

# Heart of the Valley PAW PRINTS

ANIMAL SHELTER Winter 2013

## Evaluating Dogs in the Shelter Environment by Ben Donoghue, Canine Evaluator and Trainer



In today's Animal Sheltering world, canine behavior evaluations have become an important part of the sheltering process. Over the years, they have evolved into a valuable tool for shelters to assess the safety of handling and adoptability of each dog. Heart of the Valley performs assessments and tracks every dog's behavior from the point of intake to the time of assessment. What follows is a basic overview of how we get to know our dogs.

**First 24 Hours-** As much information as possible is gathered from the person relinquishing the dog to the shelter. Along with the dog's history and the initial safety scan by the Canine Technician, the dog receives a basic physical exam and is vaccinated as needed. The Canine Technician notes any physical ailments as well as writes their observations of how the dog behaved when being handled. The dog is then placed in a very low traffic area. All dog kennels are set up with fresh water, cot, blanket, chew toy and identification card with behavior tracking sheet.

**Days One Through Five-** Animal shelters are very stressful places for most dogs. At this stage, our goal is to reduce that stress felt by the dog. The kennel staff is trained to observe and record the dog's basic functions such as food and water intake and level of housetraining. Staff is also asked to be active listeners and observe how the dog interacts with them socially and responds positively and appropriately. By listening to a dog's individual needs we help alleviate stress with things such as visual barriers and routine, while at the same time providing an outlet for positive releases of stress such as dog play groups and interactive toys.

**Days Five Through Seven-** At this point a dog's cortisol (a hormone released when under stress) levels should have balanced out and the behavior that we see is more than likely the behavior we will continue to see in the shelter environment. It is during days five through seven that we will perform a behavior evaluation. The evaluator is objective and up until this point, they have not spent time with the dog. The evaluation is intended to look at the ability of the dog to interact socially with people as well as their ability to handle stress and excitement. Some of the evaluation includes testing the dog's response to a stranger approaching their kennel, sensitivity to handling and restraint, response to a child-sized doll and to what level they guard their resources such as food.

**The Big Picture-** The history gathered from the person relinquishing the dog, the tracking of behavior and comfort level in the kennel environment, and the behavior evaluation, give us an idea of the individual dog's needs. The evaluator will write up a prescription of training, behavior modification and enrichment ideas for volunteers, staff, and the future home. If the behavior evaluator is concerned about the safety of adopting the dog back out into the community the dog is discussed in a committee consisting of the Canine Evaluator, Canine Supervisor, Operation Director and Staff Veterinarian.

When you adopt your next dog from an animal shelter, make sure to ask about their behavior evaluation process. A good animal shelter should be proud of the animals they adopt out, with confidence that they will succeed and form a lasting bond with their new family.



Testing a dog's level of resource guarding

## Free Isn't Always the Right Price



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We've all been there, clicking through Craigslist postings, staring into the cardboard box, feeling tempted. You fall in love with the spotted puppy or tabby kitten and simply can't resist.

### Please resist!

There are so many reasons to adopt from your community animal shelter, rather than yielding to the impulse to grab a pet from the cardboard box in the Walmart parking lot. I'd like to share a few reasons to get your next "forever friend" from our shelter.

At Heart of the Valley, you'll have a much better chance of securing a healthy, well-socialized pet, an animal that won't take an emotional toll or drain your pocketbook. Please don't be fooled by online sites or newspaper ads that offer free pups or kittens. In the long-run, the cost of your "free" pet might be much higher than you'd ever expect. The rock-bottom "free to a good home" price

that's so tempting doesn't include veterinary services, especially that critical spay or neuter operation. Every adoptable pet leaving our shelter is spayed or neutered and our adoption fees include a comprehensive medical and behavioral evaluation by our behaviorist and veterinarian, vaccinations, deworming, a month-long pet insurance policy to get you off on the right foot.

Sometimes we hear from potential adopters who want a very specific breed of cat or dog, and they believe there aren't any purebreds at our shelter. This simply isn't the case. In the last year, we've placed Bengal cats, Maine Coon cats, and so many pedigreed dogs – everything from Pointers to Pugs. Of course, there are responsible breeders operating wonderful home-based facilities, but careless breeders who add litter after litter to communities where many animals already need homes shouldn't earn your support.

