

Happy Tails Newsletter

The Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley promotes companion animal welfare by providing temporary shelter for homeless pets, adopting them to qualified homes, and reducing animal abuse, neglect and overpopulation through community education and spay/neuter services.



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



Outgoing Board President Jan Main with Miss Kitty and Bernard



Junior Volunteer Joseph Begovich and Murphy



Board Member Priscilla Pittiglio, Jonathan and Hillary Hayward, ASWRV Dog Trainer & Temperament Evaluator

Executive Director's Letter

For a while it seemed like summer wasn't going to come at all, now it is hard to believe it is almost over.

The highlight of the Shelter's summer is always the "Dog Days of Summer" annual Shelter benefit dinner and auction, and this year did not disappoint. On July 15th a sellout crowd of 360 people enjoyed a warm summer evening at the Trail Creek Pavilion celebrating and supporting the Shelter. Over \$350,000 was raised to support Shelter operations in our largest and most important fundraising event of the year.

One of the things I am most proud of is the fact that our benefit is put together each year completely by volunteers.

I think anyone who attended the Dog Days of Summer benefit could see the hard work that went into creating such a wonderful event. The heart and soul our volunteers bring to making this event so special, is priceless.

What I enjoy most about our summer benefit is that it gives me a chance to connect with and thank so many of our supporters who make it possible every day for us to help the homeless animals in our valley. It reminds me how lucky we are to live in a community that cares so much about the welfare of its animals, that it is willing to fund a no-kill shelter.

I think it speaks volumes about the heart of this community.

Jo-Anne Dixon

Jo-Anne Dixon DVM
Executive Director/Medical Director

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUMMER BENEFIT SPONSORS!

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Perfect Pooch Sponsors:

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The ASWRV Board of Directors
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Executive Director/ Medical Director

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
Charlotte Thompson
WINNER OF THE ATKINSONS' MARKET
\$10,000 RAFFLE PRIZE!**

DIRECTORY

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Hours of Operation:

Tue - Fri: 10 am - 6pm
Sat: 10 am - 4 pm
Sun: Noon - 4 pm

*Mondays we are closed to the public
unless you are claiming a lost pet.*

BARKIN' BASEMENT THRIFT STORE

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Silver Auctions Sun Valley, Idaho Car Auction September 3-4, 2011

On the lawn

at the Sun Valley Resort

Viewing begins at 8 am daily.

Auction: 10:30 am - 6 pm



Each day, profits from the sale of one car will be donated to the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley by Silver Auctions.

Come to the auction and meet and greet some of our shelter dogs.
Find both the car of your dreams and your new co-pilot.
Shelter representatives will be on site both days with adoptable dogs.

The Fur Ball

A Benefit for the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley

Dance Your Paws Off

September 30, 2011

Starting at 9 pm

at Whiskey Jacques

Dance to DJ McClain, Up A Creek
and The Heaters.



Luna
2011 Fur Ball Photo Contest Winner

Just 20 bucks entry fee!

No host bar with beer, wine & hair-of-the-dog libations
Costume contest - 50/50 Raffle - Cookie count contest

Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley

Furry 6K Trail Run/ Walk Saturday, October 15, 2011

Run/ Walk will start at 10 am

Registration at 9:30 am on the day of the event or
pre-register on-line @www.animalshelterwrv.org

Location: Quigley Field in Hailey

Starting point: High School Football Field
Parking Lot on Fox Acres Road



Furry 6K Entry fee: \$20

Dogs required and must be leashed! All runners must have a dog partner.
No dog? Borrow one of our shelter dogs! Call the Shelter to reserve a dog for
the event at 788-4351 or visit our website. www.animalshelterwrv.org

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

We would like to recognize and thank some of the special children, organizations, business owners, and members of our community that donated something special to the Animal Shelter this spring and summer.



1 - Stitches N' Salt 4-H Group

The focus of 4-H is children learning and growing through hands-on experience. These kids decided to raise money by selling cookie dough during the holidays and donating the proceeds to the Animal Shelter. They went through all of the exercises of costing out materials, making the product, taking and fulfilling orders.



2 - Birthday Boy

Little Owen bought squeaky toys and treats for the dogs with money he received at his fourth birthday party.



3 - Worthy Of An Oscar

Fifth graders at the Community School raised \$103 for the Animal Shelter by creating a film festival of their original short films. Bernard was honored to attend and accept the donation.



