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FALL
2011

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Strutt Your Mutt Breaks Fundraising Records!

The weather cooperated, close to 200 people came, and plenty more dogs accompanied their owners to the 11th annual Strutt Your Mutt fundraising walk and pet fair. In addition to vendors' wares, a popular raffle and delectable goodies from Park Avenue Bakery, strutters got to compete in games, contests and hear speakers from Carroll College and the shelter. Beartooth NBC-TV meteorologist Ellen Bacca served as our flawless Mistress of Ceremonies and plenty of fun was had by all.

In addition to all the festivities, some serious fundraising happened, too – with the support of our wonderful sponsors (see ad on page 3) and the fundrais-



ing efforts of the Strutters, more than \$15,000 was raised to help homeless and abandoned animals. A big shake of

the paw to everyone who came out and participated in one of Helena's most popular outdoor events. 🐾

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2112 East Custer Avenue
Helena, Montana 59604

Hours

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Adoptions until 30 minutes before closing

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Proud to be a member of Montana Shares, a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in the communities throughout the state.



Dear Friends,
It's incredible that the summer is over; despite having record numbers of cats and kittens in the shelter, we put the call out for people to come adopt and people responded! Many of the fabulous felines were able to leave shelter life for a new home. Thank you to all our media partners who ran stories publicizing our plight, and to the community members who opened their hearts to a cat in need.

We were also THRILLED to be a winner in the Helena Motors "Helping Helena" contest. We put the word out on Facebook, received hundreds of votes, and were notified in July that the shelter was a winner. The \$5,000 grant will help provide care for the thousands of animals who through no fault of their own find themselves with nowhere to go. We are so grateful to everyone who took the time to log on to Facebook and vote and to Helena Motors for hosting this wonderful contest!

Finally, a shout out to everyone who participated in and supported our 11th Annual Strutt Your Mutt event. It was a fabulous day and over 200 people came to have fun and strut and raise money for the shelter. Thank



you for your contributions!

I hope that you get a chance to enjoy what is shaping up to be another beautiful Fall, and on behalf of our staff, Board and volunteers, our very best to you. 🐾

Gina Wiest,
Executive Director

LCHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lewis & Clark Humane Society welcomes new Board members

Donna Hampton joins the Board of LCHS after spending 30 years in real estate working with farm, ranch and commercial properties. She is also a former Director of Sales and Marketing for the Fairmont Hotel Corp and worked with the Dallas, TX Chamber of Commerce. Recently retired, Donna is an avid golfer and active volunteer at the shelter. She has two dogs.



Donna Hampton



Rick Duane

Rick Duane moved to Montana in 2009 from Novi, Michigan but is originally from the San Francisco Bay Area. He and his wife Donna have always loved animals, had dogs and cats and drove from Michi-

gan to Montana with three cats and a six month old American Eskimo/ Black Lab puppy (Sophie). Since arriving in Helena they have adopted a German Shepherd/ Great Pyrenees named Jake and a Basset/ Shepherd mix named Homer, both from LCHS. Before moving to Helena, Rick was Director of Human Resources for the Detroit Zoo where the mission was "Celebrating and Saving Wildlife." He is currently Vice President of Human Resources for the Montana State Fund. He has experience with non-profits, loves animals, understands business and is looking forward to working with LCHS.



The Lewis & Clark Humane Society thanks the following businesses and people for their generous help in making 2011 Strutt Your Mutt a success:

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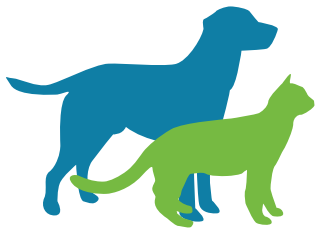
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To continue to address the tragic consequences of companion animal overpopulation by focusing on large volume, no cost/low cost community-based spay and neuter clinics.

