

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 12 & 26, Feb. 9 & 23, Mar. 9 – Dog walking classes
- Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 18 – CDHS membership meetings
- Mar. 9 – Alley Cats and Dogs Bowling Fundraiser
- Mar. 23 – Bene-Pet Dinner and Auction

Focus on all Fours

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A publication for friends of the Central Dakota Humane Society

CDHS alum gives back to his community

By Danielle Hanna
Photo by Jolene Podoll

One Saturday morning in December, I stood outside a room in the Morton Mandan Public Library, peeking in through the window. A little girl sat cross-legged on the floor, her nose buried in a book. Every now and again, I glimpsed her face and the expression of wonder as she lost herself in the story. Just as enchanted was the droopy-eared Basset Hound sitting in front of her.

I had come specifically to see this unique program called R.E.A.D.—Reading Education Assistance Dogs. Certified therapy pets come to libraries and schools around the country to simply lend their non-criticizing attention to kids struggling with reading skills. The Bismarck-Mandan area should be proud that it boasts a handful of these remarkable animals that help children relax and focus. But I was surprised to find out that this talented Basset Hound had crossed my path before.

I had the opportunity to speak with his handler, Kellie Hoffman, during their break. The more I looked at the handsome black and tan dog, the more I thought he looked familiar. Finally, I asked Kellie where she'd gotten him. "From the humane society," she replied. She calls him Flash now, but she told me he had previously been Moby. The light bulb blinked on in my head as I remembered an easy-going Basset greeting the world through his kennel door with happy eyes. But his path to our shelter was the result of a series of misfortunes.

It was the summer of 2011, and Bismarck/

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Mandan was fighting the flood that broke all records. In the midst of the chaos, one little Basset Hound lost his owners and wound up wandering through the flood zones. His luck turned when a dog-lover found him and took him in. Certain his owners must be looking for him, she hung posters, intending to hold on to him until she found his real home. But no one came forward. Then the next misfortune hit.

The woman contracted pneumonia and landed in the ICU. Her mother was willing to take care of her own dogs, but didn't have a place for the homeless one – Moby. So in he trotted through our front door – head up, tail swinging side-to-side, ready to take on whatever life dished up.

“He didn't act upset being in the kennel,” Carrie, our office manager, remembers. “[Dogs] that come from a home, they usually get a little depressed, and he was fine.” Several people had taken a hand in bringing him to us in the first place, but one more would not only change his life forever, but give him the chance to change lives, as well.

Kellie Hoffman is a wife and mom – and a veteran diagnosed with PTSD. She decided that the best solution for her condition might come with four paws and a tail: a service dog. “I just needed one kind of as a companion and that would go with me places where there were lots of people and kinda just sense when I was getting anxious.” She had intended to go through a program that matches service dogs with potential owners, but it would have involved a lot of time and effort for a dog that, for her, didn't need a very tight skill set.

About the same time, Kellie and her kids became interested in volunteering at CDHS. After volunteer orientation, Kellie was simply strolling down our kennels looking for someone to walk when she came across Moby. “There was this Basset Hound sitting there, looking like he wanted to go somewhere. So we said, ‘Can we take him out?’ and they said sure, so we took him out.” Moby wasted no time working his charm on Kellie and her family. “My kids sat on the ground and he jumped in their lap. And I just looked at him and I thought, yeah, he's got the great temperament that I'm looking for.”

Kellie was approved for adoption, brought Moby home, and renamed him Flash. He turned out to be everything she needed in a service dog. He wears a service vest, goes with her everywhere, loves his car rides, and knows by instinct – no training – when his mom's anxiety is coming over her. “He crawls up in my lap when I'm feeling that way.”

But his new life as a working dog didn't end with helping his new mom. Kellie's neighbor, Joan Morton, interested her in therapy pet work. Joan and her certified therapy dog, a Doberman Pincher named Rose, visit hospitals and nursing homes together and participate in the R.E.A.D. program at Morton Mandan Public Library. Kellie quickly recognized that Flash was a prime candidate for therapy work. He's earned his Canine Good Citizen certificate and is currently

putting in volunteer hours toward certification that will allow him to go into any setting as a therapy dog.

When I told Carrie about Flash's new life as a service and therapy dog, she wasn't surprised. “He's got the personality and the temperament for it, and I think that's something he was probably meant to do.” Kellie agrees. “He really likes it. He just likes people.” Apparently, Flash has only two vices: he drinks coffees and sodas when he's alone in the car (hey, he needs his caffeine) and he sleeps on the couch. He's no longer left with unattended beverages, but as for the sofa, Kellie decided, “If that's the worst we get out of this, he can sleep on the couch.”

Flash started out as a dog in need. But he's turned right around and said thank you to his home and his community by helping the people around him. He really reflects the spirit of our mission, “Doing Great Things for Pets and People.” Atta boy, Flash!



Submitted photo

Something to Bark About!

Would your pet be a good candidate for therapy reading work like Flash does? The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library and the Morton Mandan Public Library are looking for more volunteers to meet the interest in their pet reading programs. The program at Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library is called B.A.R.K. (Bismarck Animals Reading with Kids), and at Morton Mandan Public Library, Reading Tails.

Both programs require your pet to be trained in therapy work and certified by a therapy pet organization, such as Love on a Leash, the Delta Society, or R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs). Current vaccination records are also required. While dogs are most commonly associated with therapy pet reading programs, cats have also qualified, and Morton Mandan Public Library has even hosted bunnies in the past.

