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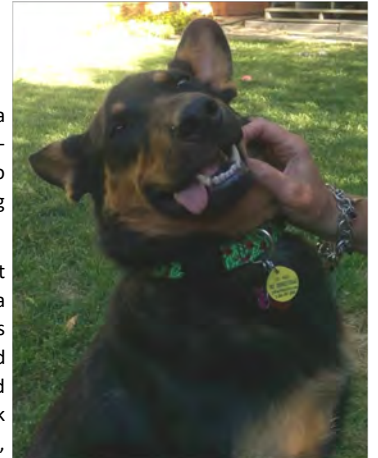


Dory's Long Road to Glory

“Just keep swimming”

It seems that the majority of our animals come to us via a distressed phone call. This was the case in late May when a caring family who lives in Pryor found a very sweet dog at the local dump. They noticed that she was having trouble walking and that her left back leg would not bend—it was perfectly straight. As they watched her eating garbage trying to survive, they knew that they were NOT going to leave without her. So they picked her up, called us on a Monday morning and Dory was in our vet's capable hands by noon of the same day.

Thus began the investigative process to determine what was going on with this girl. Her first examination revealed not only fleas, but a body riddled with ticks. Dory also had a nasty discharge coming from her vulva and was diagnosed with a possible open pyometra (a life threatening infection of the uterus). Next, her left hind leg was x-rayed and our vet was stunned to see bullet fragments visible on the film — yes, this sweetie had been shot! The vet found the entrance wound of the bullet but not an exit wound. The wound looked like it had happened several weeks prior so the leg had healed improperly with muscles fused and Dory now had no use of that leg. Additionally, another scar was found near her neck — this looked like an old wound, maybe a burn scar, as no hair was growing there. With her being only about a year old, how many horrible things had happened to this poor sweet girl in her short life time?



After a phone conference with our veterinarian, a health care course of action was plotted for Dory. She was immediately given a flea bath (and a good brush out) and several technicians surrounded her and happily pulled 20+ ticks off her body. She was a good girl through it all seeming so happy to just have attention! It was decided that there was no saving her leg due to the severe damage that the bullet had caused and the leg needed to be amputated. Dory also needed to be spayed ASAP because of the possible open pyometra. The major surgery of leg removal and spay was scheduled to be done at the same time. Estimated costs at this point were ranging around \$1,500 for the surgeries. Dory was immediately placed on strong antibiotics and pain medication. All of the vet clinic staff had already fallen head over heels in love with her! She was a perfect patient — sweet, calm and incredibly special!

The good news for Dory at this point was when our vet clinic's office manager told us her Mom was going to be retiring and she truly wanted a dog to adopt. So Lori came to the vet clinic and it was love at first sight for BOTH parties involved! What great news! Dory now had a momma who was already loving her even before she went into surgery! The day for Dory's surgery dawned and RHS requested that pre-surgery blood work be run and, boy, are we ever glad we did. The blood work came back showing Dory being HEART WORM POSITIVE! Surgery was postponed and our vets had to confer as to what the best plan was going to be for Dory. We did NOT want to put her through a huge surgery with the heart worm issue (there was a concern she could throw a clot during the amputation surgery), but because of her possible pyometra, (her white blood cell count was over 25,000) the uterus HAD to be removed. So wait for the amputation? Move forward? The good news at this point was that Dory was showing no signs of the HW disease which meant we caught it in the early stages. We love our veterinarians as they consulted with other vets across the country who have lots of experience with heartworm disease and surgeries. It was decided that Dory was strong enough to have her surgeries so we immediately proceeded! Truly glad we did as the bullet wound in her leg was more than a month old and the bone in that leg was actually rotting — the impending bone infection would have taken her life in a matter of days. It was also discovered during her spay that Dory did not have pyometra but a raging bladder infection, which was the reason for her high white blood cell count. Both surgeries were successful and Momma Lori actually spent the night at the vet clinic sleeping on the floor next to Dory's side while she recuperated from her operation. Truly melted our hearts!

