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BLUE MOUNTAIN HUMANE SOCIETY
www.bluemountainhumane.org

Fall 2009

Caring for our community's critters

Our mission is to prevent cruelty and promote kindness to companion animals in our community. We are committed to eliminating the euthanasia of healthy, adoptable pets by ending overpopulation and homelessness. To achieve this, we provide quality shelter, spaying and neutering, foster care, adoption, and re-homing services for companion animals in our community. We also provide humane education, animal control services, and cruelty and neglect investigation services. We advocate for local legislation and policies to ensure that companion animals have homes with responsible, committed and loving caregivers.

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Prison Pet Partnership

On Aug. 17, six shelter dogs headed to the Washington State Penitentiary to learn some new tricks. Each dog will spend up to eight weeks in a new training program, focusing on basic lessons like sit, stay, lay down and fetch, as well as walking nicely on a leash. The dogs will also be socialized to help eliminate bad behavior around other dogs and people.

Blue Mountain Humane Society, the nonprofit organization PAWfect CONnections, the Washington State Penitentiary and dog trainer Shirley Scott have collaborated to bring the Prison Pet Partnership Program to town.

LEARNING DISCIPLINE TOGETHER

Developed over 28 years, the Prison Pet Partnership has proven to be very effective at training shelter dogs in preparation for their adoption. Each dog will have the constant companionship of inmates who have been approved for participation in the program. Scott will be working with the inmates to train the dogs.

"We see this program is a win-win-win," says Becky French, director of shelter operations at Blue Mountain Humane Society. "The dogs get valuable training and socialization, the inmates benefit from the interaction and must maintain good behavior in order to take part in the program, and potential adopters get a dog that has received basic training."

Once the dogs complete the training session, they will return to the shelter. To adopt one of these dogs, please contact French at **509-529-5188** or click on "Adopt" at www.bluemountainhumane.org, and look for the dogs with notes indicating their participation in the program.

The shelter will be accepting donations to help with food, toys and care for these dogs while they are at the prison.



Making tracks in the right direction



Sam Wells

Dear fellow animal lover,

Each time we approach a newsletter deadline, I think about what aspect of my experience with Blue Mountain Humane Society (BMHS) I should share with you, the supporters of the organization. Is there a new development at the shelter?

Have we just passed a particular milestone as an organization? Are we in need of your support in a particular area?

What I thought I would share with you in this issue is why I chose to become involved with the Humane Society, and what it is that I appreciate most about my involvement with the organization.

I enjoy feeling connected to my community. I like knowing what is going on at the local level—what's making our community tick—and interacting with community members and business leaders. BMHS gives me a chance to do just that. I contribute through participation in board meetings, fundraisers, events, fun runs and so on, and that is very satisfying.

Also, I enjoy being part of an organization that is good at its mission. Take a look through this newsletter and you will see examples of our success. To be a great nonprofit organization, we need to have a solid financial foundation. We need to be great at our mission and at raising money to cover our expenses. We also need to have the revenue and expense expertise

in house to be completely self-sustaining. They say you can either buy it or build it. BMHS is continuing to build it, day in and day out. The organization has made a lot of progress over the past several years. We have reduced our debt, have a building reserve fund and savings, and are in good financial shape.

This year has been a very challenging year. While meeting each challenge, I have seen board members, staff and volunteers step up and take on more. We have added fundraisers, implemented an ongoing and successful major gifts committee, and had more conversations with supporters of BMHS about including us in their estate planning. It makes me proud to see the continued growth of this organization and to know that I am part of it.

I appreciate being part of a board that boasts members who have been supporters for decades, as members of the Society, volunteers or both. If you are already a member and would like to do more, I would invite you to ask us how you can best help. Take a look at the list of our board members on the front of the newsletter—chances are you may know one, and they would welcome an opportunity to talk with you about how you can help our organization in the coming year.

Thanks to everyone who has helped us over the years. Cheers!

Sam Wells
President, Board of Trustees

Question?

Ask
THE SHELTER

Q Why are all the adoptable pets at Blue Mountain Humane Society microchipped?

