

Rimrock Humane Society's

PAWPRINTS**How Do We Measure Success?**

One Paw At A Time



With the holidays upon us, it is a season for sharing and caring; for peace, love and introspection into the year passed ... counting blessings and being thankful. We here at the Rimrock Humane Society want to share our blessings of 2010 with you and what better way to begin than by sharing our simple theory on how we measure "success".

Not a single day goes by without a RHS board member being asked the now infamous question, "When are you going to build your facility?" After we share our facts and figures and end our sentence with "we just don't have enough capital yet"; the person walks away with a look of pure and absolute dejection. However, none of us here at the Rimrock Humane Society feel an ounce of remorse over the fact that our building is not yet a reality. Perhaps it is because we are on the inside fighting the good fight and know deep in our hearts that we are winning; building or no building!

So, let us share with you our best kept secret ... our success is not measured in bricks and mortar but instead by soft fur, grateful kisses and happy tail wags. Each animal that comes through our program and leaves the RHS happier and healthier for a new forever home is the greatest success story we could ever imagine.

All of the Rimrock animals flourish in loving foster homes while they await their adoption unlike so many other homeless animals who languish in tiny kennels and cages in over crowded animal shelters throughout the U.S. Many, due to stress and poor cleaning protocol, will succumb to disease or be euthanized for temperament issues that sadly develop due to this environment that is forced upon them.

While in foster care, our animals are treated with the same love and care that is lavished upon the foster parent's own animals. On top of that, they may receive crate training, house breaking brush ups and even some obedience training as well.

There is no greater gift for an adoptive family to not only be getting 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.

Since our inception in January 2002 until present, the RHS has assisted 750 animals either find new homes or be reunited with their owners. We realize that for most large urban areas, these numbers may seem infinitesimal in the grand scheme of things but we believe that if those 750 animals could speak, they would be of a different opinion! Those numbers are something that we at the Rimrock Humane Society are hugely proud of ... knowing that each animal was handled with love, care and respect. One by one, a life changed, a life saved, a new beginning.

Now, don't get us wrong—that building could still become a reality if a substantial donation was received sometime in the future but, in the meanwhile, you now know our secret as to why there should be no sadness when the phrase "no building yet" is uttered. Turn that frown upside down and realize deep in your heart that the RHS is incredibly successful and making a difference in animals lives every day!



A Note from the Prez

It has been a long time since we have come together in this "forum" and we must offer up our apologies for not keeping you all better informed about our progress and successes over the years. We figured, what better time than Christmas to share our positive message of hope, love and commitment ... we have way too much to share for a simple holiday card so this newsletter shall be the catalyst of our glad tidings. Amongst these pages you will find the positive highlights of what we would call our busiest year ever in our history. In today's day and age of gloomy current events and dismal reporting, it is our wish that after reading these pages, you will be joyful in your heart and have a new skip in your step.

On the following page, you will get to read about the now "infamous" goat rescue. If you have not already heard about it, it's a tale of two young little goats who found themselves stranded on the ledge of a bridge 60 feet about the ground. The RHS was called onto the scene to rescue these two little waifs and the story that ensued went viral on the world news market and on the internet. Basically, the goats Judy & Lana put the RHS on the map, literally!

Huge changes in modern technology have occurred since last we gathered here and "social networking" has become the number one way to stay in touch and keep informed. These social gathering places like Facebook have been a huge "boon" to the non-profit world and, I predict, will someday make venues like this newsletter obsolete. The RHS is experiencing huge success with our Facebook networking with over 850 "fans" as of this writing. Animals are being helped, adopted and information is being shared via this medium and we hope you will join us there if you have not already!

So we invite you to grab a cup of egg nog, put another log on the fire, curl up on the sofa and enjoy this holiday newsletter and the good news it has to impart. We here 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 2011. Happy Howlidays, everyone! 🐾 *Sandy Church ~ President*

Fostering ... the Backbone of RHS

Its what makes us "tick"!