Dory's recuperation was long and, due to the fact that Dory would NOT allow a “cone of shame” to be placed on her neck, Momma Lori's job was huge: trying to keep Dory from licking her wounds and removing her staples. On top of that, she also started her heartworm treatments. Quite honestly, Dory could not have found a better home and we were thrilled to be regaled with timely Dory progress reports. After only a month on her heartworm treatments, this sweet girl was pronounced cured and she could now run to her heart's content in her new big back yard. As day's have turned into months, Dory has come full circle — her amputation site has healed wonderfully and her life as a three-legged dog is one of pure joy and contentment. We cannot thank Momma Lori enough for all of her hard work, dedication and the pure unconditional love she has showered on this deserving girl. Dory + Lori = a love story that will last forever!



Big thanks to our friends at Shiloh Veterinary Hospital for their exemplary care of Dory during this process — we couldn't have done it without them!

A Note from the Prez



As the saying goes “time flies when you are having fun” but it also flies when you are busier than, well, a cat trying to cover a turd on a marble floor! :) Yup, we’ve been THAT busy!

The year 2016 has passed by in a blur of fur, great adoptions, kind people and, our particular favorite, happy tail wags. The most resounding news here at the Rimrock Humane Society for 2016 would be in January, the RHS began assisting the Yellowstone County Sheriff’s Department with Yellowstone County stray dogs. This does not include the city of Billings stray dogs; only those found in Yellowstone County. Many in the area do not realize that the Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter in Billings handles only city dogs & cats. The Yellowstone County animals have been basically “shelterless” since the year 2006. After reading an article about the plight of the Yellowstone county dogs in December of 2015, the RHS approached the Y.C. Sheriff’s department to see how we could assist. A plan was formulated that the dogs picked up would be held at a designated Billings veterinary clinic for the required 72 hours and after that time, handed over to the Rimrock Humane Society. With major teamwork and cooperation between the Y.C. animal control officer and RHS, the dogs are immediately listed on all Facebook Lost/Found pages. With this added functionality of social networking, we now have about a 95% return rate (a huge improvement over past years)! If an owner is not found, the RHS is then responsible for taking that animal and finding it a new home. In conjunction, the RHS is also still assisting with all owner surrenders and strays in Musselshell County as well. Although we are thrilled and honored to be assisting Yellowstone County with their dogs, it has come at a high cost in time, resources and money. Being a foster home only organization, we are only as effective as the number of homes we have to house animals and the majority of the time, we are full to the brim! I am sincerely proud of how the RHS has grown and handled this influx of homeless critters. *It is my sincerest hope* that in 2017 we can grow our foster home base and also bring in the added monies necessary to continue our mission of helping the many animals in need in our area. *It is my deepest wish*, since the City of Billings already has a designated Animal Shelter, that Yellowstone County residents, law enforcement and government officials pull together and consider building a shelter facility to house all of the homeless animals outside the city limits. Metaphorically speaking, RHS was the band-aid which stopped the bleeding, now the County needs to heal the wound.

I and all of us at the Rimrock Humane Society wish you and yours love, peace, joy, health and contentment during this holiday season. May these gifts fill your heart, as the New Year approaches, and guide your path through 2017. Happy Howlidays, everyone! 🐾 *Sandy Church ~ President*

BARKAID 50 States Tour

Patrick Lomantini comes back for a 5th year

We were so excited to welcome back our friend and fellow animal champion, Patrick Lomantini, on Saturday, September 10th at the Carizma Salon & Day Spa. We also added a great new feature: Blooming Tails Mobile Pet Groomers! Brandy Morris set up her trailer in the salon’s parking lot and offered to donate 50% of all proceeds back to the RHS! Several folks got a hair cut and their pooches got a new “do” too.

It was a fun day, as always, with 24 haircuts given and over \$1,645 raised for the homeless animals at the RHS. Our friends at Blooming Tail’s also gave us more than the allotted 50% donation so we want to give them a shout out and thank them deeply for that.

So far, the tentative schedule for 2017 is Sunday, September 17th. We may also be holding it at a new salon and hope to have more festivities and fun things to do on top of the hair cuts and dog grooming! Please stay tuned and keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more details as the date draws nearer. 🐾



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Pryor Mountain Rescue

We help wherever we can!

