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Have Fun While You Help the Shelter.

Sheridan is an incredibly caring community.

Community Service by 6th Graders The Big Horn 6th Graders did a day of community service at the Shelter on May 31st. The students from the Big Horn schools are always a joy to have here.



They're pleasant to be around and very hard workers. They made blankets for the cat cages, cleaned crates, folded pamphlets and pulled weeds. What a crew!!! The cats love the blankets; in fact, Molly Meow, one of our (permanent) cats, immediately claimed one.



Birthday Gifts for Shelter Aniston Beard & Sophie Destefano asked for donations for the Shelter in lieu of birthday gifts. They brought us \$45 in cash as well as cat and dog food, cat and dog treats, and cat and dog toys. Thanks, girls! Little brother Dominic Destefano had to clown for the camera.

One of our young volunteers, Ashley Lewis, canvassed her neighborhood, going door-to-door to ask for donations for the puppy nursery and brought us \$171. Ashley walks dogs and is particularly fond of Digit. She always reads our eNewsletter--which features a different item from our Wish List each week--and brings things we mention there. Thanks for all your efforts to help the animals, Ashley!



Taylor Burton began her "volunteer career" here at the Shelter several years ago. She began coming in with her mother and sister to walk a dog or sit among the cats to pet and groom them. But this spring she decided she wanted to spend more time with us. She came up almost every day this past summer and was a welcome helper. She began to become more involved in the cleaning routines for both cats and dogs. She would help feed the cats and learned how to "close" up the cats and the dogs each day. Anything you ask her to do, she will get right on it. She always has a smile and is very pleasant to be around. Now that school has begun she continues to come up on Saturdays and whenever she has a school holiday. We are very thankful for Taylor and hope she continues being here for the cats and dogs. Thank you, Taylor!!!



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Kali is a German Shorthaired Pointer whose owner had to surrender her due to landlord problems. Kali is a German Shorthaired Pointer whose owner had to surrender her due to landlord problems. She loves playing fetch and will wear you out before she is willing to quit, so she kept our volunteers busy. Fortunately, she was adopted very quickly. Her new family says she's doing great and they have become very attached to her. Kali sleeps on the bed. They are training her to hunt and they report she listens well and learns fast.



Kitty Jungle Gym Enlivens

Cat Exercise Area The Woodworking and Construction class at Sheridan High School constructed a kitty slide, bridge, castle, teeter totter and merry-go-round for our cats – and they love it!



By remembering us in your will or trust, you ensure that homeless pets are still taken care of after you're gone. Please think of us when you write or revise your will or trust.

Watch for Our Animals on Petfinder.com We have a head shot plus a couple of great action photos of each dog on Petfinder. They help our dogs “come alive” for potential adopters. Be sure to look at them--as well as the photos of our cats.

Check Us Out on Facebook and Twitter! Look for us. We have photos and write-ups of adoptable animals, news and stories. Be sure to “Like” us.

If you do not wish to receive our mailings – or would prefer to receive them by e-mail rather than snail mail, please let us know. The mailing is always posted on our website if you'd prefer to read it there. You can use the enclosed envelope or e-mail us.

Success Stories Posted on the Website Be sure to check the website frequently for new success stories and/or sign up for our weekly eNewsletter, which features a new success story each week.

Please consider becoming a foster parent. Help us save lives! Saving one animal won't change the world...but for one animal the world will change forever!

Animals Served Six Month Statistics:

Six Month Statistics, April 1, 2013 – September 30, 2013

	Cats	Kittens	Dogs	Puppies
Received				
Owner Surrenders	60	35	53	10
Strays	57	52	247	19
DOA	1	0	2	0
Adopted	73	68	94	15
Returned to Owner	21	2	200	14
Transferred	2	0	0	0
Euthanasia:				
Feral	9	2	0	0
Aggressive	0	0	4	0
Behavior Problems	1	0	1	0
Has Bitten	0	0	0	2
Medical:				
Untreatable Condition	11	9	2	0
Owner Requested	0	0	2	0
Total Euthanized	21	11	11	0
In:	118	87	302	29
Out:	117	81	305	29
Total In:	536			
Total Out:	532			

Spay/Neuter Assistance Fund: In the last 6 months, our spay/neuter assistance fund helped pet owners neuter 5 cats, spay 12 cats, neuter 39 dogs and spay 32 dogs (88 total). We have issued 19 more certificates that have not yet been used. We are very excited that so many pet owners are spaying and neutering their pets. We can always use more donors to our Pet Spay/Neuter Assistance Fund!!

