

The address is 150 Cedar Road at the Holding Facility, formerly "the pound." We decided to call it the Borderland Humane Society Holding Facility because we are not a shelter and we don't want to use the name "pound." Also, "Holding Facility" means just that. We don't want the animals to have to stay there long; just a short time to allow owners to claim them, then into a foster home and then a permanent home as soon as possible.

Mission Statement: The Borderland Humane Society is dedicated to the promotion of humane treatment of animals through Education, Protection and Promotion of Responsibility.

Initially the BHS has run this facility much as law enforcement had done in the past, with very part-time employees doing cleaning, feeding and handling of animals (cats and dogs only). The BHS will also handle matching up pets with owners, adoptions from the Facility, and placement of animals into their foster care program.

Law Enforcement will continue to handle duties related to calls in the community regarding nuisance or stray dogs. Calls regarding nuisance and feral cats will be handled at times by law enforcement and with assistance from BHS. Investigation of animal abuse and neglect is primarily a law enforcement duty and will continue to be. BHS will continue to take animals seized by law enforcement due to abuse or neglect. County abandoned animals are currently admitted to the BHS foster care program as space allows. Only if city animals are first accommodated will BHS be able to take county animals at the Facility. *Surrenders* will not be accepted at the Holding Facility or by BHS. It is not a shelter facility and does not have the capacity to take surrenders. This may change in the future but is probably a long way off.

Due to the problem of people abandoning unwanted pets in the streets of the city and in the country, the BHS will aggressively continue to pursue education of the public about responsible pet ownership and the need to spay/neuter pets. BHS will continue to help with spay/neuter vouchers to offset part of the cost of the procedure.

Things the BHS will do that are not currently done at the pound operation include charging an adoption fee after seeing that the animals have basic exams, vaccinations and arranging for spay/neuter as per current BHS policies. BHS will collect data on numbers of animals handled at the Facility and their disposition. Fines for owners

picking up their animals that were running loose will be enforced and the use of those fees will help offset expenses and add to future improvements of the operation. City license fees will continue to be handled at the Municipal Building.

As the BHS acclimates to running the Facility they hope to add the use of volunteers to exercise and socialize the animals and perhaps be able to expand hours and services.

BHS has completely cleaned, disinfected and painted the Facility and added better cat cages. Fencing a larger area to provide a play area for the dogs is an idea. A long term BHS goal is that the county and city will work together with the BHS to grow this into a shelter operation with additional building space and other amenities like an office space, an examining room, isolation room and that type of thing.

Watch the Daily Journal for news about an Open House coming up soon.

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 every fourth Thursday of the 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 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.

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As of mid-July, Minnesota's Senator Al Franken is introducing legislation to create a program to provide service dogs to hundreds of wounded veterans. Service dogs raise their masters' sense of well-being. There is evidence to suggest that increasing their numbers would reduce the alarming suicide rate among veterans, decrease the number of hospitalizations, and lower the cost of medications and human care. Veterans report that service dogs help break their isolation. People will often avert their eyes when they see a wounded veteran. But when the veteran has a dog the same people will come up and say hi to pet the dog and then strike up a conversation.



As of August 1, 2009, veterinary students in Minnesota can look forward to a new large animal veterinary loan forgiveness program that will focus on helping veterinarians who operate full-time practices in "underserved" rural areas and work mostly with food animals.

Dog Lessons for People

Enjoy the simple pleasures of a walk. Follow your instincts. Never underestimate the value of a belly rub. Be loyal and faithful. Always drink plenty of water. Sometimes it is best to just sit close and listen. Be quick to forgive. Avoid biting when a growl will do. Keep digging until you find what you want. Run and play daily. Accept all of life's treats with gratitude. Life is short; pet often. Love unconditionally.