We cannot say it enough ... what makes the Rimrock Humane Society a successful "virtual" shelter are the loving foster homes in which our homeless animals are housed. If it were not for them, then the RHS could not continue to assist animals in need and our doors would sadly close forever.

It would take pages and pages to properly thank all who have assisted us in the past with fostering—some could only help once and others have been with us for years. You all know who you are and we wish to extend our appreciation and gratitude to you for a job well done.

We would like to take a moment to honor one particular foster home who has been with us for many years and has stuck by us through thick and

thin. We got to know Blake & Vonda Gardiner when they adopted their dog Smoke through us. The RHS made an "impression" on them and they decided to help. That was four years ago and they are still going strong with their foster care. With an acre fenced yard and lots of dog training experience, they have taken on some of our toughest cases, and not all dogs either! They assisted with an emaciated horse whom they later adopted.

Truly, the Gardiner's are a blessing to our foster care program and to the foster dogs who have the opportunity to live with them for a time. If we could clone them, there would not be a homeless animal in this world! Blake & Vonda, we cannot thank you enough for your kindness, caring and support! We love ya, man!



Pictured here are Vonda & Blake Gardiner with Sandy Church & their two dogs adopted from the RHS, Moses & Smoke



As our phone continues to ring off the hook with animals in need, we realize in order to continue our successful program, we need to grow the number of foster care homes in our "arsenal".

Fostering for the RHS requires a fenced in yard for dogs and cats have to be indoor only. We supply all of the food, litter and veterinary care ... what we ask from the foster home is that they supply the roof over the animal's head and the love in their heart (and some training may be required as well).

Please open your heart to a homeless animal—call us at 406.323.3687 or email at wschurch@midrivers.com.

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The Infamous Goat Rescue

If there is a will, there is a way



Rimrock Humane Society got a call a little after 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, that there were two goats that were “stranded” on the train bridge over Old Divide Road. These train tracks lead from the Signal Peak Energy Coal mine to Broadview. The bridge is approximately 60 feet in the air and it was explained to us that the goats were stuck on a ledge and had been there for two days. The Musselshell County Sheriff’s Dept., Sandy Church from Rimrock Humane Society and Cory Freeman from Animal Adventures all responded and found the scene you see above.

We have absolutely no idea how or why these little critters would go out on this bridge – the only thing we can figure is it happened at night and they were unsure of their surroundings. Once morning came, they were too scared to walk back where they came from. That ledge they are standing on not only is about 6” wide but is also “canted” at an angle to allow for water run off. Every step they took struck terror in our hearts as we were so fearful that they were going to plummet to their deaths. Cory climbed up on the bridge and kept a watchful eye on them from above and you could tell that they were tired, thirsty and thoroughly exhausted.

Sandy from the Rimrock Humane Society worked on the ground calling around and brainstorming ways to get these two down. A Fergus Electric truck stopped and was asked if they had a bucket truck that would reach that high ... they did not have one. Then the idea dawned to possibly have someone reel down to the pillar support, strap harnesses on the little goats and lift them up over the edge. A nice gentleman by the name of Stan

who works for the Musselshell County Road Dept. stopped by and said that he was a high angle repeller but he could not help us until after he got out of work at 4:30 ... Sandy & Cory knew that these goats just couldn’t last that long. If they got weak enough, they would not be able to maintain their balance and they would just fall off the ledge.

Finally, Byron Kinn, from Signal Peak Energy came out and helped access the situation. He said that they definitely had a piece of equipment that could reach that high but had to get it approved by his boss, John DeMichiei. After a grueling 15 minute wait, Byron was back to say that his boss had given the go ahead to bring the equipment out and rescue the goats!!

While Byron got the equipment (which is very slow moving by the way), Sandy & Cory ran and got crates, ropes, halters and anything they thought useful for the rescue attempt. Within an hour, everyone was back and ready to get these two on the ground. Cory kindly volunteered to go up in the bucket with Byron to help handle the goats, a large crate was loaded in the basket and away they went.

