

Beltrami Humane Society

Prrrrs & Grrrrs

Summer 2013

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Mission Statement:

Beltrami Humane Society is committed to serving the best interest of the animals we strive to protect.

Our Vision:

Beltrami Humane Society is dedicated to operating an animal shelter for the purpose of finding a quality forever home for each animal we serve, encouraging a community of responsible companion animal guardians, eliminating the community's need to euthanize dogs and cats as a means of population control, and promoting a society where companion animals become more valued.

A Message from the Director...

Summertime at the Beltrami Humane Society is a fun time for both people and animals. There is a lot of activity both at the shelter and in the community. Many volunteers spend their summer afternoons walking dogs or brushing our cats. Also, many out-of-towners make sure to see all the great cats and dogs we have to offer. It is not unusual for folks from places hours away to end up falling in love with one of our pets and taking them home.

The Humane Society is also striving to be involved in the community. Expect to see shelter animals, staff, and volunteers throughout Bemidji, especially at local events. We want the community to know that we are here to save companion animals and we want to partner with others to increase our impact.

Of course, we continue to need your support. The Beltrami Humane Society depends on donations from community members to continue to serve the best interest of companion animals. We can also use volunteer help, in-kind donations, or help with special projects. Currently, we are still in need of Board Members and committee members to set policy, provide suggestions, and be a valuable resource for the Humane Society.

As we look forward our next big event will be the 28th Annual Walk for Animals in September. Please begin collecting pledges and join us if you can. We appreciate every bit of support from you!

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Recent Fundraisers

Furr Bowl 2013
Total Funds Raised: \$3,981.50



Event Sponsor

Bark Avenue Grooming

Lane Sponsors

Kat's Book Nook

First National Bank Bemidji

Paul Bunyan Communications

Marco

Infomeld

Wausau Homes

Pets Plus

Baker Heating and Air

Ben Franklin Craft Store

Beltrami Electric

Pepsi Nei Bottling

Coca Cola Bottling

Grandma's Attic

HAPPY TAILS

JOSE



Jose is a lover, but yet very playful. In the past year and a half he has just grown, grown and grown. He is very protective of me around the other cats, but very gentle. He is a strange but fund cat with a spunky personality.



HONEY

"Dottie has been a great, wonderful, intelligent dog. Our family is very attached to her. My kids love her very much."

www.beltramihumane.com

"your one-stop shop for information and events"

Follow us on Facebook and on Twitter!

New and Renewing Members

Sue Feeney

Membership contributions help guarantee a safe haven for our animals until they are all the way home. Memberships help pay for staff who nurture the shelter animals daily, medication and medical expenses to maintain the health of the animals, spay/neuter costs, and general building maintenance and operations costs.

In addition, as a member, you will be kept informed about shelter activities and events, be eligible to join our Board of Directors, and be able to vote annually on our Board Members.

Memberships are a very important part of fulfilling the mission of the Beltrami Humane Society.

Community for Critters Day

Sponsors

Kat's Book Nook

Security Bank

Morell's Trading Post

MN Nice Café

Northway Insurance Services

Lueken's Village Foods

Pet Zone

Bemidji Chrysler Center

Community for Critters Day was held on Saturday, June 29th as an opportunity for local businesses to support the Beltrami Humane Society. We are grateful for their partnership with us to help companion animals. Please let the above businesses how much you appreciate their support.

Sponsor-a-Pet Sponsors

Ruth Andersen

Lonnie and Nica Teselle

Special Thanks

The T-Shirt Shop

Chiropractic Professionals and Pets Plus

Bemidji Driving School

Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union

Horace May Elementary School

North Country Snowmobile Club

Northern Township

Roosevelt Township

Ten Lakes Township

Confidence Learning Center

Sanford Eye Clinic

Sue Dearholt

Meagan Deal



In Loving Memory of...

- Shari Chapman from Rose Lambros, Karen Kociemba, Carol & Bernard Bodien and Robert & Katherine Thompson
- Donna Peterson from Julie Dodge Johnson
- Fern Dalby from Billie Bauer, and Mary & Bob Melchoir
- Myrtie Hunt from Ruth Howe
- Blanche Gould from Grant Blake and Linda Gould
- Mary Moe from Richard Thomton, and James & Julane Kalina
- Maxine Paulson from Eileen Nistler, Delores Anderson, Donald & Lovetta Hammer, and Erika Prow
- Dick Clemens from Donald & Susan Hoornstra, Denise Watkins, Robert Fuller, and John Berwanger
- Donna Hightshoe from several anonymous donors

In Honor of...

