



Rimrock Humane Society's

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From “Matted” to “Matters”

Loving the Underdog



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There is nothing that puts us in the holiday spirit more than the celebration of joy that comes from assisting the myriad of animals that come through our “doors” on a daily basis. Being the end of the year and time for quiet reflection, we happily take inventory of the sweet furry faces that have passed through our program over the last twelve months and one joyfully stands out — our sweetie Chloe.

Two very kind Samaritans called us in late August to inform us that they witnessed a little dog being thrown out of a vehicle at a city park in a community north of Billings. The woman who witnessed it lives right next to the park and saw the whole thing happen. When she ran to the dog's aid, she discovered that this little girl was in horrible shape. Hair so matted she could barely open her

mouth, teeth horrendously brown with gums infected and after a day or two, it was observed that she not only had to urinate often but struggled to do so.

We happily accepted Chloe into our program and immediately rushed her into our veterinarian. As we began the exam, the severity of her matting not only saddened but amazed us as well. There were foreign objects twisted in the mats of her hair like cotton, fabric and other “things” that could not be identified. The mats on her legs were so thick it was almost like Chloe was wearing armor.

The work on this girl began in earnest ... blood work to verify her health which could only be obtained by shaving her neck as the mats were so thick, the vet could not find her jugular—the blood work came back very normal except for a raging infection! Then an ultrasound which showed 4 to 5 incredibly large bladder stones which needed to be removed surgically. The lining of Chloe's bladder was so thick and inflamed, it was evident that her bladder issues had been chronic and long lasting. Then, a complete dental cleaning with the extraction of over 12 teeth! It was also decided to groom/shave her under anesthesia as it would have been too painful for her to have this done while she was conscious. It took 1-1/2 hours to get her fully groomed and all of those horrible mats removed. What they discovered under all of that fur was a sweet six year old Schnauzer/Poodle mix (Schnoodle) who woke up tremendously happy and joyful!

We then moved her into one of our awesome foster homes where she could heal, recoup and blossom ... and blossom she did! What a happy, sweet, adoring little girl ... no doubt she felt better than she had in a long, long time. It took lots of antibiotics and many, many weeks to get Chloe over the chronic bladder infection and during this time, she had to wear diapers, bless her heart, as she just didn't have good control yet.

The RHS happily shared Chloe's story on our Facebook page and she had so many people rooting for her. One of those people was a wonderful woman by the name of Darla. She had just adopted a dog from us the month previous and called us to say that she had been watching Chloe's story unfold and was very interested in adopting her. Darla educated



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herself in regards to not only Chloe's breeding but was willing to deal with her diapers, her medications and also cooking her special food to help with her bladder issues so they will not continue to plague her. How blessed the RHS is to have such fabulous adopters!

Stories like Chloe's are becoming more common place here at the RHS as we discover a special “niche” that we

have begun to fill of helping special needs animals with their issues no matter the cost. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the low overhead we enjoy, assisting animals in need like Chloe is doable and a true joy to watch them blossom under our care!

In the year 2011, the RHS spent over \$14,000 on veterinary care for our pets! Much of this cost was for animals like Chloe who required specialized care and may not have received it any where else. What a thrill for us to be able to step up to the plate and help these animals live healthy, long lives in awesome forever homes! Might we add that we could not do it without your support!

We are tickled pink to report that Chloe is thriving in her new home. No more bladder issues and Darla reports that this girl is a “huntress”! She loves to flush pheasants and chase bunnies! Hearing this has to be one of our best Christmas presents ever! Happy New Year Chloe! 🐾



A Note from the Prez

Another year under our belts ... really? Truly, how did that happen so fast? We have been blessed with so many unique fundraising opportunities this year; from cooking hot dogs on Earth day to setting world records by getting our hair cut by a master stylist! We will try and share with you these fun events within these pages and sincerely hope that you were able to attend at least one or more of these great opportunities to help us raise money for our homeless animals!

