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*Dear Friends of BRHA,*

As we wrap up 2024, we want to share what an amazing year it's been! Thanks to our fantastic board, staff, and dedicated volunteers, we've accomplished so much and are excited to keep making a difference for the animals and people in our community.

Here are some highlights from this year:

- We held our first-ever 24-hour Slumber Party at the shelter—it was such a unique and successful experience. We are planning on doing it again in 2025.
- We launched "The Howling," our fun Halloween Ball, to celebrate our work and the amazing people who support us. It was a huge accomplishment, so stay tuned for the second, annual event next Fall.
- We offered free microchips and I.D. tags to all pet owners who needed one. Our success rate in reuniting lost animals with their families has been breaking all sorts of records. Getting lost pets home makes everyone happy.
- We held a vaccine clinic with Petco Love and the Humane Society of Western Montana. Grants have allowed us to continue offering free, preventative vaccines for cats and dogs, keeping our community pets healthy.
- We launched our first spay and neuter clinic for community owned animals, offering a service that is often unaffordable for many. We intend to make this a monthly service throughout the coming year.
- Our Pet Food Pantry continues to be a service benefiting community members and their pets. By offering free food and supplies, we can ensure pets stay with their families and not surrendered to a shelter.
- Our shelter is now open 7 days a week, a real plus for anyone wanting to adopt or look for a lost pet.

We're proud of what we've done, and we hope you are, too!

We rely entirely on donations—receiving no government subsidy, so we're asking for your support to continue our work. Our community focus ensures that people and their pets get what they need to stay together. Taking care of both ends of the leash is one of our priorities. Your donation, however big or small, is guaranteed to help the animals we all care so much about. Thank you for making this all possible! Here's to a great 2025, where we'll keep being a resource for the pets and people in our community.

With gratitude,

*The Board, Staff, Volunteers and Animals  
of Bitter Root Humane Association*



Visit our Website to  
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Adoptable Friends...



## Meet Zango...

This adorable lab mix pup came to BRHA as a stray and has quickly captured everyone's hearts. Full of spunk and energy, Zango would be a perfect adventure companion for a Montana family! Come meet this handsome guy today.

[Click here to find more adoptable animals](#)

## Upcoming Events....



**"Cookie Walk" and Bake Sale**

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

**From 10 AM to 1 PM**

*(or until cookies are gone!)*

**Hamilton City Hall- Bedford Building  
223 S. 2nd Street, Hamilton**

*Homemade sweet treats*

**Cookies of every shape, size & flavor  
Sold by the pound**

**Breads - Pies - Cakes - Candy  
& other sweet treats**

**COME EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION!**

**All proceeds to benefit the  
Bitter Root Humane Association**



**"Home for the Holidays"  
Dec 2-15, Reduced Fee Adoption Event**

BISSELL PET FOUNDATION'S  
**empty the shelters™**  
HOLIDAY HOPE EVENT

More info: [bissellpetfoundation.org/ets](http://bissellpetfoundation.org/ets)



**BISSELL PET FOUNDATION®**  
Until every pet has a home.



reduced  
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event



As the nation's largest funded adoption event, Empty the Shelters helps homeless pets find families by making adoption affordable for prospective pet owners.



Click to visit our Events Page to see all our events!

## Ways to Give...



### Become a "Paw Protector"

For as little as \$5/month join our community of monthly donors bringing care to pets in need. For more than 50 years BRHA has been the only animal shelter in Ravalli County working to protect animals and place them in loving homes. Our work wouldn't be possible without regular, monthly gifts from Paw Protectors. Becoming a Protector is a simple and easy way to make a difference in the life of the animals who need us most.



ACCEPTING  
**Donations**

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bitterroothumane.org



## Cars make GREAT gifts!

Turn your unwanted cars, trucks, boats (and more!) into a tax-deductible donation to BRHA

[Click to learn more! >](#)



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## Purchase BRHA Merchandise!!!

Support the shelter with a hat, hoodie, or T-shirt! We have pint glasses and Koozies too!!! Proceeds go directly to shelter programs and operating expenses.

Shop for other cool gear at our AMAZON store! A portion of sales from the BRHA Brand store support the shelter!

[CLICK HERE TO SHOP!](#)



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## Support BRHA with a "Proud to Adopt" License plate!

Montana MVD will give a portion of proceeds of these plates to our organization. Show everyone on the road that you support your local animal shelter! Click the link below for more information on this colorful plate!

MVD License  
Plates



### **Pet Memorial Park**

*A place for quiet contemplation of furry friends you have loved and lost*

## Pet Memorial Park...

Purchase a brick in remembrance of beloved pets that have crossed the rainbow bridge. These bricks will be showcased in the new garden to be appreciated for years to come.

