1
dog 2 cats

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 \$ _____. You may also
donate securely at our website through Pay Pal!

I would like to volunteer! Please check your area(s) of interest:
_____ foster care, _____ foster care support (vet appts, supply
runs, etc), _____ fundraising, _____ special events, _____
record keeping/clerical, _____ other:

Tear off here for your

receipt-----

RECEIPT – BORDERLAND HUMANE SOCIETY

care

Euthanized: 4 cats

Died: 1 dog
Repeat Offenders:
7 dogs

Died or Euthanized
25

Foster Care Report
Fourth Quarter

In BHS custody at
end of year

2009:

18
TOTAL

Taken into Foster
Care: 3 dogs 10
cats

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...224
(Up from
102 in 2008)

Adopted out: 11
cats

Average monthly
income

Available in Foster
Care: 2 dogs 15
cats

\$5,497.14

Foster Homes: 6

Average monthly
expenses

\$4,725.75

Total animal intake
to Foster Care for
2009: 31 dogs and
98 cats - total 129
2009 calls to
Resource
Coordinator: 811

Veterinary expenses

44%

Payroll

16%

Food and Supplies
for Animals

11%

Office Expense and
Equipment

8%

Legal Expenses

9%

Goods to Sell

5%

Public
Relations/Educatio
nal Expense 7%

Total Expenses
\$56,708.95

100%

Animals in BHS
custody 2009
224

Owned animals
helped with S/N
costs 94

(Up from 40 in
2008)

Total Animals
served by BHS in
2009 318

Outcomes

Animals Adopted
124

Returned to owners

45

To rescue center or
other

12

A microchip reader
would be very
useful at the
Holding Facility.



GOING GREEN: Our quarterly newsletter is available on our web site www.borderlandhumanesociety.org. If you would prefer to read it there and eliminate one more piece of mail in your box, 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 _____

In memory of lovable lab Lucy:

Jim & Lori Lyman

In memory of Bill Corrin:

Chuck & Maxine Corrin

In memory of Pete Everett

Bruce & Faye Barrett

In memory of Tom Nagurski

Bronko & Beverly, Tony, Jan, Geri, Ron & Kevin, Judy Berryman

In memory of Earl Belanger:

Bruce & Gloria Anderson

In honor of Mike Turenne's birthday:

Allan & Sue Braaten
George & Susan Amidon

Other donations:

Ted Etienne, Good Samaritan Society, Joann & Jim Dornhecker, Lynda Faith, Henrietta Hayward, June Mason, Janet Schultheis, Warren Ritala, Ranier Recreation Club, Roger & Terri Hanson, Janine Burtness, Lawrence & Jean Bolling, Robert & Darcy Sullivan, William & Mary Genell, John & Helen Patterson, Beta Sigma Phi, Ont Beta Xi Chapter, Ron Wilcox and the Rani Muni Corn Feed, Heidi & Michael Sutherland, CA Corrin, Cindy Griffith Story, Doug & Marlys Grindall, Kooch County Senior Center, Marilyn Mathews, Mary Kay & Jeff Hardwig, Myrna & Allan Meadows, Union Hall, Jennifer Skogstad, Don & Helen Billig, Tom & Kathleen Przybylski, Darlene Karsnia, Stacy Modahl, Elaine & Larry Beach, Amber Phillips, Lu Walhaug, Edie Sandstrom & Leslie Olson, Jean Evens, Degree of Honor #251, Richard & Judy Soger, Teresa Jaksa, Ronald & Kathy Sather, Marcia & Paul Turenne, Bob & Marge Hayward.



DO NATIONS AND GIFTS

Many thanks to Julie Jaksaf for the very nice pet carrier donated through Cindy Kostiuk and Carol Schumacher for the pet carriers, leashes and collars through Cindy Meyer in October. Thanks to Rainy River Veterinary Hospital for four bags of kitten food in October. Our sympathies and thanks to Janis Koerbitz for two big bags of dog food and doggy treats following the loss of her Golden Retriever, Bob & Marge Hayward for food and litter, etc.

In memory of Elsa Skartvedt:

Lyle & Diane Windsness

Saturday 9-19-09 to help clean (and Angelique of course helped a lot the weekend before). Nikki Turenne, Robin Ramquist, RosaLee Trompeter and Mary Christianson were a major help on Saturday! Denise Romanowicz, Donna Nordrum, Amy Anderson

Kallie's (Kantos-Fritz) mom donated one dog bed to the Holding Facility that she purchased and she made three cat beds. When the cats are adopted, their beds go with them. The beds are machine washable and really cute.

For the "Lights Before Christmas" Parade:

Northern Lumber for donating the wood

Sjoblom's Landscape & Nursery - use of their trailer

City of International falls - use of the fire hydrant

Tom Kantos-picking up and delivering the 2x4's and the trailer and returning the dog house

Thanks to the anonymous lady at K-Mart who donated 25# dog and cat food for the Facility and many other gifts under the Daily Journal tree

Special thanks to Kathie Fluke for her dedication and attention to detail over the past few years as President and Treasurer of BHS