Our biggest fear was once the bucket got near the goats, they would jump with panic. Our biggest hope was that they were so exhausted, they wouldn’t have the energy to do so. It went off without a hitch and the little goats leapt into Cory’s arms! They knew why we were there. It was high fives all around!

Cory held the two little goats at her establishment until the owner could be located. After a week, no owner came forward, but we had plenty of folks who wanted to adopt these

little sweeties. It gave us great pleasure to place them with Tom & Stephanie Moncalieri ... Steph is the secretary to the RHS and a very devoted goat “Mom”. These little girls (now known as Judy & Lana) were no worse for wear—only slightly dehydrated and exhausted. We deeply wish to thank Signal Peak Energy, Byron Kinn and John DeMichiei for going the extra mile to assist these animals in their dire predicament. We are happy to report that the goats are loving their new home and are happily keeping all 8 feet on solid terra firma. 🐾

THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY

Our president, Sandy Church, documented the rescue with both camera and video. After review of the pics, she decided to write a news release and called the local newspaper and television stations to see if they would be interested in the story. All were eager to share the plight of these goats and the happy ending that resulted.

By the next day, the RHS phone started to ring off the hook, first from the state wide AP (Associated Press) folks and soon to follow by the National AP. Then came the call from CBS New York, who wanted to put the story out on ALL of their nationwide CBS affiliates. After that was FOX News who aired our goats on Fox ‘n Friends and the Shepard Smith Show. Soon, we were hearing from friends and family that our goats made it on Yahoo News, the London Times, Extra, Inside Edition just to name a few. We were stunned to say the least!

Then the calls started coming in from magazines all over the world; Russia, Germany, Sweden. Here is the full page spread a Russian magazine called MAXIM did on our goats.



Meanwhile, Sandy had captured the actual rescue on video and had posted that on YouTube with the intention of giving locals the ability to see the rescuers in action. With all of the international attention, the YouTube goat video went “viral” and currently sits at 81,903 views! (To view the video just search “Infamous Goat Rescue”)

The most exciting news was when Ripley’s Believe it or Not contacted the RHS and asked permission to include the goat rescue in their newest book that will come out in early spring 2011. Of course, we agreed whole heartedly!

It was a 48 hour whirlwind of media attention in which, assuredly, we will never experience again. Who knew that the plight of two little goats would so capture the world’s imagination. All we can say is, “not BAAAAAAAAAAAAAAD”. 🐾



Our president, Sandy Church (left) and Cory Freeman are all smiles when the goat’s feet hit solid ground!

The Reasons We Exist

Helping those that cannot help themselves

So far this year, we have assisted over 110 animals either find new homes or be reunited with their owners. We felt it important to share some of the many stories that have touched our hearts deeply over the past year. The RHS loves the “underdog” and will take on cases that many shelters would not—we feel honored we can afford to help these animals! The only way we are able to assist these animals is thanks to the kindness of you, our donors, and your generosity! A big shout out to the families who have adopted these animals and given these sweeties a second chance on life! This is what keeps us going every day ...



ZIGGY ~ This adorable Shih Tzu came to the RHS through our veterinarian in Billings. Ziggy had been attacked by his family’s big dog and his eye was out of the socket. Sadly, his other eye showed injury and signs of this very thing happening from sometime in the past. Surgery was performed and the eye stitched shut to heal — we were left in suspense for 7 days wondering whether or not Bandit would have any sight in that eye. After the healing period and the stitches were removed, we were all disappointed that this poor boy did not have any vision in this injured eye. Between both injuries, we were sure that Bandit was pretty much legally blind. Enter the Lebruska family a couple who had experience with not only Shih Tzu’s but also dogs with limited vision. They met Ziggy and it was a match made in heaven! This sweet boy is joyful and loves to play—certainly loving his new home!

