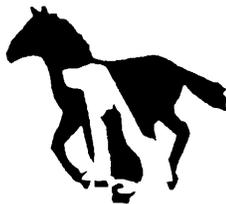


Bright Eyes Care & Rehab Center

P.O. Box 1498

Choteau, MT

406-466-2100



Member Newsletter

OCTOBER
2017

MISSION STATEMENT

WE SHALL SHELTER, NURTURE, AND CARE FOR ABUSED, NEGLECTED, UNWANTED, AND STRAY ANIMALS; HELPING THEM TO REGAIN TRUST IN MANKIND; ASSIST WHEN ASKED; INTERVENE WHEN NECESSARY.

GOALS

1. Work to rehabilitate those animals with special needs and problems, whether physical or emotional; and provide them with new qualities to make them adoptable.
2. Implement school and public programs and services to promote responsible pet ownership.
3. Place animals into humane environments where they will receive food, water, shelter, vet care, and the necessary human contact to fill their needs. We will NOT tolerate living conditions where they will be chained or confined in inadequate space for long periods of time.
4. Provide a spay/neuter program to the public, while at the same time, altering animals in our shelter, prior to adoption.
5. Be advocates for animals, speaking for those who are innocent, that cannot speak for themselves.

PLEASE----HELP US, HELP THEM

www.brighteyes.petfinder.com

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Terrie Nylund, Pres.,Founder--466-2461 (h); 466-2191(Ace Hardware); 466-2100(Shelter on Tues.,Fri.,Sat.)

Rick Kerr, Vice President

Lorraine Walley--466-2215

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Steve Nylund,Treas.--466-2461(h); 466-2191(Ace)

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Dodie Sekora--899-7801

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E-Newsletters are done by Sandy Kempa, and emailed to those who have supplied an email address. E-newsletters save B.E. money, which we happily spend on needy animals. Because of our recent computer problems, we have had trouble getting our paper newsletters mailed out to those who do not have computers, or those who choose not to participate in electronic newsletters. We are continuing to work on solutions, and hope people will be patient. We place paper newsletters at the Skyline Lodge, Double Arrow Vet Clinic, East Slope Vet Clinic, the Beehive, the Seniors Center, and at the shelter, too. Our FACEBOOK account and our own Website also have the current newsletters. We thank Kindra for her work on our FACEBOOK account and Dale for her work on our Website.



OCTOBER 18, 2017 BRIGHT EYES GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The October meeting was called to order by the President, Terrie Nylund. She asked attendees to peruse the 10/18/2017 Treasurer's Report, which was approved as written. Income came from: Cash donations; Memorial donation; Transfer from Savings. Expenses were to: NW Energy; 3 Rivers; Ace (litter \$352); Montana Waste; Petco; Double Arrow; inContact; Petco; State and Federal taxes; Social Security; Medicare; Swenson & Co.(payroll, 3rd qtr.UI report; UI-3rd qtr insurance; Payroll-Kindra. Spay/Neuter checking account had income from: Donations; Adoption donations; Surrender donation;Boarding; Fanwood Foundation. Expenses were to: East Slope Vet Clinic (Sami surgery, food, spays and neuter). Double Arrow Vet(spay,neuter, Sparrow meds). Savings account had income from interest (so modest). Savings expense was a transfer of funds to checking. Our CD's are waiting for needed expenses for the animals, the shelter, and the property. Our working capital is much smaller than our total assets, and is carefully managed to benefit needy animals. A complete Treasurer's report is found in the meeting agenda or available by request.We estimate that soon, our monthly expenses will be \$7,832, with new manager salary and usual expenses. Soon, we must concentrate on seeking more income;



fundraisers, donations from our dear friends and members, as well as seeking those elusive grants. The needy animals depend on us, and we appreciate any and all help!