For more information and to get involved, contact Traci Juhala, Head of Children's Services at Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, 355-1489, tjuhala@cdln.info; or Linda Austin, Children's Program Coordinator at Morton Mandan Public Library, 667-5365.



CDHS alumni, Daphne, has a great time hanging out with some young readers at the Bismarck Veteran's Memorial Public Library.

Winter weather precautions

Baby, it's cold outside! Take these precautions to protect your pets during cold, winter weather:

1. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice. Especially during a snowstorm, dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost.
2. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.
3. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
4. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
5. If your dog spends a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him in tip-top shape.

Dog Walking Classes

Dog walking classes are now being held twice a month - on the second and fourth Saturdays. Classes require pre-registration. If you plan to attend, please call the shelter at 667-2020 and leave a message for Mandy.

Needs List



- Monetary Donations
 - Standard-sized covered litter boxes
 - Single- and double-sized carpeted cat condos
 - Thank You Notes
 - Gasoline Cards
 - HP 950 black ink cartridges
 - HP 951 color Ink cartridges
 - Cat Litter (non-clumping)*
 - Booklets of Forever Stamps
 - Heavy Duty Sheet Protectors
 - Paper Towels
 - Rubber Backed Rugs
 - Fleece (Should be new - Will be used to make blankets to sell.)
 - Cat and Dog Beds (Washable)
 - Dog Toys
 - Soft Dog Treats
 - Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags
 - Wild Bird Food
 - Good Condition enclosed 4- or 6-horse trailer
 - HE Liquid Laundry Detergent
- * Always in short supply.

Full of gratitude

By Sue Buchholz, Shelter Director

It's hard to believe another year has passed! Time goes so quickly, it makes me even more aware to slow down and take a moment to really appreciate the people and events in my life that make my world such a warm and happy place. The days at the shelter are the same routine, but different animals who come to us with unique needs. As I have stated before, it's never boring at work, I can assure you!

I would like to thank each and every one of the dedicated staff employed by CDHS. They all work very hard every day to make sure our critters are not just warm and well fed, but that each one's individual needs are met. It is no small task, but one I see accomplished day after day and it makes me so proud of our little shelter. We are by far not the biggest, but I truly believe we are one of the very best!

Our full-time shelter workers are Kristie Heck, Chris Hendrickson and Kaysi Kapsch. These key players bring a consistency of care that I feel is invaluable, and I appreciate every one of them.

Our part-time (but no less valuable) employees are Nancy Fehr, Caroline Hamel, Danielle Hanna, Lizzi Hendrickson, Sonya Johnson, Shelly Kohler, Nicole Martineson, Larry Nytz, Tana Pendergast, Carrie Schmidt, Brenda Voeller and Kristina Woodall.

Some work consistently only weekends, some a couple days during the week, and the others fill in wherever needed. We need seven people every day to clean kennels in both buildings, and we do this seven days a week. Weekends, holidays and the days the shelter is not open to the public are no exception. We made a commitment to the animals and our supporters, and we intend to never let either one down. Each and every employee has my gratitude and admiration.

Carrie Kirkaldie, our office manager, plays many roles and juggles them all with a calm demeanor. Donor receipts, fun and heartfelt thank you letters, merchandise ordering, accounts payable, and customer service via telephone and in person - Carrie handles it all. And much more! Her office holds a cat (or three) that either is a special needs kitty or someone who is taking longer to adjust. Carrie finds time to give her own brand of pet therapy, and has found success again and again when a scaredy cat graduates from her office into the adoption areas. It's not long before another takes its place, and Carrie says that's just the way she likes it!

Mandy Schaaf is our part-time volunteer coordinator and fills a position we needed for a long time. Mandy took this role and ran with it, and now we do not know how we managed without her. Not as well, we think. Mandy uses her time to cultivate and match volunteers for specific events, and has expanded the role when needed and has been the chairperson at a few fundraisers as well. During her afternoons at the shelter she also assists with the public, does some reference/landlord checks on adoptions, helps answer telephones (which ring off the hook), trains volunteers, and does it all with grace and a smile.

The Board of Directors are more behind-the-scenes people who keep this train on the track and running smoothly. They are giving their time and talents in meetings, at fundraising events, and are always available when I need them - which can be at odd hours sometimes. But I have never heard a complaint. It's obvious they love this shelter as much as we do, and to each and every one who play a role on the board, I thank you!

Then lastly, our donors. Without you, none of this would be possible. That's a thought we all can and should keep in the front of our minds. What we are able to accomplish here is 100-percent funded by donor dollars. It's as simple as that. Without your good faith and trust, we would not exist. And that concept would be a devastating one for the animals and the people we serve. Our goal is to continue to serve our communities to the best of our abilities, and continue our efforts to bring about a time when there are no more homeless pets. It's a lofty goal, we know - but one we intend to strive for one homeless cat and dog at a time.

As we move ever forward, I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year! Please spend time with the people and beloved animals who make your world complete!



Getting ready for the legislative session

By Cameo Skager, CDHS Board President



By the time you read this, the 2013 Legislative Assembly will be under way. CDHS has been involved with a group who has been working to rewrite the animal cruelty section of North Dakota's Century Code. This group, called North Dakotans for Responsible Animal Care, includes CDHS, Humane Society Fargo-Moorhead, ND Stockmen's Association, ND Farm Bureau, ND Farmer's Union, ND Veterinary Medical Association, Dakota Zoo and ND Agriculture Department. This group has worked very hard to come up with new law language that is acceptable to all parties and spent many hours revamping current sections of the law.