A faithful and dedicated group of ladies walks our dogs on a daily basis:

Linda Mullinax, Claudia Schmid, Barbara Sachse and Janet Wilson. Rain, snow, wind or sunshine, they are here. Even during a recent power outage, they came--and also asked if we needed help caring for the animals in the dark and cold, which is always wonderful. They have been a tremendous gift to special needs dogs – ones that are extremely shy or nervous, who have been abused, or have just never been taught any manners. They've helped them come out of their shells, gain confidence and learn again to trust people. They have also taught manners to our hooligans. Their efforts have resulted in quite a few dogs finding loving homes because they had manners and showed personalities that attracted people who could imagine them fitting into their lives. Thanks so much to this special group of people. Our Shelter is very lucky to have these wonderful people in our community and volunteering here.



Our Mission

“...is to provide a shelter where unwanted and abandoned dogs and cats can be humanely housed until adopted to qualified homes.”

Contributions Appreciated

We are a non-profit organization. Less than 20% of our budget is provided by contracts with local governments. The rest must be raised through donations and fundraisers. We definitely appreciate every donor.

The Shelter Takes Credit Cards

both on site and on our website. We accept VISA, Mastercard, Discover and American Express

It's Very Easy to Donate on Our Website

Our site is secure and you can donate any amount.

We have a minimum donation with credit cards of \$10, because anything less ends up going to the credit card companies rather than to us.

The website is set up so that you must do that minimum donation but then you can add up to the entire amount you want to donate.

If you have any questions, please call and we'll make sure you're successful.

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ChowChow is a red Chow who came to the shelter in a terrible mess. Once he was cleaned up and groomed, we were impressed with the beautiful little dog we had. He quickly won our hearts with his easy-going, gentle nature. He would growl when we petted or rubbed him, and at first we thought he was serious, but soon we realized that was his way of talking happily. We thought we'd found him the perfect home until we got a call from the Casper shelter. ChowChow had been surrendered to them due to a divorce and they had traced him to us through his microchip. Of course we got him right back and, thankfully, he was the same happy dog he had been. ChowChow had a special job at the Shelter, testing cats to see which ones were tolerant of dogs, and he did wonderfully. This summer a couple whose old Chow had died heard about ChowChow and came to look at him. They have a cat and were very pleased that ChowChow was so good with cats. They adopted him and even offered to bring him back to test cats! We're so happy that ChowChow finally went to a home where all he has to do is relax and be appreciated for the great dog he is.



Honoring and Remembering Those Who Have Enriched Our Lives Honoring or memorializing a beloved person or pet through a gift to the Dog & Cat Shelter is an especially meaningful way to pay tribute to the difference they've made in your life. We accept gifts "in memory" of those who have died. We also accept donations "in honor" of a person on a special occasion such as a birthday, graduation or anniversary or "in honor" of an animal whose unconditional love has made a difference in someone's life.

Donations in Honor of the Following Persons were received in the last six months: Jody Fay, Tom & Sharon Kinnison and Karalyn Schuchert.

Donations Received in Honor of Animals, Events or Services in the last six months: "Ethel" Edwards; "Romo" & "Lakota" Huston; "Duke" Raney, "Shiney" Standish and "Digit" (Shelter dog).

Memorial donations in honor of the following people have been received in the past six months: Robert Anfield; Jerry Apel; David Ascoli; Elmer Barton; Keith Brandt; Doug Brill; Fauntella Bumbaca; George & Marilyn Cherni; Gilbert Clemons; Jeannette Compton; Gertrude Cordray; Hermina Donoho; Joseph Fiedor; Rusty Fieldgrove; Joseph P. Garriffa; David "Griff" Griffin; Janet (Lindemann) Halverson; Harold Harnish; Teressa Henson; Sally Herr; Florence Hoeck; Mary Lou Hoiten; Cindy Johnson; Larry Johnson; Gene Kilpatrick; Jean King; Laurel Kinnison; Nola Kolos; Mickey Leach; Janis Legerski; Dee Luth; Duane McClure; John Edward "Jack" Miech; Vern Morris; Jim Olson; Doris Perry; Janis Plott; Geneva Powers; Susan Rader; Jacque Rasmussen; Robert "Bobby" Reed; Phyllis Renne; Margie Rogers; Darlene Roswadowski; Steve Roth; Walt Salvesson; Jack Sampson; Dora Schmidt; Dan Scott; Valerie Shallcross; Alvin Shimek; Frank Stampka; David Stevenson; James "Troop" & Irene Stuart; Angie Sutphin; Heln Antoinette Taylor; Susan Turgeon; Joyce Verley; Bettye Wamhoff; Karen Will and Stella Withrow. We extend our sincere condolences to their loved ones. We also invite their families, if they have not yet done so, to bring us a photograph for our beautiful Memory Board.