DAISY ~ Look at that sweet face! Daisy was found running along the I-90 highway when a kind Samaritan stopped to pick her up. She noticed that Daisy was a nursing mother so a few other kind folks stopped to help look for Daisy’s pups but none could be found. This girl (whom we believe to be a Silky Terrier/Shih Tzu mix) was skin and bones and it took a long time for her mammary glands to go down. Daisy just loved attention and although a bit of an “independent thinker” she swiped the hearts of all who met her! After her spay and a good worming, she started putting on weight and her personality really started to shine through! Daisy is now living the high life in Kalispell, MT being treated as the princess she deserves to be!



FAITH ~ We got a call that a very sick little stray kitten had been found and when we saw her, we immediately rushed her to the vet. Not only was she dehydrated but she was experiencing diarrhea and had a severe upper respiratory infection. To be honest, we were not sure this sweet girl would pull through thus the reason we gave her the name Faith. She was so young (approx. 4 weeks old) and so sick, it was three weeks later when we felt we had finally turned a corner. What a character this gal turned out to be! Sweet, loving and you should see her play with the family dog! So cute! Faith is now a beautiful one year old kitty with a new loving home who adores her and the hugest, bushiest tail we have ever seen!

ZUMA & GRETEL ~ These two girls became known as our “mange” puppies. Found on the Crow Indian reservation on a hot July day, these two pups were on a stretch of road where there was not a house to be seen. Picked up by a kind Samaritan from Roundup, we were called and asked if we would take them. They of course were not only full of worms but had a horrible skin condition called Sarcoptic Mange. This particular type of mange is treatable with topical worming medications but we also made sure they had soothing medicated baths and high quality foods to build their immune system. We kept these two in our care for almost 6 weeks to be sure they were healthy & happy before going up for adoption. We are happy to announce that both of these girls now have sleek, glossy coats and awesome new, forever homes where they are growing like weeds and enjoying the love of their fabulous families.



LOUIE ~ This poor fella! You’ve heard of being a “rock hound” before but nothing like poor Mr. Louie! He has an obsession with rocks alright but he collects them by EATING them! Seems that he was brought into our vet in Billings with vomiting and lethargy—an x-ray showed that there was not only one rock in his tummy but FOUR and these were not tiny pieces of gravel, we are talking river rocks. And ... it seems this wasn’t his first time doing this ... this would mark his FOURTH enterotomy surgery! The owners decided it was better for Louie’s health to place him for adoption into a home that perhaps did not have so many rocks in the yard. After recovering from his surgery, we found Louie a home where he lives in a rock free environment with a family who runs a day care and keeps him very busy. We are happy to report that Louie is living the high life and has given up his “rock hound” hobby!



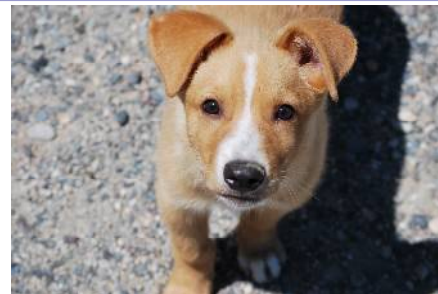
SETH ~ This beautiful “blue” Doberman came to us from a family who could no longer care for him anymore. When he arrived on our doorstep, he was not only very skinny but had some type of skin condition—his coat was horribly thin and his skin had all kinds of bumps all over it. After doing some extensive health testing, it was discovered that Seth has what is called Color Dilute Alopecia or CDA. It is very common in dogs like Seth who are bred for uncommon colors like “blue” or “fawn”. It is not a terminal disease but a genetic one where this gorgeous boy could actually lose all of his hair. Doing oodles of research, we discovered that there are ways to slow down the loss of hair with a very omega 3 rich diet which includes a high quality food, fish oil tabs and periodic medicated baths. His coat started improving almost immediately and eventually was adopted by a family who are TRUE Doberman lovers! Seth is hiking the trails of Bozeman, happy as every dog deserves to be!