Speaking of fundraising ... that presents a perfect segue to thank all who have donated both time and money to help us through the course of 2011. Because of your kindness, the RHS has risen to the call of so many deserving animals who have needed a place to call "home" until a new forever one could be found. Many of these pets were special needs requiring specialized surgeries and medications that were necessary to ensure their comfort and longevity of life. This, of course, all comes at a cost but one that we gladly bear as we watch these animals blossom under our care. As they move on to their forever homes, we here at the RHS beam with pride knowing that these special pets are now healthy and happy. This "niche" of helping special needs

animals is one that we here at RHS take seriously and are thrilled to be able to fill. We feel that ALL pets have the right to a healthy body and a loving home to call their own; we truly bend over backwards to make sure that happens. However, we cannot continue on this mission without you, our supporters! Your generosity is visible every time we see the healthy gleam in our pet's eyes or that proverbial happy tail wag!

Generosity ... that presents the next segue ... the RHS recently received the largest donation in our eleven year history!!! Take a sneak peek over to page 3 of this newsletter and share with us the most exciting and generous donation we have ever received. My sincerest thanks & love to the Kok family—YOU ROCK!

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 2012. Happy Howlidays, everyone! 🐾 *Sandy Church ~ President*

Derby Dames & Dawgs

A force to reckon with!

On April 23rd, the Billings Roller Derby Dames invited the Rimrock Humane Society to attend their bout and sell 50/50 raffle tickets. What fun to be involved with this dynamic group of women who do so much good in our community! The night of ticket sales netted the RHS \$625! Some of our foster dogs also got to attend and meet not only the team but the hundreds of folks who came to the event! Talk about great socialization!

A few weeks later, the Dames invited the humane society to one of their practices and surprised us by matching our ticket sale amount with another \$625 out of their own coffers. This means that evening brought in a whopping \$1,250! We were thrilled and honored by their graciousness.

This organization of amazing women have volunteered and donated to so many charitable organizations over the past year. We invite you to visit their website at www.billingsrollerderbydames.com to learn more.

We cannot thank the Dames enough for their kindness! Love you ladies!



Rimrock Humane Society board members Warren Church, Debi Hawkins, Sandy Church & foster home veterans Blake & Vonda Gardiner are lovingly surrounded by the Billings Roller Derby Dames! Foster dogs Smudge & Sadie are right front!



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@middrivers.com.

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Generosity Beyond Compare

Kindness comes with 4 wheels & laser blue metallic paint!

When humane society president, Sandy Church, answered the phone on a lovely October day, she had no idea the magnitude of what was about to happen with that one conversation. It was Michael Kok on the other end; he and his wife Denise had adopted not only a cat from the RHS years ago but they had also adopted a sweet little dog as well. Michael made small talk about the critters and Sandy figured this was a phone call to update her on the status of the animals (which is her favorite type of call!) It all changed very quickly when Michael announced that he and Denise wanted to donate "something" to the Rimrock Humane Society. Something? Hmmm ... curiosity piqued she asked what it was. "A brand new 2011 Mini Cooper car" Michael stated calmly. Uhhh, come again? Did you say a brand new car?? Why yes he most certainly did! Holy donation Batman! Truly, the question "Are you kidding me?" was asked more than once. Never in the history of the RHS has such a generous gift been given ... we are still reeling from this kindness and the true "selflessness" of this gift!



Since this gift was given just before the 2nd annual Wine & Whisker's event, it was decided to make the grand announcement as part of that program to not only share this great news with our supporters but also give hugs and handshakes to this incredibly kind couple! So, Michael gave a brief speech, presented Sandy with a photo of the vehicle

and the keys to the car! The applause was deafening and there was not a dry eye in the place! Smiles, smiles, smiles all around!

So plans have already begun in earnest on how exactly this sweet little car



will be raffled off. Tentative plans are that the raffle will begin in March and probably end in mid-summer of 2012 (possibly July). This Mini Cooper (now nicknamed Zippy by one of the Kok's sons) will be showcased at many retailers all over Billings who will be selling tickets for a chance to win this amazing piece of machinery. Tickets will be \$20/each and only 2,000 chances will be sold.

Zippy comes with the complete sport package including turbo charged, direct injected 1.6-liter, 16-valve inline 4 cylinder engine (181 hp), 6 speed Getrag transmission, dynamic stability control, Steptronic automatic transmission, Xenon headlights and many more features! Please watch our webpage or join us on Facebook for more details about this exciting raffle. To the Kok family ... there are no words to express our appreciation for your caring and kindness! VROOM! VROOM! 🚗

Haircuts, A World Record & Saving Lives

Now THAT is what its all about!

So what do haircuts and homeless animals have in common? Well, if you were at the Sanctuary Spa & Salon on September 4th, you would have realized they go hand in hand ... or is that scissor and comb? Patrick Lomantini, a master hair stylist from Wichita, KS (and devoted animal lover) made a historic and record setting tour around the United States cutting hair and helping homeless animals as he went. Patrick cut 50 heads of hair in 50 states in 50 days ... all to benefit humane societies in each designated city. Yup, you read that right ... 50 states in 50 days and, oh yeah, cutting 50+ heads of hair in each location. WOW! We were thrilled when he contacted the Rimrock Humane Society and asked us if we would like to be the beneficiary of this visit! You betcha!

Huge thanks to Kris Carpenter, owner of the Sanctuary Spa & Salon in Billings who opened her doors on a Sunday (Labor Day Weekend as well) for the wonderful folks who signed up to have their haircut for a base donation of \$20/cut. We were thrilled with the turnout as we booked not just 50 haircuts for Patrick but 65! This wonderful fella stood on his feet for 12 hours cutting hair and the RHS happily accepted donations for a glorious grand total of \$2,500! Sanctuary Spa's employees volunteered their time and gave hand massages and relaxation massages as well for additional donations. Huge thanks to Kris and her crew for their kindness & caring! Many RHS "alumni" came in with their owners as they got their hair cut like sweet Wiggy pictured to the right.

It was truly a great day and it was so fantastic to meet Patrick! We were the 38th state for him and we do not know how he had so much energy! The RHS is proud to say that out of 50 states, we raised the 2nd highest donation amount! Not too shabby! On top of all of this, Patrick got his name in the Guinness Book of World Records and it was so much fun to be a part of it. There is now talk that Patrick will be making this 50 state tour an annual event so keep an eye on our website as he may be back in the Billings area and working with Rimrock again! 🐾



Patrick Lomantini, Sandy Church, Ranae Parker and Wiggy ham it up for the camera before Ranae's haircut

Puppies! Puppies! Puppies!

Spay/Neuter! Spay/Neuter! Spay/Neuter!

Admittedly, there is nothing cuter than a sweet little puppy ... that awe-some breath, adorable face and happy spirit! RHS doesn't get in many wee ones very often but 2011 seemed to be the year of the "puppy". Case in point, we were called by a woman whose female Cocker had dropped three litters right in a row. She currently had six pups that she just couldn't seem to find homes for, working a lot of hours, never home etc. We agreed to take these six ragamuffins in but our policy is that Mom has to be spayed immediately which we arranged with the owner and our veterinarian. So, these six adorable little party cockers came bounding into our hearts here at the RHS and were snapped up almost immediately. Their colors were vibrant and so were their little personalities as well. The new owners all seem pleased with their little bundles of joy and we so love getting updates on how they all are doing. Getting in purebred pups is fairly rare but six of them in one lump is pretty amazing! We are so happy that we could help these little ones with their first step in life!



Then came the call about Meme and her pups. A gentleman phoned the RHS and stated that he had found Meme as a stray while he was visiting his friend in Yuma, AZ. She was walking a deserted road and he was petrified she was going to get hit so he put her in his car and brought her all the way back to Montana. Fast forward several weeks and guess what? Yup, Meme was pregnant and had (3) adorable little babies. This sweet man treated this little family so well but he was moving and could not take them with him ... the pups were only 4 weeks old and he asked if we could take both Meme and the pups. But of course! Thank goodness for our awesome foster care system who assist us with special requests like this. Our foster momma, Debbie, did such a fabulous job with raising up these pups and taking care of sweet Meme. There is nothing better for a family like this than to be raised in a quiet, loving home! Talk about adorable little munchkins! Meme, we believe, to be some sort of Chihuahua/Wirehaired Dachshund mix and Daddy was your proverbial travelling salesman ... what we do know is that this momma and her babies were cute, cute, cute! All got adopted, including Meme, and are being subsequently spoiled rotten!



Choteau Proved Us Right

Don't think "old" dogs can find "new" homes? Think again!

Choteau, an 11 year old Australian Shepherd/Border Collie cross, came into our program along with a two year old pure bred Australian Shepherd. Their owner had moved out of her house and left the dogs there, caring for them once a day for four months! Ozzy, the younger dog got placed immediately but Choteau's placement chances (some said) were not good at all. Well, we didn't listen and knew the right home was out there and boy were we correct on that count! It may have taken four months but when Karla & Chris met Mr. Choteau ... it was love at first sight! He has been with them for over (4) weeks now and we thought we would share with you the latest update we just received from Karla (kleenex alert!): "Just wanted to write and tell you that Choteau continues to be the most amazing, wonderful, loving dog one could ever hope to meet. He is such a gift to us! Over the last month or so, we have totally bonded as a family, and he has become very comfortable in his new home (especially on the couch). This dog is pure joy! We had a holiday party yesterday evening and he was the perfect host. We had a little red ribbon on his collar and he greeted everyone at the door with his wiggly butt tail wave. One of our friends, who is pretty quiet, reserved and shy at parties, was sitting on the couch and out of nowhere, Choteau (who had been busy mingling), just climbed up onto his lap and started licking his face! It was so funny and it helped our friend to kind of break out of his social awkwardness. Aren't dogs amazing? So intuitive! Especially this one—I am totally in love! I think if people only knew how incredible the love from a grateful senior dog can be, the senior adoption rate would soar! Here is a pic of Choteau up at Zimmerman Park the other day (right). He loves hiking!"



We couldn't agree more, Karla! There is something about a senior pet that just speaks to our hearts and touches something deep in our souls. Stories like Choteau's just scream "HAPPY ENDING!" Invite the love of a senior pet into your life today! 🐾

Kittens! Kittens! Kittens!

Do we need to say it again? (Ok ... spay/neuter!)



Carter & Cato were found in an apartment by the landlord as he came in to clean up after the folks had moved out. You wanna talk about two "wild & crazy" guys ... they instantly swiped hearts with everyone they met. They lived for quite a while with our wonderful foster home, the Parkers, and then got adopted together by the wonderful Stanton family. Yup, there is the key word, "TOGETHER" ... YAY! We cannot thank the Stanton's enough for opening their heart & home to these two rambunctious brothers!



This is Earl the Pearl ... he & his sister were found out in the woods; very sick, dehydrated and only 3 weeks old. His sister was much weaker than Earl and after a valiant struggle with awesome TLC from our foster home, she sadly passed away. Earl, however, got stronger and is now a very healthy 6 month old kitty who is still looking for his forever home. What a character this lucky boy is ... and handsome as well!



