

Animal Tracks

SUMMER
2011

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Register Today for Strutt Your Mutt!

It's time again for that fun, fabulous fundraiser for furry friends, the Strutt Your Mutt walk and Pet Fair! Once again, it will be held at Pioneer Park behind the library in downtown Helena on Saturday, June 18th.

Walkers get pledges and raise much-needed funds to care for homeless and abandoned animals and become eligible to win great incentive prizes including Strutt lap blankets, gear bags and fleece vests.

Grand prize for the person who raises the single largest amount of money is a weekend at a fabulous cabin in Seeley Lake!

This year's festivities include the Walk, vendor booths with give-aways, speakers from Carroll College's Human-Animal Bond program and the shelter's dog training program, lots of dog contests (with prizes!), yummy food by Park Avenue Bakery and a fantabulous RAFFLE for trips and other goodies.

Detach the registration/pledge form on page 3 of this newsletter. More details and additional forms can be found on the LCHS website at www.mtlchs.org/strutt. Festivities get started at 8:45am. Come walk for a great cause! 🐾



WHAT: 2011 Strutt Your Mutt

WHEN: Saturday, June 18, 2011
Registration starts at 8:45 a.m.
Pet Fair 9:00 a.m to 1 p.m.
Walk starts at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Downtown/Pioneer Park

INFO: www.lchs.org/strutt

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Animal Shelter

2112 East Custer Avenue
Helena, Montana 59604

Hours

Tuesday-Friday: 12 noon to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday-Monday: Closed
Adoptions until 30 minutes before closing

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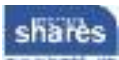
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Proud to be a member of Montana Shares, a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in the communities throughout the state.



Dear Friends,
Summer's almost here; in addition to the warmer weather, we're seeing the annual increase in puppies and kittens, homeless and helpless, that arrive at the shelter needing comfort and care. A big thank you to our wonderful foster care volunteers who take in too-small baby animals and nurture them in a quiet, safe place until they are old enough to be inoculated, spayed/neutered and placed for adoption. If you're looking for a new kitten or dog, keep your eye on our web-site for news on when they will be available.

We're also getting excited about this year's Strutt Your Mutt annual walk for pets and pet fair, happening on Saturday, June 18th. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. at Pioneer Park behind the library. This annual fundraiser attracts hundreds of people and their dogs, raises money for the shelter through pledges, and offers the participants a great time, too!

Don't forget to check out the Montana Shares Raffle inserted in this issue. Great prizes are offered from the Shares participants (including LCHS). Suggested donation is \$10 per ticket or three for \$25. Feel free to copy the form and share it with your friends.

Finally, we want to thank community volunteers, led by Kaye Schloss, who have donated time and energy to revitalizing the Arlee Bert Pet Cemetery on Custer Avenue. They asked the community to step up and



help beautify the area, and local businesses donated gravel, dirt, paint, labor and landscaping to help clean up the final resting place for close to 200 animals. Volunteers are the core of our work here at the shelter, and they all deserve our thanks.

Enjoy the warmer weather, and be well. 🐾

Gina Wiest

Gina Wiest,
Executive Director



SAVE THE DATE!

LCHS Open House and Ice Cream Social

**Saturday, August 6, 2011
12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

Stop by the Humane Society for tours, food, free gifts and tons of FUN! Bring the kids and come visit our animal guests at the shelter. Adopt-a-thon, raffle prizes and more!

Strutt Your Mutt Official Registration and Pledge From 2011

Please note: All pledges MUST be turned in by the day of the Strutt. Copy this form if you need more, visit the shelter, or download one from www.mtlchs.org/strutt

Registration Info:

Your Name: _____
 Dog's Name(s) _____

 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 My dog's vaccinations are current.
 Signature: _____



Registration: You may register yourself and one dog on event day from 8:45-9:45am. For a minimum of \$30 in pledges, official Strutt Your Mutt tee shirts will be available on a first come, first served basis. If we run out, you can pick up a shirt at the shelter after July 10, 2011. Additional dogs can be registered on event day for an additional donation in the amount of your choice.

All pledges must be turned in the day of the event, or in advance. To register in advance, mail this form with your check to LCHS/PO Box 4455/Helena, MT/59604 or drop it off at 2112 E. Custer Avenue. Additional pledge/registration forms can be downloaded at www.mtlchs.org/strutt or at the shelter.