How you can help:

\$25.00 sponsors a spay

\$15.00 sponsors a neuter

\$8.00 sponsors a vaccination

Please call Sandy Newton at 406-431-4996 for information

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September 16
Livingston

September 17
Anaconda

September 18
Drummond

September 22
Butte

September 24, 25
Ennis

October 1, 2
Ronan

October 3
Hot Springs

October 8, 9
Browning

October 15
Boulder

October 16
Whitehall

October 17
Butte

October 29
Livingston

October 30
Helena



Purrs and Wags

A big thank you to these people and partners for helping homeless animals in a variety of ways:

Verna Love For cooking at the June Spay Montana clinics

Zach White for choosing the shelter as the work place to earn his Merit Badge

The young ladies of the 4th Ward of the LDS church for donating bedding materials

Linda Fauhl, masseuse extraordinaire, who came to the shelter and gave neck and shoulder massages

The Heil Family for all their work around the shelter

Angela McDannel for donating proceeds of her garden sale

PetCo for showcasing adoptable cats

Michelle Boone, our volunteer photographer

Super 8 Motel for donating rooms for Spay Montana staff

Bea Burr who makes cat beds from donated materials

KTVH-TV airs our Pet of the Week promos

Independent Record donates space for the Adopt-a-Pet promo

Luke Duran, our volunteer graphic designer who does our newsletter, web site, and so much more!

Vivian Manuel and Home Depot employees who donated cans for our recycling program

Helena Food Share provides donated pet food to the shelter

Robin Layton for donating goody bag items for our Long Term Resident program

Valley Bank sponsors radio ads and contributes employees birthday charitable donations

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Christine Odegard maintains fleece for Spay Montana clinics

Judy Walker contributes fleece remnants and blankets for the Spay Montana clinics

... and to our incredible Volunteer Corps for all the things you do!!!

Thank you!

Pet Cemetery Update

LCHS offers up a huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time or donated materials to the **Arlee Burt Pet Cemetery** facelift project, most notably **Kaye Schloss**, who spear-headed the project! Her dedication and energy are so appreciated, as is the work of the following people and businesses. *Thank you!*

- A-1 Rentals
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- Jace Washburn
- Dianna Robinson
- Martina True
- Bella Thomas
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Thank you!



WISH LIST

Feeling generous today? Here are a few items that the shelter is always in need of. Your kind gestures of the "little things" are always appreciated!

If you can help, please drop off at the Custer Avenue location during shelter hours:

- ▶ Paper towels
- ▶ Bleach
- ▶ Old bed sheets and comforters (flannel and cotton)
- ▶ Towels
- ▶ Small jars of meat (baby food type only)
- ▶ Large bags of white rice
- ▶ White copier paper
- ▶ Distilled water (in gallon containers)
- ▶ Fleece remnants
- ▶ Cat litter, any kind!

The benefits and dangers of dog play

By Tom Kandt, LCHS Shelter Trainer and Behavior Consultant

The slanting rays from the dropping sun and the breezeless sky left no respite for humans or dogs attending Sunday's play group at the shelter. The temperature hung steady at 90 degrees and play-group specialists predicted a lazy play session for the some 30 dogs that would get out of their kennels for some fresh air and socialization. Unfortunately, the prediction was not entirely correct.

Sunday play sessions are becoming regular events at the Humane Society. Volunteer shelter play-group specialists organize the dogs into three groups based on energy levels and let each group romp and run and do their canine things within certain limits. Play-group specialists have spent thousands of hours the last three and a half years observing dogs' body language in play and learning to distinguish healthy play styles from dangerous ones. They are keen at spotting trouble before it starts.

The shelter play group provides the shelter with valuable services. It gives the pent-up canines exercise as well as socialization. Dogs with poor or dangerous play styles can learn appropriate play. Some dog-dog aggression can be treated through teaching proper play skills. Fear-

ful dogs can increase confidence by successful play encounters with other dogs. Finally, a dog's behavior in play gives potential adopters valuable information about how it gets along with other dogs.

The first wave of players that afternoon was the lowest-energy dogs. Play group supervisor Debi Beardslee believes grouping dogs according to energy levels decreases the chance for overpowering and bullying that can be common in groups. Most dogs fit into one of several categories of play



style, and Beardslee refers to the low-energy dogs as "wallflowers."

