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BLUE MOUNTAIN HUMANE SOCIETY  
www.bluemountainhumane.org

Spring 2008

## 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 provide spaying and neutering, 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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## Highlights from 2007

We've had another exciting year of change and growth at the Blue Mountain Humane Society. We are proud to have found homes for 732 animals: 414 dogs, 288 cats and 30 other pets. We are especially pleased that all adopted dogs or cats were spayed or neutered before going to their new homes. Every animal spayed or neutered means fewer unwanted animals in the future, which is good news for everyone!

Our commitment not to euthanize in order to make space required us to get creative with the space we have available and to seek new partnerships with other animal welfare groups. With the help of dedicated staff and volunteers, we were able to transfer 85 dogs to shelters and rescue organizations around the region. Best of all, each one of them was eventually adopted.

Thanks to increased awareness and participation in our licensing efforts, we reunited 287 dogs with their owners during 2007. Many others were returned directly to their owners by local animal control officers without ever having to come to the shelter.

It remains a heartbreaking challenge to get cats back to their

homes: only 19 cats were reclaimed last year—about 1 percent of those that entered our shelter. Complete animal figures and outcomes for 2007 will be presented at our annual meeting on April 28.

In August we celebrated our 40th anniversary with an open house for our members and friends. Our Fall Furr Ball on Oct. 20 was a great success, with more than 300 guests in attendance and \$50,000 in net proceeds.

Our thrift store had a successful year as well, with sales averaging \$712 a day. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of store manager Nimo Kilionia and her team, the store contributed more than \$45,000 in net profit to the Society. Kilionia is especially proud of the \$4,450 profit from recycling efforts at the store.

We saw a huge increase in the number of volunteers who assist daily at the shelter or thrift store, and we recruited several new families willing to foster animals—a critical resource to prevent overcrowding.

Thanks to each of you who had a part in making 2007 a most successful year for the Society and the animals we serve. 🐾

# Looking forward: Our goals for 2008

## VACCINATE EVERY ANIMAL AT ADMISSION

We have adopted the Association of Veterinary Medicine's recommendations for vaccination protocol in a shelter environment. The goal of vaccinating upon admission is to improve animal health and reduce the spread of disease. We began the new protocols on Jan. 1 and are already seeing overall improvement.

**How can you help?** The cost of the vaccinations is substantial. Gifts earmarked for animal health will be used to help cover the cost of vaccines. For details, call Sara Archer at **529-5188**.

## MICROCHIP EVERY ADOPTED PET

We have partnered with 24HourPetWatch to provide microchips for our adoptable pets. For a small fee, we will also offer the microchip service to owners who reclaim their pets.

It is our sincere hope that this additional form of identification will allow us to reunite more pets, especially cats, with their owners.

**How can you help?** You can help us keep our adoption costs

down by making a donation to help purchase microchips. Each chip costs about \$5.

## CONTINUE TO SPAY OR NEUTER EVERY ANIMAL BEFORE ADOPTION

Every pet spayed or neutered reduces the number of future unwanted animals in our community.

**How can you help?** Without a veterinarian on staff at the shelter, we rely on community vets to perform surgeries. We are in need of volunteers to transport animals to and from local vet offices.

You can also help spay or neuter a cat or a dog by making a donation to the "Spay Our Stray" fund. To help, call Becky French at **529-5188**.

## TRANSFER MORE ANIMALS

As we continue to develop relationships with others committed to similar efforts, we will increase the chances for the animals we serve to find homes.

**How can you help?** We are in need of volunteers to transport animals to Portland, Seattle, Spokane and other areas around the region.

Financial report	2006	2007
<b>Income</b>		
Animal operations	\$37,246	\$51,907
Contracts	\$55,588	\$68,678
Animal control receipts	\$59,677	\$46,359
Thrift store sales	\$215,127	\$226,729
Interest and rebate income	\$61,048	\$67,828
Donations and memberships	\$110,098	\$108,732
Grants	\$30,000	\$30,500
Fundraising (net)	\$32,454	\$52,524
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$601,238</b>	<b>\$653,257</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Animal care and control	\$29,828	\$58,563
Payroll expense	\$314,787	\$371,467
General operations*	\$142,951	\$85,969
Insurance and interest expense	\$69,961	\$49,440
Promotion and development	\$7,070	\$4,168
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$564,597</b>	<b>\$569,607</b>
<b>Net income before depreciation</b>	<b>\$36,641</b>	<b>\$83,650</b>

## Additional information

In-kind contributions	\$75,619	\$96,216
FMV of endowment funds	\$1,400,911	\$1,419,588
Balance due on building loans	\$483,629	\$464,663
Building reserve savings account	0	\$10,090
Overdraft savings account	0	\$15,051
Edward Jones savings**	0	\$40,320

\* The Society did not pay rent at the thrift store from October 2006 through September 2007, due to an arrangement with the owner of the building. We also spent \$7,500 on an audit in 2006 and did not have that expense in 2007.