Claire was found as a stray kitten wandering down an alley. Picked up by a kind Samaritan and turned into the RHS program; she is now a beautiful 3 month old blue marble tabby with the letters GFC mysteriously spelled out on her side ... we believe that means "Great for Christmas" - (=

Good Things Come To Those Who Wait

Sadie—RHS's "record setter" long term resident



It was June 2009, and the RHS got a call asking us if we would take on a very beautiful but rowdy eight month old female Weimaraner mix by the name of Sadie. Seems the gal that owned her was a

single mom who worked a lot of hours and Sadie was being very naughty while she was left home alone for hours at a time. The last straw came when Sadie basically dug up and demolished the entire underground sprinkling system in the backyard—the landlord said, "She's outta here!"

Sadie came to live with one of our awesome foster homes who kept her well exercised and helped her with some basic training. It wasn't until February of 2010 that a family came forward and wanted to adopt her. Unfortunately, six months later in August of 2010, Sadie's adoptive family said she was "too destructive" and returned her back into our program. We were devastated for sweet Sadie but she returned into the foster home like she never left and with plenty of exercise, showed no destructive tendencies whatsoever.



So sweet Sadie was back up for adoption and she literally had no one interested in adopting her until June 2011. That is TEN months! All of us here at the RHS, particularly her foster family, were so baffled by this as Sadie is about the most gorgeous dog ever and she was maturing and becoming a wonderful companion!

Enter in Nancy & Christian Persons! They currently owned a Weimaraner mix by the name of Tally and when they saw Sadie's beautiful face on our website, they just had to call and inquire. What an incredible couple! They live their summers in Whitefish, MT but spend the rest of their time as teachers in a rural "fly in" native village in Unalakleet, Alaska. They coach a ski program, spend their spare time cross country skiing and their current dog, Tally, is big into skjoring! OH MY! Could this be it for Sadie? They drove all the way from Whitefish to Billings, met Sadie, fell in love and brought her home. As with all of our dogs, we placed her on a trial basis as we just weren't sure how the two female dogs would do together. Guess we shouldn't have been worried huh? Nancy writes "Tally & Sadie are always together and really are the best of buddies and we were all concerned they wouldn't get along!" Finally (sigh of relief), Sadie was HOME!



So in mid August, the Person's buttoned up their Whitefish home, loaded their two dogs and flew into Alaska for their next school year. We have been so enjoying the updates from them in regards to Sadie and her new life in the frozen tundra!



"Sadie's first day of skiing! She is doing great! We need more snow before we can do any skjoring. Sadie is just the best along with her sidekick Tally!"

"Sadie, Tally & I out skiing. Thanks so much for keeping Sadie for so long and NOT giving up on finding a home for her. I really think we were all meant to be together!"



No Nancy, thank YOU! This happy ending was TWO years in the making and we could not be more thrilled! This just reaffirms the RHS's philosophy that every one of our pets is deserving of a new loving home no matter how long it takes. We love the fact that our animals thrive in loving foster homes until forever homes can be found. Sadie is one shining example that our program WORKS! 🐾

2nd Annual Wine & Whiskers Sets a New Record!



As the guests started arriving on that beautiful October evening, they were greeted with a room that was elegantly decorated with bistro lighting, ceiling swags and lighted centerpieces. The Baggage Room of the Billings Depot is such a nostalgic room as it is having been built in 1909 with the original wood flooring and mortar walls — add the elegance of the professional decorating by Party Solutions and it was a recipe for an evening of special memories!

This year, the RHS offered not only complimentary wine (red & white) but a full cash bar attended by our friends from Montana Chads. We were blessed to once again enjoy the culinary delights of our fabulous caterer An Affair to Remember (Duane Aiello). Shrimp, hot crab dip, Tuscan chicken and chocolate covered strawberries were just a few of the gourmet hors d'oeuvres available to tantalize our attendees palette. The room was caressed with the sounds of our musician, Dave Menuet, as he dazzled us with his wonderful voice and prowess on his many guitars and harmonica. As the evening progressed, a crowd continued to form around our quick draw artist, Kira Fercho, who has no fear of her medium (that girl can paint!) and watched as color met canvas to crystallize into a beautiful painting of aspens & grizzly bear. This unique piece was then live auctioned and sold for an amazing \$1,500. During this time the silent auction was being enjoyed by all with over 125 unique items— amazing paintings and prints from artists like Carol Hagan, Dolly Boyd, Scott Hicks and many, many more! Handmade jewelry, fine wine, wood carvings and the list goes on and on. This year the auction was separated into two ending times and as these drew near, the excitement in the room was palpable and pens were scribbling madly.