We have agreed to new definitions for neglect, abandonment and cruelty and have agreed to change the law to acknowledge a class C felony charge for those whose actions result in serious illness, serious injury or death of an animal.

Five legislators have agreed to sponsor the bill – Senator Tim Flakoll (R-Fargo), Senator David O'Connell (D-Lansford), Senator Judy Lee (R-West Fargo), Representative Lois Delmore (D-Grand Forks) and Representative Dennis Johnson (R-Devils Lake). Hopefully, more will sign on when the bill is finalized.

CDHS plans to testify at the hearings when the bill is presented and will do our best to encourage our state legislators to support the bill as written.

How can you help?

If you are not a fan of CDHS on Facebook, please go to our page and "Like" it. We will be posting important information there (and on our website) about what the public can do to support this bill. When the time is right, members of the public will need to be calling/emailing their legislators and encouraging them to vote yes on the bill. It will be very important that many people do this. If we are serious about changing North Dakota's animal cruelty law, then we all need to speak up.

The legislators signed on to sponsor the bill do realize that even though Measure 5 failed, that does not mean the citizens do not want a stronger law. We want a law that covers all animals, that is drafted by North Dakotans, and that covers the most common forms of abuse found in our state. There may be others, though, that believe since Measure 5 failed, the citizens do not want a change. It will be up to all of you (and many others) to make sure our legislature knows what we want and what the animals of North Dakota truly deserve.

Tours & Thanks & Things

- ✂ WOW! Thank you to the Tom and Frances Leach Foundation for their wonderful donation!
- ✔ Thank you to Rita O'Neill for visiting with the youth group at Shepherd of the Valley Church. And thank you to the youth for collecting donations for CDHS!
- ✂ What a great group of kids! Mrs. Fix's fifth-grade class at Dorothy Moses Elementary visited the shelter and brought donations they had collected from the whole school! Woo Hoo!
- ✔ Thank you to Daisy Girl Scouts Troup 87146 and Troup 83199. They took a tour of the shelter. They are exploring animal care and their program is called "Out & About With Animals."
- ✂ Thanks to the Sunday School fifth- and sixth-grade classes at McCabe Methodist Church. They toured the shelter and visited with the animals.
- ✔ Hurray for the third-grade class at St. Joseph's School. They donated several items from our needs list.
- ✂ Thanks so much to the Super Valu Warehouse for their donation of pet food. They also donated cash to CDHS that was raised from their Jean's Day fundraiser. SUPER!
- ✔ Our hats are off to the North Dakota Department of Human Services. They put up Christmas trees with items from our needs list on paper ornaments. They collected many boxes of great donations. You guys are great!
- ✂ The Lewis and Clark Elementary third-graders are at it again. They collected a mountain of donations for the shelter and brought it all along when they came for a tour. Super kids!
- ✔ Thank you to the eighth-grade Mandan Middle School Wranglers who raised and donated \$400 to CDHS. Yee Haw!
- ✂ Thank you to the confirmation students at Zion Lutheran Church for raising money for the animals. You guys rock!
- ✔ Thank you to the Linz Family Charitable Fund for their donation.
- ✂ Thank you to Darlene Kautzman for naming CDHS as her charity of choice under the Dougherty and Company LLC matching charity program.

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Board of Director Elections to be held in March

Elections for the CDHS board of directors will be held March 18 at the general membership meeting, 6 p.m. at the Broadway Conference Center in Bismarck. There are four general board positions open, plus we will hold elections for all executive board positions. Any CDHS member may vote at the election. Members wanting to apply for a board position must have been a member for 30 days and must submit their intent in writing (email is fine) to CDHS President Cameo Skager, by March 8. Contact Cameo at cksn@bis.midco.net.

Paw-some Volunteer

Mike Holman, our Pawesome Volunteer, has been volunteering with CDHS for about six years. Mike does a variety of tasks for CDHS including repairing computers, repairing the lawn mowers, and most recently Mike caulked the entire dog building. Mike has also removed snow from the parking lot after heavy storms, hauled cans to the recycler, hauled garbage to the dump, and picked up garbage at McQuade's Tournament.



Mike Holman

Mike has helped pull video off the surveillance system and set up a WIFI network. WOW! That is a lot of work Mike!

When Mike was asked what his favorite thing about the shelter and volunteering

was he answered, "Knowing that all the things I do are helping provide a place for animals in need. I may not take care of the animals directly, but I help with the infrastructure of CDHS which in turn helps provide for the animals."

When Mike was asked about his thoughts/comments about staff and volunteers he said, "The staff and volunteers are the type of people who give without asking for anything in return. When you see the caring and nurturing that takes place every day, it is amazing."

Mike would like to tell people that might be thinking of volunteering that they will never regret giving to the animals and receiving from them as well. The staff and volunteers are all great people and a pleasure to work with.

When asked about Mike, our volunteer coordinator said, "I can tell you that Mike has made a big difference in the lives of many shelter pets and in the lives of the staff. He and his wife, Karen, who is the Treasurer for CDHS, are constantly making improvements to the computer system, the computers and donating their time and talents. They both donate many, many hours of time and have CDHS in their minds at all times. CDHS surely does appreciate everything they do!"