- J Gorman from Don & Lenore Anderson
- Patrick Scholz from Susan Hunter Weir
- Cindy Nornes from Jennifer Dodge
- Cindy Nornes from Julia Flanners

Memorials, Tributes, & Honorariums

Special Needs Residents



Gemma and Willie are one year old American Bulldog/Pitbull mixes. They are both very sweet and gentle dogs. However, they are quite fearful, and will need much love and attention so they know they can trust you. Gemma and Willie have been at the shelter since February and need a home.



Misty is a 6 1/2 year old one-eyed cat. She has been at the shelter since February of 2012. Her adoption fee is only \$25 because of donations made to our Special Needs Fund.



George is a 3 year old cat with FIV. He has been at the shelter since May of 2012. He is playful and independent. George's fee is also only \$25. Help us find him a home.

Veterinary Assistance Program

The Beltrami Humane Society is very pleased to announce its new Veterinary Assistance Program. The program is made possible by a \$2500 grant from the Banfield Charitable Trust. The intent of the program is to ensure that families and pets can stay together.

In order to take advantage of this program, the applicant must demonstrate financial need. If you qualify, you will be eligible for up to \$250 or 50% of the estimated cost of treatment, whichever is less. The funds are available for basic, preventative, or emergency care, but preference will be given for emergency situations.

All grant funds must be expended by June 30, 2014, but it is expected that all the funds will be expended well ahead of time. The Humane Society normally receives about 3 - 5 calls per month from pet owners seeking assistance.

Full program guidelines can be found online at www.beltramihumane.com/vetassistance.htm

Walk for Animals 2013

Saturday, September 7, 2013

10 am - Registration, 10:30 am - Walk Begins

Rotary Pavilion on Lake Bemidji

Celebrate our 28th Annual Walk for Animals - an annual fundraising event to benefit homeless, neglected and abused companion animals in our community, by collecting pledges or donations from your friends, family, neighbors and local businesses. You can collect pledges on your own, or part of team.



Pizza and beverages will be provided for all human participants after the walk. Water and treats will be available for the dogs. Prizes will be awarded for the top pledge collectors as follows:

Individual: 1st prize- Kindle Fire 2nd prize- \$30 3rd prize - \$20

Team: 1st prize - \$100

Registration forms and Pledge forms available at www.beltramihumane.com

Sponsors: **Ace on the Lake, First National Bank, Infomeld, Dominoes Pizza, Culligan, Grandma's Attic, and Pinnacle Publishing**

Shelter Happenings:

2nd Wednesday of every month: Volunteer Training
2nd Saturday of every month: Kitty Play Date at Kat's Book Nook
July 17 - 2nd Level Volunteer Training
July 27 - Paws for a Book at Kat's Book Nook
Sept. 7 at 10 am- Walk for Animals
Oct. 20 - Fall Harvest Dinner at Eagles Club

SHELTER NEEDS...

**Cat litter(Arm & Hammer,
Fresh Step, Tidy Cat)
Peanut Butter
Dish soap
Copy paper
Laundry soap
Kleenex
Floor Cleaner**

Keep Your Cat Safe in a Heat Wave

1. Protect your cat when the temperature heats up!

The temperature is soaring, and it's only going to get hotter. Make sure you know how to keep your cat safe in the summer heat.

2. Watch out for heatstroke.

Symptoms include panting, lethargy, drooling, fever, vomiting and collapse. If you think your cat may have heatstroke, get the vet ASAP — the condition can cause permanent organ damage and death.

3. Offer your cat several ways to cool off.

Leave a fan on in a place where your cat can sit in front of it, add some ice cubes to her water or offer her a cool treat.

4. Let your cat find cool spots in the house.

Your cat will seek out the cooler parts of your home, so make sure she has access to areas with tile floors or rooms that don't get much sun.

5. Play in the morning or evening.

Any exercise should take place during the cooler hours of the day. This is especially important for young kittens and seniors, both of whom are very vulnerable to heatstroke.

Information from www.petfinder.com. Accessed on June 28, 2013



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