

animal FOUNDATION of Great Falls

*Fostering a caring
community for animals*

PRESIDENT
Robert James

TRUSTEES
Rick Bourne
Sally Cerny

TREASURER
John Gilbert

Andrea Johnstone
Melanie Lattin
Sue Todd

ABOUT OUR BOARD

Rick Bourne is the president and CEO of Spectrum Medical and has been in the home care administration field for 22 years. Rick and his wife Peggy share their home with two dogs.

Sally Cerny is the retired CEO of Northern Rocky Mountain Easter Seals-Goodwill. She and her husband Chuck have a Golden Retriever who is a rescued dog.

John Gilbert is a business appraiser and forensic financial analyst. His dog Beemer goes to work with him each day. His wife Donna is also a CPA and shares both an office and home with Beemer, as well. John doesn't have any cats, yet.

Bob James is a partner in the law firm of Ugrin, Alexander, Zadick & Higgins and has been a trial lawyer for 28 years. Bob and his wife Cindy have five grown children, three cats, and two dogs.

Andrea Johnstone has been the owner of a decorative plumbing and tile business for 24 years. She and her husband Bill have two sons and two very large dogs.

Melanie Lattin works for the City of Great Falls and is a canine and human massage practitioner. She and Matthew Grasseard share their home with three dogs and one rowdy cat.

Sue Todd is the owner of Mountain Title Services and is engaged to John Skees. She lives with two adopted pets: a dog from Camp Collie and a cat adopted 20 years ago from the animal shelter.

Only The Name Has Changed



WHEN WE FIRST ORGANIZED, OUR NAME WAS THE *Humane Society Foundation*. We began to see that the similarity between this name and that of the Humane Society of Cascade County was causing confusion within the community and as we certainly didn't want to cause any problems for our contributors, we changed the name to the Animal Foundation of Great Falls.

We like the simplicity of our new name and want everyone to know that only our name has changed. *Our purpose of improving animal welfare in Great Falls and the surrounding area has not. Our mission continues to be to raise funds to build a state-of-the-art animal shelter and develop a dog park* in Great Falls. Although we are a separate non-profit organization, we continue to work closely with the Humane Society to assure that the new facility will meet the needs of the animals.



We are very pleased that several new people have assumed active roles in the Animal Foundation. Two new trustees have joined the board, **Sally Cerny** and **Sue Todd**. Sally and Sue immediately assumed the responsibility of finding a group of 36 dedicated individuals who have volunteered to be ambassadors for the Foundation. (See *Ambassadors Pledge Support* on back page.)

Sherry Lacey Gallagher joined us as a part-time executive director as we began the planning and development phase of the capital campaign. However, after five months of dedicated work, Lacey left for personal reasons. The Animal Foundation has recently contracted with **Mary Willmarth** of VisionWest, Inc., to take the reins for the next nine months, leading us in our capital campaign. We're delighted to have Mary's expertise and enthusiasm, and know she will be a great asset in helping us reach our goals of building a new animal shelter and developing a dog park.

Plans for a New Animal Shelter Move Forward

THE ANIMAL FOUNDATION HAD A NUMBER OF CRITICAL QUESTIONS to answer before moving forward with fundraising activities. What animal care and control needs are specific to our community right now? What future needs are anticipated? How do we determine the optimal size of a new animal shelter? What services would be crucial to have and how should space be allocated in the new shelter? What about other amenities and the capacity for future expansion? And, most importantly, how much will all this cost?

The Animal Foundation answered these questions by seeking assistance from Animal Arts/Gates Hafen Cochrane, a Colorado firm specializing in designing animal care facilities. Mark Hafen came to Great Falls on September 27, 2004, and visited the current shelter and three potential shelter sites. He met with the city manager, assistant city manager, the Animal Foundation board, and several board members from the Humane Society of Cascade County (HSCC). Mark also individually interviewed each staff member of the HSCC. Along with looking in detail at the number and type of animals currently being cared for, Mark questioned each person closely about specific needs, animal control, building site considerations, and shelter amenities.

Story continues on page 2.