Dogs Know

Mary and her husband Jim had a dog named 'Lucky.' Lucky was a real character. Whenever Mary and Jim had company come for a weekend visit they would warn their friends to not leave their luggage open because Lucky would help himself to whatever struck his fancy. Inevitably, someone would forget and something would come up missing. Mary or Jim would go to Lucky's toy box in the basement and there the treasure would be, amid all of Lucky's other favorite toys. Lucky always stashed his finds in his toy box and he was very particular that his toys stay in the box.

It happened that Mary found out she had breast cancer. Something told her she was going to die of this disease....in fact; she was just sure it was fatal. She scheduled the double mastectomy, fear riding her shoulders. The night before she was to go to the hospital she cuddled with Lucky. A thought struck her...what would happen to Lucky? Although the three-year-old dog liked Jim, he was Mary's dog through and through. If I die, Lucky will be abandoned, Mary thought. He won't understand that I didn't want to leave him! The thought made her sadder than thinking of her own death.

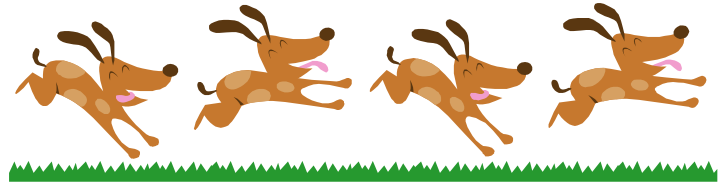
The double mastectomy was harder on Mary than her doctors had anticipated and Mary was hospitalized for over two weeks. Jim took Lucky for his evening walk faithfully, but the little dog just drooped, whining and miserable. Finally the day came for Mary to leave the hospital. When she arrived home, Mary was so exhausted she couldn't even make it up the steps to her bedroom. Jim made his wife comfortable on the couch and left her to nap.

Lucky stood watching Mary but he didn't come to her when she called. It made Mary sad but sleep soon overcame her and she dozed.

When Mary woke for a second she couldn't understand what was wrong. She couldn't move her head and her body felt heavy and hot. But

panic soon gave way to laughter when Mary realized the problem. She was covered, literally blanketed, with every treasure Lucky owned! While she had slept, the sorrowing dog had made trip after trip to the basement bringing his beloved mistress all his favorite things in life. **He had covered her with his love.** Mary forgot about dying. Instead she and Lucky began living again, walking further and further together every day. It's been 12 years now and Mary is still cancer-free. Lucky still steals treasures and stashes them in his toy box but Mary remains his greatest treasure.

A Hug a Day Keeps the Grumpies Away



The BHS continues to seek opportunities for educational presentations on pet care and ownership, the importance of the humane treatment of all animals, and the unique role that pets play in the lives of their people. Please contact Heather Sjoblom at 324-2313 to arrange a program for your group.

From the Daily Journal:

Thumbs up to the International Falls City Council and Borderland Humane Society for firming up a contract that will see improved service at the International Falls pound and save taxpayers money. 7-2-09

Thumbs up to the many people seen walking their dogs. It's a great way to bond with a companion while at the same time getting some valuable exercise for both human and dog. It's been said that a tired dog is a well behaved dog. 7-9-09

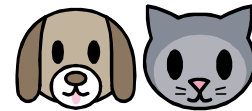
Thumbs down to people who allow their dogs to poop in other people's yards without cleaning it up. International Falls ordinance says it is unlawful for the owner of any dog or cat to fail "to forthwith remove dog or cat waste deposited on public or private property, or (f) permit solid waste of a dog or cat to accumulate on his premises for more than 24 hours." 7-16-09

Thumbs down for endangering pets: Thumbs down to dog owners who let their pets dangle dangerously out of vehicle windows, especially on the driver's side, or ride around with them loose in the back of truck boxes. While this instant gratification may make a pet happy for a moment, the consequences of a disastrous occurrence could cause both a dog and its owners great pain.

Thumbs down also to dog owners who tie them outside in the heat without sufficient water supply or shaded shelter.