\*\* The Society received a \$25,163 bequest in 2007. These funds, along with other donated funds, have been set aside for future needs as determined by the board.



If you are headed out of town and have room to transport an animal to one of these areas, please give us a call! We will provide kennels for transport, and the animals will provide grateful kisses. To help, call Rebecca Oertel at **529-5188**.

### OFFER ADOPTABLE ANIMALS AT PETCO

As an adoption partner with PETCO, we could not be more

excited to load up dogs and cats to fill the area dedicated to adoptable pets inside Walla Walla's new PETCO store. The store, which is scheduled to open in late April, will provide an ideal venue for people to fall in love with our adoptable pets.

**How can you help?** Our commitment to have adoptable pets available at PETCO will require volunteers who are willing to transport

dogs daily to and from the shelter, as well as to provide care for cats that are housed at the store while they wait for adoption. To volunteer, call Sara Archer at **529-5188**. 🐾

## On our website

Preview our adoptable pets at [www.bmhs.petfinder.com](http://www.bmhs.petfinder.com). Pet information is updated daily!

## Thank you for helping!

From May through December 2007, we received gifts in honor or loving memory of the following people and pets.

### PEOPLE

#### In honor of Ann and Steve Ahler

William and Helen Payne

#### Carroll Baker

Dina Baker

#### Margaret Bergevin

Klova and Charmaine Beck

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dickerson

Lucy and David Floren

#### Mick Blackburn

Jim and Jayne McCarthy  
George Wale

#### Viola Blize

Freda and Thomas Wilhelm

#### In honor of Jack and Cooper

**Bolduc**  
Carlos Luria

#### In honor of Phyllis Bonds

Eleanor Wing

#### In honor of Duncan Breithaupt

Kathy and Craig George

#### In honor of Brian and Cindy's wedding

Mindy and Matthew Zack

#### Walter Broman

Joanne Drumheller  
William and Ardis Kelly

Mike and Pennie Oertel

#### Henry Butherus

Frank and Maxine Amen

Albert and Anne Bradford

Michael and Sharon Cook

Nancy and Larry Frank

George and Anna Gwinn

Ruth Hanson

Bill and Clydene Houchin

Donna Johannessen

Robert and Margaret Kibler

June and Pat Meiners

Elwood Shemwell  
Rose Anne Walker  
Norma Zier

#### In honor of Carl and Whitney Christianson

Mary Bella Betts

#### Truman Conn

The Bart family

#### Patti Conner

Margaret Holland  
Mark and Karen Streufert

#### Bernadine

#### Converse

Marilyn and Holly Hewitt

#### Elsie Detling

United Christian Church Livermore

#### Ronald Doving

Carrol and Donna Gum

#### Joanne Dye

Carolyn Hahn  
Darlene Reitan

**Rudy and June Ellis**  
James and Beverly Ellis

#### Tonia Elsey

Kathleen Priest

#### Tom Fenton

Jerry and Mikki

Votendahl

#### Myrtle Forrest

Blue Mountain German Dancers

#### In honor of Joe and Marti Gaffrey at Christmas

Linda Aglass

#### Gerald Gladin

Jim and Gaye Abajian

#### Frank Gray

Kathy and Philip Kaping

#### Beryl Herres

Roberta Herres

#### Rownea Hewitt

Doug Bayne

Jack and Elaine Green

Richard and Mary Hanson

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Karr

Ronald and Maybelle

Leinbach

Dale and Peggy

Perkins

Senate Republican

Caucus

Senate Republican

Caucus staff and members' assistants

John and Betty

Thrasher

Valona Tucker

#### Jewell Holloway

Claudia Huntley  
Sharon Thompson

#### Mattie Johnson

Chris and Diana Schmidt

#### Edith Juhlin

Harvey and Bernice Brewer

#### Arline Kamin ski

Jack and Mary Barga  
Roy and Susan

Baughman

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The Betts family

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Bingham

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Elizabeth Corning

Jorge and Gisele Ebel

Sally and Jerome

Edinger

Dorothy and Don

Fleming

Robert and Mary Jo

Fontenot

Shirley Fouts

Walt and Gwen Gobel

Shirley Hill

Kathy and Philip

Kaping

Lauri Koski

Pauline Livengood

William and Rosemary

Lloyd

Robert, Susan and

William Morrison

Richard and Marily

Neher

Juliet and Robert Nelson

Daniel and Jeanine

Nowak

Ed and Wendy Nowak

Mike and Pennie

Oertel

Alvin and Betty Jean

Ponti

Greg and Gloria Ponti

Karlene Ponti

Carol Roediger

Susan and Jon Rubin

Fouad Tabsharani (VA

Medical Center, San

Francisco—radiology

department)

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Thomassen

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Williams

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#### In honor of Kathleen Kernberger

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#### Rita Manthey

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Neher

#### Doug Martin

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Neher

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Doris Wood

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Richard and Marilyn

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#### Jim McCorkell

Mary Bella Betts

#### In honor of Sallie McCullough

Kathy and Philip

Kaping

#### Jeanne Megy

Shary Jackson

#### Norma Newman

Tom Chandler

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## Here's your chance to help

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

Memorial for \_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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## Mark your calendar!

