

Happy Tails...

Dear Cindy,

I wanted to take the time to thank you for helping us find our little darling. As you can see we have given our little girl a new name of Lillie Anne.

This name is in honor of a family member's favorite flower and my mother's middle name.

Lillie is adapting to her new home with energy and a developing personality that continues to become cuter as the days go by. She is such a love and it saddens me each time I think of her and her brother being placed in a garage to be fed and little else.

I visit Borderlands site quite often and am always drawn to the pets [Ten Commandments](#) and I just wanted to comment on whoever wrote that did so with a true understanding of what having a pet as a part of your family is truly about. They should be treated with the same respect, patience and love that is shown their human companions.

Attached I have included a photo of our special addition to the family and again would like to thank you for the work that you and all of the volunteers at Borderland do.

Warmest regards, *Mark*



Dear Borderland Humane Society. My name is Obie and I was one of the kitties

that my former Human threw away in a box and left us out in the cold. I am now here to tell you that because of your kindness and love, I have found my forever home with the boy of my dreams.

I think I was his dream too because he tells me every day how much he loves me, how long he has been waiting to have a kitty like me and that makes me so happy. I now have a warm bed to sleep in at night, lots of windows to curl up in during the day and all the fresh food and water my heart can hold. I am now in my own Heaven. Love Obie (aka-Beeker)

1. Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
2. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm—dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.
3. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.
4. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtle-neck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.
5. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
6. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to house-break during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.
7. Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him—and his fur—in tip-top shape.
8. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.

Information collected from various websites...

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.

Animals available for adoption can be seen on our website, www.borderlandhumanesociety.org or Petfinder.com. or in the Daily Journal on Wednesday. Phone 218-324-2313 if you are interested in **adopting a pet**.

BORDERLAND HUMANE SOCIETY OFFICERS

President: Nikki Turenne

Vice President: Angelique LaFrance

Interim Treasurer: Nikki Turenne

Secretary: Sherry Wold

Public Relations: Robin Ramquist

Directors: Jessica Kokesh, Cindy Meyer, Kallie Kantos-Fritz



Financial and Fundraising Committee: Robin Ramquist, Sherry Wold

Personnel Committee: Jessica Kokesh, Daryl Waller, Angelique LaFrance

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 - Foster Coordinator
(kittens, small dogs)

Cindy Kostiuk - any animal

Catherine & Rachel Crawford - seasonal: dogs

Holly Moyer - Shelties

Betsy Loop - cats/dogs/kittens/puppies

Tiffany & James - puppies/dogs

Joanne Hufnagle - cats/kittens

Jessica & Brad Kokesh - small dogs

Becky Maish - puppies

Ralph Awe - dogs

Lacy Kaushagen - kittens/cats/nursing mothers
bottle feeding

Call 218-324-2313 if you are interested in **fostering**

Call Kathie Fluke at 286-5007 if you would like to volunteer to do **pet education with children**

PLEASE PARTICIPATE

Election of Officers will be held on February 24 at the regular meeting at River's Edge Villa.

Following persons are running for office:

President – Nikki Turenne

Vice President – Angelique LaFrance

Treasurer – Position Available

Secretary – Position Available

Public Relations Director – Robin Ramquist

Director at Large – Cindy Meyer

Director at Large – Jessica Kokesh

Director at Large – Kallie Kantos-Fritz

Nominations may be sent to:

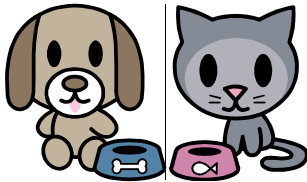
info@borderlandhumanesociety.org

and will be accepted from the floor at the time of the election.

Borderland Humane Society is pleased to have been partnered with **Northland Spay/Neuter Clinic of Duluth** for a Spay/Neuter program for low income recipients throughout the past year. We helped 101 animals in 2010 during 4 trips to Duluth (April, June, August, December) in addition to the regular Spay/Neuter Program. Let's all work together to "STOP THE LITTERING"

A single pair of cats and their kittens can produce as many as 420,000 kittens in 7 years....

Help the Homeless



Rescue a Shelter Animal

The domestic dog is a member of the Canidae family. The Gray Wolf (aka Timber Wolf), is the largest wild member of the Canidae family (and looks a bit like a German Shepherd)

On average, mixed breeds live longer than purebreds, females longer than males and small dogs longer than large dogs

Spaniels, Setters, Pointers and Retrievers are all in the Sporting Dog category and they need plenty of exercise

Sweet tasting anti-freeze is poison to dogs. Even licking it off their paws is bad, and as little as a spoonful can be **fatal**. This cannot be stressed enough. Now available is some that is not poison to animals, so **READ THE LABELS**.