A dog comes when called...a cat takes a message and gets back to you later

Feral: 1. Reverted to an untamed state from domestication 2. Of or characteristic of a wild animal; savage



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.

The Borderland Humane Society rescues animals in the City and the County with limited foster care available. Anywhere there is a volunteer with an open heart, the BHS will be there providing a supportive environment for the ongoing rescue of hundreds of animals every year. You can be a part of this Chain of Love – It's all About the Animals.

Being a foster is a rewarding, fun and challenging volunteer experience. There are always more than enough animals in need of foster or temporary homes. Every day animals

are abandoned, abused and homeless in the International Falls area.

Bring animals into your home for short-term placement. Socialize them, train them, love them and let them be a member of your family. Learn everything there is to know about your foster pet so that you can represent them at the day of adoption. For every person looking for a new pet there is a new pet looking for a new forever home. It's our job to place as many healthy, friendly animals into new forever homes as we possibly can.

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.



DOG TREATS #2

2 CUPS WHOLE WHEAT FLOUR

1 EGG

$\frac{1}{2}$ CUP CORN MEAL

$\frac{1}{4}$ CUP COOKING OIL

1 CLOVE GARLIC MINCED

1 BEEF BOULLION CUBE DISSOLVED IN $\frac{1}{2}$ CUP WATER

$\frac{1}{2}$ CUP FINELY GRATED CHEDDAR CHEESE

Mix together (with hands) all of the above. Add water if needed. Mix until it sticks. Flatten out $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick. Make any kind of shapes. Grease cookie sheets. Bake 30-35 minutes @ 350. Cool on racks.

Chocolate kills dogs! Chocolate affects a dog's heart and nervous system; a few ounces are enough to kill a small dog.

DOG FISH TREATS

4 cups whole wheat flour

2 cups cracked wheat flour

$\frac{1}{3}$ cup corn meal

1 tablespoon oregano

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup Parmesan cheese

14 oz can salmon - drained

1 cup plus $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cold water

2 eggs

1 teaspoon garlic minced

Mix with hands, adding more water if needed. Make into shapes. Bake on greased cookie sheets for 30-35 minutes at 350 degrees and cool on racks.



Be Kind to Animals ~ Spay or Neuter your pet.
Contact BHS at 218-324-2313 for information on
our spay-neuter assistance program.

DO NATIONS AND GIFTS

Thanks to: Boise Cascade for office furniture.
Nikki and Mike Turenne, Angelique LaFrance,
Denise Romanowicz and all of the other volunteers
for the many hours cleaning and painting the
Facility.

Rummage Sale July 17

Ladies of the Lake for various rummage items and
donations to Foster care
John Hendrix for dog food, rummage items
Susan Polis for rummage items
BHS members and friends for rummage items
Linda Vance for playpen, doggie toys, blankets
People in the community for donating sale items
People in the community for purchasing sale items
Aijah Meyer-Junior member, for refreshment stand and
animal care during the sale. Coffee, lemonade, cookies
and doughnuts were sold along with free smiles. **WE DID
GOOD Total = \$830.61** including \$29.00 from the
Refreshment Stand
One kitten (Sylvester) got adopted at the sale.

Until he extends the circle of his compassion
to all living things, Man will not himself find
peace. **Albert Schweitzer**

In memory of Lucy Dog, Cathy Turenne
Gordon's 17-year-old dachshund:

Marcia Turenne

In memory of Gippie Girl:

Katherine "Tita" Owre

Other donations:

Koochiching County Commissioners, Susan &
Alan Braaten, Cheryl Berg, Burt & Jean
Grafsgaard, Gale Aklestad, Jerome & Toni
Shermoen, Warren Ritala, Paul Brandstrom,
Connie & Jonathan Roufs, Terry & William
Lahmayer, Marilyn Mathews, Janet Arai,
Raquel Korpi, Abbie Boyd, Cynthia Haney,
Elizabeth Miechkota, Michele Dahlin, Kallie
Kantos-Fritz, Kimberly Nugent, Margaret Terry,
Debora Long, Angelique LaFrance