By Ellen Quinn



We wanted to share this behind the scenes rescue story that happened in late January of 2016. Jolanda and Randy are a retired couple from Sand Point, Idaho—they love Montana and come often to hike and backpack. On a cold January trip, they took a hike in a desolate area of the Pryor Mountains and much to their surprise they came across a small dog who was off in the distance howling and crying. The dog would not come close but stayed in one spot and watched them. Jolanda was immediately drawn to the dog and made it her mission to save it! They had no idea how long the dog had been there but knew that water, which was nowhere to be found, and food would be the first step. They left what they had and took the hour and a half drive back to their cabin feeling heartbroken not to have been able to coax the dog to them. The next morning, they bought a nice dog kennel, food, and water and ventured out on the long car ride back to the Pryors. They were excited to see that the dog was still there and not harmed. They spent most of that day trying to make friends but the dog would have nothing to do with that! They took a few pictures of her and left the kennel tucked underneath a small tree with blankets, food and water.

They now realized that they needed assistance and posted a picture of the dog on Craigslist "Lost and Found". Luckily, one of the RHS volunteer families saw the post and reached out to help. After a number of phone calls it was determined that Randy would come to Billings to meet Sandy (President of Rimrock Humane Society) to not only borrow a large dog trap but get instructions on how to set a live trap for the dog. It might seem a simple task but there's a lot involved to successfully trap a scared dog. Armed with loads of information and a very big trap, Randy set off to meet Jolanda who had stayed up in the frigid mountains using the time to try and make friends with the dog but to no avail. Everyone involved realized that as the days marched on, the chances of this dog surviving were very slim and getting smaller every day. It had been at least a week already and with the coyote packs and mountain lions in the area it was only a matter of time. The following morning, Randy and Jolanda set out early with the trap. They carefully followed Sandy's instructions, set the trap, drove off and waited. It was a very long two hours, they recounted. They would try and check with binoculars but didn't want to drive back too soon in fear of scaring the dog. Finally they drove up closer and checked the trap from a distance.....wait....was the dog in the trap? Could it have worked? Sure enough the dog was in the trap! Now the next question was to get the trap in the truck with the dog in it and off to meet the volunteer family who would be transporting the dog to the vet for immediate care.

As soon as the dog saw the husband and wife volunteer family, her tail was wagging with excitement; this was the first reaction from the dog. It was like they knew each other, which was a great sign that this wasn't a wild dog. In these cases, one never knows the dog's history and what behavior or reactions to expect. Upon arrival at the vet clinic, the foster family and Shiloh vet techs carefully unloaded the dog, who was still in the trap, into the clinic. When this girl came out of the trap in the enclosed area at the vet, she was all tail wags and happy kisses! She jumped right up on her new foster Dad's lap and a collective sigh of relief (and joy) could be heard by all. The diagnosis from the Vet was that the dog was definitely a female and just a puppy! She was very underweight, dehydrated and had mud and rocks in-bedded between her toes but with some TLC she'd be just fine! The foster family took her home to get her started on the road to recovery. Within just a few days it was clear that not only did the dog want to stay where she was but that the family was falling deeply in love with her. It was a match!

Lycka, named by Jolanda who is from Sweden and explained to us that the name means luck and happiness in Swedish, spent the next few months thriving in her new home. The foster family updated Lycka's progress by sending pictures to Jolanda and Randy. During the summer months, everyone got together for a hike in the Beartooths so they could see Lycka again. It was a special and emotional reunion. Lycka was happy to see her rescuers and Jolanda and Randy were thrilled to see Lycka's smile! We shudder to think what Lycka's fate would have been if Randy & Jolanda hadn't stumbled upon her. It was a loving and coordinated effort by all parties with a truly heartwarming outcome! 🐾



Happy Ending For An Incredible Journey

New name, new life for Brock!