CORRESPONDENCE: 1. A letter from State Dept. of Revenue, approving B.E.'s Property Tax Exemption status. 2. Friend, Jim Thalman, sends his prayers for B.E. people and animals. 3. The Fanwood Foundation sent notice of a \$800 donation to B.E.; daughters of Hope Stevens (deceased founder) are foundation managers, and wish to receive our newsletter. 4. Tom & Jan Rotitaille, sent a donation and "Mindi" update. 5. A Montana State Fund Non-Profit Dividend of \$90.57. 6. "Xena", dog, adopted to Melody Carlon and family in 2016, wrote B.E. a story of her life. Much of her letter will appear in the Good News Update, and it is Good!

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OLD BUSINESS: The Sept, meeting minutes, in the Sept. newsletter, were approved.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. STATE OF MT. property tax exemption notice came, after more than a year. Non-profits have to re-apply for that right.

2. DOUBLE LAUNDRY TUB is now installed at shelter. A new longer faucet with a longer spout was needed, and it will happen. A new shelf , shoulder level, was put up, nearby, for cleaning chemicals/supplies. Both are very welcome additions!

3. MT. STATE DIVIDEND, was given to us for safety success, and \$90.57 will be taken off our state fund insurance.

4. BOARD ELECTIONS will be at November general meeting. Those board members whose terms are up for renewal are: Rick Kerr, Lorraine Walley, Sandra McGhee, and Terrie Nylund. Please let Terrie know if you want to go on the ballot for re-election; or if you are new and want to commit to a 2-year term for needy animals.

5. THE NEW DINNER/DANCE DATE is Nov. 4th, Saturday, at the Stage Stop Inn, at the same terms as last year. We agreed on a Free-Will Giving fee for entrance. The event theme will be about Fall. We will offer a variety of soups, salads, etc. and desserts. Some of the attending members volunteered to bring food, and other friends/members will be called. If you wish to donate, let Terrie know. There will be a small Silent Auction/Market, too. Jeremy Buckman will provide his great DJ music, again. Time for this event will be:

5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Put this fun event on your calendar! Anyone bringing food for this event, please have it at Stage Stop Inn by 4:30, hot dishes should be already hot.

6. NEXT MEETING: WED. NOV. 15th, 6:30, Library meeting room.

7. MISC. A. We looked through the Adopted Animals lists, and, as usual, the Adopted list is much smaller than the Available lists. We have few dogs and many cats and kittens. REMEMBER: There will be NO BLACK CAT adoptions in October; and NO CATS at all during the last week in October. This standard shelter policy is for sinister reasons, sadly. —Shelter Hours were reviewed: 8-12; 1-4 M-F: 8-2 Sat. and Sun. Meeting Adjourned by President.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Kempa, Secretary.

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YAHOO! ADOPTIONS AND GOOD NEWS!

1. No dog adoptions, but Penelope Poodle was claimed by owner, Becky.
2. BO kitty was adopted to Carli N.
3. LILY kitten was adopted by Patrick & Donna M.
4. BLOOMERS and LUGNUT kittens adopted together by Jessi C.
5. SQUEAK kitten was adopted by Kathy N.
6. EOWYN, now MINDY kitten, was adopted to John & Gail S.
7. CREEDENCE kitten was adopted to Mikel & Zach Bechtold.
8. SAMI dog, recently adopted out, is doing very well, and is called the most wonderful dog, ever! His owner doesn't know what she would do without him!
9. LILLY kitten is bringing her new family, a great deal of joy!
10. MONTE doggie is so loved in his new home; and he loves them right back. He even knows the sound of his "Mama's" car, as it drives up, and gets so excited.
11. MINDI, formerly known as FAWN, a Lhasa Also (darn spell check), was adopted to Tom and Jan in 2011; and has brought them so much joy, and they love her dearly!
12. XENA doggie wrote B.E. a long and sweet letter, relating her life before and now with her new family, on her 1st Anniversary with them. Terrie read Xena's letter at our October meeting, and there were plenty of tears of happiness for her and her family and for us! Xena describes her "iffy" life before Melody and family; but how things changed for Xena, when she came to her new home! She is treated like a doggie Queen, with beds, toys, special food, and so much love. Xena loves to play and make her boy laugh, and everyone else so happy. Xena has learned to be respectful, but has kept her zest for life, too! There is so much love at that home, and B.E. couldn't be happier!