JUNO ~ What a surprise for our president to show up at her home one day, and find this teeny little 4 week old kitten on her front door step. Juno was not in a box but blindly rolling around by the door. By blindly we mean, her eyes were completely matted shut—some of the worse crusted over eyes we have ever seen in a kitten. The folks that dropped Juno off contacted us and told us that she was found by a local restaurant where wild cats like to congregate by the dumpster. She was stumbling around the parking lot and they were afraid she would be hit and crushed by a car. Once our veterinarian got her eyes cleared out, she looked around at the world and started purring. As you can see, Juno is absolutely adorable and won the hearts of all who met her. After living in one of our awesome foster homes until she was older and stronger, Juno got adopted into a home that we like to refer to as “Kitty Disneyland”.



BANDIT ~ Got a call from our veterinarian in Billings that this 8 month old Shih Tzu was brought in for severe vomiting. An x-ray revealed that he had not one but two tampons in his belly (ewww). One was stuck between his stomach and small intestine and the other lodged deep in his bowels. The owner could not afford the surgeries to remove these blockages so we were asked to step in and save this boy's life. You betcha! Bandit came through his extensive surgery with flying colors and was a trooper through it all. He needed a safe foster home to go to for his recuperation so we contacted the same folks who adopted Ziggy. They were all about helping this fella and gladly took him on. Within one day after bringing him home, the Lebruska's called to say that this sweetie wasn't going anywhere. Bandit and Ziggy adored each other so much, they hated to separate the two so this boy now has his forever home!

HONDA & HER FIVE KITTENS ~ A family moved into a house and imagine their surprise when out in the backyard is a half starved young mother cat with (5) three week old kittens. The mother was incredibly sweet and not wild at all so we believe the folks that moved possibly dumped Honda and her family outside to fend for themselves. Honda is the true hero in this story as she was horribly thin but her babies were all fat and sassy—obviously, she was trying desperately to feed her family by starving herself. These are the times when our foster homes are so very crucial ... big thanks to Lindsay, for taking on this family and doing so right by them. The kittens are now 4 months old and all have been placed except one of the orange tabby's and Momma Honda is still looking for a home as well. This family's story could have ended so differently and we are thrilled that we could be a part of their happy ending.



JUNIOR, HONEY & BUTTERBALL ~ These cuties were found out in the middle of nowhere ... half starved and so covered with ticks you could barely tell what color they were. Their approx. age was about 7 weeks old. The caring family that found them contacted us and stayed on as their foster family while we worked on finding them homes. Unfortunately, every puppy's greatest horror (and ours) struck this litter ... PARVO! Junior presented signs first and we were on the phone with the foster mom at 11:30 p.m. and off Junior went to the emergency vet clinic for immediate care. Luckily, he was strong and was back home after three days of 24-7 vet care. Several days later, Honey presented with symptoms and was rushed to the vet clinic for emergency care and, like her brother, was strong and better within two days. Butterball never got sick, thank goodness! Our hats are off to the foster home as we realize this was a very stressful time and the amount of care (and cleaning) they had to perform was amazing. Happy to report that the pups got a clean bill of health and all were adopted! Junior (now Dude) went to live in northern Michigan, Honey went to North Dakota and Butterball (now Bubba) is living happily in Livingston, MT.

EVENTS! EVENTS! EVENTS!



Rimrock Rover Ramble – May 1st
Record year for the Rover Ramble! 145 participants and over \$10,000 was raised for the spay/neuter program!



Shiloh Veterinary Open House—May 8th
A great venue to not only share our pets for adoption but we raised over \$400 in donations in less than two hours!



Petapalooza 2010—May 22nd
First time event in downtown Billings ... although chilly it was a great to meet so many pet lovers in one place!



Slumberland Furniture Dog Days - June 12th
A great time was had by all (can you tell?) at this event. Several of our animals for adoption found homes this day—YAY!



Harley Davidson Collars & Chrome—Aug 28th
A great morning spent sharing our pets for adoption and watching the “hogs” come and go on their poker run to benefit the animals!



Wine & Whiskers—November 6th
What an elegant and awesome event! See below article for all of the details and we will see you at Wine & Whiskers 2011!

Wine & Whiskers a Great Success!