By Jamie DeBree

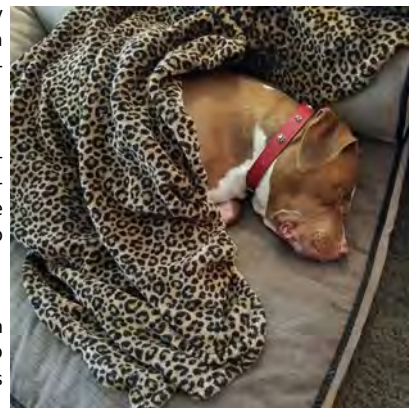


The first time I saw Brock was in the fall of 2015, on a flier in the pet wash window at Lovable Pets. He had a big ol' smile on his face and scars on his legs, and after reading his story, I wanted to bring him home right then and there. But we already had two dogs, one of whom had her own special needs, and there was no way I could adopt or care for another dog at the time. The flier was moved to the front counter of the store, and every time I saw it over the next few months, I was sad that poor Brock hadn't been adopted yet. I don't know what it was about him, but I kept thinking he belonged with me, even though there was no way I could possibly give him a home.

Meanwhile, my own special needs dog was diagnosed at stage 4 with an aggressive form of cancer, and after doing everything we could to save her life, we had to let her go the first weekend in February 2016. Needless to say, it left a big hole in our hearts and lives to lose her, and while I still felt the pull every time I saw Brock's flier, we needed time to grieve before we could move on. I did do some research on the Pitbull breed in that time though. I was so curious as to why no one had adopted the poor guy yet...

A few weeks later, his post and information came across my Facebook feed again, and I decided to ask about the "would do better as an only dog" list item, as we still had our male dog and I'd done some reading on Pitbulls that suggested they didn't always get along with other dogs. I figured that would be the end of it, but his foster mom said that Brock actually was fine with bigger dogs. I made sure my husband was okay with the idea of meeting and possibly adopting Brock, and we contacted Sandy and the foster mom and set up a time to meet him.

It took a few weeks going back and forth, introducing my current dog, Mica, to Brock (who the foster dad had been calling Murphy – and we agreed that was a much better name for him). Finally we "borrowed" Brock for an afternoon, and we knew then that he'd fit right into our family.



We've had some ups and downs since Murphy came to live with us – he's both a complete cuddle-mutt and a stubborn soul. Like all rescue dogs, he has his own set of quirks, but they just make him the lovable, happy-go-lucky character that he is. He does require more care than the average dog, and it took about six months for him to truly settle in with us, but his anxiety has lessened considerably in the last few months and his goofy personality never fails to amuse us. I'm confident that with time and good care, he'll continue to heal both inside and out.

Sandy Church and Murphy's foster parents (and their parents too!) were and still are so helpful – they care for him so much, and are always there to help with anything we need. I believe more than ever that Murphy was meant to be with us, and we're so happy that the hardest part of Murphy's journey is over. Now he can spend the rest of his life here with us, being the spoiled and pampered dog he deserves to be. I can't imagine our life without him! 🐾



Tripods 'R Us

Rosie gets a new lease on life

In mid June, only two weeks after we had taken on Dory, we got a phone call from our friends at Wolf Point Pound Puppies asking us to take on a dog with a dislocated shoulder who had been surrendered to them. Sadly, the family that owned Rosie was homeless and couldn't give her the veterinary care that she required. It was also suspected that the shoulder had been out for a long time. The RHS agreed to take her on so Rosie made an airplane trip on Cape Air from Wolf Point to Billings.

Our veterinary team took x-rays and decided to schedule her for a spay and also to put that shoulder back into place. On the day of the surgery, after multiple attempts to get that shoulder back in place and with no luck, exploratory surgery was done on the joint. It seems that the growth plate on the humerus bone had broken off, flipped around to the backside of the bone and re-attached itself there. This was a very old injury which had healed incorrectly and there was no way of fixing that painful shoulder ... so off came the leg! (Yup, another amputation!) The vet also discovered that Rosie was already spayed! Since she wasn't using that leg anyways, Rosie's recovery was quick and she got adopted right away by the Ostrum family! She now has a canine sister named Izzy and two human children who adore her. As you can see by the pic on the right, Rosie loves to dance and she danced right into her new family's heart! 🐾

Stealer of Hearts

Uno is a thief!