True to prediction, the wallflowers were inactive, standing around the wading pools keeping cool. It was observed that most of the eight or so low-energy dogs in the group were black dogs, a fact I put in the back of my mind for future research possibilities. The highlight of this group was black Lab Gypsy grabbing a

chunk of ice from the bucket and prancing around proudly displaying her trophy.

After about 40 minutes the low-energy dogs were put inside and medium-energy dogs were transported outside, accompanied by the merciless canine chattering of those left behind. Things got more energetic, with more running around and play movement, and the happy grins of play faces.

Heinz and Tucker began a game of mounting and chin-overs, where one dog puts its head over the other's back. This was monitored closely, as some dogs take offense at these moves and will aggress against the perpetrator. In this case, Tucker and Heinz tolerated each other's improprieties.

Heinz and Frank engaged in some vertical play, with both standing on back legs, pushing and pawing at one another with front legs, like two boxers measuring their punches.

Some research on play indicates these kinds of moves can be a prelude to aggression. Fortunately, nothing happened between the sparring canines.

The lengthening shadows indicated it was time to bring out the high-energy dogs. True to form, this group of eight dogs enjoyed their freedom by chasing, jumping, spinning and slamming one another (*Behavior, continued on page 11*)

LCHS Dog Trainer Receives Special Certification

Tom Kandt, on staff at the Lewis & Clark Humane Society as a dog trainer, recently completed a rigorous training program and subsequent test to become a "Certified Behavior Consultant /Canine" through the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers, shelter officials announced today.

The program culminated in a comprehensive, four-hour long examination, which only a little above 50% of the students passed. Mr. Kandt was one. Students were tested on applied behavior analysis; biology and anatomy; ethnology, body language and observational skills; health development/life stages; consulting skills and Best Practices; and scientific method.

According to shelter Executive Director, Gina Wiest, "This additional accreditation will make Tom even more helpful to our shelter animals that need some extra training, and to the community as we increase our educational offerings to help animals stay in their homes through helping owners solve common behavior issues."

Kandt said, "I am pleased to add this important, professional certification to my work with shelter dogs. So many problems can be helped by additional training; this certification will allow me to pass on these tools to animals in need."





Memorials & Tributes

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Can you adopt me?

Introducing six great residents in need of a forever home. They are available to meet you and show you how wonderful they are, and how much joy they can bring to your life. Please come visit Bear, Gus, Andrea, Chrome, Kalon and Cody today!



Bear

Gus

Kalon

Andrea

Chrome

Cody

BEAR, like his brother Gus, ended up at the shelter after his owner passed away. Bear is a big lover! Bear looks just like a ball of gray fur with big “take me home” green eyes. Bear is looking for a quiet loving family to call his own! Maybe even Bear and Gus can go together. Bear has lots of extras about him such as extra heart, fluff, sweetness, and even toes! That’s right, this hunk is polydactyl! Good with canines, felines, and maybe even a mature kid! Bear has enjoyed his stay at the shelter but he never planned on it being permanent. Bear and his brother have lost their owner and their home in the last couple months, could you fill that void?

Poor **GUS** ended up here at the shelter with his brother Bear after their owner passed away. We’re happy to provide him a place to stay but it’s becoming more obvious that Gus is ready to find his new family and go home. He is a very affectionate fellow and would love to find a place in a moderately active loving home. Gus see’s his future with other feline and possibly canine friends. Maybe even a kid to love on! This fabulous fellow would make any family lucky to have such a great new addition!

Meet **KALON**. This positively handsome, hunk of a feline weighs in at a whopping 15 pounds! Kalon is a very independent guy and prefers to do his own thing. Kalon knows what he wants and when he sets his mind to it, you better be-

lieve he’ll get what he wants, whether that is food, treats, toys or beds. Kalon is so handsome he has all the ladies swooning. If you’re looking for an independent, striking cat, Kalon is your man! Good with kids over the age of six, other felines, and a feline friendly dog.

