

**MORE LOCAL NEWS**

Office pool wins lottery/**PAGE C2**

Local news in brief/**PAGE C2**

# THE BIG SKY

BOZEMAN DAILY CHRONICLE

CITY DESK: 587-449

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2008

## Parvovirus scare prompts partial shelter shutdown

By **DAVE RICHARDSON**  
Chronicle Staff Writer

A lone puppy infected with parvovirus prompted Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter to partially shut down its operations Tuesday.

The pup, one of a litter of four surrendered by their owner, became ill a few days after arriving at the shelter, Executive Director Margie

Taylor said. Tests confirmed the presence of the virus, which is 80 percent fatal in puppies and highly contagious.

All four puppies were euthanized, Taylor said. The shelter has a no-kill policy that allows animals deemed unadoptable to be put down.

As a precaution, the shelter will not be accepting owner-surren-

What do you think? Post your comments at  
**BOZEMAN TALKS!**.COM

dered dogs until at least May 12, Taylor said.

"We don't have any dogs that are sick right now, but because this virus is very, very contagious, we felt the prudent thing was to close up and wait to see if anything else pops up," Taylor said.

The shelter will still accept stray dogs, Taylor said.

Cats and rabbits are unaffected by the partial quarantine, she added.

The symptoms of canine parvovirus include lethargy, vomiting, fever and bloody diarrhea. Often, infected dogs wind up dehydrated and anemic, go into shock and die.

*Dave Richardson can be reached at [drichardson@dailychronicle.com](mailto:drichardson@dailychronicle.com) or 582-2648.*