4 - Girls On The Run

The Animal Shelter has benefited many times from the help of the Girls On the Run organizations in our valley. The Bellevue girls seen here chose the Shelter for their annual service project.

5, 6, 7 - Lemon Power

So far this summer, one young man and two industrious groups of kids have sold lemonade and donated all of their profits to the Animal Shelter.

5 - Lilia and Henry Page had a lemonade stand and raised \$25.50 for the animals.

6 - Joe Hall worked the Hailey Fourth of July parade with his very patriotic lemonade cart that had pictures of animals at the Shelter.

7 - Amelia, Wyatt and Oliver Browne donated \$52.89 to the Shelter from selling lemonade!



8 - Local Dog Treats

Robin, co-owner of Local Dog brought us 80 pounds of bite-sized dog biscuits for the Shelter dogs!



9 - Putt For Mutts

Phyllis Lundquist organized and hosted the Second Annual Ladies Putts For Mutts event. Fourteen teams putted, laughed, whooped and hollered their way through the 18 hole putting course. Thanks to the other ladies that paid the entry fee but did not play. The event raised \$2500 for the Shelter.

ASWRV Wish List



The Shelter participates in a shelter feeding program with Hill's Science Diet so for that reason we do not ask for dog or cat food donations. We purchase wood pellets in bulk for cat litter so we do not ask for kitty litter donations.

We appreciate all donations. Here are the items we use and need most:

Dog Biscuits

All brands, all sizes.

Inexpensive nylon collars

New and used, to be used when dogs are adopted so they can go home wearing identification.

Cat treats

Catnip

Cat toys

Cardboard cat scratchers

Cat scratching posts

New and gently used dog and cat beds

Creamy peanut butter

To be used in enrichment toys.

5 lb. bricks of Kirkland Mild Cheddar Cheese

To be diced up and used for training snacks.

4 - 5 lbs. logs of Natural Balance brand dog food

To be diced up and used for training snacks.

Dog toys

Stuffedies, pig ears, rawhides, yummy edible snacks. Shelter dogs deserve lots of snacks but please no real meat bones that could crack their pearly whites.

Copy paper for the office

Winter time donations:

Toe and hand warmers for the kennel staff that spend many hours outdoors caring for the dogs

Lighter weight snow shovels

Sturdy ice chippers



Hailey Stay-cation Scavenger Hunt



Advocates Carbonate Hill Climb



ERC Operation Clean Sweep



Girls On The Run 5K



Hemingway Annual Field Trip

Thanks for helping us be the Best in the Valley!

2011 Gold for Best Non-Profit Organization:
Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley

2011 Silver for Best Dog Breed for the Valley:
Animal Shelter Dog

2011 Bronze for Best Thrift Store:
Barkin' Basement



The Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley was named the Best Non-Profit Organization in the Wood River Valley this year because the community voted for us.

The core of our mission is to take in and care for the homeless, abandoned and neglected animals in our community and adopt them to new homes. But we know the community also counts on us to help find their lost pets, promote companion animal welfare and reduce animal overpopulation through community education and spay/ neuter services.

The Animal Shelter isn't just about animals; it is also about making a better community.

In this effort, we are constantly out and about in the valley, participating in community events, as well as hosting many of our own outreach programs. Please enjoy reading about some of the recent activities the Shelter has participated in and look forward to seeing us being your Best On The Valley Non-Profit for the many months ahead!



Hailey Fourth of July Parade



Dog Training Classes



"Faces of the Shelter" Photo Exhibit



Paws On Location



Adam's Gulch Hikin' Buddies Program

1 - The Hailey Stay-cation Scavenger Hunt

The Barkin' Basement Thrift Store participated in this year's Hailey Stay-cation Scavenger Hunt. Even though it was a bad weather day, many children came to claim the tennis balls we were giving away. Many of the kids figured out right away that the clue was that we support the animals at the Shelter and they were excited about taking the tennis balls home. The little ones enjoyed meeting Bernard and Miss Kitty.

2 - Advocates Annual Carbonate Hill Climb

Hundreds of community members of all ages gathered under bright blue skies at Hop Porter Park in Hailey on April 23 to hunt for eggs, climb Carbonate Hill, and enjoy a barbeque. The Advocates' 3rd Annual Carbonate Hill Climb Race was established to build community awareness of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The day's events were supported by many groups, including the Animal Shelter. We hosted an information booth and a group of staff members and volunteers completed the climb with a group of eager shelter canine companions.