The 1st annual “Wine & Whiskers” event for the Rimrock Humane Society was a great success, raising over \$10,000 dollars for the organization. The event was the first of its kind and held at the Yellowstone Art Museum on Saturday, November 6, 2010. Ticket sales brought in \$3843 and auction items secured another \$6710. All of the funds raised will go to defray costs the Rimrock Humane Society incurs for animal rescue, boarding, veterinarian fees, medical treatment, spay/neutering, and micro chipping.

The evening fair for “Wine & Whiskers” was Black Tie & Blue Jeans. It was great fun to see those men who elected to dress in the elegance of a black tuxedo and the women in their shimmering dresses. Of course, those more interested in casual dress looked just as smart in their blue jeans, vests, and boots! A wonderful crowd of over 200 guests had the pleasure of listening to the magical sounds created by Dan Dubuque on his slide guitar. The aromas and flavorful hors d’oeuvres produced by

the talented Chef Duane Aiello, cascaded over the tables in beautiful and delicious harmony. The wine flowed and the excitement and energy could



Wine & Whiskers

be felt in the air as local artist, Kira Fercho amazed the crowd with her talent and expressive painting, creating a vibrant image of glowing aspens in just a matter of minutes. The silent auction had something for everyone, with original artwork, jewelry, gift certificates, fine wine and many other

fantastic items. A photographer captured the moment for couples and friends in front of one of the museum’s displays and the Yellowstone Art Museum kept all of the exhibits open for attendees interested in exploring the work of many brilliant artists.

The donations and attendance were a strong testimony that many people care about the welfare of animals and support the efforts of the Rimrock Humane Society. Huge amounts of kudos go to Alissa Taylor, who was responsible for the all of the planning, organizing, and advertising for this event. The Rimrock Humane Society Board of Directors is extremely grateful and wishes to thank everyone who made the event successful – sponsors, auction donors and attendees.

As successful as this event was, there is no doubt that it will be an annual event. Please be sure to watch our website next fall for the 2nd annual Wine & Whiskers! 🐾

Sandy Church wins Outstanding Citizen Award

By Alice Wolff Colton

When the phone rang a couple of weeks ago, Sandy Church automatically expected a rescue request. When the caller identified herself as Linda Larson, Vice President of the Roundup Area Chamber of Commerce, Sandy was still locked in her 24/7 role of President of the Rimrock Humane Society. When Larson announced that the community and the Financial Committee of the newly-formed RACC had chosen her to receive the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award, it took a few more comments such as, "You're kidding," and "Really!" before Sandy could fully grasp the concept.

"It is very humbling," she commented after realizing the Roundup area community wanted to honor her dedication to actively rescuing animals for the past 13 years. The Chamber requested that Sandy share Santa's sleigh in the Christmas Parade and the tree lighting ceremony and she will be honored at the Community Concert December 14th.

It seems Sandy's star has led her in a direct course since she was a three-year-old bringing home a wounded bird home to fix. "I feel all of my life events culminated in where I am today," she stated. When she was 16 years old she participated in a work study program in her high school. That launched a marketing/business career that gave her the strong foundation that has made the Rimrock Humane Society the successful nonprofit it is today.

To date the RHS has rescued and adopted out 750 animals since its inception January 2002. It all began after the Church's moved to the Roundup

rescuing animals as a matter of course. She operated at her own expense under the name "Sandy Paws Rescue" for three years until a friend from Billings approached her with the offer to take over the incorporated Rimrock Humane Society. There was no hesitation and soon a new Board of Directors joined ranks with Sandy.



Sandy pictured with her best buddy of 11 years. Domino was a rescue and her "heart" dog who sadly passed away in October.

Foster homes make RHS a unique "virtual shelter". Rescued animals are placed with a loving foster family and "cage free" until they are placed in permanent homes that are carefully scrutinized. The intent is to find a "forever home" so they can live the rest of their lives without further trauma. This system has worked exceptionally well for the past 10 years.