Meet **ANDREA**, a friendly, affectionate Lab/Chow cross who loves to cuddle up next to you. She came in as a stray off the Elk Creek Trailhead and sadly, no one came looking for this lively girl. Andrea can be a little pushy with other dogs, but may be able to live peacefully with other dogs if properly introduced. She has too much of an interest in cats to live with them in a home environment. Andrea loves kids and likes to give kisses. She knows how to sit, and will come when called but still wouldn’t mind some work on her obedience training. She hasn’t been too interested in play here at the shelter, but once she goes into a home, she should be able to open up and play. Andrea would love an active home where she could run, play and cuddle with her new found family.

CHROME is a gorgeous 3 year old Pitbull who came in to the shelter after being dumped out by Fox Ridge Gold Course. Chrome is quite the sweet dog who absolutely loves people, and is great with kids. Unfortunately, Chrome is not great with other dogs or cats. When out on a PAWSability, Chrome was playing with the

other dog on the property and out of nowhere, he grabbed the dog by the neck and would not let go. The other dog did require stitches. Chrome is a wonderful dog with people and knows most of his basic commands, although his biggest issue is pulling on the leash. Chrome would love to go out and about with his new family on hiking or camping trips, and loves to be an active dog. He would need to have an experienced owner who is willing to work with him on his leash work and his obedience training.

CODY may be a big boy, but he is quite the gentle giant! Cody was brought in to the shelter along with two other dogs and three cats because their owner unexpectedly passed away. Although Cody is shy at first and can be pretty grumpy when he is stressed, once he gets used to his new environment, he is a very loving boy who enjoys going on walks and hikes, as well as playing fetch (which he absolutely loves to do). Cody would be able to live with other dogs and cats in his new home, but would prefer to live with teenagers or older as young kids are way too much for this old boy to handle. Cody seems to be housebroken and rarely has an accident in his kennel, and seems to know quite a lot of obedience training, although he tends to be a little bit stubborn. If you are looking for a nice older dog to go walking with you, come down and meet Cody, who is just waiting for his new owners to come and sweep him into their home! 🐾

Volunteer Spotlight

By Jo Bristow, Volunteer Manager

This issue I would like to Spotlight two LCHS volunteers. They are two volunteers, who along with many others are doing outstanding service for the shelter.

First up is Jane Claassen, who happens to be LCHS oldest volunteer!

Many years ago she observed a shelter need, regarding collecting and maintaining the front foyer and can donations area. Jane stepped in and organized the aluminum cans and newspapers areas. Every morning, Jane appears at the shelter and makes sure the aluminum cans are neatly placed into inside bin and the foyer is cleared of newspapers. In addition to this she assumed the duty of maintaining the bedding for the spay and neuter clinics.

Recently, Jane has experienced leg problems and so we are seeking a volunteer willing to commit to handling the newspaper duties twice a week. As for Jane, she is simply amazing and keeps on going. Way to go Jane!

Our next volunteer is Loreen Skinner. Loreen truly is a dedicated dog lover. Loreen became a volunteer in October of 2010, and has totally emerged herself in the LCHS environment. After completing our Dog Walking Orientation, Loreen became a constant dog walker here at LCHS.

Going the extra mile, Loreen chose to foster a shelter long-term dog. As Felix, a pit bull breed, was not at the shelter for potential adopters to view him, she diligently began the task of showcasing him to the public.

During an ice cream social event, Loreen presented him to a couple looking for a dog and a match was completed. To seal the deal, Loreen offered to babysit Felix when the couple goes on vacation. Now, that is going above and beyond



Felix



Jane at work in her garage, where she sorts and stores bedding for LCHS Spay & Neuter clinics.

the call of volunteer duty. Truly, dedication at its upmost. Having shown herself to be an exemplary volunteer, Loreen was offered an invitation to join the Feisty Fido crew. Loreen has chosen to accept this additional responsibility. Thanks Loreen, for a superb job. 🐾



Loreen and Felix hiking Mount Helena

Ready to volunteer for needy animals? Learn more at www.mtlchs.org

How YOU can volunteer

We welcome new volunteers to the shelter, and offer a variety of ways you can make a difference in the life of a homeless dog or cat. Volunteer orientations are given the second Tuesday of each month at 3:45 and the last Tuesday of each month at 5:45. Please call Volunteer Manager, Jo Bristow for details. Here are some of the many volunteer opportunities that are available at the shelter:

- ▶ Cat/Dog Activity Volunteer
- ▶ Trainer/Walker
- ▶ Cleaning Assistant
- ▶ Event Planning Volunteer
- ▶ Fundraising Assistance
- ▶ Foster Care
- ▶ Grooming Aide
- ▶ Outreach Volunteer
- ▶ Yard Maintenance Volunteer

Whatever your interest, there's probably a place at the shelter where your skills can be put to use. Thank you!

Check it out!

New sound baffles installed over the dog shelter kennels greatly reduce barking noise:



Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen!



Community Outreach Partners

One of the best ways to help an animal find his/her forever home is to get them out into the community to meet potential adopters. The businesses below allow the shelter to bring adoptable animals to their location. Please thank them by patronizing these wonderful businesses and community outreach partners:

- Aunt Bonnie's Books
- The Pan Handler
- The Base Camp
- Lewis & Clark Library
- Park Avenue Bakery
- Birds and Beasley's
- Bob Ward's Sporting Goods
- Rockhand Hardware
- Lowe's Home Improvement
- Montana Book & Toy Company
- Saunders's Jewelry
- Exploration Works!
- Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply
- Starbucks
- Ghost Art Gallery
- Sole Sisters
- Taco del Sol
- Lasso the Moon
- Golden Girls Antique Mall
- Outside In Interior Landscape
- The Painted Pot
- Hastings Entertainment
- Wholesale Sports

Ways to help the animals

A gift to the shelter is a gift to thousands of abandoned dogs and cats, patiently waiting to find their "forever" friend. Donations of items from our wish list (see page 5), appreciated stock, memorials, tributes and volunteering are all ways you can make a difference in the life of a homeless animal. We are very grateful to everyone who helps. Thank you! 🐾



A special way to make a lasting tribute is through membership in the The Lewis & Clark Legacy Society, a group of special individuals who make arrangements in their estate planning for a gift to the shelter. Such a gift helps provide quality and compassionate care to homeless animals. These gifts live on, assuring a legacy of care and commitment to animal welfare that extends past an individual's life. If you are interested in providing for animals in your estate planning, talk to your financial advisor or call the shelter's Development Director, Liz Harrison at 442-1660. 🐾

Partner News: Montana Shares

By Karla Ritten, Montana Shares Liason and LCHS Board Member

We would like to extend a special thank you to all who made donations to the 2011 Shares raffle through the Lewis & Clark Humane Society.

As you are reading this, the 2012 work place giving campaign has begun in some of your work places. The campaign will continue through to early winter depending on your workplace. We would like to thank all of you who have given to the LCHS in the past and hope that you are once again able to support us through your work place.

Giving through your work place is an easy way to support the LCHS. Gifts, both small and large, add up and the LCHS Board and staff have been very grateful for the support we have received in the community through the SECGC (code 8012),



the Combined Federal Campaign (code 86838), and all of the campaigns where Montana Shares is an option. Remember, Montana Shares is your choice for work-place giving!

We hope to see some of you during the campaign season as we are out giving presentations. Please say hi if we come to your workplace. We would enjoy meeting you. 🐾



Happy Endings

By Liz Harrison, LCHS Development and Communications Director

Many of you will remember the story about the 74 Pomeranian/Sheltie cross dogs that were rescued by the shelter last fall. Happily, they all were adopted. Here is news from their new mom, Kathryn Bailey, about two of them—Baxter and Ginger:

Baxter and Ginger were transported to our home by my sister Cindy and her husband Pete just before Christmas. They rode together in a large dog crate and made no sounds on the trip down but appeared to be okay each time Cindy checked them. We almost had to tip the crate to get Ginger to come out when everyone arrived. Baxter quickly came out chanting, “freedom, I’ve got to be free and you aren’t putting me into that crate ever again!” After they had a chance to relieve themselves, they were both scooped up and carried into the house. It took Baxter all of about 2 minutes to discover where the food dish, water bowl and dog beds were. Ginger wasn’t checking anything out but was glued to Baxter’s side.