3 - ERC Clean Sweep 2011

Animal Shelter staff and volunteers participated in the ERC's Annual Valley Clean Sweep. Over 320 local volunteers met early that Saturday morning to sign in and plot strategies on where to focus their cleanup efforts. We picked up dog waste along the Quigley trailhead and entrance to the canyon and later hauled dozens of bags of waste back to the Shelter for proper disposal.

4 - 8th Annual Girls On the Run 5K/ Healthy Living Expo

Bernard and loyal shelter volunteers participated in the 8th Annual Girls On the Run 5K in May. A few very excited shelter dogs actually ran/ walked the course with Bernard and volunteers. In Heagle Park, other volunteers were on hand to give out dog biscuits and play interactive games with kids attending the Expo. The games identified dog breeds and taught a little bit about what the Animal Shelter does for the animals in our community.

5- Annual Hemingway Elementary School Field Trip

Two bus loads of excited elementary school children arrived at the Shelter in late May for what has become an annual end of the school year field trip. The kids listened to a presentation by Bernard and Operations Manager Nadia Novik about responsible pet ownership before they got to participate in a dog agility demonstration and visit with kitties inside the shelter. Each visitor had their photo taken with Bernard as a souvenir before re-boarding the bus and returning to school.

6- Annual Hailey Fourth of July Parade

The Animal Shelter once again participated in the Hailey Fourth-of-July parade. Barkin' Basement Manager Andrea Parker did an amazing job transforming the store's pickup truck into a big black and white spotted dog. More than a dozen proud parents of Shelter alumni walked the parade with their dogs and Shelter staff and volunteers followed with a large group of current Shelter residents. Other volunteers were located in front of the Barkin' Basement giving away dog biscuits and cold water.

7 - Dog Training Classes

Shelter Dog Trainer & Temperament Evaluator Hillary Hayward has been teaching beginners adult dog training classes at our Shelter this summer. Hillary is a PetSmart Accredited Instructor and used to prepare dogs and their owners to pass the Canine Good Citizen exam. Participants learned positive reinforcement techniques to improve and maintain their dog's behavior and obedience.

8 - "Faces Of The Shelter" Photo Exhibition

Chapter One Bookstore hosted a photo exhibition of our Shelter animals in early July. Beautiful photo portraits by local photographer Nina Fox were featured in the exhibition. Adoptable shelter dogs were on site for "meet and greets."

9 - Paws On Location

The Animal Shelter staff continues to make weekly visits to the residents of Blaine Manor. Little dogs like Tuffy shown in this photo with Dottie are special favorites and enjoy all of the attention and dog treats they receive.

10 - Hikin' Buddies Program & Paws Around Town Dog Walks

Each Wednesday throughout the summer, we continue our tradition of transporting a large group of Shelter canine residents to the Adam's Gulch Trailhead so they can enjoy the water and long hikes with local residents and summer visitors.

Saturday afternoons, we continue to walk shelter dogs through downtown Ketchum for meet and greets and socialization with the public. Dogs learn how to walk nicely on lead and become comfortable with the sounds and smells of new surroundings.



Make a lasting difference in the lives of shelter animals

By making a bequest to the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley, you will continue to save and enhance the lives of homeless animals for years to come.

Through thoughtful estate planning, you can make a long term impact on the lives of homeless companion animals in our community. Your legacy of dollars, real or personal property, stocks & bonds, insurance, and other gifts can dramatically improve the lives of the animals we care for. While our programs will grow, change, and develop over the years as the community's needs change, your support will help ensure that we will always be here to provide the highest level of care and service to the animals we work with.

Serving the Community



The Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley is a private, independent, non-profit animal welfare organization that has been serving the community since 1982.

We are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, employ 14 staff members and are helped by our 181 volunteers to care for the over 1,500 animals we serve every year. Our organization is the first no-kill animal shelter in the state of Idaho and one of the only shelters in the United States to offer a community no-cost spay/neuter program. We receive no government funding, relying solely on donations and service fees to operate. We are proud to be a leader in sheltering practices by providing model programs and services for the community and the homeless animals we care for.



Planned Giving

Planned gifts help ensure the long-term sustainability of the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley, thereby assuring quality services for the community's homeless companion animals for generations to come.