On December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers First Flight was witnessed by four men, a boy, and a dog named Bounce.

[Many thanks to](#) Jane Besch for the donation of four collapsible canvas dog carriers via Jessica Kokesh, to Beverly Hagerman for kennels and miscellaneous items, to Debbie Dunn for the Animal Catch-Pole, to Agnes Henrickson for the nice metal dog kennel in November, to Charlotte Saari for the big dog kennel to the Holding Facility at the Mall Event, to Jack Jessop for three large bags of Come N Get It Dog Food, to Cheryl Berg for monetary donation, cat beds and now fostering Toby the cat, to Daryl Waller for all his help, to Melissa Voigt for 4 bags of pet food for Food Shelf delivered to Holding Facility

Give a Dog a Home Paula Jennings was volunteering at an animal shelter in Everett, Washington, when she heard a litter of kittens would be euthanized. To save them, Jennings, 52, became a "foster parent," taking a short class on kitten care. Since the recession, more pets than ever have needed temporary or permanent homes. "Shelters in areas hardest hit by the economic downturn are reporting an increase in the number of calls they receive for animals abandoned or left behind in foreclosed homes," says Betsy McFarland of The Humane Society. "Tragically, about half of the 6 to 8 million animals that go into shelters every year end up euthanized." Older foster owners are ideal, since some shelters won't place pets in homes with small children. "Saying good-bye is the hard part," Jennings says now, after caring for 27 animals. "But it's worth the tears because they all get good homes." To learn more, or to offer help, call your local shelter.—Audrey Goodson *AARP The Magazine*; November/December 2010

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.

Clowder is a term for a group of cats... a group of kittens is a Kindle.

FelV is feline leukemia and is passed through saliva. (Lots of the research of human HIV came out of research on FelV).

"Cat calls" to actors onstage are shouts or whistles of disapproval. ("Curtain calls" are much more preferred)



One Free Bite is All You Get

Got a dog? Make sure it's sociable and trained or you may be paying higher insurance premiums. Dog bites accounted for more than a third of all homeowner or renter policy liability claims last year, with an average claim of \$24,840, says the Insurance Information Institute. Most companies will cover dog bites, but one free bite is all you get. After that, your company may charge a higher premium or exclude your dog from coverage. Some firms require a liability waiver or charge more for breeds deemed dangerous such as Pit Bulls and Rottweilers. So be a responsible owner: Take your dog to obedience school, have it spayed or neutered (unneutered dogs bite more often), and keep an eye on children (the most common victims). If necessary, use a leash or a muzzle. Joan Hellman in the *AARP Bulletin* November 2010

Enjoy life now--it has an expiration date!

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

As I walk into the holding facility and see the cats and dogs in their cages, I see the hope in their eyes, "pick me, love me" they all say. This scene pulls on my heart strings each time I see the animals. Their eyes, the barks, meows, wags, wiggles and kisses remind me why we fight for those without a voice, why we, the "Cause for Paws" Committee does what it does, we raise money to help pets during their time of need, the time when they haven't found their forever homes yet.

UnitedHealth Group is proud to sponsor the 3rd Annual "A Cause for Paws" Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the AmericInn. Many aspects of this year's fundraiser will mirror last year's event, but there will also be

many changes. The 2nd Annual "A Cause for Paws" raised \$6500.00 for the Borderland Humane Society (BHS) through silent auctions, drawings, a live auction, a speaker, appetizers and a cash bar. The up-coming fundraiser will also have silent auctions, drawings, a live auction, a speaker, and a cash bar, but this year, there will be a spaghetti dinner and games.

Last year Mike Turenne spoke about the BHS through the eyes of a volunteer, his adventures and the rewards that come with volunteering. The audience enjoyed his light-hearted and sincere presentation. An individual has been contacted to speak at this year's "Cause for Paws," but it is not known what the subject matter will be...yet. All the committee knows is that the presentation will be powerful and compelling.

With that being said, this is what you have to look forward to at the 3rd Annual, "A Cause for Paws:" a fun-filled evening out with family and friends, a good, filling dinner, prizes, prizes and more prizes and comfort knowing you are helping to make a difference in the lives of homeless animals. We look forward to spending the evening with you and raising monies for those who have touched our hearts in the past, those who we are lucky enough to be sharing our lives with right now and those animal friends we have yet to meet.

Sincerely, the CFP Committee

A Happy New Year
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2011 Wish List

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

December 02, 2010

A dentist's office in La Jolla, California, has taken a rather unique approach to helping its patients cope with the stress and anxiety associated with a visit for a root canal or cleaning. Dentists Tracy A. Taddey and her father regularly bring their pet Chihuahua-Dachshund mix, Mona, into the office to help calm their clients, according to *USA Today*.

