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## You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet!

The three months since the merge of the Humane Society of Gallatin Valley and Heart of the Valley Animal Center have been exciting and productive. The combination of resources, manpower, and ideas has fueled a revival of volunteerism and the expansion of existing programs.

Heart of the Valley Humane Society's first "combined" event was Spring Cleaning Days, May 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Vicki Lutz, Operations Director comments, "Mother nature fought us all the way, but over 50 volunteers showed up to fight back. A tremendous amount of work was done all with an eye for making the Shelter a more habitable place for the animals and more inviting to humans." Everyone rolled up their sleeves, donned rain gear and cleaned outside dog kennels, built new roofed cat cages, revamped the cat adoption room, painted, and put elbow grease to an assortment of odd jobs.

The Program Committee has been working with staff and volunteers to expand existing programs that promote finding homes for animals, building the human/animal bond, and better coordinating volunteers. Results are already visible-- in May HOVHS adopted 125 animals, a record!

Cornerstones of this success have been the addition of Adoption Counselors at the Shelter, the Pet Connection/Matchmaking program, and the expansion of our alliance with PetSmart's Adoption Center. HOVHS PetSmart Coordinator, Tamara Gilham comments, "Since we began staffing the Adoption Center weekday afternoons our cat adoptions have soared. We feel we can increase our dog adoption numbers by bringing dogs to PetSmart during the week as well as on the weekends." Volunteers interested in being Dog Chaperones Wednesday thru Friday afternoons or on the weekends call Tamara at 587-0456. Other programs in expansion or development mode are the Foster Care Program and Follow-up Adoption Program.

Kelsey Gabrian has assumed the role of our summer volunteer Volunteer Coordinator. Kait Hembree, Program Chair, states, "The challenge has been combining and



organizing the volunteer lists from both organizations, we are now ready and will be scheduling regular general-interest Volunteer Orientations each month so people can explore all the ways they can become involved." The first HOVHS Volunteer Orientations were held June 9 and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Bozeman Library and drew over 30 individuals interested in being involved and making a difference. July's meeting is scheduled for July 8, 6:30 pm at the library. If you would like more information on volunteer needs and opportunities, plan to attend.

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# School Days, School Days...

There's a school where the students are eager to come to each class. The lessons are always new and different. And the homework is fun! What is this unlikely place of higher learning? It's the weekly dog obedience classes taught by Rob and Cara Greger, and some of our dogs are part of it.

The classes are taught in a group setting. The group work puts the dogs and owners in "real world" situations. Even with the distractions of other dogs, people, and unfamiliar surroundings, the dogs are taught to remain focused on the handler. The course is progressive, with each week building on the previous weeks. Basic commands of sit, down, heel, come, and stay are taught for real life situations, not for competition or the show ring. You may not get a "perfect" sit, but you'll get a good, consistent sit. The course trains the handler, not the dog. "We teach dog training," explains Cara. The owner then trains the dog.

A favorite night for teachers and students alike is a walk through downtown Bozeman. It exposes the dogs and owners to new, sometimes scary, situations. With all the new distractions, the dogs are still expected to listen to their owners. Dogs from HOVHS have been part of Rob and Cara's classes for about 5 years, each dog chaperoned by its own volunteer handler graduated from the shelter's dog etiquette class. The shelter dogs gain confidence and socialization, skills many of them want most to learn. They get a knowledge of boundaries and learn there are rules and

## Meet the Graduates



**Elf** Class of '04



**Rex** Class of '04



**Dirk** Gone to Grad School

procedures that must be followed. "Dogs in the wild are governed by a dictatorship, not a democracy. It is a pack society and there must be a pack leader" says Cara. In the home, the owner must establish himself as the "pack leader" or "alpha dog". If the owner does not, the dog will feel obliged to, whether he wants to or not.

Group obedience training benefits any dog. Each of our shelter dogs has shifted observably. Everything is done in "baby steps". A very shy or unsocial dog can simply observe at first. Then slowly, as he gains confidence, he is asked to do more. Every dog is different and every owner has different goals in mind. Therefore, there is no judging or testing during the course. Because dogs and people are different, many methods of training are used. The ultimate goal of the class, says Cara, is to "improve the relationship between the owner and the dog." Cara specializes in overall handler training; Rob specializes in the individual dog/handler dances.

Age is not a factor in the classes. Rob and Cara like to see a puppy attend his first classes at about 16 weeks of age to begin building a foundation for future training. (Occasionally, puppy owners come in with expectations beyond their puppy's ability to focus.) At the other end of the spectrum, given enough time, commitment, and energy from the owner an old dog can indeed learn new tricks!