Rather than being an online "phantom" or worse -- a front for a puppy mill-- Heart of the Valley exists in a tangible bricks-and-mortar facility. We're open every day to everyone. That means you can visit as many times you'd like before you adopt. Don't see the one you want today? Have patience and follow our website, because we have new guests arriving weekly. Then, visit Heart of the Valley in person and use our "get to know you" areas. Our adoption counselors will help you choose the right pet for you circumstances, lifestyle and home.

In case you already fell in love, we understand. Your new pet might need additional counseling or training. We have classes and one-on-one services. Our staff will be happy to help. That's what we do. And if you see kittens or puppies in poor condition, please alert your local animal control authorities.

Wishing your family and pets all the best in 2013.

Phil Rogers  
Executive Director



Adopt your new best friend at  
Heart of the Valley!

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# Celebrating Success!

## A Progress Report on Heart of the Valley's Five Year Anniversary

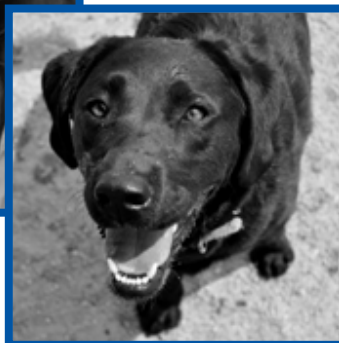
In October of 2012, Heart of the Valley celebrated five years in our state-of-the-art facility on East Cameron Bridge Road. Your local animal shelter, completed in 2007, is built on 58 acres of donated land and consists of an adoption center, a veterinary clinic, administrative offices, and a community room for meetings as well as public outreach programs. Throughout the year, we offer educational classes, Pet Pals Summer Day Camp, and put on three annual events, the Dog Ball, Snowshoe Shuffle, and Woofstock. Heart of the Valley has an open door policy and accepts any lost, abandoned, or surrendered dogs or cats regardless of circumstance or condition.

Realizing that this shelter would not have been possible without the support of our community, we are here to report back to you with some inspiring statistics. It is your donor dollars and your hours of volunteer time that have made this shelter what it is today. We are proud of our successes and hope that you are too. After all, Heart of the Valley is **YOUR** local animal shelter!



As of our Fifth Anniversary, Heart of the Valley had:

- **Taken in 11,771 dogs and cats**
- **Reunited 2,702 lost pets with their families**
- **Found new homes for 6,778 homeless dogs and cats**
- **Performed 3,302 spay/neuter procedures**
- **Performed 7,530 medical exams**
- **Logged over 36,000 hours of donated volunteer time to caring for shelter animals**
- **Taught compassionate animal care to 509 kids going through Pet Pal's Day Camp**



### FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

"Like" Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter on Facebook to find out about cool dogs and cats and shelter events!

twitter



### FOLLOW HOV ON TWITTER!

Follow [@hovshelter](#) to learn about what's going on at the shelter!

## Introducing Pets for Vets

A New Program to honor Bob Montgomery, Army Veteran

Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter has established the Pets for Vets Program in honor of Bob Montgomery, designed to pair military men and women with shelter pets by allowing veterans and their immediate families to adopt a dog or cat, free of charge. Montgomery, who passed away in July, was a loyal supporter of the shelter. He is survived by his wife, Elsie, who continues to support the shelter.

“We want to give back to veterans and their families,” states Executive Director, Phil Rogers. “We want to acknowledge the service that our veterans have given our country. We know that veterans can benefit greatly from the companionship that animals offer.”

Dave Polmanteer from the American Legion said, “We’re pleased to collaborate with Heart of the Valley and believe that the Pets for Vets program will benefit our community in so many ways.” Montana is home to more than 103,000 veterans – the second largest per capita number of veterans in the nation.

Adoption counselors at the shelter will pair veterans with pets that suit their lifestyles. Veterans interested in adopting will fill out applications and show military service identification. If adoptions are approved, fees will be waived, with a limit of a single pet per calendar year. The usual cost of adoptions range from \$35 to \$150 depending on whether the animal is a cat or dog and depending on the age of pets. The program is limited to one pet for veterans, and is also available for members of their immediate family.