Mona has a sweet and gentle demeanor, which the dentists say goes a long way with their patients. "She's changed the whole atmosphere," Taddey told the news source. "Immediately the anxiety level goes down."

Patients are able to request the presence of the 10-pound pooch. When brought into the room, Mona sits quietly in the client's lap, happy to stay snuggled up for as long as the procedure takes.

According to the news source, the dog doesn't mind the sounds that often set dental patients on edge. Taddey told the news provider that Mona is even able to sleep through the sound of a drill.

Mona has become so popular at the dental facility that some clients have called and said they wanted to schedule an appointment specifically because of the canine, who is especially comforting to children.

Living with Cats in your Neighborhood

- Talk to your neighbors. Determine whether the cat is a pet, stray, or feral and if it has been spayed or neutered. If not, get it done!
- Apply nontoxic deterrents around your property.
- Put a tight lid on your trash can.
- Block gaps in the foundations of all sheds and outbuildings.
- Use a car cover.

www.alleycat.org

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."
.....Mahatma Gandhi

Please Care - By Linda Towne

It's not the eyes but the ears that are the windows to a stray dog's soul

Notched and scarred they stand as testament to the times she fought

Upright and alert as she gave birth and heard the nine faint cries

Still alert as she heard the last soft breath of the smallest

Ears flat and pensive as she's taken to some small comforts of a cage

In this shelter her ears belie her and show each passer her inner soul

Ears that were chewed by puppies now are pierced by each metal clang of shelter kennel doors

Upright and curious as each person peers in the chain link porthole of her world

At last, upright and forgiving as she takes her final walk as one "not chosen"

Cats Get a Bad Reputation

Sneezing, itching, watery eyes. These are signs of allergies. Most homes have cats and when these symptoms occur, the cat is usually blamed. Most people think they are allergic to cats and that is a logical assumption when a cat is near. The truth is, they can actually be allergic to the chemicals in the air and in the home along with dust mites, pollen, etc. These allergens can spring up at unusual times of the year. Unless you have been actually medically tested for cat allergies, the cats are getting a bad rap. Even doctors will assume without testing if there is a cat in the home that the family member is allergic to the cat and many families give up that precious animal without just cause. Rescue Centers and Humane Societies see this all too often. If you have a loved one in your home that is showing signs of allergies and you suspect it is your animal, please do not assume. Get tested before you make that choice to uproot your animal from its home as this causes stress on family members as well as the animal. If you adopt an animal and you suddenly are riddled with allergy symptoms, again, do not assume. Allergies can come on at any time for any reason, so please get medically tested before giving away your pet. Cindy Meyer

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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

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. ***



In case you lost the instructions to the Mixes in a Jar sold at Backus and the Mall in December:

Cat Chow Cookies in a Jar

Stir together dry ingredients, ¼ cup milk, 1 egg, 2 T. molasses and 2 T. margarine in a large bowl. Roll out on a greased cookie sheet. Cut into ½ inch pieces. Bake 20 to 22 minutes at 350. Cool before serving and store leftovers in an airtight container in a cool place. NOTE: It is recommended that the cat not be allowed in the kitchen during this process. The catnip will make it crazy!

Dog Cookies in a Jar

Stir together 2 eggs and 1 cup hot water. Add mix and combine with a fork until stiff dough forms. Add a little flour or water if dough is too sticky or crumbly to work. Roll out on floured board to ½ inch thickness. Dip cookie cutter in flour before each use. Re-roll scraps and use again. Place cookies close together on a baking sheet and bake for 90 minutes at 250 degrees, turning pan around at half time.

Cool in pan 5 minutes then transfer to wire racks to cool completely. Dog cookies are usually baked 'til they are hard and crunchy. Let cool completely before storing in an airtight jar.

Complete Recipes will be in the Spring newsletter.

Brushing my cats most days has eliminated very much of the hair flying around the house, and they are so much more friendly as I spend more time with them that their reputation for aloofness is falling apart...Sherry Wold

Call Book Report Fourth Quarter 2010

1 dogs, 3 cats reported lost
 4 dogs, 10 cats reported found
 People interested in 23 dogs, 12 cats
 People want to surrender 1 cat

Call Book Totals 2010

42 dogs, 35 cats reported lost
 40 dogs, 46 cats reported found
 Calls to Resource Coordinator: 383

Foster Care Report Fourth Quarter 2010:

Taken into Foster Care: 3 dogs 30 cats
 Adopted out: 3 dogs 31 cats

Foster Care Totals 2010

Taken in: 21 dogs 62 cats
 Adopted out: 15 dogs 55 cats
 Vouchers issued: 157
 Vouchers paid: \$5,202.00