### Annual Meeting

Monday, April 28

4 p.m.

**BMHS Animal Shelter,  
7 E. George St., Walla Walla**

Join us for our annual membership meeting for final 2007 financial and animal figures, board nominations, and our annual volunteer awards. Refreshments will be served. Call **529-5188** to RSVP.

### PETCO Grand Opening in Walla Walla

**Estimated dates: May 2  
through 4**

Join BMHS in celebrating the grand opening of our adoption center inside PETCO. Our adoptable cats and dogs will be available in the store year-round, and special adoption events are in the works for later this year. Stay tuned for details!

### Summer Daze Adoption Event Saturday, June 14

10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

FREE cat adoptions and deeply discounted dog adoptions for one day only at the shelter. For details on how to sponsor an animal for adoption, call Rebecca Oertel at **529-5188**.

## DONOR LIST CONTINUED

**In honor of Ken and Sue Ollenberger**  
Pat Richmond  
Tish Watts

**Letha Osgood**  
J. E. Carlyle

**Charlie Paietta**  
Alvin and Betty Jean  
Ponti

**Larry Pepin**  
Jim and Jayne McCarthy

**Richard and Doris Philips**  
Martha Schilling

**In honor of Mary Kay Pinnick**  
Tish Watts and Pat  
Richmond

**Mary Margaret Prutsman**  
Leslie and Bonnie  
Johnson

Ken and Barbara  
Keniston  
Charlotte Koepke

**Sandi Rakestraw**  
Employees of the city  
of Milton-Freewater

**In honor of Jerri Ramsey's birthday**  
Marilyn Brown

**William Roach**  
Jesus, Martina, Carlos  
and Bianca Cruz

**Beven Roth**  
Dr. Roseanne Schneller

**In honor of Kathy Ruggeri**  
Michael and Susan  
Gillespie

**In honor of Sgt. William M. Salter**  
Catherine Covington-  
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Darlene Salter  
William D. Salter

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

**Ken Smith**  
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Reser

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## PETS

**Zeus Adkins**  
Kathy and Bob Ruggeri

**In honor of Maggie Bethel's 70th birthday (black Lab)**  
Helen Logan-Schneider

**Blackie, dog**  
Stan and Gladys Wirtz

**In honor of Bouncer**  
Ray Davis

**Brea, dog**  
Donna Johannessen

**Bamboo Brown, dog**  
James Rice

**Buttons the cat**  
Dr. Roseanne Schneller

**Camille and Sissy**  
Tiffany Cain and David  
Christensen

**Cheyenne, pet of Susan Kummer**  
Chris and Diana  
Schmidt

**Chug the dog**  
Alma and Don  
Hunerlach

**CoCo**  
Harry Tiedemann

**Dakota and Heidi**  
Daniel and Wilda  
Treadwell

**Doc Jr.**  
Kitty Lucas

**Heidi Fohdahn, dog**  
The Rubin family

**Quill Follett, cat**  
William and Alice Follett

**Fuzette, dog**  
Donna Johannessen

**Hans Jr., pet of Brian Burns and Cindy Boen**

Tiffany Cain and David  
Christensen  
Kitty Lucas  
Chris and Diana Schmidt

**Jack**  
Duane and Maryann  
Cole

**Lad, collie**  
William and Cheryl Hess

**Melita, the guide dog of Ernie Jones**  
Tilla van Biema

**Otis the cat**  
Ruth Hartley

**Bailey Quaresma, the golden retriever**  
Angie Butler  
The Quaresma family  
Kate Venerri

**Rocksie, dog**  
Donna Johannessen

**Sadie the dalmatian**  
Florence Brooks  
Donna Johannessen  
Henry Pope

Kathleen Priest  
Tilla van Biema

**Sally the dog**  
Rosemary Derrick  
Hutchinson

**Shelby**  
Cary and Jim Miller

**Snickers the dog**  
Kitty Lucas

**Tibi the Great Dane**  
Rosemary Derrick  
Hutchinson

**Tigar Dog No. 1**  
Harvey and Bernice  
Brewer

**Tigger the cat**  
Michael and Diane  
Tucker

**Tisha the dog**  
Teri and Whitney Barila

**In honor of Wally, aka Nike**  
Joe and Courtney Neron

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Thrift Store located at:  
207 E. Main St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

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