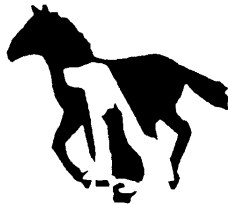


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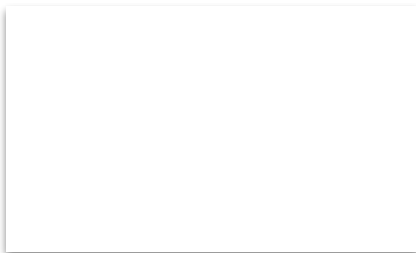
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Member Newsletter



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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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E-Newsletters have been done by Sandy Kempa, and emailed to those who have supplied an email address. Beginning January 2018, Dodie Sekora will be taking over our E-Newsletters. Sandy is “retiring” from newsletters, only, and will be a contributing reporter, at times. Dodie will do a great job for Bright Eyes newsletter, in the future. 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 hoping that anyone who has been wanting paper newsletters, is still getting them. Let us know, if you we can do a better job on paper newsletters.

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.



NOVEMBER 15, 2017 BRIGHT EYES GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The November meeting was called to order by the President, Terrie Nylund. She asked attendees to peruse the 11/15/2017 Treasurer’s Report, which was approved as written. Income came from: Cash donations; A Cremation donation; Transfer from Savings; Dinner/Dance donations; Silent Auction; Quilt Raffle. Expenses were to: NW Energy; 3 Rivers; Ace; Petco; Double Arrow; State and Federal taxes; Social Security; Medicare; Payroll-Kindra; Acantha (dinner/dance ads); Jeremy Buckman for dinner/dance music; Teton County Treasurer for annual fire fee. Spay/ Neuter checking account had income from: Donations; Adoption donations; Surrender donation;Boarding; Sale of goods; Pet Memorial donations; Memorial donations; Guardian Angel donation; Dog Wash. Expenses were to: East Slope Vet Clinic for vet care; Double Arrow Vet(spay,neuter,). 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 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. Our good friend, Jim Thalman wrote a nice note, but told us of a death in the family. Sorry, Jim. 2. A funeral pamphlet for recently deceased Rick Stelzer, with a great photo of him and his beloved dogs, and included a memorial donation. 3. Deanna Ocumpaugh sent a nice note card after B.E. helped her with "Maxie" boarding.

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

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. *DINNER/DANCE, Nov. 4th, was a huge success, with more dinner, than dance. The Dinner/Dance made \$1,872.80 (before expenses); The Silent Auction made \$116.00; and the beautiful Quilt Raffle made \$85; and we couldn't be happier! The food was complimented over and over, the music was so fun, and the Stage Stop Inn is the nicest location! For an encore, maybe an Elegant Evening Brunch of: Belgian waffles, different pancakes, savory or sweet crepes, hash, biscuits and gravy, breakfast casseroles or burritos, juevos rancheros, quiche, Danish muffins, fruit, coffee, AND Mamosa's! This idea was enthusiastically received! Then, we thought, maybe we would have dinner/dances on a quarterly basis, with different food themes! Another tasty idea might be a spaghetti dinner with all the fixings, like a Spaghetti Event! As we might be talking about a Spay/Neuter Dog Clinic in the near future; a spaghetti dinner fundraiser would be so appropriate. Exciting to think about!*

2. TIME FOR BOARD ELECTIONS! Positions that expire are Sandra McGhee, Lorraine Walley, Rick Kerr and Terrie Nylund. These fine folks have agreed to have their names nominated for another term, and no other names were offered; so the motion to renew these board members for another term was approved. Thanks, folks!

3. KINDRA STIMSON, B.E. new shelter manager's first three month probation period will be over the first week of December. She and the board will have a meeting at the Nylund's on Wednesday, Dec. 13th, for an over all discussion. Input from the board and from Kindra.

4. THE CHOTEAU CHRISTMAS STROLL will be Saturday, Dec. 2nd, and Terrie wondered if we would want to offer our famous bake sale. After discussion, the idea of a quarterly dinner/dance fundraiser with different themes, had more interest. So, B.E. will NOT offer our bake sale; but we plan on enjoying the stroll, on our own.

5. NO DECEMBER B.E. MEETING, so everyone can enjoy their friends, family, and other activities. NEXT MEETING WILL BE WED., JAN. 17th, 6:30, Library. Many thanks to all of you, for helping us when needed. We would struggle greatly, without you! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas, New Year's Eve!