More news to come as Heart of the Valley follows up with some of the veterans and their happy adoption stories through the Pets for Vets program!



### Across Two Continents

Veteran volunteer, **Missy Mayfield**, has always cared deeply about Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter and Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club. Last summer she jumped at the opportunity to integrate the two. Group Study Exchange member, **Nick Bennett**, traveled to Tanzania and at Missy’s suggestion, Nick brought back with him nine names for Heart of the Valley dogs that had been picked individually by different families in Tanzania - meet the namesakes below and those who chose their names! **We are happy to announce that every one of these dogs found their forever home and we thank Missy for everything she does for Heart of the Valley!**

Jenie



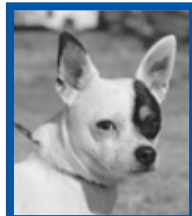
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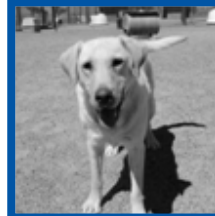
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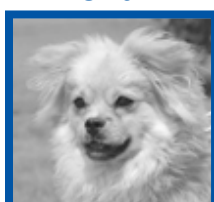
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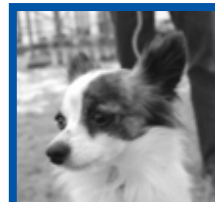
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Sheba



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Hunter



Dennis and Karen Dwyer

## Volunteer Spotlight

At Heart of the Valley, our common goal is rooted in the shelter's mission. These thoughtful words connect us all – and it's the animals that keep us coming back. Empowerment and opportunity were big themes for 2012. There are so many new ways shelter volunteers can make a difference in the lives of homeless pets at Heart of the Valley. Below are the stories of just a few top volunteers and how they came to volunteer over the past year.



### Clint and Ann Nagel do it all – from hand addressing 750 Dog Ball invitations to walking dogs every Wednesday morning (no matter how cold it gets!)

*"When you walk into a kennel at 8:15 in the morning and you are confronted with a wriggling, hyped-up ball of fur who will barely stand still long enough for you to get a collar and leash on them, you definitely feel needed."*

– Ann

*"It wasn't until after the death of our last dog, Baxter, that I fully committed myself to volunteer and to do so in honor and in memory of him."* – Clint

### John volunteers two mornings a week and worked with his wife, Judith, to coordinate the shelter's involvement in January's National Day of Service.

*"My experience has led me to give lots of ear scratches and calming full-back petting."* – John



### Randy radiates a love for each cat he works with and has resulted in 100+ hours of thoughtfully (and patiently!) photographing adoptable cats.

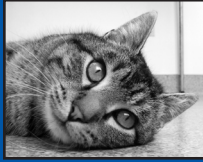


### Rachel balances two jobs, volunteering and compassionate care of her own little pooch.



*"I choose to volunteer because I have always had a soft spot in my heart for animals."* – Rachel

*"I just love 'em – to get their photos out there and for them to find homes that love them too."* – Randy



## MEMORIALS

A memorial gift to Heart of the Valley is a thoughtful way to express your sympathy and honor a departed loved one. A Heart of the Valley memorial not only remembers the life of a loved one, it also offers hope and opportunity to the animals at the shelter.

*"Gone from our sight, but never our memories. Gone from our touch, but never our hearts."*

### *In Memory of Those Who Loved Pets*

In Memory of Jane Ahrendes  
Margaret Parker

In Memory of Craig Alexander  
Dorothy & Dick Stratford

In Memory of Donnie Allen  
Diane P. Allen

In Memory of Buck Anderson  
Laura & Terry Cunningham

Marge Dogterom  
Allison Garwood  
Liz Smith

Jane Lerner  
Debby Bangs

Merrilee Glover  
Virginia O'Neel

Lou & Charline Spain  
Margie Taylor

In Memory of Ruby Arts  
Esther Nelson  
Alice Meister

In Memory of Betty Jo Atkins  
Glenn & Margaret Huntsman

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In Memory of Martha Baprie  
John & Margaret Papadakis

In Memory of Millie Bennett  
Irv & Karen Page

In Memory of Ardis Bissell  
Renee & Steven Lowery  
Roy Doore, Jr.