Name	Address/City/State/Zip	Amount	Paid
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For Shelter Use: Date _____ Amount Paid: \$ _____ Pledge Total: \$ _____

I will not be able to participate but would like to make a donation to the Lewis & Clark Humane Society: \$ _____

Waiver and Release: To participate in the 2011 Strutt Your Mutt event you must sign and return this waiver. I understand that participating in the Lewis & Clark Humane Society (LCHS) Strutt Your Mutt event on June 18, 2011 includes an element of risk for my dog and me. I should not participate unless the dog and I are physically able and properly conditioned. I agree to abide by any decision of an event official, relative to the dog's and my ability to complete this event safely and I further agree that event officials may authorize emergency treatment for me and/or my dog at my cost. It is expressly understood that LCHS does not insure against and accepts no responsibility for personal injury or property loss or damage to participants which might be sustained. I also understand that both vehicle traffic and spectators may be present along the course, and I assume any and all risks associated with participating in this event including but not limited to illness, traveling to and from the event, falls, contact with spectators or participants or dogs the effects of the weather (including temperature extremes and humidity) and the surface conditions of the roads and sidewalks, all such risks being understood and appreciated by me. I also affirm that the dog(s) I will be participating with has/have current rabies, distemper and parvo virus vaccinations. I agree to abide by all rules of the event. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue and I waive, release and discharge LCHS, the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, the State of Montana, event officials, volunteers and any sponsors suppliers, agents, independent contractors, employees and any other personnel in any way assisting or connected with this event from any claims or liability of any kind whatsoever arising out of my participating in this event, even though liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the person or parties named in this waiver. I also understand that any sponsor may subsequently use for publicity or promotional purposes my name and/or photos of me and/or my pet without liability of obligation to me.

Signature of Participant: _____ Parent/Legal Guardian (if under 18): _____
 Any entry from someone under 18 years of age will be accepted only with his or her signature and the signature of the individual's parent or Legal Guardian.

Register today for the 2011 Annual

Strutt Your Mutt

Fundraiser Walk and Pet Fair

Come join the hounds of Helena
(and their owners) for a morning
of fun, food and festivities!

Presented by

Guardian Kennels

Sponsors:



Bridger Veterinary Hospital



Vital Energy Chiropractic



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Saturday, June 18, 2011

Pioneer Park/Downtown Helena

Proceeds Benefit Lewis & Clark Humane Society

- ★ Goody Bag and Strutt 2011 tee shirts for each registered walker (Minimum pledge \$30)
- ★ Adopt-a-Thon
- ★ Fun Games for dogs and kids
- ★ Egg Hunt with prizes
- ★ Food by Park Avenue Bakery
- ★ Carroll College Human-Animal Bond Program Participants
- ★ Presentation by shelter staff on dog behavior modification
- ★ Shelter Reunion Photo Op
- ★ Demonstrations
- ★ Pet Look-a-Like Contest
- ★ Agility Games
- ★ Vendor Fair
- ★ Raffle for Special Prizes



PetCo showcases adoptable cats from LCHS at their store.

Our dedicated **volunteers** who do so much in so many ways!

Michelle Boone who takes such wonderful photos for us of the dogs, cats and humans.

Helena Independent Record gives the shelter and 2-for-1 advertising deal.

Capital Carriage Car Club for helping out with our S.O.C.-H.O.P.

Zoey and Addison Wall saved their allowance money and donated it to the shelter.

Six year old Lucy Lantz asked birthday party guests to donate wish list items to the shelter in lieu of gifts for her.

Jasmine Hinshaw, aged 7, who asked for donations to the shelter instead of gifts.

JB's Restaurant for their contribution to help serve meals to Spay Montana's vets.

Toni Rickman and Jack Ballinger for cooking a meal for Spay Montana vets and for stuffing rice tube socks.

Birgit Stipich for the many things she does for the shelter.

Jane Claassen for helping with Spay Montana clinics and maintaining the recycle bins.

Super 8 Motel in Helena for providing free rooms for Spay Montana clinic vets.

Audrey Barber who asked for gifts for the shelter instead of for herself on her birthday.

Helena Water Treatment Plant workers for bringing their forklift to unload our delivery of litter.



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!

S.O.C.-H.O.P. a smashing success

Hundreds of people came to the shelter during our S.O.C.-H.O.P. promotion, helping make room in the over-crowded shelter, to adopt homeless animals. We were able to place 24 cats and 8 dogs! One of the highlights of the week was the enthusiastic participation of our adopters in the special raffle; here are the winners!