A It is our sincere hope that this additional form of identification will allow us to reunite more pets, especially cats, with their owners. Unlike tags, microchips are a permanent part of the animal once implanted.

We have partnered with 24 Hour Pet Watch to provide microchips for our adoptable pets. For a small fee, we will also offer microchip service to owners who reclaim their pets. Owners can bring in their pets for microchipping during open hours at the shelter. The fee is \$20.

You can help us keep our adoption costs down by making a donation to help us purchase microchips. Each chip costs about \$5.



Please join us!

Saturday, Dec. 5, downtown Walla Walla

Join us and others who love animals by walking a shelter dog in the Parade of Lights. We plan to join with other animal welfare groups in the valley. Call Crissy Kinney at **529-5188** to be kept up-to-date as plans develop.

Thank you for helping!

From April 1, 2009, through Aug. 3, 2009, we received gifts in honor or loving memory of the following people and pets.

PEOPLE

In Honor:

Whitney A. Brooks'
college graduation
Florence Brooks
Fred and Evelyn
Curcio
Cheryl Peters

PEOPLE

In Memory:

Harley Abajian
Wilda Treadwell
Carroll Baker
Dina Baker
Jennie Baldwin
Beth Ann Dilts
Jean Been
Barbara Dodd
Sharon Johnson
Betty Jean Ponti
Margaret Smith
J. R. Tokas
Carol Jean Bowers
Lillis Gallo
George Coney
Shirley Carey-Hill
Helen and Patti
Conner
Wanda Mattice
Helen Crawford
Pennie Oertel
Helen Daniel
Gale Kimball
Helen Daniels
Sally A. Buchanan-Rojo
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Violet Gottwig
Haruo Kajita
Virginia Kelly
Kathleen Priest
Margaret Stanton
Richard Worthington
Joann Wright

Walter Johnson
William Gehrke
Walt's Plumbing
Lynn Watson

Mary Louise Kilmer
Mari T. Brown

Molly Kopf
Freda Wilhelm

Allison Kotnour
Kathy Kaping

Barbara Kraft
Donald and Zelma Hall

Alma Manbeck
J. R. Tokas

Louise Miller
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Jeff Hunter

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Peggy Hubach

Emilie L. Sheler
Garri Taylor

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Melvena Carpenter
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Alice Follett
Linda Huber
Lonna Paul
Margaret Smith
Lorraine Toye
L. K. Waldron
Frances Yelliott
Susan Zehner

Chasta Smith
Animal Clinic of
Walla Walla

Dorothy Stemmer
Brian and Lori Maguire

Doug Stender
Dorothy Bade
Joanne Bates
Sharon Brown
Terry Czarnecki
Larry and Linda Ek
Kaye L. Engel
Nancy and Michael
Kelly

Jan Keough
Erika and Herman
Martinez

Amy Mayer
Billy and Keri Morrison
Douglas Nelson
Pennie Oertel
Kathleen Priest
Jill Pursel
Marlene Schuling
Amy Marie Slawson
Margaret Smith

Susan Stroe
Harvey Tool
Wilda Treadwell
Brad and Diane Wear
Claudia Wetter
Joann Wright

Russell Stewart
Beth Ann Dilts

Agnes Thompson
Joan Cunningham
Beth Ann Dilts
Patrick and June
Meiners

Laurel Sheree Tom
Walla Walla Farmers
Co-Op

Lynn Tompkins
Nancy Helton
Doris Wood

Mary Tompkins
Richard Hanson
Mary Mathews

Cecil Waddell
Einar Bengtson
Patti Bughi
Mary Eisele
Agnes White
William Woodruff

Truman Waddis
Doris Nelson

Frankie Walters
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Jimmie Angell-Erickson
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Andrew Jack

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Lloyds Inc.
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Edna Witherow
Kathy Kaping

Sharon J. Wood
Patty Hanes
Patricia and Alfred
Langis
Betty Marshall
Pennie Oertel

Bud Yeager
Joseph Frostad
Rena Johnson

John Yenney
John Thrasher

PETS

In Honor:

Cat
Susan Zehner

In Memory:

AJ the cat
rLs Creations—
Robin Saxby

Bailey and Orbit
the cats

Jimmie Angell-Erickson

Baxter the dog
Sally A. Buchanan-Rojo

Buzz the dog
Linda Huber

Camille the dog
Kitty Lucas

Camper
Punky Adams

Clara the Labrador
Dorothy Soderstrom

Daisy May
Richard and Robbe
Schwarz

Harold Esser's
faithful dog **Friend**
Ed Schneider

Gladys the Airedale
J. Walter Weingart

Jem
Marilyn Gould

Miss Bailey
Terry Czarnecki

Normandy
Janice Wood

Nubbins the cat
Luetta Huffman

Oscar
Charise Addicks

Oscar the cat
Beth Ann Dilts

Princess Gracie
the dog
Kathy Prutsman

Roscoe the dog
Beth Ann Dilts

Rudy the dog
Beth Ann Dilts

Tigger and Honey
the cats

Michael Tucker

Todd and Bino the
cats

Harry and Voncille
Flemmer

Here's your chance to help

To make a donation, just fill out this coupon and return it to:
BMHS, 7 E. George St., Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Memorial for _____ In honor of _____

Amount \$ _____

Please notify _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

From _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Mark your calendar!

Fall Furr Ball

Saturday, Oct. 24, 6 p.m. to midnight
Elks Lodge

\$50 per person; \$500 for a reserved table for eight guests and logo listing in the program
Mark your calendar for the party of the year! Each table will include two bottles of wine from Walla Walla Wine Works. Join us for dinner, live and silent auctions, dancing to Penrose Lane, and faux gambling in our casino. For tickets or sponsorship info, call Nimo at 529-5188 or any of our board members.

Wine Tasting to Benefit BMHS

Friday, Nov. 13, 6 p.m.

Walla Walla Country Club

Reservations required; tickets are \$60 each.
Call 525-1780 for details.

Home for the Holidays

Saturday, Dec. 19, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Very special holiday deals will be offered on all adoptions for one day only. Call 529-5188 for details on how to help sponsor animals for adoption.

Adoption Events at PETCO

Last Sunday of each month, 1 to 4 p.m.

BMHS will feature adoptable dogs at PETCO. Our adoptable cats are available in the PETCO Adoption Center year-round.

Clip and keep

Obesity

A growing problem

BY ANDREA E. ADAMS, DVM

In our ever-expanding population of household dogs and cats, veterinarians are seeing more and more obese pets. Obesity is an accumulation of fat tissue in the body, and it is the most common nutritional disorder in companion animals. Just as in humans, obesity in pets is usually the result of too much food and not enough exercise.

Numerous studies have shown that obesity can be detrimental to the health and longevity of dogs and cats. Obese companion animals may be predisposed to orthopedic disease, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, urinary and reproductive disorders, growths (including cancer), dermatological diseases, and anesthetic complications.

The main therapeutic options for obesity in companion animals include dietary management and increasing physical activity. Recognizing and acknowledging that your pet is overweight is an important part of getting your animal back to good health. If excessive weight is a problem with your cat or dog, talk to your veterinarian about diet and exercise for your pet.



Donate your used vehicle to BMHS and take a tax deduction! Contact Sara Archer at 529-5188 for details.



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Fall Furr Ball

Cuttin' rugs and waggin' tails

- * Saturday, Oct. 24, 6 p.m. to midnight.
- * Elks Lodge.
- * \$50 per person—includes dinner, live and silent auctions, gaming, and dancing to Penrose Lane.
- * Reserved tables for eight guests available.
- * Call **509-529-5188** for reservations.



Sponsored in part by



A benefit for the Blue Mountain Humane Society

Yes! I will help make the Fall Furr Ball a success!

Tickets: \$50 each.

Table sponsor: \$500 for reserved seating for eight guests, two bottles of wine, logo recognition on the table and in the program, and special emcee recognition.

I have enclosed a check.

Please send me an invoice.

I will donate to the auction. Please mail me an in-kind donation form.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Please indicate entrée selections for you and your guests:

Beef Chicken Vegetarian

Return this form to: BMHS, 7 E. George St., Walla Walla, WA 99362