Reflections from 2012 and tidbits for 2013

By Mandy Schaaf, Volunteer Coordinator

As I reflect back on 2012, I can hardly believe it's been almost two years since I was lucky enough to be hired as Central Dakota Humane Society's Volunteer Coordinator. Much of this time has been spent learning about CDHS and developing the volunteer programming. I have learned so much from watching our long-term volunteers and staff and that has helped me to pass on helpful advice to our "newbies" and sometimes resulted in tweaking and then re-tweaking programs again and again until we get things just right.

One of our programs that have been adjusted a bit is our dog walking class. We only used to hold the class the second Saturday of the month, but because of the demand and size of the class we have added an additional class on the fourth Saturday of the month as well. Both classes fill up at least a week before the class so if you want to come, don't hesitate, and call for your spot right away!

I find the fact that so many people want to take the class so encouraging. This class is a great way to get an orientation to both dog walking and the organization as well. We strongly encourage you to come back regularly after you've taken the class and the more you come, the better the staff and critters get to know you and the more comfortable you will be in our shelter. I understand that it is sometimes a little intimidating that first time you come out on your own. You try to remember all the little tidbits Danielle and I tell you during the class, such as which collar will fit the dog you want to walk, who should you take, what color was the sign again that you were supposed to look for, remember not to touch the animals with the quarantine sign, which leash was it again that is the best one etc, etc. etc. I promise that if you come back at least three times within a month of taking the class and then come back on a regular basis you will feel more and more at ease each time you walk through those shelter doors. And please don't ever be afraid to ask for help. Visiting the shelter will not only benefit CDHS critters but you as well!

Besides dog walking, by far our most popular volunteer activity is the job of "critter companion." Because our staff is so busy with their daily duties of cleaning, scooping litter pans and answering questions from the public during our open hours, the visiting, petting, combing, giving treats, walking and snuggling falls into the hands of our volunteers. Being a critter companion is serious business here at the shelter and those of you that come every Saturday, rain or shine and hang out for a few hours, make more of a difference than you know in the life of our dogs and cats. A kind word, pet or treat to our longer-term residents or our newer furry guests might not seem like such a big deal to you but it does a lot for the health and well-being of our critters.

Another part of my job that has grown is my involvement in some of the annual fundraising events such as: Bene-Pet, Doggie Wash, Shaggy Shuffle and Raging Rivers Family Fun Day, Dog Days Deals Rummage Sale and Santa Paws. These events have been around long before my time. I had to only ask who generally does these events and explain the duties to those of you that have just come on board and there you were with your costumes on, your counting caps on and your customer service skills all in full gear. I sure appreciate you and thank you for your hard work in 2012!

As you know many, many worthy nonprofits have fundraisers. The competition for donor dollars is ongoing so we can never sit back and say "enough is enough." This is why we've added a wine tasting event, a beer tasting event, a bowl-a-thon and a haircutting event to our roster. Sometimes when we have not had an event previously it is difficult to plan for every possible scenario, so a big thank you to those who have jumped into the mix and "gone with the flow" as we plan and execute our new events.

Some events are easier than others to get involved in and I would like to throw out a challenge



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Adoptable Pets

See more CDHS adoptable pets on the web at www.cdhs.net/adoptablepets.htm



Butler
*Neutered Male
 Doxie/Cocker Cross*
*Approximate date
 of birth: August
 2004*
*Origin: Owner
 Surrender*



Cartman
Adopted



Cash
*Neutered male Pit
 Bull*
*Approximate date
 of birth: 2007*
Origin: Stray



Chelsea
*Unspayed Female
 Mixed Breed*
*Approximate date
 of birth: January
 2012*
Origin: Stray



Zulu
*Unneutered Male
 Heeler/Catahoula
 Cross*
*Approximate date
 of birth: May
 2012*
*Origin: Unclaimed
 Impound*



Tuaca
*Neutered Male
 Collie/Basset Cross*
*Approximate date
 of birth: October
 2010*
Origin: Stray



Pinga
*Unspayed Female
 Short Hair (DSH)
 White with Black*
*Approximate date of
 birth: June 8, 2012*
Origin: Stray



Natalia
*Unspayed Female
 Pitbull*
*Approximate date of
 birth: December
 2011*
Origin: Stray



Jinxie
*Unneutered Male
 Pointer Cross*
*Approximate
 date of birth:
 December 2011*
Origin: Stray



Hayden
*Unneutered Male
 Lab/Shepherd/St.
 Bernard Cross*
*Approximate
 date of birth:
 November 2008*
Origin: Unclaimed



Garbanzo
*Spayed Female
 Tabby and White;
 short hair*
*Approximate date
 of birth: May
 2012*
Origin: Stray



Diesel
*Neutered Male
 Miniature
 Schnauzer*
*Approximate date
 of birth: May 9,
 2012*
*Origin: Owner
 Surrender*



Cochise
*Unneutered Male
 Lab Cross*
*Approximate
 date of birth:
 November 2011*
*Origin: Owner
 Surrender*



Stanley
*Neutered Male
 Short Hair (DSH)
 Tabby and White*
*Approximate date
 of birth: May 3,
 2012*
Origin: Stray



**Dennis the
 Menace**
*Neutered Male
 Silver/Grey Tabby;
 short hair*
*Approximate
 date of birth:
 February 2012*
*Origin: Owner
 Surrender*

Beerfest for CDHS a big success

Our first Beerfest for CDHS event was another successful fundraiser. In addition to the many selections of beers provided by Harvest Grille we were treated to a surprise with the addition of several beers from upstart local Bird Dog Brewery. While experiencing an abundance of great appetizers served throughout the evening, attendees were able to bid on about a dozen items in a silent auction and browse through handmade jewelry items provided by Chris Koski. We look forward to continuing this event.