\$150 Murdoch's Gift Certificate: Jessilyn Ecklund

First Interstate Bank Gift Basket: Heather Kahler

Bank of the Rockies Gift Basket: Mary Verworn

Books Donated by Trinity Books and Gifts: Kelsey Dalton

30-lbs of Science Diet Dog Food: Eric Pond

20-lb of Science Diet Cat Food: Stacy Fessenden

Congratulations to you and thanks to ALL who came out.



spaymontana.org

Our mission:

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
- \$5.00** sponsors a vaccination

UPCOMING CLINICS

Sunday, June 5

Helena, Lewis & Clark County

Saturday & Sunday, June 11, 12

Jefferson City, Jefferson County

Thursday, June 23

Butte, Silver Bow County

Friday, June 24th

Livingston, Park County

Saturday, June 25th

Lincoln, Lewis & Clark County

Sunday, June 26th

Augusta, Lewis & Clark County

Thurs-Monday, July 15-18

Browning Blitz, Glacier County

Friday, July 29

Butte, Silver Bow County

Saturday, July 30

Livingston, Park County

Sunday, July 31

Helena, Lewis & Clark County

Saturday, August 6

Butte, Silver Bow County

Sat. & Sun., August 13-14

Bozeman, Gallatin County

Sat. & Sun., August 27-28

Great Falls, Cascade County

Help Homeless Animals!

There are lots of ways to help make a better life for homeless animals in the tri-county area. Here are some ideas:

- ▶ **Wish-List Donations:** The shelter has an ongoing wish-list for items we use every day to help make the animals comfortable, keep them warm and the shelter clean. See page 5 for a current list, or visit the LCHS website at www.mtlchs.org.
- ▶ **Financial Support:** Donations from generous supporters like you helps pay for medical care and food and other things the shelter needs to care for the animals.
- ▶ **Appreciated Stock:** Gifts of appreciated stock can be made through our broker, D.A. Davidson. Call our development office for our account number and information.
- ▶ **Volunteer:** Giving your time through becoming a volunteer helps with the many tasks involved in supporting and caring for the dogs and cats that are staying with us until they find their “forever homes.” Call our volunteer coordinator, Jo Bristow, for an application.

Due to severe space limitations, the shelter is also in need of an outdoor, mouse-proof storage shed. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated!

You might also be interested in making a special donation to name one of our dog or cat kennels. Such donors are recognized with a special, permanent plaque placed on the door of the kennel. Families can chip in to name a kennel; it’s a wonderful way to involve everyone in showing your commitment to caring for homeless animals. Thank you for caring for animals! 🐾



Estate planning

Make a lasting tribute through the Lewis & Clark Legacy Society

The shelter is the very fortunate recipient of many Legacy gifts—donations that are designated by a caring individual to be given to the shelter in their will. Donors may direct gifts of stock, mutual funds or other securities, property or a portion of their estate to be donated to the Lewis & Clark Humane Society to help provide quality and compassionate care to homeless and abandoned animals. Such gifts live on, assuring a legacy of care and a commitment to animal welfare that extends past an individuals’ life. If you are interested in providing for the shelter in your estate planning, please call our Development Director, Liz Harrison, and/or talk with your tax advisor or financial planner for further information. 🐾



Memorials & Tributes

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

Memorial for Given by

Wally Adler Georgia Barker

Donna Berg Inez Hoopes

Lois Blessinger Irv Blessinger

Karen Buffington David and Ingrid Clouse; ICHS Track Coaches

Annie Laurie (Bell) Cartwright Galusha, Higgins & Galusha

Jim Chambers Randy and Jane Pursley

Henry "Mick" Collins Robert Soloman; Art and Bonnie Howell; Paul and Dianna Brink; Richard and Karen Coe; Bob and Larae Veitch

Gary Davis Ray and Bonnie Johnson; Terry and Barry Bass

Don Dekker Glenda and Mark Dekker; D.P. and Cheryl McKenty; Bill Vollmer; Jim and Debbie Shaw; Russell Ritter

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Mary McLees Ray and Bonnie Johnson; Southwest Pain Center, PLC (Beverly Rockwell, Tammy Krise, Dixie Brooks); Mark J. Spooner

Mary McLees and her pets Duke and Tipper DiAnne Mantz and Frank Pollard

George Middlemas Frances Stevens

Jack Miller Betty Mae De Wolf; Richard and Sherry Gustovich; Jerry and Carol Smith; Ethel LaRock