Cara & Paul Hillestad  
Christy & Dwayne Branch

In Memory of Marguerite Carlstrom  
Margaret Huntsman

In Memory of Evangeline "Vangie" Chandler  
Staff of Mesa Labs BMF

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Lou & Charline Spain

In Memory of Dusty Cline  
Thomas & Tamara Longo

Gary & Judy Cline

In Memory of David  
Melanie & William Sullivan

In Memory of Faith Dredla  
Claudia Kent

Helen Kent  
Jean & Wayne Neil

Lynn Hines  
Lowell Hickman

In Memory of Daren Droppers  
Kevin & Sheila Papke

In Memory of Ward Fitzwater  
Sharon Hapner

In Memory of Dottie Foskitt  
L.E. & Anna Michnevich

In Memory of Della Hall  
Sara Anderson

In Memory of Roger Hamilton  
Sandra Hamilton

Sally Frey & Cameron Christianson  
Joan & Duane Denton

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Nancy & Ray Padilla

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Bob Smith

Howard & Susan Heahlke  
Mike & Rebecca True

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Edward & Laura Hanson

Western Plumbing of Bozeman, Inc.  
Claudia Guard

Cheryl Ann Greenway  
Kenyon Noble Lumber Company

The Penwell Family  
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In Memory of Coral Holland  
Mari Russell

Clay & Elaine Schulz  
Teri Jacobson

Gerald & Marilyn Murray  
Richard & Linda Waite

Claudine Andreasen  
John & Katherine Patterson

In Memory of Mark C. Horswill & his beloved  
dogs – Beatrice Ann & Sir Simon Richard