Plans for a New Animal Shelter *Story continued from cover page.*



In addition to the consultations, a public meeting was held at the Civic Center in which Mark presented information about the design process and showed photographs of state-of-the-art shelters being built in other cities. Public input was gathered on the new shelter design. The presence of approxi-

mately 70 people at the meeting clearly indicated that many people in Great Falls are interested in the welfare of animals.

Before leaving town, Mark provided a preliminary projection of the facility size that would best serve Great Falls given the population, the number of animals currently being served, and the desired services. He also provided preliminary budgets and cost estimates for facilities of varying sizes and for a variety of specific amenities.

The Animal Foundation is currently working with the HSCC to determine the size, services, and fundraising budget for

the new animal shelter. Once this decision is made, Mark will provide a preliminary design and revised cost estimates prior to the project being handed off to a local architectural firm. The Animal Foundation is continuing discussions with city officials to select the animal shelter site and hopes to have a location identified soon. We have embarked on the beginning phase of the capital fund drive. We look forward to launching more visible fundraising activities and telling the entire community about this exhilarating and worthwhile project.



Clean, bright and relatively quiet, the home-like atmosphere of a modern shelter invites visitors to linger and find the right companion.

What is a Dog Park, Anyway? *By Melanie Lattin*

THE ANIMAL FOUNDATION HAS A TWO-FOLD MISSION: *To raise funds to build a state-of-the-art animal shelter and to develop a dog park in Great Falls.* Everyone is familiar with animal shelters, but the concept of a dog park might be a new idea to many people here. It's really not a new idea, however, as dogs are already running and playing at more than 700 dog parks throughout the U.S.



A dog park is an area designated specifically for the use of dogs and their owners. It's a place where the design of the park and the available amenities make it obvious dogs are welcomed, not just permitted. Dog parks—or off-leash areas as they're called in some places—quickly turn into a gathering spot for dogs and their owners. Individual park designs vary immensely but all have one common purpose: to provide a

place where dogs can socialize and play legally, safely, and free from restraint. *Quite simply, a dog park is a place where people and their dogs can play together.*

Just as every community looks different, so does each dog park. However, they typically are fenced and have features such as clearly posted rules, dispensers with dog waste bags, water stations for dogs, play equipment, shelter for shade/rain protection, and benches.

In subsequent newsletters I look forward to describing how a dog park benefits canines, people, and the city itself (a little hint—a dog park isn't just for people who have dogs). The Foundation will initially focus on fundraising for the new shelter, but once that campaign is well under way we will be working together with the community to create Great Falls' first dog park. If you have any questions about dog parks or thoughts about what you'd like to see included in our dog park, please call me at 453-8598.

Dog parks in Missoula, Montana and Vacaville, California. Fences can be attractive, built of materials other than chain link.



Contributions to the Animal Foundation Cumulative through December 1, 2004

\$100,000 and Above

Margaret Maclean Estate

\$25,000 - \$99,999

We need more generous donors!

\$10,000 - \$24,999

Bob & Cindy James

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Anonymous

Big Sky Gold & Diamond Brokers
& Wholesale Jewelers

Rick & Peggy Bourne

Ben & Caroline Carter

Dan & Mary Beth Ewen

Joe & Terry Fox

Humane Society of Cascade County

Bill & Andrea Johnstone

Sue Todd

Roger & Lani Witt

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Carol Bradley & Steve L'Heureux
In Memory of Sadie

Gannett Company Match

Chuck & Sally Cerny

Barry & Sherry Lacey Gallagher

Pam Lemelin

Phil & Stella Palm

John & Sue Ann Stephenson-Love
In Memory of Gandhi

\$1,000 - \$2,499

Susan Carpenter

Central Montana Radio Network

Carolyn & Ed Dolezal

Jean Dybdal

John & Donna Gilbert

Jane G. Hibbard

Sue Holman

Paul & Lori Husted

Insty Prints

KRTV

Melanie Lattin

Jack & Kim Molloy

Glaxo Smith Kline

Company Match

Barbara Purdy

Adele & Rudell Robinson

John Skees

Ralph Steffani

Bill Tacke & Barb Teberg

Ugrin, Alexander, Zadick
& Higgins

\$500 - \$999

Herb & Debbie Chesterfield

Gina Drummond

Ray & Laurie Mohney

Ben & Mayme Ober

Ron & Rita Staley

\$250 - \$499

Davidson Companies

Humane Society of

Cascade County

Board of Directors

Cathy Lewis

Photo Plus

John & Jan Popa

Catherine Reid

Jill & Jerry Santy

\$100 - \$249

Anonymous

John & Judy Alexander

Art Works Frame Shop & Gallery

Bern & Pugh, Inc.