Cassmer Misowic Laura and Maynard Gilmore; Gay O'Leary

Martha Niehoff Walt Niehoff

Doreen Rask Laurie Neils

Lynn Repplinger Chere Repplinger

Helen Smigaj Sara Medley

Eva Ross St. Clair Harry and Luanne Romasko Ed Stipich Char LeVasseur

Sheila M. Sullivan Peter Sullivan

Dale Ray Taylor Martha Holland; Debbie Lyons Witham

Alvina Welliver Frank and Judith Welliver; Lisa Shafer; Nadine Shafer; Helen Langenbach; Denise Feller

Wink Auchterlonie Robin Auchterlonie

SPECIAL TRIBUTES TO PEOPLE

Tribute to Honored by

Amy Cannata Niki Zupanic

Helen Cason (Happy Mothers Day!) Her daughters and their families

Sandy Cochran (Happy Birthday!) Valley Bank of Helena

Jody Doubek Carol Flasnick

Eric Hanson (Happy Birthday!) Valley Bank of Helena

Heather Hill Zoe Brown

Ella Krumm Zoe Brown

Bailey and Madison Finch (Happy Easter!) Marcia Drostén

Ashlie Fleming James and Barbara Schaeffer

Mandie and Lacie Fleming James and Barbara Schaeffer

Whitney Garbers Valley Bank of Helena

Kris Larson Jonathan Roe

Kris Larson (Happy Birthday!) Lee Shanklin

Vanessa H. Sanddal Alfred S. Maulorico

Maryanne Strickland Sharon Strainer

Michelle Vallance Edward and Joyce Schepp

IN MEMORY OF PETS

In memory of Guardian; Honored by

For all 3 dogs I retrieved from LCHS over 20 years Vernon Jones

All Pets Eleanor Hiltner

Addie Kiser Family Michelle Lutey

Allie, Stormy and Dakota Shauna Thomas

Babe, Sugar and Ginger Shirley Williams

Bella Dianne Nickman; Susan and Bob Russell; Sheila and Duane Harris; Terry and Shari Copenhaver

Blitz, Peanut and Ozzie Monte and Janet Nick

Bodie Reiman Joan and Vic Reiman; V. Lee Harrison

Brandy Roger Knapstad

Brandon John Chiampas

Buck Audrey Barber

Buffy Jack and Joyce Smith

Chance Russ Tom and Patti Russ; Rocky and Mary Yuricic

Charlie Mary Gunstone

Dax Dennis Sheline; Pat and Earl Hanson

Dusty Karen Kueffler

Ella Sharon Bowker

Fritzie Frank and DiAnne Pollard; Karen Hertzog

Ghomer Shaheen Siddiqui and Robin Shropshire; Susan Epstein

Hillary The Clements; Terry and Shari Copenhaver

Jackie Helen Hoffman; Esther Fuehrer

Jennie and Jessie Debra Simmons

Jenny Betty Alexander

Kareful Jessalyn Jordan; Tamara Jordan

Kola Clements Nieca D. Irwin; Violet Clements

Magnum, Soc, Timber and Tick Nancy Byrum

Mattie Gail Moser and Bill Darcy; Sally Hilander

Max Doris Chamberlain; Tom and Louise Galvin

Max Galemore Galemore Family; Celestine Duncan

Max Michelle Richardson Carol Taylor

Murphy Joe and Connie Crocifisso; Terry and Shari Copenhaver

Thomas O'Malley Mitch and Mary Noack

Peanut Dale Farrell; Kay Mathews

Peanut, Ozzie and Blitz Monte and Janet Nick

Phoenix Loren and Peggy Bahls; Peggy Bahls

Punkie Marsh and Margie Corbett; Gayle Shirley

Robin's Loyal pal Barbara Wagner

Sadie Judy Harris; Kathy D. Collins

Sam Jim and Marcia Summers Jim and Nancy Mayer

Samba The Goldes Family; Karen Fairbrother

Sammi Jason, Jamie and Kaci Johnson

Sam Elizabeth Richardson

Shazam Joyce Walborn

Sibby Gary and Colleen Sanders

Siyeh and Keisha, my two great LCHS dogs Barbara Moy

Smokey and Ids Bids Bridget Saravalli

Sophie Susan Mether

Stolley Tyree Neil and Anne Tyree

Taffee Becky Warren and Bill Rule; Carolyn Laceky

Taz Berma Saxton

Tigger Mike Blessinger; Irv Blessinger; Mark and Paula Blessinger; Esther Fuehrer; Dave and Leslie Baldrige; Mike Blessinger