Pet Memorial donations received in the past six months: "Hartzel", "Tasha" & "Turbo" Asmus; "Mozart" Blankenburg; "Tabby Cat" Carson; "Misty" Cronkrite; "JoJo" David; "Rumba" & "Molly" Demond; "Hank" Drake; "Skipper" Fadness; "Heather" & "Zane" Farnell; "Kipper" Hunter; "Maggie" Johnson; "Cork" Johnston; "Sox" Lamb; "Alexander" McAlister; "Lucky" McClure; "Liz" McKenzie; "Milky" Nesbitt; "Tango" Noecker; "Raider" Peterson; "River Ready Black Jack" Platt; "Ulie" Quade; "Dolly" Rodell; "Bayley" Shamley; "Sam" Sherwood; "Fritzy" & "Gerta" Spomer; "Tilly" Streeter; "Bentley" & "Kissafur" Trout; "Happy" Wertman and "David" Westlake. May the memory of their unconditional love remain always in their owners' hearts. Their family members, too, are invited to bring us photos to be placed on our beautiful Pet Memorial Board.

Good-bye Sharon, Hello Amy My co-director, Sharon Johnson, and her husband moved to Arizona in June. Amy Powell, who was our weekday front desk person, has become my co-coordinator and is busy learning her new duties. She works with me three days a week and at



front desk the other two. Crystal Miller, who was our front desk person on Saturdays, now also handles front desk on the days Amy is helping me. Many thanks to both women for taking on greater responsibilities!

Our Can Recycle Trailer Has a New Home!!! It is now parked at Scotty's Skate Castle. We also have a big green "can hut" at the entrance to the Shelter grounds. We really appreciate everyone who donates their aluminum cans to us. All proceeds are used to care for the animals.

Cindy Boyd is a true Angel to the Shelter, always cheerful and helpful no matter what fundraiser or project we're working on or what questions we have. Cindy and her family members own Warehouse Market, the last independent grocery store in Sheridan. Warehouse Market donates food and support for many non-profit fundraisers and has always been particularly generous to the Dog & Cat Shelter. We love you, Cindy!



Did you know we will help people who cannot afford to feed their pets? We are very grateful to Mars Petcare, which donates all our regular dog and cat food. We also have individuals who donate cat and dog food. Some we use for our animals with special needs, but we will share much of the individually-donated food with pet owners who have fallen on hard times and can't afford to buy food for their pets. We would much rather the pets stay in their homes with their beloved family than be surrendered just because of a budget crunch. If you know someone who is in this fix, please tell them to come to the Shelter and ask for help.

Georgia was here at the Shelter for over a year. She was shy in the beginning and needed to live in the Quiet Room for a couple months. Soon she was showing interest in the other cats and was able to move to the adoption room. She always found the highest place to sit so she could see what everyone was doing. She didn't really like the other cats, nor did she care for dogs, but she loves people! We wondered why she wasn't being looked at...



let alone being adopted, but finally HER people came in and fell in love with her. They now call her Darla or Kitty. She likes to sleep in the guest room at night. She also likes the tub and will peek around the curtain to see what is going on. She is very particular about her litter box and will not use it when it is not clean, so she keeps her new family busy. Georgia proclaims that a year is not too long to wait for the purrfect home!!

Little Nutmeg is a Yorkie mix who came to the Shelter when her owner went into the hospital. She had been quite spoiled, fed only people food and wasn't house trained. We worked hard to housebreak her and teach her to eat dog food, but before she was adopted to a new home, the owner became much better, went home, and came back for her. Shortly afterwards, though, her owner had to go into a nursing home, so she returned to us. One of our staff members fostered her until a wonderful couple heard of her and came to meet her. They had three other elderly little dogs and Nutmeg did well with them, so they adopted her. Since then they've had some much-needed dental work done and she is doing great and fitting perfectly into their family. She loves to wear little dresses and one of our staff members even got to see her in one recently.



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Below are a variety of ways to provide for future gifts while at the same time continue to enjoy the benefit of your resources and enjoy income tax savings now:

Money Donations of money help us meet our daily expenses and keep the Shelter operating. They are perhaps the easiest way to help us. We accept gifts by cash, check or credit card. Credit cards offer the choice of either one-time gifts or a monthly gift of a designated amount and may be made either at the Shelter or through our website, www.dogandcatshelter.org.

Matching Donations Many companies will match their employees' donations to the Shelter, since we are a registered nonprofit organization. Some even match gifts made by retirees and/or spouses.

Trusts You might consider creating a Trust with the Shelter as beneficiary. Significant income, gift and estate tax savings accrue from this type of giving.