Best Law Offices

Alexander & Andy Blewett

Joanie Carl

Mike & Gail Carter

Clinic Pharmacy

Conklin, Nybo & Lanning

Connor, Shannon & Pinski

Jim & Nancy Cory

Andrew & Wendy Davidson

Dennis & Susan Dell

Douglas Wilson & Company, P.C.

Entech Computers &

Office Automation

Clarissa Ewing

Jim & Sandra Francetich

Michael & Sydne George

Jeff & Mary Gray

Teresa Gray

Delbert & Pamela Grote

Heritage Bank

Mark & Patty Higgins

Jardine, Stephenson, Blewett

& Weaver

Bjarne & Dena Johnson

Lewis, Slovak & Kovacich

Loucks & Glassley

William & Pamela Lundberg

Jack & Peggy Manning

Les Marsh

Ryan & Gail Miller

William & Joyce Miller

Jeff & Jolene Monheim

Ray & Cary Nicklay

Doug & Sherry Oswald

Greg & Deb Oswood

Patterson Insurance Agency

Penny's Gourmet To Go

Power Pro

Tom & Jan Robitaille

Dennis & Debra Ruggerie

Howard Strause

Thaddeus & Su Suits

Mick & Suzie Taleff

Mitch & Erin Tropila

Art Weber

John & Hedda Wolfe

Roger & Jan Wolter

Terry & Linda Youngworth

Up to \$99

Ed & Helen Alexander

Arthur Alt

Bill & Cheryl Antonich

Robert & Linda Bailey

Jeanne Baumann

Mark & Meredith Beckedahl

Jean Birch

R. Gayle Boule

Bob & Shirley Bowlin

Linda Capozzoli

Donald & Jacay Carey

Jan & Lisette Carter

S. Wayne Chamberlin

Mary Ann Connelly

Terry & Monika Crummett

Wales & Marie Davis

Donna Dawson

Andree Deligdisch

Elizabeth H. DeLoach

Marianne Denning

Jim Donahue

T. Dosen

Patricia Dross

Annie Earl

Patricia Earley

Ramuldo & Eleanor Faccenda

Ginger Flesch

Harold & Elenor Fransen

David Freeman & Virginia Salvador

Karen Gaare

BJ Garrett

Mary Gaudreau

Randy Gray & Nora Flaherty-Gray

Howard & Frances Gusaas

William N. & Janet Hale

Don & Tina Harboway

Gregory Harby

Thomas & Debra Healy

Andrea Hedges

Scott & Elizabeth Hobbs

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hooker

G.S. & M.H. Houlihan

Dick & Barbara Jaraczski

Mary Ellen Johnson

Rich & Rita Kuka

George & Doris Kreis

Sonja Lee

Robert & Jane Leirdahl

Elizabeth Magee

Richard & Carol Marberg

Jean Martin

Bryan & Kim Martin

Gavin & Katie McCluey

Gary & Barb Mercer

Jeanne Miller

Montana Senior News

James & Sheryl Mowry

Jean Murray

John & Daisy Nelson

Earl & Lillian O'Neil

Jerry & Ilene Olson

W.D. & C.U. Olson

Ann Ortesi

Theresa Oyhamburu

J.A. & Doris Pascal

Cheryl Pinsonneault

Nada Pitt

Richard & Theresa Preite

Ray & Jeanne Quigley

Lorrain Ramos

Al & Lois Reeves

Barbara Rooney

Lockie Rosebasky

Carl Rostad & Nancy Luth

Greg & Deb Schwandt

Margaret Smith

Mark Smith & Jodie Ugrin-Smith

Gayle Stende

Geraldine Stensrud

Steve & Lois Spencer

Shirlee Thiebes

Wallace & Diane Thompson

Robert & Monica Tucker

Neil & Evie Ugrin

Barbara Urquhart

Roy & Diane Volk

Russel & Judy Waring

Elizabeth Waterfield

Bradley & Cheryl Weaver

Pam Whitaker

Madeleine Willson

Steve & Clara Wilson

Gary & Mimi Wolf

Jerry & Jenny Yoneji

Marion Zenz

Scotty & Claire Zion

Memorials 2004

Richard Jaraczski

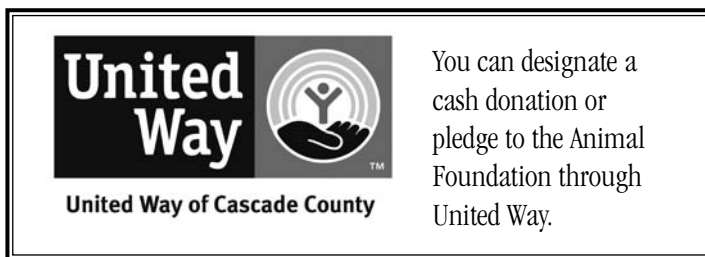
William & Janet Hale

Greg & Debra Schwandt

Bob & Cindy James

Ward F. Junkermier

Bob & Cindy James



We make every effort to get names and amounts correct; however, if we have made an error or omission, please let us know and accept our sincere apology.