Santa Paws made it through the blizzard (almost)

Santa got into a bit of a tussle with Mother Nature at our annual Santa Paws event. Santa held out for several hours, but in the end Mother Nature won the fight. Despite the icy road conditions, we set up shop at Plantperfect as planned and were greeted by dozens of loyal CDHS supporters and their pets. We completed about 50 photo sittings and when a nasty blizzard kicked up, we were forced to close the doors. Thank you so much to those who attended and to those who wanted to attend and couldn't make it. We'll be there next year! Please come back! Thanks to Plantperfect for hosting us and to In-Dog-Neat-O for once again sponsoring the event and covering our costs. A special thanks to Santa Brad and Mrs. Claus (Renell) for volunteering their time and talent. If you ever want a visit from Santa, we know how to get in touch with him!

Central Dakota Humane Society

Alley Cats and Dogs Bowling Fun Day

Location: Midway Lanes
Date: Saturday, March 9, 2013
1:00 pm sharp
Entry fee per team is \$100.00

- Bring an item from our needs list and get a small token from CDHS.
- All proceeds go to CDHS.

To register call
Linda Roehrich
701-258-1040
or email
llroehrich@hotmail.com





Tails of Success

Squirrely (formerly Dakota) and Murphy



Hello Central Dakota Humane Society! We have been wanting to send you pictures for a long time of our two buddies, and here they are! We adopted "Murphy," the black one, in July of 2007 and "Squirrely," the brown one, (formerly Dakota) in February of 2012. They are joy and adventure! They

have found out that they can swim and love the river, they fetch, they play, they love us up, comfort us and provide great entertainment. Did I mention that they are also "stashers?" If we can't find something, and can find their "stash," the item is guaranteed to be there. Ha. Our hobby farm provides them with many other "buddies," like chickens, cats, a duck and horses. They go with us everywhere and are wonderful with our families. Thank you so much for saving their lives and letting us love them up. Keep on doing your terrific work.

- Carmen and Troy

Vinnie

Vinnie has been with us for almost two months. Last week he graduated from Betsy's obedience class. He is doing well, learning lots of new things, and keeping us entertained. He loves to go to the dog park and run with other dogs. Vinnie really wants to make friends with



the cats and is doing better about not chasing them. He's housetrained now, and can even give "high fives." The picture is of Vinnie playing with his "cousin" Gunner. Thanks!!

- Pittman Family

Punxsutawney Phil

Sorry it has taken us so long to give an update, but boy does time fly. We are the Olson family and back in March we adopted Punxsutawney Phil. We decided to keep his name and we just call him Phil. Phil has been the most amazing pet ever and we are so very blessed to have him as part of our family. We have a six-year-old daughter and they get along great. Phil is so playful and doesn't mind being hauled around by a six-year-old. We couldn't have had a better experience adopting from CDHS and we have told everyone we know that it is the place to go for a pet. The staff was so wonderful in helping us find the perfect fit for our family! Thank you so much for helping us add to our family and giving us the best cat ever! We love Phil so much and cannot even imagine what our home would be like without him. Thank you!

- the Olson family



Brewster

Brewster (formerly Abbot) has been a part of our life for five months. I forgot how naughty and wild pups can be (lousy manners; pushes his way to the front of every situation). I forgot how quickly they learn good manners when a treat is a real possibility. I forgot how quickly they nudge their way into your heart (after you realize the shoe he chewed wasn't one you really wanted anyhow). And I never ever thought that our old girl Shelby would do more than tolerate this pest. And that she's so much younger-acting - even playing with Brewster daily (although he still can't lie down in the same room when she's alert). I am realizing that my life with Brewster and Shelby is the best (and, NO, two really is enough).

- Robin



To read more Tails of Success and view pictures of CDHS pets in their forever homes, go to www.cdhs.net and click the Success Stories link.



Ambush

I was so sad to see the recent article about the very shy dog that came back to CDHS. I know every dog is different and I am so thankful we have a much different outcome with our adoption.

January 5th is one year since we adopted Ambush. She is the second very shy and timid dog we adopted. If I could say one thing to anyone adopting a shy, withdrawn pup, I would say, "Patience, patience, and more patience." She has been a tough case, but it has been truly amazing to be on the journey with her.

She was straight legged, stiff, and vibrated with shakes when we first met her. I saw a little spark of playfulness when one of the fantastic CDHS staff got down on her hands and knees across the room from Ambush. Her tail came up for a just a bit. I also learned from watching that staff person and I took over the "treat lady" role when Ambush came home. It's my little secret with her and now I am her favorite adopted family member!

I have worked hard on earning her trust. At first she could only sit on the opposite end of the couch, facing away from everybody. We had to carry her outside and I even brought the water dish to her because I was afraid she wasn't getting any those first few days.

It has taken Ambush much longer to feel safe with us than the other adopted dog. We heaped praise on her and celebrated every first, from the wag of her tail to the first kiss on my nose and the first time she found her funny little bark. She is absolutely adorable.

I think for Ambush, the power of the pack has helped her tremendously. She came to a home with three other dogs. She has been so inquisitive and smart from the first day. She constantly watches them and learns much from them. She learned to play gentle with the smaller dogs and is just a hoot to watch!