Dick & Beatrice Horswill  
In Memory of Marge Jones

Carol Thurston

In Memory of Leo Keller  
Tom & Dee Hall

In Memory of Mae Lehocky  
Connie Lehocky

Janis Romme & Mary Ann Lehocky

In Memory of Judy Marchwick  
Milli Cox

In Memory of Carl Martin  
Paul & Carroll Novotny

In Memory of Esther Marzullo  
Ethelyn & Gene Hanni

In Memory of Jesse McDermott  
Karen & Gordon Williamson

In Memory of Claudine B. McGowan  
Anna Lee Roush

Jacqueline McGuire  
Helen Anne Flath

Trish McGowan  
El'n-Marie Brown

Carleen Holloway

Carol Mayer & James Littwin  
Jeaneal & D.N. Roper

Nancy & Jeffrey Holloway

In Memory of R.L. Miller  
Larilyn Miller

In Memory of Mike Moncada  
J. Salazar

In Memory of Bob Montgomery  
Rosetta & Howard Barrick

Jane Lerner  
Lou & Charline Spain

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In Memory of Quinn Moody

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Bill & Alice Frost	In Memory of CoCo	Penelope Pierce
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In Memory of Kathleen Spain Williamson	In Memory of Deke	In Memory of Lily
Lou & Charline Spain	Carol Elliott	Daryl Purdy
In Memory of Ellen Woodbury	In Memory of Della	In Memory of Lily
John & Wilma Belschwender	Michele & Lath McLeod	Amy Washtak & Brian Reddicks
	In Memory of Duchess	In Memory of Lilly
	Janet Storey	Anita Ellen Anderson
<i>In Memory of Beloved Pets</i>	In Memory of Dunkin the Cat	In Memory of Lizzie
In Memory of Ali	Merrilee Glover	John & Mary Murphy
Sharon Hapner	In Memory of Emerson	In Memory of Loci
In Memory of Bailey Poole	George Koutoulas & Karen Loomis	Taylor Wortman
Allison Garwood	In Memory of Emma	In Memory of Lucky
In Memory of Baxter, Gabe & Rocky	Tom & Dee Hall	Debby Bangs
Henry & Marilyn Kathrein	In Memory of Eja	In Memory of Lucky Potter
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Ron & Vicki Young	In Memory of Fozzy	Snaque & Ford Rollo
In Memory of Bernadette	Ralph & Gloria Zimmer	In Memory of Lucy
Kimberly Walker	In Memory of Fritz	Tom & Dee Hall
In Memory of Boo Boo Furtak	Jim & Mary Ayres	In Memory of Lulu
Robin Zetzer & Steve Fladhammer	In Memory of Georgie	Suzanne Mallinson
In Memory of Birch	The Monday Cat Ladies (M.C.L.)	In Memory of MacGuire
Joanne & George Snyder	In Memory of Gershwin	Kathryn Blumenkamp
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Carol Fairchild-Smith	In Memory of Ginger	Karen & Doug Alexander
In Memory of Buck	Joanne Pieper	In Memory of Maggie Klos
Allison & Richard Garwood	In Memory of Gray Barn Cat	Penelope Pierce
In Memory of Bud	Brooks & Jenny Martin	Joanne Pieper
Noah Cooper	In Memory of Greta Wendt	Carlye Cook
In Memory of Bud	Robin Zetzer & Steve Fladhammer	In Memory of Maggie May
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In Memory of Budy	Sigrid Gentile-Chambers & Dave Chambers	In Memory of Mavi
Mike & Cherry Eustace	In Memory of Happy	Don & Patty Cowles
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Linda Tarinelli  
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Diane Hilborn  
In Memory of Oslo  
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Bobby Crowe  
In Memory of Patriot  
Dick & Shirley Blackwell  
In Memory of Pete  
Andrea Johnstone  
In Memory of Ping Zing  
Jim & Lucretia Berardinelli  
In Memory of Pogo  
Joan & Roger Creel  
In Memory of Popeye  
Dr. Ellen Kreighbaum & Dr. Kathleen Chafey  
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Deidre Jackson  
In Memory of Puppy & Dice  
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In Memory of Pynkerton  
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Marilyn & Henry Kathrein  
In Memory of Reagan  
Craig Hall & Mary Anne Hansen  
In Memory of Riblet  
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Wendy Wiedenmeyer  
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In Memory of Sassy  
Melanie & William Sullivan  
In Memory of Shadow  
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In Memory of Sully & Pip  
John & Wilma Belschwender  
In Memory of Sydney  
Bert & Sharon Hopeman  
In Memory of Tanner  
Makaela Supplee & Jackson Pederson  
In Memory of Taylor  
Pam McCutcheon  
In Memory of Teller  
Dineen Dawson  
Jan Bjork  
Judge Holly Brown  
In Memory of Tetley AKA Lipton  
Kathy Moran  
In Memory of Tux  
Sheila Krieg  
In Memory of Twinkle Toes  
J. Salazar  
In Memory of Tygh Ridge Rambler (Ty)  
Beverley Haugen  
In Memory of Uma  
Dr. Tom Jakob & staff at Cottonwood  
Veterinary Hospital  
In Memory of Victoria O'Donnell's dearly  
beloved dog  
Sara Anderson  
In Memory of Whiskey  
Don & Patty Cowles  
In Memory of Willie  
Debby Bangs

Join HOV for the 9th annual

## Snowshoe Shuffle

Saturday, March 9th, 2013

Madison Village Base Area at Moonlight Basin

Registration: 5:30 pm, Snowshoeing starts at 6:00 pm

Guests will enjoy trekking the lit course with their dogs after the slopes have closed, followed by a great chili feed! After dinner, the fun continues with music and a raffle. Tickets to the Snowshoe Shuffle are \$25 per person, and kids 10 and under are free!

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There are many reasons to honor someone you love with a donation to Heart of the Valley. Holidays, birthdays, weddings, or just everyday good deeds can be a reason to celebrate - and transferring that good feeling to direct aid for the shelter animals is the sweetest gift of all!

### *In Honor of Those Who Love Animals*

In Honor of all dog lovers

Jayne Van Alstyne

In Honor of Tavi, Duncan & Misty Adams

Bill & Paulette Robinson

In Honor of Craig Alexander

Dick & Dorothy Stratford

In Honor of The Alstons

Wendy & Ken Stock

In Honor of Mark & Dori Lynn Anderson

Deb Jacobs-Long & Roger Long

In Honor of the Anderson Family

Linda & Ken Pierce

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In Honor of Kathy & Dave Beckhardt

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## 'Tis the Season Upper Respiratory Infection in Cats by John Weyhrich, DVM



Just as the fall's transition to winter ushers in the cold and flu season for you and me, the calendar change also brings a similar condition to many of the cats at Heart of the Valley. Fortunately for our feline friends, the effects of upper respiratory infection (URI) are – just as in humans – generally mild and usually only briefly debilitating. And, this situation is not unique to Heart of the Valley; it's a common scenario at many animal shelters and other facilities where large populations of cats are housed.