Rimrock Humane Society received many calls about this boy over a period of several weeks — there were a myriad of sightings of him in the wilds out east of Roundup. One family was leaving food out for him so he began to trust them and started hanging around their home. On the very day that RHS was to pick Uno up, the family shot at a raccoon which scared Uno to death and he ran off. He was then seen by many people 5 miles down the road eating an elk carcass but no one could get close to him. At that point, the RHS made a bargain with the family feeding Uno: if Uno should show up again, call RHS immediately and we will be RIGHT there! So that is exactly what happened! Uno excitedly came right up to our President but when she got out the leash, the brakes went on and Uno did not want to get in the car! Uno obviously had some major damage to his right eye and we knew we had to get him to a vet as soon as possible. Luckily, we were able to lift him into the vehicle. When we arrived at the vet clinic, poor Uno was scared to death; shaking, trembling, drooling ... probably had never been in the big city and certainly never a kennel/vet situation. Our hearts just broke for him—such a sweet and tender boy!



Medically, this fella was a hot mess. He had to have his right eye enucleated (removed), and he was cryptorchid, meaning he required major surgery to find his other testicle and neuter him. Uno also had a lot of bruising in his mouth on the same side as his bad eye. One of his teeth needed surgery and we are still hopeful he can keep it.

Although we are unsure of what happened, we know he sustained significant trauma to the right side of his face possibly by being kicked, hit by a car or maybe he fell out of the back of a pickup ... it is all a mystery! We can only speculate at this point. It took weeks of socializing to bring him out of his super timid world. After his surgeries and the “cone of shame” was off, Uno was ready for a new home. We knew it would take a patient and very understanding family to gain Uno’s trust and love.

We were over the moon excited when we got the call from the Ford family wanting to adopt this sweet boy. When they came to meet Uno, he literally greeted them as if he had known them his whole life! We love it when our animals pick their people! Uno, now known as Jack, is the only dog and his momma stays home all day so there is lots of time spent together for bonding and healing. Jack’s heart was truly broken from being dumped by his family and we are thrilled that the Ford family has shown him a wonderful new life full of love and happiness! 🐾



The “Eyes” Have It

A two-fur in the same day

In early November we received a call that a stray cat had been found at the Ballantine Bar and appeared to have a serious problem with his left eye. The “rescuer” on the phone could not stop gushing about what an incredibly sweet cat this was and how he desperately needed our help. We asked if they could bundle the kitty up and get him immediately to our veterinarian and our request was met with a resounding YES! While we posted the kitty on the FB Lost/Found pages looking for an owner, we felt he required surgery right away. Our vet estimated the cat was approx. 1 year old, not neutered, and his left eye was ruptured and needed immediate removal. After an exhaustive search, no owner was found for this boy. “Rooster” came through his surgery like a champ and the next morning was in “happy drive” — rubbing on everyone, purring, and bumping chins! Meanwhile, our FB post about his situation brought a new adoptive family to our door! Big thanks to the Rutenbur family for opening their home and hearts to Rooster Cogburn (and yes, there is a Miss Kitty at home!)



Meanwhile, on the very same day, our phone once again rang and we were told about a dog from the Crow reservation that was found with a severe eye injury (opposite eye than Rooster). The “rescuer” said that it looked like someone had tried to sew the eye shut with dental floss! Yes you heard that right! The rescuer had a local veterinarian examine the eye and he concluded that the eye was too swollen for surgery that day. But the dental floss was removed and the dog was spayed. The rescuer could not afford an eye surgery so “Pearl” was whisked into our care. Our vet ascertained that her eye was definitely ruptured due to a laceration to her cornea — how very painful! Looking at the amount of scar tissue and swelling that was involved with Pearl’s eye, our veterinarian concluded that this injury had happened weeks ago and the eye was removed. The morning after surgery, all at the vet clinic were amazed at the difference in Pearl’s attitude. She was wagging her tail and bouncing around like a puppy but she did not and we do mean DID NOT like her cone of shame! Too bad for Pearl, it was going to be her fashion statement for the next 10 days. Of course, we posted Pearl’s plight on Facebook and got a call immediately from Lisa Tedder. Lisa wasn’t actually in the market for a dog (she thought) but as soon as this girl’s face popped up on her computer screen BOOM love at first sight! Lisa whisked through our adoption process and drove from Miles City to pick up her girl. Last we heard, all was going wonderfully and Lisa reports that Pearl is an absolute “LOVE”. She also admitted that Pearl won the “no dogs on the furniture” rule the first night! Thank you Lisa for giving this girl an awesome forever home! 🐾