BEST WISHES TO ONE AND ALL!

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REMEMBER NEW SHELTER WEEKEND HOURS! 8:00-2:00. Please call 466-2100 before coming up. It's a good idea.

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GIFTS FROM OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS!

MONETARY:

CASH DONATIONS FROM: Lorraine Walley; Fanwood Foundation (Melanie Read); Dr. Traci Cain; Patricia Larson; Jim Thalman; Infinity Thomson; Verna Schleuter; Latino (darn spell check) and Lace with proceeds from teapots sales; Liz Lambert; Stoney Burk; Mt. Association Clerks of District Court (Lisa Sinton); Tom and Jan Robitaille, Melody Carlon.

MEMORIAL DONATION for RICK STELTZER from Loren & Nancy Sasser.

ADOPTION DONATIONS FOR: BO FROM Carli N.; for LUGNUT & BLOOMERS from Jessi C.

BOARDING donation for SPORT and LILY, from the Murname's; from Donna England for her pet.

SURRENDER DONATION FOR ROXIE, from Deb S.

NON-MONETARY DONATIONS FROM:

Robin for dog bedding, dog jackets, leash, blankets; Jessi Collyer for 48 cans of Friskies and 36 cans of 9Liver; Liz Lambert for 12 cans Friskies; Connie & Sherwin Smith for 2 cases Friskies; Michelle Gjerde for 2 bottles laundry detergent; Melody C. for pink dog jacket; Chris H. for kitten canned food; Lorraine Walley for wash cloths; Gloria Barrett for cat blankets; for Peggy Guthrie for special dog treats for a rainy/snowy day; Patti Blauer for dog balls; Cokie Brusatori for Kirkland dog food; Colleen Simonetti for cans of diet dog food; Melody Carlon for large water dish, food dish, dog water faucet, kennel runner.

THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL! EVERYTHING DONATED IS APPRECIATED!

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THESE NICE SHELTER DOGS NEED LOVING, FOREVER HOMES!

1. *NALA, spayed female Border Collie mix; nice girl, Possible Adoption Pending*
2. *LIZA, spayed female Blue Tick/Walker Hound mix, energetic,*
3. *ROXY, spayed female Lab mix; nice girl; Possible Pending Adoption*
4. *RAMBO, neutered Shitzu, 9 yrs.; current shots;*
5. *THOR, neutered Shitzu/Pom; 3 yrs. current shots*



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THESE NICE SHELTER CATS NEED LOVING FOREVER HOMES!

1. ALEX, DLH, neutered male, dark grey with some white, sweet big boy, A condition.
2. JACK, DLH, neutered male grey tabby with a little white, personality plus, a condition
3. KATIE, DSH, spayed female, dark grey, loves people, so nice
4. CHARLOTTE, DLH, spayed black female, so very nice
5. RAGS, DLH, neutered male, friendly, mostly white with beige markings
6. PANDORA, DSH, spayed female, white with some grey, nice, special diet
7. COSMO, DSH, neutered male, large gold tabby, wants to be only pet
8. BB King, DLH male kitten, white with black; what a character!
9. SILKY, DSH, spayed female dilute tortoise shell, senior w/special needs; only pet
10. SEBASTIAN, DSH, neutered male, white with black; such a nice boy
11. SUNSHINE, DLH, neutered male, white with tan spots, sweet
12. PATCHES, DSH, spayed female, white with grey, cute nose
13. BIG BEN, DLH, neutered male, very large lack and white, a little edgy, only pet?
14. SHASTA, DSH, female Siamese mix, very sweet
15. TONYA, DSH female dark grey exotic; just gave birth, so will be awhile
16. SCHNITZEL, DSH, 5 mo., black cutie, male