The next class begins August 18. For information call Rob or Cara at 585-7817 or e-mail to [RobGreger@aol.com](mailto:RobGreger@aol.com).

## HELP WANTED

**Volunteer Foster Program Coordinator, 5-10/month commitment. Train with current coordinator.**

and helping match the right animal(s) with the right home. This program is important—not only for the kittens, puppies, older, and special needs animals who are fostered, but also for the shelter campus itself. Fostering lowers shelter numbers. Lower numbers promote a less-stress environment where each of our animals can feel comfortable in its home-between-homes. If you can see yourself at the helm of this furry switchboard, call 556-4651 to learn more!

Job basics are collecting phone numbers of those who have expressed an interest in fostering, calling back with more information, screening foster home applications and doing a walk-through of potential homes,

## • More to Come... (continued from p. 1)

- Sandy McIntyre has joined the staff as Fundraising and Event Coordinator. Sandy is currently working on putting the final touches on the Second Annual Bark in the Park Dog Walk (see enclosed brochure), expansion of the Dog/Cat Counter Banks, and the eagerly awaited Dog Ball in October. Sandy has been impressed "by the astounding number, generosity, and longevity of the volunteers and looks forward to broadening community support through fun and educational events."
- This is just a sampling of what has happened since April 1<sup>st</sup>. With this level of enthusiasm and energy continuing into the future, it will be amazing to see what has been accomplished by our one-year merger anniversary in 2005!

Spotlight on Trainers

Main heading goes here

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Livingston	✓		✓		HS Park Co. 222-2111
Manhattan	✓		✓		City Office 284-6630
Three Forks	✓		✓		Headwaters Vet 285-6672
West Yellowstone	✓		✓		HOVHS 587-0456
Yellowstone National Park			✓	✓	Area Ranger Station

\*These "Lost Pet Contacts" are holding facilities and are generally NOT able to come and pick up stray animals. Call local law enforcement dispatch to arrange stray pick-up or to report other animal issues.

# From the Heart: Memorials & Honors

## In Memory of

*A Person:*

**Helen Alberda**  
**John Austin**  
**Mary Backlin**  
**Vivian Bennett**  
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remember and celebrate both  
people and pets who are special to us.  
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## Keeping You Posted...

### Dog Chaperones

Could you be among those who escort an HOVHS adoptable canine to Petsmart for a weekday promenade? It's a dream date! (Caution: If all goes well, **your date may go home with someone else!**) Call 587-0456 for details.

### The Bark in the Park- It's a lark!

(Show your dog the enclosed flyer. And save that date!)

### Sweet Pea Parade

We'll be "floating" along with some of our finest dogs and volunteers alike.

### Join the Pack at the 2004 Dog Ball

Poodle Skirts, cat-eye glasses, blue suede shoes

**October 2, 2004**

Riverside County Club

Dinner, Dancing, Silent Auction, Fun!

### Spay/Neuter Financial Assistance

Call the shelter at 587-0456.

### Volunteer Specials

(Call 556-4651)

#### Dog Ball

(Cat Ball, if you prefer!) This is our annual biggie. See specifics below. The planning starts now, and the **BALL** keeps rolling right up to event day.

#### Critter Cans

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### Foster Homes Needed

You've got the Homes;  
You've got the Heart;  
We've got the Warm-and-Fuzzies!  
Call 587-0456 for info.

### Got a Date for New Plates?

Don't just tag your dog...



Put us on your tail!

### Contact Info:

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## Montana Shares-- That's the Ticket!

Enclosed in this newsletter are two tickets for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Montana Shares raffle. With forty-six terrific prizes to win, you can support Montana Shares in its work with our organization and the other thirty-nine member groups by entering your name in the drawing. Consider sending a donation to Montana Shares (suggested amount \$10 per ticket). Each year, our group donates a prize to be raffled to raise funds for Montana Shares operations. From get-away adventures to treasured art, one of these prizes could be yours!

Montana Shares is a partnership of Montana-based

nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in communities throughout the state. Thanks to all of you who have given so generously through Montana Shares. Heart of the Valley Humane Society benefits each year from membership in Montana Shares by the statewide promotion of our programs and by donations through community and workplace giving.

Please take a moment now and enter for a chance to win a fabulous prize. (Drawing on September 11, 2004, in Helena, MT. Winners need not be present.)