RHS Awarded Another \$5,000 Grant

Happy, happy, happy—more funding for our CSNiP Program!

As you all may remember, the RHS was contacted last year by the Stepping Forward Foundation (Billings) to inquire if we would like to submit a grant for any of our programs. We were astounded as most foundations do NOT pursue a non-profit organization, it is always the other way around. RHS requested monies for our Community Spay/Neuter Program and were awarded a glorious, generous check for \$10,000! Talk about much needed monies for a very vital program!

This year, the RHS reported back to the Stepping Forward Foundation on how that money was utilized and the myriad of cats and dogs we were able to alter with their kind donation. In return, they responded back with another \$5,000 to pad our account for the year 2016. Talk about rockin' the good vibes here peeps! That is a total of \$15,000 in less than two years—truly worthy of our most sincerest thanks, gratitude and honorable mention! Our Community Spay/Neuter Program (CSNiP) has been in existence since 2006 and in that time we have altered 834 dogs and 1,729 cats. We couldn't do it without the assistance of grants such as this.

(DISCLAIMER: The Stepping Forward Foundation does not accept unsolicited grant applications - THEY seek out applicants as their funding permits.)



The Mystery of a Stray

We wish they could tell us their story



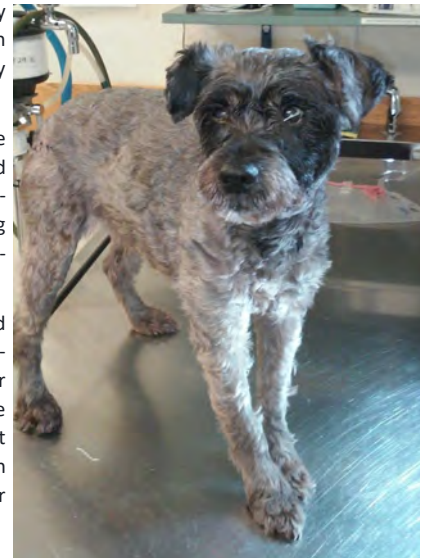
Daisy, an adorable little Schnauzer mix, was found wandering the countryside near Worden when she was picked up by Yellowstone County Animal Control and taken to "doggie jail" for her 72 hour wait period. The RHS immediately began trying to find Daisy's owner. Oddly, she was wearing a collar that had an I.D. tag on it with her name and phone number from Overland Park, Kansas. As in so many cases, when we called the number we were notified that it had been disconnected and there was no other information available. We also contacted many businesses and acquaintances in the Worden area but no one recognized this girl.

Daisy came to us with severe bite wounds, one of which was a deep laceration around her tail that was oozing blood and other fluids. We assumed that she had been attacked by another dog or possibly coyotes and the general consensus was that this girl was very lucky to be alive! All of the bite wounds were concentrated on her rear end so Daisy was obviously running for her life when she was attacked. Upon further examination, our veterinarian discovered that her teeth were in horrible condition and she also had chronic dry eye in BOTH eyes which looked like it had been untreated for quite some time. There was no doubt that her wounds needed to be cleaned and stitched up under anesthesia and a dental was a MUST! Our veterinarian guessed Daisy's age to be around 7 so, as always, we ordered pre-operative blood work prior to her treatment. The blood work showed that Daisy's kidney values were not good which did not bode well for surgery. Our veterinary team decided to give Daisy fluids for 48 hours in an attempt to normalize her kidney values, continue the strong antibiotics for her infection

and continue her pain medication to keep her comfortable. The fluid therapy was successful and Daisy was finally able to have the procedures she so desperately needed.