**As in man, most feline upper respiratory infections are caused by viruses. Similarly, the resulting illnesses are characterized by a standard set of symptoms associated with the common cold: runny nose, watery eyes, fever, lethargy, inappetance and general malaise. The virus is spread through sneezing and coughing, and can quickly infect a whole colony of cats, just as human colds often run rampant through schools, day-care centers and other locations where people are concentrated.**

Typically, afflicted cats only require supportive care; the disease runs its course and patients recover uneventfully. Again, similar to the human condition, upper respiratory infection symptoms in cats usually resolve within a week or so of their onset, regardless of whether any medications or other treatments have been received. Occasionally, some cats develop severe symptoms of the disease, such as ocular lesions or extreme respiratory distress. In these cases, more aggressive therapy, like antibiotic and/or fluid administration, is often warranted. Upon recovery, though, most cats show no lasting ill effects or additional complications. Just like their human companions, they fight off the infection and go on to lead happy, healthy lives.

**Notably, the upper respiratory infection-causing viruses can remain inactive (or latent) in their hosts long after the initial infection. Certain situations may reactivate the virus and cause additional rounds of cold-like maladies. The extent to which subsequent disease occurs is affected by several factors, and the strength of an individual cat's immune system as well as the degree of stress in a cat's life can be particularly influential. Cats may experience occasional, mild recurrences or, in some cases, they may display persistent, low-grade (chronic) symptoms for the rest of their lives.**

Cats who come from shelters, pet stores, catteries, etc. are assumed to have been exposed to (and, likely, infected by) upper respiratory infection viruses. While cats are considered magical creatures, they are relatively sensitive to stress, and the potentially stressful situations they encounter in these settings may trigger recurrences. Likewise, cats who've been recently adopted may show signs of the disease as they adjust to the changes associated with adjusting to their new homes. Fortunately, a little TLC is generally all it takes to help cats through these rough patches.

**At Heart of the Valley, we take many extra steps to provide our cats with a nurturing, low-stress environment. This allows them to be as comfortable and resilient as possible in the face of the nearly unavoidable upper respiratory disease syndrome. Additionally, we do immunize our cats against upper respiratory infection, although these vaccinations are considered to merely minimize the severity of infection, not prevent it. So, just like humans, cats must resign themselves to having to dealing with a few sniffles now and then. Pass the facial tissues, please...**

And, in anticipation of the oft-asked question, upper respiratory infections are generally not transmissible between species. So, be secure in knowing that you can't catch a cold from your cat (or your dog, for that matter)!



## Meet Maria: An Interview with Heart of the Valley's New Operations Director

### What are some areas that you'll be concentrating on as Operations Director?

Having worked in shelters around the country, I am so happy to have found a home here at Heart of the Valley. The staff is truly remarkable and I am continually impressed with the health of our organization. Some of the projects I have lined out for the coming year include creating a video series for informational purposes, helping operations staff gain access to continuing education opportunities, and increasing the number of dogs we transfer in from shelters or rescues that may be overwhelmed. I will also be working to create a shelter alliance network for the intermountain region, to help strengthen our regional shelter community. It is important for us to continue to learn and educate ourselves, in order to improve the lives of the animals we serve.



### How does Heart of the Valley help adopters succeed with their shelter pets?

The first objective our adoption counselors have is to connect adopters with a perfect match. Some animals do not succeed in homes with small children, or other animals. Some animals prefer a quiet environment, while others prefer a lot of stimulation. Through conversation with adopters, we are able to help them meet animals that will be a great match. For some animals we have extensive knowledge of their history, making it easier to play matchmaker, but for those animals that come to us as a stray, with little or no known history, we can only make assessments on an animal's behavior based on our observations at the shelter. Secondly, we work to support adopters as their animal transitions into the new home. This includes providing adopters with any known history of the animal, including medical and behavioral history, eating habits, favorite toys, and general likes and dislikes. We stress that we are here to answer any behavioral issues that may arise during transition and we also contact the adopter two to three times post adoption, to offer our support. It is in our best interest, and the best interest of the animal to help support the adoption in any way we can.