Wills It is easy to give a portion of your estate to charity. You need only include a statement: "I give, devise, and bequeath to the Dog & Cat Shelter, Inc., 84 East Ridge Rd, Sheridan WY 82801, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Wyoming ... (here state the amount of money or description of the property willed)." By including the Shelter in your estate plans, your relationship with animals and concern for their well-being will continue long into the future.

Life Insurance Policies This is an excellent form of future giving. The Dog & Cat Shelter can be named either as owner or beneficiary.

Securities Federal income tax laws allow tax deductions on the "paper profits" of assets that have grown in value, regardless of the original purchase price. Securities can fund an annuity or life income gift that gives the donor tax benefits while providing regular income for the recipient.

Don't forget our **Endowment Fund** if you'd prefer your money to give long-range benefits. Gifts of money or property will ensure the Shelter's continued existence by investments for growth. Names of contributors of \$5000 or more will be engraved on our Endowment Monument as a public thanks.

Special Blend of Coffee for the Dog & Cat Shelter!! Jim & Caren Smith of the very popular local ROAST! Coffee created a hearty medium-dark roast just for us. You can get either whole beans or ground from board members, at the Shelter or at the following businesses: Little Willow Traders, Paw Prints Pet Boutique, Pride & Groom, Sheridan Physical Therapy and Monastery Creations in Dayton. The twelve-ounce bag sells for \$12. For more information and a list of their other available blends, see their website, www.wyoroast.com. We really thank Jim & Caren for creating this special blend just for us!!!



Wish List Now on Amazon.com One of our donors suggested that we put the Shelter's Wish List on amazon.com so people could order things for us and have them shipped directly here. To find our wish list on Amazon's website, you just need our e-mail address: dogcat@fiberpipe.net. When you shop at Amazon.com, you can also earn donations for the Shelter. First click on the Shelter's customized shopping link, which is <http://www.fundinco.org/orghome.php?orgid=184>. Then, click the button, "Click here to begin shopping." You will be routed to Amazon.com and then you can shop as normal. Don't forget to always click through that fundinco link provided above (put it in your "favorites") every time you shop at Amazon.com so that they can track funds accurately back to us. It's extremely easy once you get the hang of it!

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Don't Forget to Shop Sheridan Many local business support the Shelter, so don't forget to shop in Sheridan, too.



Goodbye, Bubba Anyone who has visited the Shelter much knows Bubba, our yellow cat who was convinced he owned the place. Bubba has been going downhill for several months and, despite bloodwork and x-rays, medications and everything we could think of, began failing rapidly. We finally made the decision to euthanize him. It was a sad day for all of us and we were all in tears as we said good-bye. We're guessing he was about 19. Bubba always wanted to be outside, and

despite our efforts to keep him in where he was safe, made it out frequently. He did not like being confined in the inner area (so he wouldn't set off the trespasser alarms during the night). He always knew when it was getting close to closing time and would hide. We were often late leaving at night because we were still searching nooks and crannies all over the Shelter for him. Rest in peace, Bubba. It's going to be pretty dull around here.

Ripkin was living in a hoarding situation and came in with 30 or more cats and kittens. He was healthy, but shy and nervous. He could be held, but he would keep his eyes squinted and ears back. With much work and dedication, he became more social. He was adopted to a great home where he is getting more comfortable with people every day. He knows his name and wanders all over at night but doesn't wake them. During the day he takes at least a five hour nap under their bed! At first he was afraid of the door opening, but now he loves everyone who comes to visit. His litter box and food are in the laundry room, but when the furnace goes on, he is afraid to go there. Because he is dearly loved, his "mom" turns off the furnace so he can eat!!! Now that is THE LIFE, right?



In September of last year a litter of four beautiful kittens was brought in. They were all quite shy so they went into foster care right away. They each took their own time in coming around to trusting people. Dean, however, outlasted them all. He was a very handsome Siamese mix with the blue, blue eyes. He finally came back to the Shelter from his foster home in January. He was placed in a room by himself and staff and volunteers would spend time with him. He eventually got to where you could pet him and then he started coming to be groomed and then he would sit in your lap. He was still somewhat skittish, but with love and time he began to trust. All in all, he was here for seven months, but it was worth it. The couple who adopted him says he plays now, and he found his “safe place” in their bathroom. That is where he runs if anything scares him. He really likes the man of the house... he even jumps on the couch to sit beside him. Yep! Love and patience and kindness will overcome almost every obstacle.



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Another of our faithful dog walkers is Tom Sachse, who has been an absolute champ at the Shelter. No matter what the weather, he comes daily and works with the dogs. During the week he’ll often come during his lunch hour or just after work. His caring spirit and interest in the special needs dogs has been heartwarming and inspiring to us, and the sincerity he brings with him is a joy for us to see. The dogs, especially the quiet, unassuming ones who are often overlooked by adopters and thus seem to stay here forever, have benefited a great deal from him. Tom gives his heart to the dogs and they know it. It, in turn, gives them the heart to wait and wait for their furever home.



