Spring 2011

WHITMAN COUNTY
Humane Society

Tip of the Tail

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Santa Paws

Whitman County Humane Society thanks to all who participated and hosted giving trees for Santa Paws. Without the kind, warm hearts of all who participated, Santa Paws wouldn't have been such a success.

Shopko – 126 items
Safeway (Pullman) – 56 items
Dissmore's IGA – 105 items
Rosauers (Colfax) – 85 items
Primeland (St. John) – 25 items
Barnacle Bill's – 28 items
CAHNRS (WSU)– 57 items
The Grange (Colfax) – 44 items
Total donation – 526 items

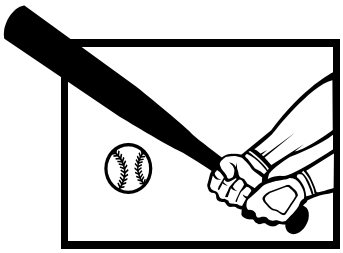
Dissmore's Food and Adoption Drive

May 17-May 23; adoption day,
Saturday, May 21

The next Dissmore's IGA Pet Food and Adoption Drive will run from May 17-23. Great deals on pet food, cat litter, and cleaning supplies will be available. All donations go towards the care of homeless pets at the AnimalHaven pet shelter. We could not take such great care of homeless pets without the help of Dissmore's IGA staff and patrons. Be sure to come visit us on Saturday, May 21 as we bring adoptable pets to Dissmore's.

2nd Annual My Office Bar & Grill Softball Tournament

The second annual My Office Bar & Grill softball tournament benefitting the dog park will take place Saturday and Sunday, August 13th and 14th, 2011 at the Pullman city playfields. Once again, the tournament will be hosted by Heather Goodrich and Jeff Packer. If you have a team that wishes to sign up, contact Heather Goodrich at 334-1202.



Apply to Join the WCHS Board of Directors

Want to make a difference for the four-legged friends of Whitman County? Apply to become a member of the Whitman County Humane Society Board of Directors. The directors are all volunteers who meet monthly to conduct WCHS business. Terms last for three years, and directors are elected by the entire WCHS membership. Each director serves on at least one committee, ranging from membership to marketing and public relations to fundraising. Want to bring your expertise to WCHS? Visit our website at www.whitmanpets.org/about/Board.asp to learn more and apply. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2011.

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Fourth Annual Fur Ball and Yappy Hour–It's a Wrap!

Whitman County Humane Society thanks all of the wonderful sponsors, donors, volunteers and attendees who made the Fourth Annual Fur Ball and Yappy Hour a smashing success. The event netted $42,000 for general shelter operations. We send a giant thank you to Mikkel Becker, Dr. Marty Becker, Glenn Johnson, and Orvil Sears for their roles in this fantastic evening!

We thank our amazing Fur Ball committee:

Tom Harris, co-chair
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We extend special thanks to our Lambda Chi Alpha and Washington State University Shelter Medicine Club volunteers.

We thank all of our fantastic sponsors:

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Dissmore's IGA, table sponsor
My Office Bar and Grill, table sponsor
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Special thanks to our celebrity servers:

Pete Dickinson, Pullman city planner
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Rich Dragoo, fire prevention officer, Pullman Fire Department
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Gary Jenkins, Pullman police chief
Pete Martin, Whitman County coroner
Brett Myers, Whitman County sheriff
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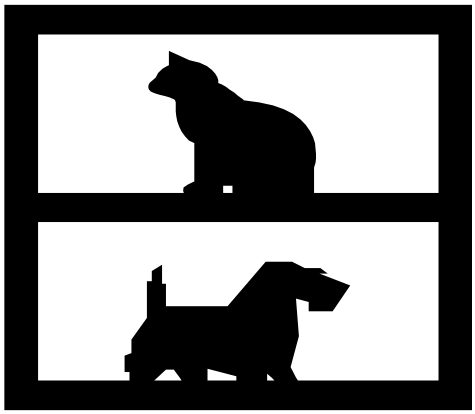

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WSU Athletics (Marketing and Promotions)
Wysup Chrysler Jeep Dodge
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WCHS Receives Community Focus Trust Grant

Whitman County Humane Society (WCHS) is pleased to announce that it was one of twelve charities in eastern Washington and northern Idaho to receive a grant from the Community Focus Trust. This grant will be used to support WCHS programs which have a direct impact on animals. These programs include the Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP), which provides vouchers of up to $50 reimbursing 75% of the cost of spaying or neutering a pet, and the Hope Fund, a compassion fund designated for veterinary care of injured or ill stray or sheltered (un-owned) domestic animals. The grant WCHS received is renewable for up to five years total through 2015.