### Do you have any pets at home?

I consider myself lucky to have had the companionship of dogs and cats most of my life. Growing up in a rural area in Northern New York, we had our fair share of stray animals that eventually became full time pets. I currently have two dogs, Ladakh and Kobe, both with dog sledding backgrounds, but they couldn't be more different. Ladakh is a large husky who has been my troublemaker for her whole life. Now she is 8 years old and although she reminds me of her years after a normal hike or outing, for the most part she is the same independent, stubborn girl who lights up a room. Kobe is my new running partner and the first dog I have had who wasn't a husky. He is some mix of German shorthaired pointer and English pointer and while he is confident when running, my home is his first indoor home, and he struggles with the resulting anxiety from learning to be an indoor dog. As a mom of an autistic child, I am proud to say that these two dogs treat my child with a respect and an understanding that I could never train them to have and I love them for it.

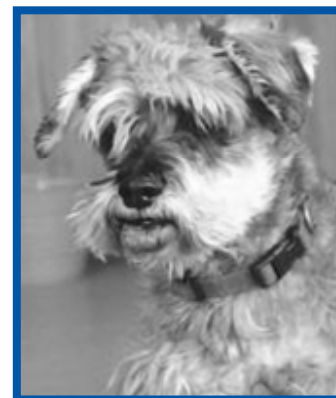
## Just a few of our happy adoptions in the past few months...

**GHENGIS**



**GONZO**

**SINCLAIR**



**SEDONA**

## Microchip Your Mammals!

By Lauren Zwiefelhofer

As an Adoption Counselor and Feline Technician, I am interested in informing as many pet owners as possible about microchipping. Each year, we take in so many stray cats and dogs who are not wearing a collar, or are wearing a collar, but do not have proper identification. If those animals were all microchipped, it would be so easy for staff to immediately reunite animals with their owners. Let me describe how the system works. When an animal arrives at the shelter, we use a scanner to see if the animal has a microchip. If a microchip is not found, we examine lost reports on missing pets, looking for a match.

If the animal does have a microchip, the staff is usually able to connect the identification number with the owner, through a computer data base program and contacts the animal's owner right away. In that case, the outcome can be an exciting reunion for the pet and owner, and everyone at the shelter. My favorite example of a happy reunion took place last year, when an emaciated cat entered the shelter, brought to us by a "good Samaritan" near Big Sky. The kitty had been surviving in the outdoors for many months, but was microchipped, so it was a simple procedure to locate the owner and alert her. As it happened, the cat's owner returned to Bozeman from California and happily reclaimed her family's pet.

If a stray cat or dog finds its way onto your property, or crosses your path, please treat it as though it has an owner who is looking for it. The best thing you can do is contain the cat or dog and bring it to the shelter, so that our staff can take proper steps in reuniting them with their owner. Safety is always a top priority, so if you're uncomfortable handling the stray animal, please contact Animal Control for assistance. It's always a good idea to ask your vet to do a microchip scan at every vet visit.



Staff member, Brandon Castner, scans a stray cat for a microchip

## Happy Tails: Nemo!



My name is **Nemo** (aka Rusty). Angela helped my Mom pick me out on July 1, 2012 at PetSmart. I am now nine months old and my Mom says I am a "wild man." I have two dachshund brothers named Yogi and Bear. At first Mom and Dad were worried because I DID NOT like them one bit. Then, after four days, we did what most kids our age do, we became best friends!

My favorite time of day is dinnertime when I get yummy wet food and when Mom gets home from work and my brothers and I get to frolic and eat bugs in the park! The harness I wear is SO annoying, but Mom won't let me go outside without it, and I definitely don't want to miss out on playing in the grass! Mom even takes me hiking and on long walks with Yogi and Bear. I get to ride in a stroller and on hot days Yogi and Bear ride in the stroller with me when the walks are extra long. I get to see so many different bugs and people from the stroller; it's so much fun!