Sampson is a two-year-old German Shepherd who lived on a chain and was encouraged to be a guard dog. He was beaten for getting loose and chasing horses, and when he arrived at the Shelter, he had a big knot on his head from the last episode. This beautiful dog was also unsure of people since he had not had any positive experiences with them. We put him in a foster home with a very patient gentleman who has had several German Shepherds, all rescues. Sampson thought he had landed in heaven and quickly bonded to his foster dad though, unfortunately, he soon thought he needed to protect him. He had learned there was one person in the world he could trust, but he still reacted to others approaching him with a growl. After a couple of months, the man adopted Sampson and is trying hard to socialize him and teach him a normal way of life. He is improving but will probably never lose that distrust of people. It always saddens us when we receive dogs who had such a bad start in life. We are grateful for people who are willing to work with them and give them a second chance.

Cel Retiring in April I am going to retire when I turn 66 in April. The constant deadlines and pressure of trying to get everything done (which never happens) are beginning to wear on me. I plan to stay very active as a volunteer but am looking forward to not having to rush all of the time. Many thanks to all who have helped me during my nine years as director; please continue to help the staff after I leave. Also, multitudinous thanks to all the donors, volunteers and everyone who helps us care for the abandoned and often neglected animals we receive.

October Fundraisers Many thanks to Tim Barnes and Black Tooth Brewing Company for again hosting Growlers4Growlers and to Killy’s Deli for the wonderful food. Special thanks also to John Harrison of Warehouse 201 who hosted a “Thankful Thursday” fundraiser for the Shelter. Major thanks goes to Kandy DeTavernier who organized the 13th annual Pet-O-Ween benefit for the Shelter, and to the Pet-O-Ween sponsors: Sheridan Media, Moxey Schreiber Veterinary Hospital, Mountain View Veterinary Hospital, Killy’s Deli, Shipton’s Big R, Coca Cola, ERA Carrol Realty and The Business Center. We also want to thank all the volunteers who helped. These three events were great fun for all who attended and raised lots of money for our Shelter.

Up With People Volunteers Spend a Day at the Shelter As part of their six-month stint in Up With People, the young adults are expected to spend a day of service in each community where they give a concert. We had an absolutely great day with five wonderful young women from Up with People—two from China, one from Belgium, one from Sweden and one from New York. Our project kept them busy all day – and they got it finished. They made elevated cat beds for the 33 cages in cat adoption. These elevated beds have been on our project list for about three years. They allow the cats more room in the cage by providing an area above the floor. Shy cats feel more comfortable resting under the bed when we drape a towel over it, and for shy eaters we can place the food and water bowls under the bed, behind the towel. Many thanks to supporters who donated enough to buy all the special materials, to Home Depot, which donated the pvc pipe and glue for the project, and to the Chamber of Commerce which as a courtesy used the Trolley to transport the volunteers back and forth.



Shelter to Be Closed on Wednesdays Beginning in November

The Shelter will be closed to the public on Wednesdays, which is overwhelmingly our slowest day of the week for visits from the public. Business hours will remain the same on other days: noon to 6 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Staff members will be here caring for the animals on Wednesdays, so dog walkers and other volunteers may come as usual, but no business will be transacted.

On my first day as Executive Director, I was told that I would be on the Shelter's radio talk show the next morning.

That was very intimidating for someone who had never been on a talk show, but Kim Love and the staff were very welcoming and helpful. Thus began a monthly experience as well as some great friendships. As I also bring a veterinarian each month, I've gotten to know many of the local vets. Public Pulse also made some extra work for me: when Kim found out that I was baking goodies when I attended non-profit seminars, he asked why I didn't bring them to Sheridan Media. So now on the Monday evening before my appearance on Public Pulse on the first Tuesday of each month (hear me on KROE Radio, 930 AM, 9:10 – 9:30 a.m.), I'm going through my favorite recipes and baking something to take the next morning. Julie Chadwick has been extremely helpful with advertising for all our projects and has chaired our ScratchNSniff planning committee each year, working extremely hard to make that playday for pets and their owners a success. Bob Grammens and Ron Richter have been judges at ScratchNSniff; usually one of the Sheridan Media staff is our MC at each February "Beat the Winter Blues" fundraiser; and several have entered our Calendar Contest, some every year. Sheridan Media also sponsors a weekly "Pet of the Week" ad on their stations and website, www.sheridanmedia.com. One of their stations, KYTI 97.3 FM (Coyote), several years ago decided to feature an additional one of our dogs each week, calling it "Diamond in the Ruff." After the first week, I told them my cat staff felt left out, so they decided to also feature a cat, calling it Diamond in the Ruff's "Feline Friend." To see these animals each week, go to their website, click on "Radio," then on "KYTI." Many thanks to our radio angels.