There are many options for you to include the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley in your estate planning:

- **Bequests:** Name the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley as a beneficiary in your will. You can donate a set amount or a specific asset, a percentage of the total value of the estate, or a residual bequest.
- **Beneficiary Naming:** Some assets, such as life insurance policies and certificates of deposit allow you to name a beneficiary. If these assets are no longer required to care for dependents, consider naming the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley as the beneficiary.
- **Charitable Trusts:** With their combination of charitable support, income to one or more beneficiaries and tax savings, charitable trusts can be a useful tool.
- **Life Estate:** Through the life estate agreement, you deed your property to the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley and retain the right to continued use of the property for the rest of your life or the rest of your spouse's life. At the end of your lifetime, the Animal Shelter then receives full ownership of the property.
- There are various other charitable giving tools including Charitable Gift Annuities, Remainder and Lead Trusts, Pooled Income Funds, and more.

The Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and animals of the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley express our deepest gratitude to donors that consider honoring the shelter with a planned gift.

For more information, or to make a planned gift, please contact Director of Development Brooke Bonner at (208) 788-4351, or brooke@animalshelterwrvt.org.

Thank you.

ADOPTON SUCCESS STORIES



Dear Dr. Dixon and Staff,

Remember me -- Rooger, Sugar and now Rooney?

I'm having a lot of fun. Six weeks of bird dog training, running every day in the BLM for half an hour, riding in the truck with my new family and sleeping in front of a fire with my toys!

My folks and I will stop by sometime soon to see you all. We also love to go to the Barkin' Basement.

Yes, I have learned to retrieve birds! I'm a happy dog.

Sincerely,
Rooney, Diana and Allen Russell
Shoshone, Idaho



"Sam I Am" Finds A New Home

Sammy's new guardian came to the Shelter to meet a cat she had seen on our webpage, but then she saw Sammy hiding under a blanket in one of our cat rooms.

"As soon as I started to pet him, he put out a roar of a nervous purr and let me scratch under his chin and go lightly over his belly. I talked to him for over an hour negotiating the kind of life he could have with me, me with him, that I would put some meat back on his bones, and his only job would be to enjoy life looking out at a garden with lots of chirping birds and to be prepared to be completely spoiled."

She adopted Sammy that day.



From: Wally Dodge
Subject: Rio

Hey. Wanted to let you know that Rio is doing great! Elle and I are so glad to have her, and our dog Sam is too. Rio adjusted to living with us quickly. Within the first week I felt comfortable letting her out without following her around. We go hiking daily, and she has created her own job as chipmunk chaser, so she is getting a lot of exercise.

Thanks again for Rio.
Wally, Elle and Sam



From: Kathy
Subject: successful adoption

Lorelai is doing great. What a wonderful friend and companion she is. All she wants to do is please. I spend a lot of time at my daughter's house taking care of my two-year-old granddaughter. Now two other dogs, horses, and a two-year-old can be an awful lot for a new dog. We introduced Lorelai slowly to everyone and she has just blossomed! Now, as soon as I pick up her leash she can't wait to get in the car and go baby sit with me. What a terrific buddy she is!

Thank you so much for my Lorelai!



BARKIN' BASEMENT THRIFT STORE

111 S. Main Street
in Downtown Hailey
Telephone: (208) 788-3854

Open Monday - Saturday:
10 am - 6 pm
Closed Sundays

Call to schedule a pickup of
furniture donations.

Donations can be dropped
at the Barkin' Basement
anytime between 9 am - 5 pm,
Monday through Saturday.

THREE WAYS YOU CAN
SUPPORT THE SHELTER:

**SHOP
DONATE
VOLUNTEER**
AT OUR THRIFT STORE.

Are you doing some
spring cleaning
or having a yard sale?

We are offering
after yard sale pickups
from 12 to 3 on Saturdays
throughout the summer.
Please call to schedule an
appointment.

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS BUSINESS SPONSORS:

MATT BOGUE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

Matt Bogue arranged for the use of store front window space in Ketchum to display our featured dog fliers.

HIGH ALTITUDE FITNESS

displays our featured dog fliers at their Ketchum facility.

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK IN KETCHUM

displays our featured cat fliers in their windows.

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donates their community corner for event displays.

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS MEDIA SPONSORS:

IDAHO MOUNTAIN EXPRESS

donates space for our Pet of the Week feature and weekly listing of adoptable pets.

KECH RADIO

promoted our summer raffle on the air preceding the Dog Days of Summer Benefit.

JO MURRAY PUBLIC RELATIONS

donates her PR skills to promote the Shelter.

OUR TOP DOG SPONSORS:



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