Now Ambush trusts me enough to sit and stay when I ask her to so I can pick her up. When I am home, she is actually very demanding

with all of us. She will bark and kick her back feet when she wants a treat or to play - she literally hops and bounces through the house. She can be flat out obnoxious if someone sits on the couch with food!

After a year she is finally starting to be playful and happy even when I am not home.

She is even curious enough to go and sniff the hands of visitors too. Ambush fits perfectly in our little pack. She might never do well in unfamiliar settings, but that's OK. She is so amazingly brave to let herself trust us. She gets lots of love, tons of praise, and more patience than I knew I had.

I can't thank you enough for giving pets the chance to be loved and have a safe, happy life. I hardly recognize that scared little dog in the picture we met a year ago. The other picture is Ambush in my face wanting my cheese slice. She is so not afraid when anyone has food!

- PJ



Hello everyone,

It has been almost a year since I moved in with my parents so I thought I would write you a letter to let you know how everything is going. Well, let me first start with the bad.....I have to get haircuts!!! Can you imagine, it's horrible, I get buzzed and clipped and washed and perfumed and I hate it! AND they took all the shoes away!! I can't help it if I love shoes and want to bring them all into the living room and add them to my pile of toys. It's not like I chew on them, I just want to snuggle with them, oh well. Ok, that's my bad list...now on to the good.

As it turns out I am a good dog, a very good dog, or so my mom says. For starters I don't bark, not ever. I just think that sort of thing is for the uncivilized. I will however let out a little growl if someone is coming up the front walk. Despite what everyone said, I am NOT a runner. Nope, I stay close to my parents, preferably my mom, at all times even off leash.

I really see no need to run. I mean where would I go and who would be there? And speaking of outside....they have SNOW here! I LOVE snow!! I love to roll in it, run through it, dig in it, bury my face in it, I just love everything about snow. The cold doesn't bother me one bit! I am still terribly shy and have a very very small circle of people I will actually let pet me but I do love them all so! Treats are another new favorite of mine but I have to share beef jerky with my dad. I also get to go to work most days and I LOVE it. It makes my little doggy heart sing. I twirl in circles at the back door when mom puts her coat on.

Because of my social anxiety I have moved myself into the living room and dining room where I can be alone. I have my big pile of toys and bed in there. I like to toss them around when nobody is looking and I have a great view out the front windows. I would say give everyone there a kiss for me but you know that's not really my style but know that I send my best.

Priscilla



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abiding love of animals.
 In loving memory of **Sandy Mees** from Dennis & Jennifer Mees-Boger
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 In memory of my beloved dog, **Buddy** from Ione Melling.
 In loving memory of **all my CDHS children**. From Teresa Sahli
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 In memory of my lil squirty, **Emma**. She brought much happiness to many lives. From Dawn Mertz
 In loving memory of **Honey**, beloved dog of Rachel & Erv Monson from Jan & Bob Hubal
 In loving memory of **Hota & Bunny**, two long term residents at CDHS. They lived a long and full life at the shelter and it will not be the same without them there. From Lee & Jolene Podoll, Andrea Hoffman
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 In loving memory of **Trooper**, a very special dog of Cheri's daughter, Konnie Olson. He was a once-in-a-lifetime dog. From Anna Johnson
 In loving memory of my old 21 year old friend of fur, **Wallace**. From Marilyn Johnson

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 In loving memory of **Scout**, beloved canine companion of Mike & Denise Upham
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 In loving memory of **Sport**, beloved feline companion of Heidi Heitkamp & Darwin Lange and family
 In loving memory of **Tanner**, beloved canine companion of Joe Arenz
 In loving memory of **Tee-Jay**, beloved feline companion of Laurie Linz
 In loving memory of **Tiki**, beloved canine companion of Mary Neibauer

Memorials from Lunn's Kennel Club:

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In memory and in honor of **Elmer & Evelyn Klipstein** from John & Glenda Klipstein Sevcik.
 In honor of **Lexi & Willow** from Audrey Zahm.
 In honor of **Kadyn Mason**. Merry Christmas from Grandma & Grandpa!
 In honor of the rescue of all abandoned, mistreated, abused animals, and for all those who rescue them and find them forever homes. Remembering my own loved and lost pets. From Ginger & Curtis Kjelland.
 In honor of **Jolene Podoll's birthday**. Happy Birthday from Sonja Moilanen
 In honor of **Larry Wood's 70th birthday**. Happy Birthday from Daryl & Virginia Kerzman
 In honor of **Kyle & Cydra Sauter**. Thank you for your awesome cat & dog sitting! From Johnny & Catie Palsgraaf.
 In honor of **Londyn Frantsvog**. Merry Christmas from Grandma & Grandpa!
 In honor of **Lauren Meiers' birthday**. Happy Birthday Lauren!
 In honor of friends who had to say goodbye to their beloved