Violet is a beautiful two-year-old red and black brindle greyhound mix.

She is one of the sweetest, most well-mannered and gentlest dogs we've had at the Shelter. This special girl was a favorite with staff members and volunteer dog walkers who had gotten to know and love her. However, she hated being confined in a kennel and acted goofy when people walked by. We spent over a year urging people to get her out, and see how completely different she was in normal situations, to see her "real" personality. She loves people, especially children, is great on a leash and gets along well with other dogs. She was finally adopted by a person who took the time to get to know the real dog, and is doing great. They renamed her "Jazz". We recently received this report from her new family, "Jazz helps out in the garden and loves riding in our vehicles. She is still uncertain with our cats - she does not like to share her people with them, but she gets better with them every day. Thanks to all the walkers who spent precious time with her and taught her manners. What an awesome addition to our lives."



Dog & Cat Shelter Wish List

1. Help for our February Chili Supper & Fundraiser, which is February 15th: donated items for Live Auction, Silent Auction & Bucket Raffle; toys for prizes for the kid games; warm bodies willing to work! This is a BIG project.
2. Donations for our pet spay-neuter assistance fund.
3. Large, colorful soft toys, squeaky or not, to use when photographing the dogs.
4. Storage Shed (The Shelter was built without storage. Our one shed is full to the brim. We need another.)
5. High quality (non dusty) Cat Litter (preferably wood pellets). We use a ton a month.
6. Relaxation DVD's that would attract and entertain cats in our adoption room (fish swimming, birds singing, etc.)
7. Cat-proof CD players (for stress-reducing music in our cat rooms)
8. Dog Treats – Both Regular & Irresistible (We go through a lot of them, especially since we have great volunteers coming daily to teach a bunch of the dogs better manners. A lot of the dogs will accept anything, but dogs who are shy from being neglected or mistreated refuse to take normal dog treats (like Milk Bones) when we try to take photos or work with them. For them, we need treats with smells that will attract their attention and get them interacting with us.)
9. Plastic shower curtains and rings to close off kennels of dogs who are stressed or who bark too much at passing dogs or people.
10. Feliway diffusers (for cats) & DAP collars & diffusers for dogs – for stressed animals
11. Buckle collars for dogs, especially those that adjust from 16" - 22" and 18" - 24" as well as some for small dogs.
12. Pill Pockets for cats and dogs
13. Interactive Food Toys for our dogs: Kibble Nibble, Atomic Treat Ball, Tricky Treat Ball, Tug-A-Jug, Kong Wobble or Buster Cube.
14. Volunteers to walk dogs on our paved walking path and throw the ball in our exercise areas
15. Cat Toys (We change and disinfect their toys daily to prevent transmission of disease, so we need lots of toys for both the indoor and outdoor play areas.)
16. Donations to put roofs over the dog exercise areas.
17. Perches and climbing objects for our cat adoption room.
18. Canned human tuna & chicken, jars of Stage 1 chicken baby food, and baby rice cereal (for baby kittens)
19. Friskies brand pate canned food, any flavor
20. Gentle Leader Harnesses (large and extra large sizes) for walking dogs
21. Weight Control Food for some of our fat cats
22. Chew bones, rawhide bones, large Kong toys, and lots of dog treats
23. Catnip and other cat treats, cat toys
24. Donations to build our puppy nursery.
25. Cat trees, scratching posts & condos
26. Portable exercise pens, 48" high (these are great to have on hand to loan to puppy fosterers)
27. Heavy duty sewing scissors for cutting sheets/blankets into cage-sized pieces for one-time use in the cat stray and cat iso rooms
28. Large and X-Large collapsible/movable wire dog crates
29. Small cat food dishes
30. Tall laundry baskets with wheels
31. Small air compressor with a nozzle for blowing dog and cat hair out our computer boxes once a month
32. Volunteers to paint murals in our cat adoption room
33. Kitten and puppy milk replacer
34. Five gallon steel water pails (indestructible) for the outside dog areas.
35. Donations for heatpacks, replacement "hearts" and batteries (Silver Oxide SR44 1.5 volt batteries run the "hearts") for the SnuggleKitties and SnugglePuppies. We use a lot of these! We make bulk orders.
36. Heavy duty brooms, dust mops and dustpans
37. Commercial-grade mop buckets on wheels
38. Cat Treats (especially Whiskas Temptations chicken flavor)
39. Towels, blankets, rugs—as long as they don't have rubber backings
40. Zip Lock baggies of all sizes (especially gallon, sandwich & snack)
41. Small folding tables and folding chairs to use for events.
42. Canned pumpkin (not pie filling!)
43. 75' Hoses for cleaning the dog kennels
44. Heavy Duty Nail Clippers
45. Kookamunga Cat Beds or Fish Cat Tunnels
46. Office supplies: postage stamps, ball point pens, highlighters (yellow preferred), Sharpies and scotch tape
47. Volunteers who could regularly commit to help clean and scrub the cat rooms on weekday mornings (any time between 7 a.m. – noon). As full of cats as we are, the best way to keep them healthy is to keep their environment extremely clean. We would love some help.