The first time they were all herded outside, they discovered that there was a large yard with snow and snow piles. It was so much fun watching them plow along head first thru the snow then flop over and make snow-dog angels. Baxter quickly decided that he liked being inside where it was warm and there was food. Ginger made it expressly clear that she wanted to be outside and away from people. It took almost 6 months before she decided that she wanted to be close to me.

It took almost two weeks before Ginger let me know that she could bark and she’s become quite a neighborhood announcer since. Her favorite dog to watch and then bark at is a deaf dog across the street. Baxter’s favorite pastimes are lay-

ing on the dog beds so that they can’t ‘float away’, checking to see if the cats ate all their wet food and then trying to convince me that he should clean up the dishes. He has also become a cook’s helper and is willing to taste test just about anything except cabbage.

Ginger loves to play with Baxter. When he decides to go outside and play with her, Ginger’s whole demeanor changes. She prances and kisses him, darting away and back to kiss him again. I watched as they discovered a tennis ball outside and decided to play keepaway. They will often play chicken—one at a corner of the fence and the other by the porch then on some unseen signal, both will dash straight at the other and at the



last minute they will veer off. Once Baxter gets hyped up he will come in and grab one of his stuffed toys and shake the Dickens out of it while Ginger looks on...she won’t touch his toys because he has told her “no, they aren’t yours.” Watching them as they become more confident and personable is a daily treat.

They’ve both gone camping, done lots of exploring, had their first and probably last ice cream cones (baby size) as it didn’t settle well with Baxter. They know what the Maverick store/gas station at Bridger means (hot dogs) and know the Subway in Red Lodge. Within the next few weeks they’ll get a chance go to Glacier National Park—a first for them and me. They enrich my life and I can’t imagine how lonely I would be without them. 🐾

(Behavior, continued from page 6)

in canine bliss. Giselle and a hound mix named Tinker, in particular, frolicked together for most of the session in what seemed a great match of play partners.

And then it happened. Something turned as quickly as an athletic dog can change directions in play. Tinker and Giselle went at it snarling and biting in a flurry of fur, teeth and mayhem. Three surprised play-group specialists acted quickly with several sprays of citronella to the face of each dog. This fazed neither dog. Giselle was finally pulled away but Tinker would not let up, coming back at Giselle several times to continue the fight.

It stopped as quickly as it started. Giselle was unhurt but Tinker had a nasty gash on her forehead and heavily bruised cheeks on her muzzle. Nobody saw who started it, and it came as a total surprise given how well the two had been romping.

So goes the nature of the beast. Sometimes anger, arousal or instinct can work singly or collectively to create an instant and savage response. The play group members guessed Giselle instigated the fight because her arousal threshold tipped over the breaking point.

Not every dog should join in play groups. Judging by the work being done at Centennial Park, Helena will soon have a dog park. It is my hope there will be rules and regulations that help reduce the potential for serious dog fights, and the public is provided with education about correct and safe canine interaction. Owners will also have to closely supervise their dogs and act responsibly if their dogs are not suitable play partners.

Meanwhile, the shelter play group will continue organizing play groups and learning and experimenting with the dynamics of canine play. It is work but it also provides fun and entertainment. Watching these living beings cut loose in uninhibited frolic is enough to make the heart soar. 🐾

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The LCHS website is your source for comprehensive information about the shelter, current pets available for adoption, Pet of the Week, the latest on our campaign to build a new shelter, and much more!



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Wines
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Wine Tasting Event at Island Liquors to Benefit LCHS Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Come join other wine—and animal!—lovers at the third annual Wines of the Dogs wine tasting. From 5 to 7pm, a variety of varietals will be offered to guests, along with a raffle for a case of the wines offered that evening. Tickets are very limited and cost \$30 per person. Call 442-1660 today to reserve a space for a night you won't want to miss that benefits the animals! Hosted by Island Liquors in the Northgate Mall on Montana and Custer Ave.