dog, **Scout**, so other critters can have the love of a good family. From Tom & Paula Redmann.
 In honor of **Lindsey Indvik's 35th Baptism Day!** From Jan Hamilton.
 In honor of **Kitty** and 8 years of great companionship for Lois & David Snow. From Signy & Terry Leischner.
 In honor of **Dawson Frantsvog**. Merry Christmas from Grandma & Grandpa!
 In honor of my beautiful English Cocker, **Emmy**. She was a loving, loyal and devoted companion, pet therapy dog and dear friend. The sweetest, most kind and gentle dog I have ever known. 15 years just wasn't enough time with you....I miss you....many cherished memories live on in my heart. November 1997 - October 2012. From Tracey Wiese Sander.
 In honor of **Pat & Larry Wood's birthdays**. Happy birthday from Daryl & Virginia Kerzman
 In honor of **Ethan Frantsvog**. Merry Christmas from Grandma & Grandpa!
 In honor of **Sheldon Loftsgard's birthday**. Happy Birthday from Maudie Stoller, Mary Loftsgard, Rose Stoller
 In honor of the **employees at Dakota Towing**. How nice it was of you to come out to the airport to change out the flat tire I had on Saturday. Your customer service is second to none! From start to finish, everyone I dealt with was pleasant and the gentleman who changed my tire went the extra mile to go to the gas station to add air to my spare along with some words of advice. All at no charge! I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You're the best! From Tanya Skurupey.
 In honor of our daughter, **Mary Krance** for Christmas. Merry Christmas from Marge Krance.
 In honor of **Jolene Podoll**. Thank you for your excellent photography skills and the beautiful photos. You did an amazing job. From Betsy Hankens.
 In honor of **Jayden Frantsvog**. Merry Christmas from Grandma & Grandpa!

HOGS FOR DOGS AND COOL CATS

SATURDAY
March 23, 2013
Seven Seas Hotel Mandan

5:30 p.m.
Social Hour
6:30 p.m. Dinner

BENE-PET DINNER AND AUCTION



Early bird tickets - \$30 each
After Mar. 11 - \$35 each
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From Mandy...

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to each and every one of the volunteers who are already involved and also those who maybe haven't had the time or been asked to help. Our largest fundraiser will be here before you know it and I am asking you to get involved to make it even bigger and better than ever before. Our Bene-Pet Dinner and Auction is being held Saturday, March 23, at Seven Seas and we are in the solicitation stage of the event. Currently, we need about twice as many volunteers to solicit the items that are needed for our live and silent auctions. If you are interested in helping contact even five businesses you purchase items or services from, please contact me at 667-2020 or email cdhsvolunteers@midco.net. If each of our members were willing to make contacts to local businesses think of what an overwhelming amount of "goodies" we could put into our live and silent auctions.

Let's start off 2013 with our first MAJOR fundraiser and knock the heck out of previous \$\$\$ raised. Thanks for getting involved and saying yes!!



Congratulations to Girl Scout Troop 83701 on earning their Bronze Award. This is the highest award that Junior Girl Scouts can earn. They accepted donations for CDHS at several drop-off locations and held a bake sale to raise money for the shelter. Their efforts raised more than \$500, plus supplies, for

our pets. Members of the troop are Ashley T., Jaide T., Beth H., Shyla N., Morgan N., Madison S., Josie W. and McKenna G.

More Tours & Thanks & Things

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- 👉 We can see that the employees of Dakota Eye Institute are great! They raised money for CDHS through fundraising efforts throughout the year!
- 🐾 Woop! The sixth-graders at Centennial Elementary collected donations for CDHS!
- 👉 Thank you to the North Dakota Guaranty and Title Company Mandan-office employees, who held a pumpkin decorating contest and a jean's day, and gave the proceeds to CDHS. In honor of CDHS, they decorated a pumpkin as the Cheshire cat!
- 🐾 Thank you to Papa's Pumpkin Patch for their donation to CDHS!

Thank you to Pinehurst and Missouri Valley

Pinehurst and Missouri Valley Vet Clinics donated more than \$4000 in spays and neuters and medical expenses to CDHS this fall. They spayed and neutered 27 pets at the shelter. What a wonderful crew. Thank you so much!!

A Round of "Appaws" for Heart River

Heart River Animal Clinic has donated many dollars in medical expenses to CDHS during 2012. Plus, the Heart River employees bought presents for CDHS instead of spending money on their own Christmas party. They brought us kennels, shelter supplies and even treats for the staff. Awesome! Wonderful! Superb!

Please support these businesses that display CDHS donation canisters

A Buck or So
 All Pets Veterinary Clinic
 Barney's Tesoro – Mandan
 Birds out on a Limb – Bismarck
 Bismarck Animal Clinic
 Bonanza
 Butcher Block Meats
 Cappuccino on Collins
 Captain Jack's Liquor – Mandan
 Captain Jack's Liquor – North
 Captain Jack's Liquor – South
 Cashman Nursery
 Cenex – Mandan
 Cenex – East Broadway
 Cenex Convenience Store/Hot Stuff
 Pizza – Wilton
 Central Market – Mandan
 Central Market – Bismarck
 Clothes Mentor – Bismarck
 Cozy Creek Coffee & Gifts
 Creative Clay
 Crown Butte Kennels
 D'Fine Tanning & Hair Salon
 Dakota Pharmacy
 Doc's Vet Clinic

Dollar Store – Mandan
 Expressway Amoco
 Expressway C-Store
 Fiesta Villa
 Five Nations Arts
 Four Paws Inn
 Gas Plus
 Gold Label Feeds – Bismarck
 Gourmet Doggy Diner
 Groomingdales
 Hair 2000
 Healthy Dog Center
 Heart River Animal Hospital
 Hey Ocean – Bismarck
 Home Run C-Store
 In-Dog-Neat-O
 Interstate Vet Clinic
 Jay's Pawn Shop – Bismarck
 Jay's Pawn Shop – Mandan
 KT Animal Supply
 Katherine's Consignment & More
 Kirkwood Tesoro
 Kroll's – North
 Lander's Interstate Conoco
 Latitudes Gallery & Gifts