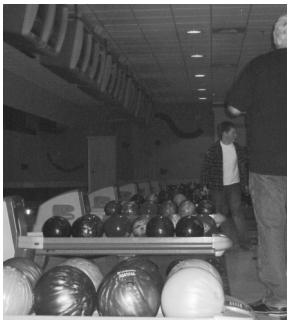
The Community Focus Trust represents the estate of an anonymous donor, a Sandpoint resident who directed the Trust & Investment Services Department of Panhandle State Bank (a division of Intermountain Community Bankcorp) to disburse funds according to her philanthropic priorities, which included caring for human and animal victims of hardship and neglect. Competitive proposal solicitation and screening were handled by the Inland Northwest Community Foundation (INWCF), located in Spokane, Washington. WCHS previously received a grant from the INWCF in 2008 to upgrade and update its website. For more information about the Community Focus Trust or Intermountain, please contact Dale Schuman (Dale.Schuman@panhandlebank.com). For more information about INWCF, please contact PJ Watters, Director of Gift Planning (pjwatters@inwcfrg).

7th Annual Benefit Bowling Tournament at Zeppoz!

Thanks for attending the 7th Annual Benefit Bowling Tournament at

Zeppoz!

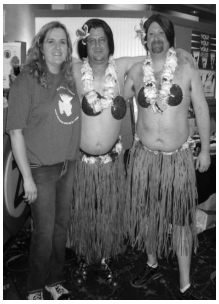
WCHS would like to thank Heather and Ron Morgan for once again hosting a great event.



Many donations were auctioned off with the top prize being a dog house any dog

could be proud of and many humans as well!

This year's MC's for the tournament, losing the donation race last year, are Ron Morgan (middle) and Chris Nash (right) with Heather. Who knows what will happen next year.



$7327.00 was raised for the Shelter. Great Job!

Working Dogs

By Amy Williams

It seems every morning when my dogs get me up for their breakfast and I get ready for work, I ask them to go to work for me and I'll stay home and lounge on the couch, bark out the window, and lie around. They cock their head at me as if to say, "Yeah right. That's MY job, Mom." Well, I recently spoke with some people who do take their dogs to their very own jobs.

Islay (EYE-lee) and Roxanna are Burmese Mountain Dogs, ages 6 and 5, who live with Etol Lillard in Endicott. Both are registered therapy dogs. Islay's certification comes from Therapy Dogs International in Pennsylvania, while Roxanna's is through Dove out of Portland. Islay and Roxanna have both gone through intensive training to gain their Certified Therapy Dog status, and they continue that training on a daily basis. Both must be able to remain calm in any given situation: loud, sudden noises or motion, riding in elevators, climbing steps, lying calmly on a bed with a patient. They both greet strangers very gently and allow

Working Dogs, continued....

their fur, whiskers, and ears to be pulled or tugged by little hands with a wag of the tail. While they are the epitome of good doggy manners that I wish my dogs emulated more closely, they are also very gregarious and charming and sometimes just a bit naughty, like all of our four-footed children can be.

Ms. Lillard began working with therapy dogs 25 years ago when she was working as a Medical Geriatric Social Worker in a nursing facility. After seeing therapy dogs come to the facility, she was granted permission by the administrator to raise a puppy with the residents. Her love affair for this program has only grown since that time.

One of her favorite experiences was with Islay's Great-Grandsire, Ko. A mother and son had been in a head-on collision, and the boy was in a coma for several weeks. Twice a day for approximately 6 weeks, Ko would come to the child's room and lay on the bed. The therapist would wrap the boy's arms around him and work his fingers through that magnificent coat. Gradually, the child came out of the coma but did not see Ko for a month. The day that Ko came back to the child's room, the boy shone with a light bright enough to light the room, threw his arms around the dog, and said "I've been waiting to tell you I love you for so long!"