Download a brick purchase form here...

[Memorial Bricks](#)

## Unable to make a financial contribution? **VOLUNTEER!**

[Volunteer Application](#)



**Make a PAWsitive Impact!**  
Join the BRHA Board of Directors

Our board of directors is an elected body of volunteers that work together to fundraise, generate and budget operating capital, and ensure our programs and services promote our mission. If you are interested in joining this dedicated group of individuals for the next term, please email [brhboardofdirectors@gmail.com](mailto:brhboardofdirectors@gmail.com)

## Daily Volunteer Opportunities...



**Dishes**



**Laundry**



**Housekeeping**



**Dog Walking  
and Socializing**



**AdvoCATS**



**Events and  
Fundraising**

## WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Meet some of our core group of PAWSome people that take their time out of their busy lives to walk, run, and play with our four legged friends! Their efforts are crucial in socializing and training our dogs to become adoptable and lovable family members. Thank you for all you do!

[Download Application Here](#)

## Tales 4 Tails: Reading Program

Elementary aged kids can come to the shelter during open business hours and spend time reading to our animals! Reading aloud has proven to help kids with their language development, and it helps anxious and nervous shelter pets become more socialized and trusting of humans; a Win/Win! Starting January 2025, our "Readers" will be given special name tags with hole punches. Kids that fill their punches, can choose a gift card to one of our local stores: Chapter One Books or Main Street Toys.

\*Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. A waiver and registration must be signed before admittance. Please call 406-363-5311 for any questions!\*



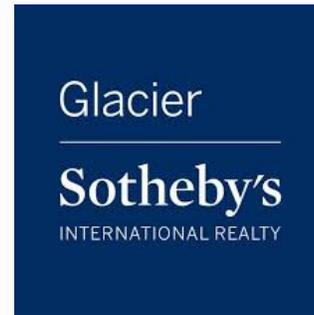
## THANK YOU...

Thank you for your on-going support and generosity to the following, as well as many other community partners...



**Scheels 2024 Giving Campaign \$5000 Recipient!**







Are you a supporter of our shelter and programs and don't see your logo? Please let us know...  
Email [volcoordinator@bitterroothumane.org](mailto:volcoordinator@bitterroothumane.org) to be added to this page.



## Emergency Preparedness...

Get registered to receive emergency communications from the county. We also offer information on what to do for your pets in the event of an emergency or evacuation.

Follow the links below:

[Ravalli County Hyper-Reach](#)

[BRHA Preparedness Tools](#)

## Remembrances

BRHA gratefully acknowledges the support and generosity of so many who wish to honor the memory of loved ones. We are humbled by the dedication and love of animals that those departed loved ones exhibited, and are truly grateful to their families for suggesting that memorials be

sent to the BRHA for the benefit of the animals.

**September 1, 2024 through November 15, 2024**

**In Loving Memory of Pets**

For: "Lacey" Lewallen From DS & TL Forest & Peggie Noffsinger

For: "Kinley" beloved cat. From Dee Dee Sanders

For: our joyful dog "Carol". From Brian Cherry

For: "Butters" From Amy Richardson

For: "Josey" From "Loki" and "Phinney"

For: "Tre" From Cheryl Dooley

For: "Parker" a wonderful golden. From Alison Leathley

For: "Bailey" From Tish Caton

For: "Misty" From Alice Foster

For: "Sara" From Mabel & Vernon Baker

For: "Ruthie" From Sherry Freeman

For: "Lacy" & "Daisy" From Alison Leathley

## **In Loving Memory of People**

For Richard Harrison From Leonard & Barbara McCann

For Carrie Anne Madeen Benson From Virginia Optiz

For Linda Klipenstein From Phillip & Carrie Baker

For Marilyn Keppel, wife of 72 years. From Ralph Keppel

For Marilyn Keppel From The Barron Family

For Judy Pepprock From Rose Thompson

For Linda & Gordon Klippenstein From Brin Baker, James & Cynthia Koetting,  
Stacy & Carrie Klippinsein, Karen Klippenstein

For Penelope Oncken From Oncken Estate

For Brent Walsh From Janet Walsh

For Laurie Burnham From Killian DeWitt, Secret Garden Tour

For Lynne Robin Smith From Deborah Luckett

## **In Honor of**

For Sharri & Tom Smiddy, Happy Anniversary From Stanley & Myra Bartos

For Dianne Barnes From William & Deborah Vain

For Shelley Loranger's 35 years with Marsh McLennon, From Payne West Insurance

For Joni Kay Muir From Janene Caywood

For Kim Sanders From James Harrison

For Ms. Donna Smith From Carol Meves



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