Lewis & Clark Animal Hospital
 Little Caesar's Pizza
 Little Caesars Pizza – North
 Little Cottage Café
 Little Dukes (Cashwise gas station)
 M&H Gas
 M&M Sausage and Meats
 Magnolias
 Mandan Public Library
 Marshall Lumber Company – Mandan
 Midway Lanes
 Midway Liquor
 Missouri Valley Vet Clinic
 Mocha Momma's – Mandan
 Norleen Conitz – State Farm Insurance
 – Mandan
 Northwind Home & Garden
 Pinehurst Veterinary Clinic
 Plato's Closet – Bismarck
 Plaza Drug
 Polar Package
 Red Trail Petro & Pizza
 Rock'N 50's Café
 Rolling Hills Restaurant – Mandan
 Runnings Farm & Fleet – Bismarck

Runnings Farm & Fleet – Mandan
 Schneider's Flowerama
 Schwartz Chiropractic Center –
 Mandan
 Scotty's Drive-In
 Season's Café
 Simonson's North
 Space Aliens Grill & Bar
 StaMart – Bismarck
 Stockman's Supply Group
 Taco Del Mar – South
 Taco John's – Mandan
 Taco John's – North
 Taco John's – South
 Taco John's/Good Times – Bismarck
 The Bird House
 The Purse Store – Mandan
 Treasures of the Sea & Earth
 Uni-Stop
 Uni-Stop – Mandan
 Uniform Center & Embroidery –
 Bismarck
 West Dakota Meats
 Western Unlimited

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with host Rig Olsen*

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Tuesday, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, 12 noon
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Saturday, 12:30 pm
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Tuesday through Saturday

1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday and Monday

closed

CDHS Mission Statement

Purpose: The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:

1. To provide for, house, rehabilitate, and relocate lost, strayed or homeless animals.
2. To provide appropriate medical services.
3. To foster and promote humane treatment for all animals.
4. To encourage proper responsibility by owners of animals in their care, training or control.
5. To cooperate in the enforcement of laws that protect animals from cruelty or neglect.
6. To promote spaying and neutering of companion animals to avoid unwanted litters.
7. To help bring about a time when no more abused and/or abandoned animals will be destroyed anywhere.
8. To do such acts and exercise such powers - within the law - as may be necessary, desirable or incidental to the carrying out of the purposes specified above.

BECOME A CDHS MEMBER TODAY!

Memberships include a newsletter subscription. You will receive a complimentary one-year membership if you adopt a pet from the CDHS shelter. Memberships are tax-deductible to the extent of the law.

Membership Categories (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 - Junior (under 18) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 - Pet Fanatic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 - Individual (1) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 - CDHS Builder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 - Family (2+) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000-\$1999 - Lifetime Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 - Dog Lover | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2000-\$4999 - Lifetime Benefactor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 - Cat Lover | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5000+ - Lifetime Leader of the Pack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 - Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Hush Puppy (Anonymous) |

Tax-Deductible Donation Categories:

- \$12.50/month** - kennel sponsor (one-year commitment)
 \$25 - Adopt-A-Pet ad, published monthly in the Bismarck Tribune
 \$ _____ - monthly donation (CDHS will send an authorization form for your signature.)
 \$ _____ - additional donation amount

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Gift Given By: _____

Pay using (check one):

Check/Money Order  

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

**Send to:
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Little Vichtoria

By Sue Buchholz

We have a caring supporter in Fort Yates who we have taken dogs from in the past, strays she comes across that have no home. When she called about this particular puppy, she said she guessed it was about three-months-old and she hoped we had room at the inn because the community was seeing a lot of Parvo, and she hoped this puppy could have a better chance in a safer environment. It was only a few days until we were able to say "add to cart!" So little Vichtoria came to us late one Friday night, and she was not quite what we expected. She was younger than we thought, only six to eight weeks old and presented as such a quiet and depressed puppy we were immediately worried for her health. She was very shaky and barely able to stand. Her eyes were bright, but her quiet demeanor gave us a lot of concern. We snuggled her into a warm bed, offered her a small amount of food, which she ate a few bites of like she was starving, then stopped eating and went to sleep. Her belly was bulging but her skin stretched over her ribs and hips. She was hard and chilled, not chubby and active like puppies should be!

She suffered from severe roundworms, the proof showing itself the following days in ways I will leave to the imagination. Over the next week we isolated her carefully and tried to find things she wanted to eat. She took a few bites, then lost interest. Chicken baby food, canned puppy food, hamburger and rice, deli turkey, puppy milk replacer, soaked dry food, she ate a little when offered, then went back to sleep. It was three long days before she finally brightened up and started to eat EVERYTHING! And bark. And play with toys. And fuss when we checked her and had to leave. All good signs in this business!

Thankfully this little fighter did not break with Parvo, but she did suffer from such severe malnutrition that the vet diagnosed her with rickets! I can also imagine that her heavy intestinal parasite load caused her to feel so queasy that even though she was starving to death, she could barely bring herself to eat. She has frostbitten ears and may or may not lose the tips of her ears, but since her third day here she is making wonderful progress. She had her first vaccination and her swollen joints seem to be improving. She is well on the road to recovery, and we hope and pray will soon be another happily adopted success story!