Holding Facility Fourth Quarter 2010

Taken in: 24 dogs 21 cats
 Adopted out: 7 dogs 11 cats
 Claimed: 8 dogs, 1 cat
 To Foster Care: 4 dogs, 6 cats
 To other facility: 3 dogs
 Euthanized: 1 dog
 Phone Calls: 30 (mostly lost animals, some surrender)

2010 Expenses

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| Veterinary expenses | 42% |
| Payroll | 34% |
| Food and Supplies for Animals | 4% |
| Administrative Expense | 17% |
| General Operating Expenses | 3% |
| Total | 100% |

DONATIONS AND GIFTS

Special thanks to Boise for donating the time, paper and equipment to make the copies of this newsletter and other publications for the Borderland Humane Society.

In memory of Barb Budris: John & Irene Sether

In memory of Christine Weum: Matrix Material Handling-Charles Willbanks, Jr.

In memory of Jack Sether: Mark Horgen

In honor of Cheryl & Bill Berg: Christian Life Fellowship

In honor of Ormond Cooper: Angelique LaFrance, Lee Dobson, Nicole & Olaf Ruppenstein

In memory of Nick Kochaniuk:

Holly Sparby, Kathie Fluke, Allan & Susan Braaten Edwin & Joan Baron, Kristi & Stephen Reyes,

In honor of Mike Turenne's Birthday: Susie Amidon

In honor of Mike Turenne for Christmas: Judy Turenne

In honor of Gary & Betsy Loop: Don & Kathleen Hallgren

In memory of Verna Bolstad: Joy Briggs

In memory of Jeannette Krueger, an animal lover, especially her cat "Raphy:" Harry & Sally Batdorf

In memory of Valio Johnson and Barb Arzel: Ellen Breneman

In memory of my Dad, Tom Manka: Kathy Hultman

In honor of Linda Tolle's retirement: her fellow school workers

In memory of Gerry Madsen: Doug & Marlys Grindall

In memory of Tom's wonderful hunting "buddies," Al & Rocky, German Short Hairs, --- also, our cat pets, Whittie and Marvin: Irene Sether

In memory of Toby, their 11+ year old hound/terrier mix who passed away Sept '10: Peg & Milo Christianson

In memory of Jack Strain: Shirley DeShaw

In memory of Chipper Marie, Chuckles Delmer, William Albert and Biscuit Rose: Dan & Robin Ramquist

In memory of friend's dog Yahtzee: Lisa Stegeman

For BHS helping to find her son's dog a home: Melody Nicholson

Other donations:

Warren Ritala, Loyal Order of Moose, Marcia Boutilier, Amy Morrison, Gary Goulet, Jim & Joann Dornhecker, Signe Hardwig, Bruce & Gloria Anderson, Mary Kuldaneck, Daryl & Teresa Waller, Tera Arnold, John & Lynda Faith, Bruce & Jean Reinke, Tom & Bobbie Schneller, Richard & Debara Hauner, Lily Anderson, Elaine & Larry Beach, Cheryl Berg, K-Mart Pharmacy (Dee Bigler, Ashley Forbes, Lisa Blanchard), Burt & Jean Grafsgaard, ISD 361 Admin and Office Support Staff, Jill Kiner, MN Snowmobiler's Assn, John & Helen Patterson, Kathleen Przybylski, Jane Rosenthal, Sheryl Vertina

Thanks to all the folks who donated dog and cat food under the Daily Journal tree for the Food Shelf

Thanks to volunteer Kay Seger for grooming Buster and Keaton who were so scruffy when they came in. Keaton's new owner said he looked ready to show!

Congratulations and many thanks to our Kallie (Kantos-Fritz) for winning a United Way photo contest recently and donating the proceeds to the BHS!! How cool is that! Thanks Kallie from the dogs and cats of the BHS! She's the bestest photographer! Be sure to ask her to see the photo that won.....it's great!

Thanks for the loving animals we come into contact with throughout each year and the support we receive from each other and other community members

Thank you, thank you all who helped at the Backus and International Mall Arts and Crafts events. Thanks to Sheila, Cheryl, and Rob for helping too. All contributed to these being fun and successful events.

For the "Lights Before Christmas" Parade: Robin for driving, Nikki for decorating and pulling the cat kennel in a wagon, Robin's neighbor girl Josie Bates for holding signs while walking, Heather Kantos for walking her dog Haley, Mike Turenne walked Braatzi, Mike's brother Tom and his nephew for walking dogs, Cindy's grand daughter Aijah for walking a dog, Mike Fritz for picking up Ollie & Willie from the Holding Facility and dog walking and Kallie Kantos-Fritz for picking up Fletcher for the parade and walking in the parade with Barkley.