Victor The Capdeville Family; Teresa Amsbaugh

Zelda Lis and Norm Dwyer; Janet Andrew

TRIBUTES TO PETS

Tribute to Honored by

Bell, adopted in January Michelle and Matt Stash

Buddy Bettie Chambers

Cleo Jochen and Hiltrud Schroeder

Guy and Nakeeta Sharon Bowker

Icabod Tom Buffington

Maggie Jason, Jamie and Kaci Johnson

Matthew Quigley Mitch and Mary Noack

Patches, Cinamonster and Peebs Dean Flanagan

Can you adopt me?

All three of our featured dogs* are extra special. They're what we call "Long Term Residents," animals who have been in the shelter the longest and who are getting weary of shelter life. They are available to meet you and show you how wonderful they are, and how much joy they can bring to your life. As Long Term Residents, they come with a wonderful gift bag and a special martindale collars. And, of course, they come with their undying love. Please come visit Gypsy, Giselle and Hercules today!



Gypsy*

Giselle*

Hercules*

Missy

Casper

Yogurt

GYPSY*, a 1 year old Lab cross, was brought in as a stray in late July. She has been very shy since coming to the shelter and can be a little scared of new people, but once she gets to know you, she is very excitable and energetic. She knows how to sit, but needs some work on her basic obedience training, and can tend to be a bit jumpy from time to time. She likes to play, but is a little nervous about playing here at the shelter. Young kids can be a bit scary for Gypsy, so a home with other children would be best. Gypsy needs a home where she can have plenty of time to adjust and open up so she can be the best dog she can possibly be.

Meet **GISELLE***, a loving, playful Shepherd cross who was turned in by her owners because she was not getting along well with the family cats. Giselle has lived with other dogs in her previous home and tends to do well with them, but cannot live in a home with cats. Kids don't seem to bother Giselle, as she has lived with them previously. Giselle knows a few of her basic commands but may need to continue on with her obedience training when she leaves the shelter. She has never had an accident in her home or here at the shelter and seems to be completely potty trained. Giselle loves to play especially

with tennis balls and squeaky toys. She may bark at strangers but warms up quickly once she gets used to you. Giselle likes to leave the yard every once in a while, so she may need training to keep her in the yard for extended periods of time. She is looking for an active home where she can get plenty of exercise and well as some quality down time with her new family.

Meet **HERCULES***, a loving, loyal Pit bull who was turned in to the shelter. Hercules knows all of his obedience training and is a very gentle dog with people, but absolutely cannot live with other dogs. Hercules is a very active dog who loves to go on walks and hikes. Hercules loves to play with any toy you can give him when he is in the mood, but is also a pretty laid back dog and can mellow out and just hang out with the family. Hercules would do best with children who are in their teens or older, but would really prefer a home without kids. Hercules would like an active home where he can get plenty of exercise as well as love and affection. A consultation with our trainer is required before Hercules can leave the shelter. He's been in a foster home for several months, and his foster mom would be happy to meet with you and tell you all about this wonderful dog.

Meet **MISSY!** Missy is shaved currently because she has a little too much area to clean and she isn't exactly mobile with her size. Missy is a very unique girl with a very independent personality. Kids over the age of 12. Or a feline friend, or a feline friendly canine.

CASPER the friendly ghost! Well, Casper is no ghost at all but he is friendly! Casper is only 3 years young and has the rest of his life in front of him and he'd love to spend it with you. The cat room isn't Casper's cup of tea, he'd much rather be in a moderately active home with plenty of time to do his own thing! Casper would do best in a home without children, but a mellow canine, or feline friend would probably be just fine. Casper is a very mysterious cat but with his new family we are sure that he'd be happy to share all his secrets and give you his heart if you'll give him a home!

Meet **YOGURT!** This sturdy, young man weighing in at 18 pounds is back at the shelter for round two. His owners absolutely adored him but couldn't keep him due to allergies in the family. Yogurt does just fine with other cats and dogs but would prefer a home with older kids due to his love of his independence. 🐾

A Great Accomplishment

By Jo Bristow, Volunteer Manager

Addie Ahern started volunteering at LCHS in October of 2010. Although, LCHS has many volunteer opportunities available, Addie elected to participate in the Vet Tech Assistant program. This program offers young people wishing to go into the veterinary field the opportunity to shadow one of LCHS vet techs.