In-Kind Donations: Thanks to Sue
Swendsen and Jim Bruggeman for dog food
for foster animals in memory of Pippirini
Pachouli - "Pip"

WISH LIST:

Microchip Reader
4" to 6" chain link fence and/or
fittings, posts, etc.
Live traps
Pet carriers, kennels, cages in good,
clean shape
Cat and dog treats, food, toys
Collars and leashes
Stainless steel pet bowls
Clean pet beds



THE PASTOR'S CAT...

Dwight Nelson recently told a true story about
the pastor of his church. A kitten had climbed up
a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to
come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm
milk, etc. The kitty would not come down.

The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and pulled it until the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten.

That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car... He then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little further forward, the rope broke.

The tree went 'boing!' and the kitten instantly sailed through the air - out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible.. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten.

So he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping," and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food.

This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?" She replied, "You won't believe this," and then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing.

Then, a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, "Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it." She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her."

This story just made me laugh. Every time I think about it, the vision of that poor cat just amuses me to no end.... Hope the story leaves a bright spot in your day. Never underestimate the power of God and his sense of humor.

excommunication. The Church retained full power and authority to exorcise, anathematize (curse), and excommunicate all things animate and inanimate. People prayed to St. Anthony for intercession on behalf of those unfortunate creatures.



Never trust a dog  to watch your food

Call Book Report August 2009

Two dogs, 2 cats reported lost
Seven dogs, 4 cats reported found
People interested in 13 dogs, 10 cats
Two dogs, 8 cats taken into foster care
Two dogs, 12 cats adopted out
Two dogs, 10 cats available in foster care
Five Abuse/Neglect Calls
68 other calls
15 vouchers issued

Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.

Adopt-A-PetHits	PetsPage	Holding Facility
January	980	
February	853	
March	803	
April	834	
May	846	
June	901	
July	981	479
August	981	747



REAL LEGAL EAGLES At one time, animals on the European continent were governed by law and held accountable for their actions. Domestic animals received trial in criminal courts, where punishment upon conviction was death. Their wild counterparts fell under the jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical courts. Punishments rendered included banishment, death by exorcism, and

Before you take your dog home, make sure that you learn as much as you can about him before you make your final decision. You really need to make sure he is the right dog for you. After all, it is a long-term commitment. This dog may be with you for the next 10 to 15 years!

First, you need to consider what you want. Sit down with your family and discuss what size, age, sex, and maybe even breed are you looking for. Do you want a lap dog? Do you want a dog to exercise with? Do you want a watch dog? Or do you just want a nice companion? Do you want an adult or a puppy? Male or female? All of these factors will affect your final selection.

Once you know what you are looking for and finally see a dog at the shelter that might work, consider these questions:

- * What do they know about the dog's history? Where is he from? How long has he been at the shelter?
- * Why is he available for adoption? Has he ever been returned for adoption?
- * How old is he?
- * What breed or breed combination is he?
- * Is he fully grown or how big do they expect him to get?
- * Is the dog male or female? Is he or she neutered or spayed?
- * Is he housebroken?
- * Has he had any training? Does he know any commands? Can he walk on a leash?
- * What is his personality or temperament like? Have they seen any behavioral problems such as aggression? How is he with other dogs? Kids? Cats?
- * What health problem does or has he had? Is he on any medications?
- * Has he been de-wormed or heartworm tested?

- * What vaccines or preventative medications has he received (flea control, heartworm), etc? Is he up-to-date?
- * What are his grooming requirements?
- * What are his exercise needs?
- * What is included in the adoption agreement? Cost of the pet? Is spay/neuter included? Vaccines?
- * What happens if the adoption doesn't work out? What is their policy?

We Want Your New Family Member to Be a Blessing, NOT a Burden!