After it was all said and done, the silent auction raked in an amazing \$9,000—add to that ticket sales of \$4,100 and donations totaling over \$1,500 and the GRAND total for the evening was just over \$16,100. PHENOMENAL! Huge thanks go out to Rochelle Hatter who diligently worked on the silent auction and all of our volunteers who helped to make this happen! We have already reserved the “whole” Depot for next year on November 3rd! Mark those calendars! 🍀



The Billings Depot ended up being a fabulous venue for our event this year. So elegant and nostalgic! Over 263 attendees hopefully had a fantastic time.



The guests thoroughly enjoyed the silent auction which boasted over 125 items! The auction netted the RHS \$8,400!



Our wonderful quick draw artist, Kira Fercho, joined us for a 2nd year and her painting was live auctioned and brought in a whopping \$1,500!

9th Annual Rimrock Rover Ramble Biggest Success!

Hoofin’ it to help control pet overpopulation

On a Saturday morning in late April, the Roundup Fairgrounds were alive and bustling with 100 runners/walkers and their canine companions, hoofing it to raise money for the RHS’s Community Spay/Neuter Program (CSNiP). It was windy and very cool but that didn’t stop these devoted “ramblers” from running/walking along the Musselshell River with fellow pet lovers. Between registrations fees, pledges and sponsorships from area businesses, the Ramble raised approx. \$12,000! That is \$2,000 more than last year and the highest grossing amount in our history. RHS sends huge thanks to Collen Sands of Billings who raised pledges totaling over \$1,470 plus all who went that “extra mile” turning in additional donations/pledges.

All proceeds from this event will assist the humane society continue their community spay/neuter program which in a five year period (2006-2010) has altered over 818 cats and 428 dogs! This program costs any where from \$12,000 to \$15,000/year to maintain. The RHS wishes to deeply thank all of our sponsors, door prize donors, participants and volunteers for assisting us in putting on a fantastic Rover Ramble.



As some may know, only 4 weeks after our very successful Rover Ramble event, the Roundup Fairgrounds and the River Walk was completely flooded and washed away during the horrific spring floods of 2011. The devastation and destruction for the town of Roundup was so heartbreaking and to have lost this beautiful venue is tragic ... however, we are diligently working on where the Rover Ramble will be held for the spring of 2012. The date of the RRR is April 28th (mark your calendars) and it will be our 10th year anniversary! What a special event this will be ... so join us on Facebook or keep an eye on our website for more details! We shall overcome 🍀

SHOW ME THE MONEY!

Let's talk cash, shall we? (Our current "state of affairs")

Although our "books" are open to the public and we would be more than happy to disclose any information about our current financial situation, we find that most folks do not usually ask. What is our contribution income? What are our expenses composed of and how much do we spend? These are all great questions and ones we thought we would happily explore for you here just in case you were one of the curious but "afraid to ask" type. Although 2011 is not quite over (and we are hopeful that there may be some donations coming in over the next few weeks) we can give you a pretty good idea of what 2011 totals look like at this point.

Let's look at our income first: Unrestricted donations—\$16,254, memorial donations—\$660, Rimrock Rover Ramble—\$11,719, Wine & Whiskers—\$16,033, grants—\$5,056, CSNiP surgery contributions—\$2,188. All told, as of this writing, our total income for the year 2011 is approximately \$60,000.