Sandy also founded the CNSiP program in 2006, which is one of the most successful spay/neuter

programs in the state. She is a firm believer in a proactive rather than reactive method of managing the pet population and the program has spayed/neutered 691 cats and 340 dogs as of November 30, 2010. The yearly vet fees average \$15,000 and the program is primarily supported by the annual Rimrock Rover Ramble. The program struggles to stay afloat because owner donations go towards the vet fee and not directly towards CSNiP.

RHS has placed 110 animals this year and their caring arm reaches far and wide. Rescued dogs and cats have gone to loving homes from Juno, Alaska to Washington DC. RHS picks up the slack caused by an absence of animal shelters east of the state. Rimrock Humane Society's professionalism has prompted Billings veterinarians to recommend them when clients are seeking placement of animals. Unlike standard shelters, RHS goes the extra mile to rehabilitate animals with physical or emotional issues.

"I do feel this is what I was put on earth to do," said Church who said she also feels honored that she knows her purpose in life. One of her favorite quotes fuels the spark that is there day or night to answer the phone expecting an animal in need:

"Your profession is not what brings home your paycheck. Your profession is what you were put on earth to do with such passion and such intensity that it becomes spiritual in calling." ~ Vincent Van Gogh 🐾

RHS Wins Two \$1,000 Grants in Shelter Contest



We are pleased to announce that in December of 2009 and again in April 2010, the RHS won two \$1,000 grants in the Animal Rescue Site's Shelter Challenges.

The Shelter Challenge is a nationwide contest where supporters vote on a daily basis for their

favorite humane society or animal shelter. There were over 10,000 shelters entered and after three months of voting, the Rimrock Humane Society was ranked 77th in the U.S.!

The \$1,000 prizes were awarded for being the highest ranked animal welfare organization in the state of Montana. To make it into the top 100 shelters in the country is truly an honor in itself!

These grants were immediately applied to the RHS's Community Spay /Neuter Program where, since its inception in January 2006, has paid for surgeries for 691 cats and 340 dogs.

The Animal Rescue Site offers three of these challenges on a yearly basis. This means that the RHS has the ability to win several of these grants a year. Please join us on Facebook or check our website often for notification of the contest voting and help us maintain our standing of #1 animal welfare organization in the state of Montana.

The RHS wants to thank all of our supporters who voted diligently on a daily basis for us in these contests ... as far as we are concerned, they are the true heroes here and the animals are the real winners! 🐾



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The 2011 RHS Calendars are HERE!

Check these out! Great cause—save a life—buy one today!



Due to ever popular demand, we are back this year offering up our 2011 canine and feline calendars for purchase! The beloved faces on these calendars are a selection of the sweet critters who found new forever homes in 2010 thanks to our very successful adoption program. If you follow our website, you may recognize many of these animals and if you are lucky enough to be one of the new owners, we cannot thank you enough for opening your heart and your home to these fur kids!

Proceeds from the sale of these calendars will benefit the animals in our care. In 2010 alone, we have had a record 110 animals come through our doors, spent over \$9,000 in veterinary services and \$1,800 in dog/cat food for the homeless pets that have come through our program. We are proud of the fact that our animals receive not only the best veterinary care we can provide but high quality nutritious food as well.

The Cuddly Canine Cuties for 2011 are Navi, Blaze, Honey, Seth, Butterball,

Cooper, Gretel, Nellie, Bucky, Junior, Paco, and Wiley. The Furry Feline Friends for 2011 are Cheeto, TC, Hank, Vali, Lucy, Juno, Vespa, Hutch, Gidget, Willow, and Peisha.

Calendars are only \$15.00/ea. plus \$3.25 shipping and handling. You can purchase your calendars several different ways: Purchase on-line by going to our website www.rimrockhumanesociety.org, send us a check and make payable to Rimrock Humane Society, PO Box 834, Roundup, MT 59072, call us at 406.323.3687 and give us your credit or debit card number (we accept Visa & Mastercard) These make great Christmas gifts - your thoughtfulness will be appreciated 365 days a year! OR . . . just order one for yourself to enjoy day after day - these adorable faces will surely make you smile! Either way, we so appreciate your support and all of the critters send slurpy kisses and happy tail wags your way!