And most importantly, your involvement!

Come see us.

Thanks to the people who responded to our spring Wish List and donated postage stamps and other office supplies; small baskets; towels, blankets and rugs; dog collars, toys & treats; swimming pools for the dogs; milk replacer and baby food for orphan kittens; batteries and heat packs for our SnuggleKitties & SnugglePuppies and canned food, treats, toys and litter for the cats.



Jack and Twitch are two Boxer mixes who ended up at the shelter when their owner went to prison. We never realized what an impact they would have on our lives during the eighteen months we had them. Both were elderly when we received them. We think Twitch might have been Jack's mom, since she always seemed to be looking after him. We did not want to separate them because of that special relationship, so it took a long time to find these two big dogs a home. Another problem was their absolute fixation on cats. They were the friendliest, most lovable dogs imaginable and were great favorites of both staff members and our volunteer dog walkers. Twitch ended up developing two malignant tumors (which we removed) but that didn't help the adoption process. We began to fear they would spend the rest of their lives with us. However, one day a wonderful family came in and spent a lot of time with them. They wanted an older dog and, after meeting Jack and Twitch, decided to adopt them both. Jack and Twitch immediately gave them lots of loves and licks and fell in love with the children. The dogs go with them to Buffalo to visit grandparents and love the travels. We are sure this was a match made in heaven and are so happy these two ended up with a home and hopefully will be helping a special child.



We are deeply grateful to the great folks at Big Horn Beverage for all they do for the Shelter. Vicki, Janis and their crew sponsor the weekly Pet of the Week Ad in The Sheridan Press. I don't know how long they've been doing that, but it's for longer than the nine years I've been Executive Director. Because of them, every Friday we have a nice ad featuring a dog and a cat, including a photo of the cat and both a head and action shot of the dog. It's such a blessing to know that that ad is always there to attract peoples' attention. We often have people walk into the Shelter with the Press ad in their hands and ask to meet one of the animals, stating they've come to adopt it. The Big Horn Beverage people are also artistic and have graciously made banners for fundraising events and the signs for our can recycle trailer, all of this in addition to regular generous donations. Many thanks to all you angels!!!



Puppy Nursery -- We're Getting Close!!! For eight years we've been trying to raise money to build a puppy nursery. Why do we need a puppy nursery? We have no good place for young puppies, just-weaned pups, or a mother dog with pups. Currently they have to be put in the tiny dog isolation room, which has no outside access so it is difficult to keep the puppies clean. Staff members have to carry them to and from a small yard on the west side of the Shelter building for any kind of exercise time. Dog isolation is at least quiet for the babies, but if we have a sick dog, the babies must be moved into the very noisy stray area. When that happens, we worry about the pups being exposed to parvo or distemper, fatal diseases common in our area.

The only place to build the nursery is on the north and west edge of the Shelter, which is the direction from which we get our winds and storms, so we have had to plan carefully to give the pups needed protection from snow or cold temperatures as well as lots of shade during the hot summer months. We are planning a very bare-bones concrete block, heated puppy house that is easily disinfected. Two separate runs will allow us to care for two different litters at a time. The runs will be concrete for disease control, and will be long and narrow so that puppies can have room to play and begin potty-training themselves by pottying in one area and playing in the rest of the run. The two runs will have chain link privacy fencing and will be separated by several feet so that the litters have no contact with each other, nor, if mothers are present, will they be stressed and feel the need to protect their babies from dogs in the other run. The privacy strips will also serve to break the wind so the puppies do not get chilled. When we have no puppies, the nursery will provide a quiet place for small dogs, which stress in the normal kennel area full of large dogs. We anticipate the nursery being in pretty constant use, given the number of small dogs that we receive.

We just received a \$10,000 grant from the Wyoming Community Foundation. Our grant is funded by the Kim and Mary Kay Love Family Donor Advised Endowment Fund and the Sheridan-Johnson Opportunities Fund.