Now, let's look at some of our "out-goes": Rimrock Rover Ramble costs—\$2,769, Wine & Whiskers costs—\$9,234, liability insurance—\$3,203, Community Spay/Neuter program veterinary costs—\$15,408, pet food costs—\$5,434, mileage—\$2,377, veterinary costs—\$14,976. Add in other miscellaneous costs like office supplies, phone charges, microchip costs, property taxes, postage, credit card fees etc., and our expenses total almost \$60,000 as well. We call that a "wash".

Many do not understand that this is exactly what NON-profit means ... NO profit. We are not in this to make money, only to help all of the critters we

can and have the funding to do so. The RHS is blessed that we do have a decent "nest egg" built up over the years that is available in case of times when our expenses do exceed our income. However, we do not like dipping into this "rainy day"



fund and find that most years (2011 being a prime example) we can live off of our incoming cash and come out at the end of the year with enough pluses to cover our minuses! When we see that "goose egg" at the bottom of the financial statement at year end, we know that we have done our jobs.

Did you know that the U.S. is home to over one

million non-profits; this number up almost 774,000 from ten years ago? One news agency reported that due to the bad economy, over 100,000 of these non-profits will likely close their doors. Many will have to cut back on their services offered.

Sadly, with poor economic times, the need for the services from these non-profits is increasing at an alarming rate. The RHS has been witness to this first hand with pet owner surrenders increasing due to financial issues or having to down size living arrangements, requests for pet food donations on the rise, assistance with veterinary care etc. Then take into consideration donors watching their purse strings, contribution rates plummeting and it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that this could be a recipe for disaster.

Notice we said "could be". With that little cheery paragraph of doom and gloom, we are happy to report that the Rimrock Humane Society is flourishing—our donors have been hugely supportive and generous. Both of our large fundraisers were well attended and the generosity from the attendees was overwhelming. With all of these positives on our side plus our rainy day fund, the RHS is productive and financially healthy. However, the only way to maintain this fabulous standing is with the help and assistance of YOU, our donors! Any non-profit organization is only as good as the support it receives. The donation you give today will help us start 2012 out with the cash needed to support our programs and critters in our care. Help us prove the doomsday "naysayers" wrong—the Rimrock Humane Society is here to stay and there will be no closing of any doors! EVER! 🐾

RHS Awarded Three \$1,000 Grants in Shelter Contest



We are pleased to announce that during the year 2011, the RHS has won three \$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 for each round, the Rimrock Humane Society's ranking was 55th 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!

One of these grants was applied to the Community Spay/Neuter program and the remainders towards our ever growing veterinary bills.

The Animal Rescue Site offers four of these

challenges on a yearly basis. This means that the RHS won three out of four rounds this year for a total of \$3,000 ... what an honor!

Please join us on Facebook or check our website often for notification of the contest voting in 2012 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, your folks are the true heroes and the animals are the real winners! 🐾



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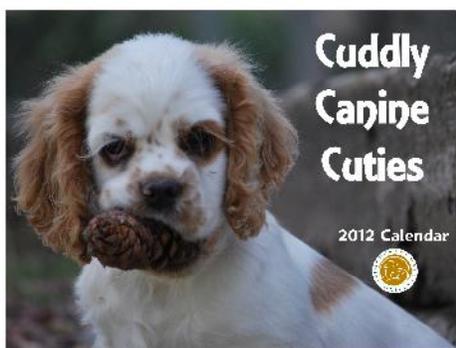
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The 2012 RHS Calendars are HERE!

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



Due to ever popular demand, we are back this year offering up our 2012 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 2011 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. This year, we have had an abundance of special needs animals come through our doors -- we have spent over \$14,000 in veterinary services and \$3,800 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 2012 are Sadie, Wickett, Marley, Trip, Dottie,

Stanley, Harlow, Tigger, Fergie, Basil, Taz & Harlie. The Furry Feline Friends for 2012 are Carter, Cato, Percy, Abbey, Earl, Sam, Sadie, Claire, Smokey and Petunia.

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!