Each candidate must meet certain criteria before being admitted into this program.

- ▶ Must have volunteered 30 hours
- ▶ Must attend at least one Spay & Neuter Clinic (preferably more)
- ▶ Must have performed several tasks within the Spay & Neuter Clinic
- ▶ Must bring a letter of recommendation from school counselor
- ▶ Must pass through an interviewing process by one/or both LCHS Vet Techs

Despite the fact that Addie does not drive, she has managed to accomplish the above criteria; a true test to her perseverance. Addie has elected to join the Spay



Neuter Team; Spay Neuter Your Pet Today (SNYPT); and is now a regular member.

To date, LCHS has had several young people propose going into this program, but none have accomplished meeting the above criteria.

LCHS is proud of Addie and hopefully she will be a future veterinarian, bringing her skills and compassion back to the Helena community. Great work Addie! 🐾

How you can volunteer

We welcome new volunteers to the shelter, and we offer a variety of ways you can help make a difference in the life of a homeless animal. Volunteer orientations are given every month on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:45pm and the last Tuesday of each month at 5:45pm. Please call our Volunteer Manager, Jo Bristow, at 442-1660 for details and an application form. Here is a list of some of the volunteer opportunities available at LCHS:

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

Volunteers recognized at annual meeting

On Saturday, April 30th, the Lewis & Clark Humane Society hosted a Volunteer Recognition Event and Annual volunteer meeting at the Lewis & Clark Library.

Dan Anderson, LCHS Board President spoke on the progress of obtaining land for a new shelter. Dan also stated the appreciation of the board for all the volunteers' time and efforts in bettering the lives of the shelter animals. Dan introduced the new board member Donna Hampton.

Executive Director Gina Wiest spoke on behalf of the shelter staff for the great work of its volunteers and how they contribute to shelter operations and its wellbeing.

A video presentation on shelter programs was presented by Robin Layton, LCHS volunteer, who has been instrumental in videotaping many programs here at LCHS.

Jo Bristow, Volunteer Manager presented Lon Bechtel

with a certificate naming him Volunteer of the Year. Together Dan, Gina and Jo presented Certificates of Appreciation to the volunteers. Many interesting stories were shared about each volunteer during the presentation ceremony.

The event was followed by an annual volunteer meeting. A video presentation by Debi Beardslee on a new program called Potty Patrol, videotaped by Robin was presented. Questions and comments have been noted and will be followed up on at the next volunteer annual meeting, which will take place in August.

This event was catered by Park Avenue Bakery and Starbucks, Last Chance Gulch. A big thank you to everyone who participated and to those many others who were unable to be there in person—you are crucial to helping the animals and we are all very grateful for everything you do! 🐾



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 every month. 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
- Saunder'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

What's New with LCHS Training?

By Kris Fife, Dog Trainer and Behavior Consultant

The LCHS training department is in a state of growth and development as we strive to offer programs of enrichment, rehabilitation and nurturing to the dogs under our stewardship. Currently we are offering in-depth rehabilitation for troubled dogs through our Feisty Fido program. This program is designed to address adoption busting behaviors with specialized training following prescribed protocols. Each dog on this list is given an hour of targeted training Tuesday through Saturday. Enrichment activities are supported through play groups and volunteer obedience classes. Nurturing and care programs include potty walks three times per day.

We are in the development stage of building an expanded fostering program for



those dogs that have needs that cannot be addressed adequately in the shelter environment. Dogs that might need this include those beginning to show signs of deterioration and excessive kennel stress, shy/timid dogs, and dogs that have particular issues with dog/dog aggression. Currently, two members of the training department are fostering dogs in their home. Please contact the humane society if you would be interested in participating in this program.