# From the President

Do you believe in signs? I do, and recently those of us involved with HOVHS received the greatest sign imaginable that what we are trying to do can work. But, let me give you some history. Dirk came to the shelter as a stray on July 21, 2000. Yes, that is four years ago. He was a wonderful dog, but a little homely (sorry, Dirk) and older. He settled in at the shelter and was basically very happy in what he thought was his new home. Of course, all the staff and volunteers knew it could not be his new home, that we needed to help him find a new home, but in the meantime, everyone worked to make him happy. He went for wonderful hikes up to the M. He was walked several times every week by volunteers. He visited many a school child. He was our poster boy – though he never really enjoyed having his picture taken, especially with antlers or a funny scarf. When the shelter got really crowded, we always worried about him, but he was clearly a great dog who was just patiently waiting for his new owner to come.

Well, it finally happened, and what is most amazing is that Dirk's new owner is someone who has known him since he came in. A wonderful young volunteer dog walker, who was really busy in school for a few years, came back and found Dirk still waiting for him. The news traveled fast, and it seemed that everyone had heard about Dirk's new home. We were all concerned about Dirk's favorite girl, the



volunteer who had spent so much time with him and who was not around when Dirk went home. How would she feel when she found out he had left without saying goodbye? Well, again someone other than us was in charge. Dirk now lives just around the corner from her, and she can still visit on a regular basis.

Why am I telling you this story? Because this confirmed to me more than anything else that has happened in my years of association with the shelter that what we are doing is so right. I hate to even think how few shelters in this country would have the resources to keep a dog for four years waiting for a home. The staff and volunteer time and energy involved in making Dirk's life so happy is immeasurable.

On behalf of Dirk and all the other animals who have found great homes through our shelter, I would like to say thanks to all our friends and supporters out there. Without your support, Dirk and friends would not now have loving new owners, and their loving new owners would not have them.

This just proves that lots of love and hard work really can make Bozeman the very best place for animals and their owners. This is the mission of HOVHS, and Dirk will always be in our hearts, helping us carry out that mission.

## A Special Thanks...

**Danhof Chevrolet** and **Air Controls** for the donation of a big, versatile van; and **MacKenzie River Pizza** for a second van; **Williams Plumbing & Heating** for the new water heater; **Greenspace Landscaping** for shelter grounds care; **Spring Cleaning Days Volunteers** who cheerfully braved the rain and snow to take care of the "grandfather" shelter -- **County Market** for donuts and coffee and **MacKenzie River Pizza** for pizza to keep the volunteer workers fueled -- **Owen House Hardware** for the yellow paint for the revamped Critter and Get-to-Know You rooms; **Thibeault Studios** for the new HOVHS Logo design; **Brent Maciulski** for computer assistance; **Montana Gift Corral** for the donation of a wonderful bronze sculpture for auction in the MT Shares Auction; **Pat Green** for hosting the Head for the Hills Poker Ride and gifting \$500; **Thompson's Rental** for chairs for weekly staff meetings; **Insty Print and Insty Mail** for their help and generosity in production, printing and mailing of newsletters, brochures, and other materials; **Bozeman High School's Leo Club** for sponsoring the Duck Float and raising \$1,000; **Sacajawea, Whittier & Irving Schools** for surprising us with your substantial gifts of animal "stuff" and cash. **Girl Scout Troop 577** for the awesome gift of \$350;

**And to the ever-so-many-of-you (you know who you are!)** who add so much to our Shelter and our community assistance efforts with gifts we can always use: dog wading pools, canned cat food, dog biscuits, dog and cat toys, laminating sheets for cage cards (more please!) and your ongoing financial assistance!

Last but by all means not least, thank you to all the **Humane Society of Gallatin Valley, Heart of the Valley Animal Center, and Heart of the Valley Humane Society Board Members**—both past and current—for all the hours of work, energy, and dedication they give to the care of the animals.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spanish Greyhound Supply Drive

Kudos to **Animal Medical Center, Advanced Animal Care Center, Creekside Veterinary Hospital, Faithful Friends Animal Clinic, Hardaway Veterinary Hospital, Montana Veterinary Hospital, and Valley View Veterinary Hospital** for donations of supplies and medicines to help rescued racing greyhounds.



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"Cypress"



"Louise"



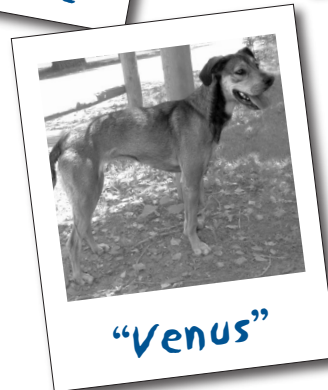
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