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. ATTENTION! Because one of our latest kitty impounds, tested positive for Feline Leukemia and had other serious health issues, had to be euthanized. Even though our other cat residents, except new kittens born in shelter, have been vaccinated for feline leukemia; we cannot take any chances. So, our cat population is closed down, until all can be retested; and we cannot accept any more impounds or adopt any cats. Hopefully, we will be back in business, about the first of December.

8. REVIEWING SHELTER HOURS: 8-12/1-4 M-F; 8-2 Sat. and Sun. Call 466-2100 Meeting Adjourned by President.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Kempa, Secretary.

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YAHOO! ADOPTIONS AND GOOD NEWS!

1. ODETTA, kitty, was adopted to John & Megan J.
2. NALA, dog, was adopted by Angel B.
3. THOROGOOD, kitty, was adopted by Dona B.
4. RAMBO, doggie, was adopted by Lorraine W. and Richard R.
5. Beevis, a Mini, a Hound were reclaimed by their respective owners.
6. EOWYN, now SAGA, kitty, is taking her new home, new family, and new sibling, slow and easy. She is coming out of her shell and LUCI kitty is very patient with the dear Eowyn/Saga
7. NALA doggie is doing great in her new home! She is good with kids, likes going for rides, and is definitely spoiled—just what we like to hear!
8. CLAYBASKET doggie, HERCULES kitty, and SAKI kitty Kempa, all B.E. shelter adoptees, are quite the Trio! ClayBasket and Hercules act just like loving siblings; what a sight! ClayBasket is more respectful of Saki; but they have a good relationship, too. If things get boring, Hercules teases Saki, and then they have such funny Dust Ups—running around the house, tumbling, and jumping under furniture for “Kings X”!

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.

GIFTS FROM OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS!

MONETARY:

CASH DONATIONS FROM: *Ross & Susanne Mention; Victor Thomson; David & Tina*

Blom; Steve & Fumi Hinman ("Charlotte" and "Patches" Foster parents); Stoney Burk; Mary Ann Brandt; Liz Lambert; Traci Cain; Jim Thalman; Patricia Larson; Sandy Kempa (for Sebastian kitty cremation).

PET MEMORIAL: for JASPER kitty, from Rick & Sandy Corey.

MEMORIALS FOR: KURT COREY from Rick & Sandy Corey; for RICK STELTZER from Colleen & Cliff Young, from Sarah & Keith Cowan.

ADOPTION DONATIONS for: THOROGOOD kitty from Dona B.; for RAMBO doggie from Lorraine W. and Richard R.; for EOWYN kitty, from John & Gail S.; for CREEDENCE kitty from Zach & Mikel B.

IMPOUND DONATIONS for: RAMBO and THOR from Julie, Prairie Oasis; for Hound from outside kennel from Jessica J.

BOARDING for MAXIE from Deanne Ocumpaugh.

GUARDIAN ANGEL for SILKY kitty from Sandy Kempa

NON-MONETARY DONATIONS FROM:

Melody Carlon for small dog jacket; Lynn Brewster for dish cloths; Dona Baird for add to [emails/bdona57@yahoo.com](mailto:bdona57@yahoo.com); Steve Nylund for one case copy paper; Fumi & Steve Hinman for cat grass in vases for foster cats; Dawn Alzheimer & Girls for lots of kitty toys, scratching cardboard; Nancy Fry of Redneck Recycling for comforters for dogs; and towels from unknown donor.

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

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THESE NICE SHELTER DOGS NEED LOVING, FOREVER HOMES!

1. RANGER, neutered male Shepherd mix; adolescent; nice boy, being considered
2. LIZA, spayed female Blue Tick/Walker Hound mix, energetic,
3. ROXY, spayed female Lab mix; nice girl; learning
4. HARLEY, neutered male Husky mix; Handsome, nice



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THESE NICE SHELTER CATS NEED LOVING FOREVER HOMES! Available after Lock Down is Lifted!

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, in vet care
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. Check Us Out on FACEBOOK or our Website

11. SUNSHINE, DLH, neutered male, white with tan spots, sweet
 12. PATCHES, DSH, spayed female, white with grey nose , being fostered
 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. BB King, DLH, male kitten, white with black
 24. TONYA, DSH, female young recent mom, grey exotic
 25. MISHKA, DMH, very young female kitten, grey and white; not available yet
 26. DIMITRI, DMH, very young male kitten, grey; not available yet
 27. NIKITA, DMH very young female kitten, black and white; not available yet
- 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.* Page 6

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.*

HAPPY THANKSGIVING; MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR! Page 6

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A non-profit animal shelter

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

Mission Statement:

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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
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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

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Your monthly newsletter will keep you informed of shelter activities