Islay and Roxanna specialize in working with terminally ill patients, specifically children. Ms. Lillard refuses any payment for sharing her magical Burmese, although a stipend for gas is appreciated. If you would like to speak with Ms. Lillard about meeting Islay and Roxanna, please contact the WCHS office at (509)332-3422.

In a very different type of service I would like to introduce you to Bosco, a 10-year-old Labrador retriever/German Shepard mix that lives and works with Deputy Cooper of the Whitman County Sheriff's office.

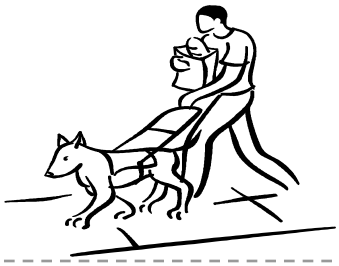
Bosco is a narcotics detection K9 who, together with Deputy Cooper, has undergone approximately 280 hours of training at the Washington State Patrol Academy for this very important job. Bosco's nose can detect marijuana, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine. When he locates any of those substances, he either sits or lays down to alert his handler. He investigates interiors and exteriors of vehicles, buildings, open areas and luggage.

Not every dog is cut out for this line of work; I found it astounding that Bosco was selected from 500 dogs for this training. He has a high hunt and prey drive which is ideal for this work. Shorty after he graduated from training, Bosco was on his first narcotics case and found a Dr. Pepper can that had a false compartment in it. The can had been overlooked by the initial deputy. Bosco alerted his handler to the seemingly unopened can, which was found to contain methamphetamine.

In his off duty time, Bosco lives with Deputy Cooper and his family where he enjoys the family life; sleeping, walking and jogging with Deputy Cooper and fetching his Kong. Bosco will be retiring shortly after having spent 7 years on the force. He will continue to live with Deputy Cooper's family as the bond between them is very strong.

Of special note, Bosco is a rescue dog himself! He was found chasing cars on I-5 and was sent to the pound. Law enforcement officials prefer to adopt their dogs from the pound or shelters like WCHS.

We hope to have either Bosco or Deputy Cooper's newest dog at the third annual Mutt Strutt in September! Be sure and stop by and visit these hard working K9's and their handlers.



I would like to continue to support the Whitman County Humane Society

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WCHS' Hope Fund Rescue, Coyote

By Tracie Brelsford

Coyote was brought to WSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital in early June 2010 without much of a past. Only two things were known: he'd been hanging out on a farm for a year and a half, and he'd spent the last two days with his left front leg firmly caught in a leg trap until a Good Samaritan brought him in. His predicament earned him the name "Coyote", since that's what the trap was meant for. Despite the lack of an owner, he had an incredibly sweet disposition, so the hospital contacted the Whitman County Humane Society for help. With his medical expenses covered by WCHS's HOPE Fund, Coyote underwent surgery to remove his severely damaged leg. A few days later he was lounging at foster mom Tracie Brelsford's house like it was where he had belonged all along. He quickly asserted himself by possessing prized furniture, staking claim to Tracie's lap (where he often stretches out, purrs and drools), and hissing menacingly at the four other animals who call this house home (two formerly feral cats, a golden retriever and a golden/spaniel mix). Coyote has an irresistible attitude. His ears lie out to the sides and his eyelids droop half-closed, and he never seems to have any doubt that he belongs in a house and on the furniture. When strangers come by, he immediately adopts their laps as well, no invitation required. As his body healed and he was given the opportunity to step outside, Coyote would sit by the open door and watch. He didn't seem anxious to return to the outdoors, although he did have fun once he learned to operate the dog door. Now, he occasionally runs to the front door, only to sit outside on the front porch like a sentinel. He is an incredibly loving cat – and, yes, he eventually learned to live in harmony with the other critters of the house. Well, except for the comical hallway standoffs between Sundance, a golden retriever who willingly defers to cats and will not try to go around them, and Coyote, who knows this and seems to enjoy it. Coyote crates himself when requested, falls limp into any arms that offer to carry him, adores rides in the car, and loves going to the vet. Because of his loving nature and fun personality, Tracie adopted Coyote for good in August. Coyote was chosen to be on the label of Merry Cellars' special WCHS wine bottles, unveiled at the Fur Ball on February 19, 2011!

Coyote in Recovery