17. BERLIN, DSH, 5 mo., male, grey cuties
 18. Check us out on FACEBOOK!
 19. SKIPPER, abandoned 3+ wks. old, male grey w/white kitten
 20. Check us out on our own website; brighteyesanimalshelter.org
 21. DIONNE, DMH, female black kitten. A Doll!
 22. ELLA, DMH, female black kitten. Another Doll!
 23. CREEDENCE, DLH, male grey/black tabby kitten. Don't you love his name!
 24. ODETTA, DMH, female grey/black tabby kitten. She is a Princess (not swan).
- CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE and our own Website for updates.

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BRIGHT EYES IS STILL WISHING FOR:



1. *RESPONSIBLE ADULT SHELTER VOLUNTEERS, willing to help in various ways---cleaning dog kennels, feeding, sweeping, mopping, cat litter pans, dishes, laundry, walking, socializing, phone work, meeting the public, etc. Training is provided. Come to shelter to get a Volunteer App, and visit about your own schedule. We will be flexible.*

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2. *SHELTER SUPPLIES NEEDED: A. Clay-type Cat Litter B. LIQUID Laundry Detergent C. Address Labels for paper newsletters (8 1/2"x11" sheets); D. White Copy Paper E. Pastel Copy Paper F. Postage Stamps G. HP 564 Ink Cartridges in black and color for office printer H. Treats I. Kleenex J. Pump Sanitizer Gel; Paper Towels K. Used Laser Ink Cartridges L. Box Tops for Education*

3. *NO ALUMINUM CANS, anymore. Lost our people who took them to GF. NO USED MP3 PLAYERS
NO TONER CARTRIDGES NO USED CELL PHONES Recyclers don't want them. NO GARAGE SALE DONATIONS No Garage Sale this year.*

NOVEMBER 4th, 5:30-9:00 p.m., STAGE STOP INN—

FALL DINNER/DANCE!!

small silent auction, too!

**DELICIOUS SOUPS, SALADS,
DESSERTS! GOOD MUSIC! GOOD FRIENDS!**

FREE-WILL GIVING! HOPE TO SEE YOU, THERE!

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BRIGHT EYES 2017 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ~ to Benefit Needy Animals In Our Care

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Accomplishments:	2016	2001-2016	2016	2001-2016
*Pets reunited with owners	24	621	*Cat adoptions	37 644
*Spays and neuters	74	1379	*Dog adoptions/assists	49 583
*Sterilization expenses	12,688.00	98,192.00	*Medical expenses	1,264.00 34,687.00

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

- *Autumn Dinner/Dance
- *Pennies for Pets
- *Raffles
- *Bake Sales/Garage Sale
- *Winter Fair

As we prepare to yield to 2017 with the continuation of service to the community as a successful shelter, we have crossed some bridges and made some major decisions to better that service to you and the animals in our care. Lacking the dedicated volunteers that we desperately needed to train as staff, we had no alternative but to hire a full time Director, beginning June 1, 2017. Ms. Kindra Stimson will be joining our team as our leader on that day. Kindra will have her degree in anthrozoology and is completing her education in grant writing. Terrie Nylund will be stepping away from that position. Kindra will certainly brighten things up with a fresh way of looking at the inner workings of the shelter and will be doing something that she loves to do, work with animals. The foundation to build on had been created years ago and it was a strong one. We know that Kindra will continue to build on this foundation with the quality of care and compassion that compelled us to build the shelter initially.

You may see a change in the hours of operation if we can fully staff on Kindra's off days. You will be kept advised of these changes as they happen through the newsletter and by looking at our website, brighteyesanimalshelter.org

Thank you over and over again for your generous support, and blessings to you for the animals you help on a daily basis. Take care.

BRIGHT EYES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ~ 2017

- () Lifetime -----\$500.00
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Your monthly newsletter will keep you informed of shelter activities