At night I run around with my banana (aka nana) toy and then when I'm tired I watch Mad Men on the iPad; it's my favorite show! Even though I love Mom, I only let Dad put me to bed at night. He tucks me in to bed and warms up my special pillow so I won't get cold. Dad says I purr louder than his truck engine, but that's because I am so happy! I give Mom and Dad kisses on the nose and nuzzle their face EVERY night. My brothers and I have our own room and at night I get the WHOLE room to myself. I like to stay up late and play in my room. I am not a morning cat though! Mom usually wakes me up around eight am to feed me before I go back to sleep until nine. I was real sad to say goodbye to my brothers at the shelter, but I am so happy that I have new brothers and a Mom and Dad! Anywho, I have important cat stuff to get back to, but I just wanted to say hi!

## A WAVE OF THE PAW TO...

Alicia Smith for her presentation to Heart of the Valley staff on Therapy and Service Dogs.  
 Alex Cady for building outdoor fencing to be used for dog playgroups!  
 Leadership Bozeman for their support of special projects and shelter events.  
 Smith Roedel for his initiative and willingness to get things done.  
 The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity for devoting a whole day to kennel construction and fence building.  
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 Ross Calarco for his years of volunteer time spent walking shelter dogs!  
 Terry Cunningham for designing sponsorship opportunities for the business community.

## THANK YOU ONE AND ALL FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



### Staff's Pick Pup: Kane

Kane is a handsome boy that needs a patient and committed owner to help him come out of his shell. The shelter staff and volunteers have spent a lot of time working on his dog socialization skills and he is now best buds with a couple of the dogs here!

He has weekly training sessions with a local bird dog trainer, who says he is doing great. Come down to the shelter and ask to meet Kane!



### Kitty Pick of the Litter: Miss Josie

Miss Josie is a one of a kind gal that arrived at Heart of the Valley in February 2012! She is a beautiful domestic long hair tortoiseshell with white markings. Miss Josie prefers to be your one and only pet, but absolutely adores human affection. She is front declawed and she loves to knead you affectionately while being held. This little lady would like a quiet home where she can be your personal office assistant or just a permanent lap warmer during those cold winter months. Miss Josie is nine years young and is looking for that special forever home to call her own.

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## COMING SOON!

### Parenting Your Dog Training Course

This five-week obedience course is taught by HOV's Canine Evaluator and Trainer, Ben Donoghue. Classes are offered on Thursday nights - February 21st through March 21st and April 4th through May 2nd. Times - 5:30pm and 7:00pm

Cost: \$35 for HOV alumni, \$65 for spayed/neutered dogs, and \$75 for intact dogs  
For more information, call Ben Donoghue at 388-9399, ext. 122

### Snowshoe Shuffle

March 9th, 2013

Registration at 5:30pm, snowshoeing starts at 6:00pm

Join HOV at Moonlight Basin! Snowshoe a lit two mile course with your dog, and then enjoy a chili feed, raffle, and music! Tickets are \$25 per person and kids 10 and under are free!

### The Dog Ball: Wags to Wishes

June 7th, 2013

The Dog Ball will take place at Riverside Country Club on Friday, June 7th, 2013. Tickets are \$150 per person. Guests will enjoy a fully hosted cocktail hour and indoor/outdoor silent auction, a delicious dinner, live auction, and a night of dancing and fun!

*For more information about upcoming events, call 406-388-9399, extension 112, or email [amanda@heartofthevalleyshelter.org](mailto:amanda@heartofthevalleyshelter.org), or go to our website at [www.heartofthevalleyshelter.org](http://www.heartofthevalleyshelter.org).*

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## Lucky Dogs with Pretty Paws!

Pets are most adoptable when they're looking their best. When they're clean and groomed, they're more likely to catch the eye of a potential adopter. So we were thrilled when the Big Sky-based grooming company, Pretty Paws, offered to bathe, comb and clip shelter dogs in mid-December. Pretty Paws has a mobile grooming vehicle, which they brought to the shelter for their day of "make-overs." The company donated their day of work and top-notch services for shelter dogs. As we predicted, adopters responded: every one of the groomed dogs found a forever home, in record time! Thank you Ellie, Sam and Priscilla for your time and talents!