We continue to strive to educate ourselves and expand our abilities through literature, courses, and specialty tracks. Lastly, we have begun offering in-home counseling at no charge to adopters when problems or questions arise. Our hope is that we can help owners be successful in interacting with and training their dogs. We love these animals we work with and feel hopeful that through training and intervention we can strengthen positive behaviors, promote lasting bonds between owners and their dogs, and provide the best quality of life while under our care. 🐾

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

Volunteer Orientation and Training

- June 285:45 pm
- July 12.....3:45 pm
- July 26.....5:45 pm
- August 93:45 pm
- August 305:45 pm
- September 13.....3:45 pm
- September 275:45 pm

Dog Walker Orientation 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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| June 4 | September 3 |
| July 9 | September 17 |
| July 16 | October 1 |
| July 30 | October 15 |
| August 13 | October 29 |

Happy Endings

By Liz Harrison, LCHS Development and Communications Director

When you think of the humane society, you probably think of dogs and cats, maybe even rabbits, that need a home. But late last fall, the Lewis & Clark Humane Society got called by law enforcement officials to see if we could take in...two hogs. Rescued from a home of filth and no food, they were dirty, underweight and unhappy. Shelter staff and volunteers loaded them into a borrowed horse trailer, as they would not fit into traditional animal control vehicles, and took them back to the shelter. Since the shelter is not currently set up for livestock, a suitable temporary home had to be rigged up

Partner News: Montana Shares

By Karla Ritten, Montana Shares Liason and LCHS Board Member

It is that time of year again. You will see this year's Montana Shares raffle tickets enclosed with this newsletter. You can help support the Lewis & Clark Humane Society (LCHS) and become eligible for great prizes by entering the 17th annual Montana Shares Raffle. There are sixteen great prize bundles this year. LCHS would like to personally thank local and internationally known potter, George McCauley for the donation of a wonderful teapot for our contribution to the raffle.

For those who are unfamiliar with Montana Shares it is a partnership of nonprofit organizations working to build better communities across Montana. Contributions to

member groups are made through Montana Shares each year during statewide workplace giving campaigns. All donations to the raffle support Montana Shares in its efforts to helping LCHS and other nonprofits diversify fundraising and raise public aware-

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Take a moment to look over the raffle ticket and the many different prizes you could win. Your donation will help Montana Shares in its work to support LCHS and other member groups. The suggested donation is \$10 per ticket or three tickets for \$25. The drawing for the sixteen winners will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011.

To enter the raffle, return the tickets on the flyer, along with any donation by September 9 to: Montana Shares, P.O. Box 883, Helena, MT 59624. Thank you for your support of Montana Shares and LCHS! 🐾



New shelter update

LCHS is considering several potential locations for its new shelter, but is planning to take its time weighing the options before making any decisions, Executive Director Gina Wiest says.

Earlier this year, the organization determined that it wouldn't be able to build its new 18,000-square-foot facility on 10 acres of land off the Interstate 15 Frontage Road as initially planned because it was unable to obtain a necessary easement from adjacent landowners.

Geographical and financial considerations will both play a role in whatever decision the organization makes. In general, the humane society needs at least 5 acres of land for the new shelter and would like to be able to connect to city water and sewer services, she said. Wiest also noted that a centralized location would be ideal. 🐾

(Excerpted from a May 15 story by Allison Maier, Independent Record)

with donated hay bales, fencing, and bedding. After a notice ran in the paper, generous community members began dropping off food (the hogs particularly loved apples and pumpkin, as it turned out!). Staff named the duo Rosa and Raphael. In a short amount of time, they settled in and began reveling in the attention they were getting. People went out of their way to stop by the shelter and visit the pair. They gained weight, looked much better and were happier than a pig in—Well, you get the picture.

Enter Heather and Scott Hill. Early on, Heather had come to the shelter several times to drop off food, give the duo scratches behind their ears, and enjoy their playful energy. Soon, their friendship turned into a desire to give Rosa and Raphael a place to live out their days—and

Heather and Scott determined they could make a place at their home. So one snowy day, the pair was loaded back into the horse trailer, driven through town and brought to their new home with the Hill family. They have plenty of space, warm and covered shelter, and lots of love. They still squeal when shelter staff come to visit them. The shelter is very grateful to the Hill's for stepping up to give a permanent home to two unusual shelter animals. 🐾



The Lewis & Clark Humane Society is grateful to Albertsons stores for donating expired produce to help feed Rosa and Raphael.

www.mtlchs.org

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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Looking for a date?

How about June 18, 2011?

The Lewis & Clark Humane Society has plenty of canine companions looking to hook up (leashes) at the annual Strutt Your Mutt walk for animals and pet fair.

Join us for a great day starting at Pioneer Park at 8:45 a.m. And bring your wallet: our dates are cheap, but we'll be raffling off some exciting prizes you won't want to miss!

Already have a date? That's okay. We're sure they'd love to Strutt their stuff too!

All proceeds benefit your local shelter.