We also received a \$10,000 grant from a local foundation. This is a challenge grant, so we need to match that. So far we have raised over \$4,000, so we only have \$6,000 left to match. We'd love to get it built before winter. If you want to help, just indicate that your donation is for the puppy nursery. We are very grateful for these grants and all the other donations. Please help us finish this project!

Dog Adoption Fees Increased We recently raised dog adoption fees by \$15. This is the first rate increase I can remember in my nine years as Executive Director. Dogs over 4 months and twenty pounds are \$75; puppies under four months are \$90, and dogs weighing under twenty pounds are \$115. Considering that all dogs have been health checked, spayed or neutered, vaccinated (distemper/parvo, kennel cough & rabies) and microchipped, these fees are still a great bargain and remain lower than those of many Wyoming shelters who do not the veterinary work that we do. Cat adoption fees remain the same (\$50 over four months; \$65 under four months). Senior dogs and cats are half price. We're proud of our animals!

Pet Alert Stickers With winter coming, people start furnaces, fireplaces and stoves. Fires become a danger, and each year they affect the lives of millions of people. A first responder's job will always be to save any humans who are in the way of danger. We've all seen photos and videos of firemen saving puppies and kittens; however, unless they know that pets are present in the home, they will not look for them. This problem is easily solved with a "Pet Alert" decal that can be placed on windows and doors of your home, alerting firemen entering your home that pets are present, how many, and what type. We have Pet Alert Stickers available at no charge at the Shelter (of course you can make a donation if you wish). Just come by and ask.

Firefighter Pet Alert!



Pets that live here:

- _____ Dogs
- _____ Cats
- _____ Other
- _____ Other

Upcoming Events:

Come See Us at The Stroll, November 29th We'll have dogs and cats for people to visit, which has proven extremely popular and resulted in several animals finding new homes. We'll also have our 2014 calendars for sale!! Come, visit, pet the animals, and learn about the services we proudly offer the community.

Pet Photos with Santa Photos with Santa will be December 7th from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Cottonwood Center, 1949 Sugarland Dr. (next to Shipton's Big R). Photos are \$10 each. All proceeds benefit the Dog & Cat Shelter. Shirley McPheeters of FFF Photography does this for us each year. The photos are beautiful, so mark your calendars and be there!

Order your 2014 Dog & Cat Shelter Calendars Today! See the winners and all the entries on our website. Calendars are available online and at the Shelter. Ask us where else they'll be sold. We'll mail them if you'd like. With prices of everything going up, we are very grateful for our sponsors, whose donations allowed us to keep the price at \$20 for one more year. Calendar sponsors this year include Sheridan Community Federal Credit Union, Employees at First Interstate Bank (downtown), Kilpatrick Creations, Bill Phillips State Farm, Prudential Financial Services (Lauri Ross), "Asia" & "Prixie" Barnhart and Rita Lund.

Dog & Cat Shelter Christmas Trees We will again display our "Dog & Cat Christmas Trees" at the Stroll, and at the Shelter, CMS Pet Products, Sheridan Seed, Warehouse Market and Paw Prints Pet Boutique during December. People are invited to take an ornament, which has a photo of one of our animals, and buy that animal a small Christmas gift--a toy or chew or treat. As a result of our trees, many gifts came to the Shelter, including large stuffed stockings of goodies and gaily wrapped toys. Quite a few people make special trips to the Shelter to meet the animal they "adopted" and to give "their" dog or cat

an early Christmas present. All have a great time, especially our cats and dogs who have no family to spoil them. Our ornaments are again being made by the Interact Club from Sheridan High School. Some of those ornaments are real works of art. Tristyn Reeves helped, too. Thanks, kids!

Chili Supper and Auction in February Our chili supper and auction on February 15, 2014 will feature the same delicious homemade chili, cornbread and cookies, and a variety of live and silent auction items and a great bucket raffle. Be sure to periodically check our website for details. Our chili supper is a great way to fight the mid-winter blues and cabin fever we all experience. So plan to attend. We are now accepting donations for the live and silent auctions and bucket raffle.

You Can Still Order Christmas Stockings for Your Pets! We are again making beautiful hand-sewn fleece Christmas stockings as a Shelter fundraiser. Your pet's name can be embroidered on the top. The stocking prices are \$10 for unembroidered ones and \$15 for embroidered ones. These will also make great Christmas presents for any pets on your shopping list. We have a sample stocking at the Shelter and a photo on our website.

Walk a Hound, Lose a Pound - Year-round We need more winter walkers. Our dogs are always eager to get out and play and then take a walk. Need to get some exercise and lose some weight? Enjoy doing so and save a life at the same time by helping our dogs blow off steam so they patiently wait for a new home. All you need to do is to attend a Volunteer Training Class if you have not done so, then come up any day of the week (or all of them if you'd like!)



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