Daisy came through it all with flying colors but we now had a 7-year-old dog who was going to need constant care with her dry eyes (drops several times a day) and borderline kidney disease requiring a special prescription diet and constant blood work monitoring. Daisy's situation became a bit more dire when, after only two weeks on the special kidney diet, it was determined that the diet alone was not going to be enough. In addition, she was now going to require subcutaneous fluids administered once a week. Hmmmmm ... this was proving to be a challenging adoption.

Then, miraculously, in walked the Treece family, well known by our veterinarian as a wonderful couple who had experience giving loving homes to senior dogs in need. They met Daisy, fell in love and sat down with our veterinarian to discuss all that would be required to keep this girl happy and healthy. They then learned how to administer subcutaneous fluids at home and felt it was something that they could surely handle! The only stipulation with the adoption was that Daisy had to get along with the other dog in the house. Off Daisy went on a test drive and not only did she get along with the other pooch in the house but the Treece's handled her subcutaneous injections with no problems. It was a glorious day here at the RHS when we got the call that Daisy had finally found her forever home! 🐾





Bags for Change

Lucky's Market Community Outreach

We love our volunteers! In March 2016, a RHS volunteer discovered that Lucky's Market (Billings) was looking for non-profit organizations to become recipients of the market's quarterly Bags for Change program. We have always wanted to be a benefactor of this unique and generous program which gives a shopper a wooden disc valued at 10¢ for each bag the shopper brings into the store to bag their groceries. The discs can then be dropped into any of three boxes, each representing a different local non-profit organization, which are located at the exit doors. Nominations for a variety of local non-profits took place on Facebook and our supporters took to social media like a whirlwind. Before we knew it, the RHS was being notified by Lucky's Market that we were going to be one of the three non-profits to benefit from this program. We were humbled by the support we received from our followers and the faith they put in our organization.

After our quarter was over, Lucky's notified us that we would be receiving a check for wait for it \$2,674 ... HOLY KASMOLIE BATMAN! That means 26,740 wooden discs were put in our box during that three month period! We continue to be thrilled beyond belief by these results and want to thank everyone who dropped their wooden disc into that box for us. Means so much! We have to sit out the next quarter but plan on trying to be nominated again in early 2017. We would love to be a part of this awesome program once again! Thanks again everyone! 🐾

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There is no greater gift you can give a homeless pet than a warm bed, a roof over their head and the love in your heart! The Rimrock Humane Society is only successful as a virtual shelter because of the kindness and caring of our dedicated foster homes. Our pets are blessed to live out their stay with us in the comfort of the circle of loving families while a new forever family is found. The key to this equation is the more foster families we have, the more animals we can assist!

RHS will supply all of the veterinary care, food and litter — the requirements for a foster family are a fenced yard for dogs and indoor living only for cats. The family will be instrumental in assisting with training (house or obedience), running the pet back and forth to vet appointments and also observant of the animal's health. The RHS also allows the foster home to be very instrumental in the adoption process —interviewing the adoptive family and doing home visits (barring any distance constraints). This truly lends itself to giving the foster folks some closure with the ability to now visualize the pet in its new environment.



Foster home applicants go through the same screening process as our adoptive homes — phone interview, application process, reference checks and a home visit. If we are going to be careful where that pet will spend it's life, we certainly are also going to screen the animals temporary home. There is no greater gift for an adoptive family to not only get a calm, well adjusted pet but to also have the opportunity to speak with the foster parents so they can get the full "scoop" on their new pet i.e. likes, dislikes and any important information that would make the transition into the new home easier. Plus, they are viewing the animal in a safe and quiet home environment where they are actually witnessing the true behaviors of the pet in a stress-free living situation.

Are you sold? We would be thrilled to speak with you about possibly signing up to be a pet foster guardian! Please give us a call at the number above or you can email us at schurch@rimrockhumanesociety.org. Truly, you will not find a more rewarding pursuit in life ... be careful though, it's addicting! 🐾