Be sure to check out our website, www.theanimalfoundation.org, for more information about the Animal Foundation. The website includes a virtual tour of the existing animal shelter which should be of particular interest to people who have not visited that facility. And, for your convenience, you can contribute to the capital fund drive on-line!

Ambassadors Pledge Support

ONE OF THE MOST IMMEDIATE TASKS FACING THE ANIMAL Foundation as we move toward our goal of raising two million dollars is informing the public and letting the people of Great Falls know of the tremendous need for a new animal shelter. This is especially true since, to our knowledge, this is the first capital fund drive for animals ever held in Great Falls.

This past summer 36 people stepped forward to assist with this job. They began by attending an orientation session which covered the purpose of The Animal Foundation, numbers of animals served by the current shelter and its condition, features and benefits of modern shelters, a description of dog parks, and a presentation on the importance of animals to the lives and well-being of humans.

Grant Helps Get Brochures Printed

Many thanks to Insty-Prints for the \$1,000 grant. We are putting it to good use to help get the word out about our group and how people can help the animals.

Thanks also to Carolyn Valacich of the Great Falls Symphony for helping us with some of our printed materials for the capital campaign.

The Ambassadors are individuals who are concerned about animals and their welfare in our community. They have agreed to actively promote the new shelter and share information about it with their friends, and they have all agreed that they will make a financial contribution to the Foundation for the shelter project.

The Animal Foundation is pleased to have the support of this enthusiastic group as we move forward with this important project. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their commitment and interest in helping the animals.

*Tom & Claire Baiz
Ben & Caroline Carter
Sally Cerny
Jean Dybdal
Beth Evenson
Dan & Mary Beth Ewen
Ben & Janette Forsyth
Joe & Terry Fox
Dr. Pat & Lyn Galvas
Laura Gustavson
Gene & Doris Hodges
Sue Holman*

*Paul & Lori Husted
Barb Jaraczski
Pam Lemelin
Anne & Larry Martinez
Ray Mohnney
Stu & Janie Nicholson
Jill & Jerry Santy
Ron & Rita Staley
John & Sue Ann
Stephenson-Love
Dr. Bill Tacke & Barb Teberg*

Between the major gift campaign, the grass roots campaign, and the special events committee, more than 100 people are actively involved with fundraising for the Animal Foundation.


animal
FOUNDATION
of Great Falls

*Fostering a caring
community for animals*

P.O. Box 3426
Great Falls, MT 59403
www.theanimalfoundation.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Mary Willmarth
406.727.6826

Presort Standard
U.S. Postage
PAID
Great Falls, MT
Permit No. 151

SAVE THIS DATE!

First Annual Fur Ball April 23, 2005

Heritage Inn
6pm

*Yappy Hour — Dinner — Perfect Desserts
Entertainment — Live & Silent Auctions*

Don't miss this special
fundraiser for the Animal Foundation.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED