# **Upcoming Events**

- Dog Walking Classes June 10, July 8 and August 12
- Riverboat Ride Fundraiser July 26, 7:00 - 9:00 PM \$70 person
- > CDHS Dogs Days Deals Rummage Sale August 17-19
- Ride for Rover Motorcycle Ride August 26



# **KOBALT'S RESCUE THE RESULT OF LOCAL TEAMWORK**

#### By Sue Buchholz Photos by Jolene Podoli

We were hoping it was an April Fools' prank call that came in that Saturday afternoon. Sadly, it was not. The Burleigh County Sheriff's Dept. called us and said a dog was found south of Bismarck at "the desert" and he badly needed medical attention. They described wounds to his neck and speculated he may have suffered a gunshot wound, or maybe a wire had been placed around his neck. They really did not know. They just knew he was in bad shape, and we are so thankful they reached out to us for help!

We arranged for the dog to be taken to a local veterinary hospital where he was examined that same afternoon. The report that came back was very concerning. He had a short, deep slice to his throat, but the biggest damage was on the back of his neck. A deep jagged wound that also caused a fractured vertebrae. The Vet did not feel the two wounds were connected, such as a through and through gunshot wound. And wire would have damaged more of his neck, and would not have caused the deep jagged wound behind his ears.

The truth is we do not know what happened to him, but since he has no wounds to his body, as in hit by a vehicle, we feel there is a good chance these wounds were inflicted intentionally. We named him Kobalt and sat with him a while Sunday afternoon at the hospital and promised him we would do all we can to help him. He was understandably exhausted and just wanted to rest. He was showing a little interest in food, but the next hurdle would be walking.

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# **Kobalt's Rescue**

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He could sit up, but was not weight bearing at that time.

On Monday the Vet called with great news! Even he sounded surprised when he said that somehow this boy was on his feet and walking a few paces. They wanted to observe him another day, but thought that by Tuesday the 4th of April he could be released to our care. And that's how he came to recover with us at the shelter.

He is improving a little bit every day. It is really satisfying to see him raise his nose to sniff the air. And day two we got our first tail wag. The light is coming back into his eyes, and he is a good natured patient. Most injured animals seem to understand that we are trying to help them, and Kobalt thus far has proven to be a gentle boy with a sweet disposition. He

wants to be close to people and softly closes his eyes to scratches and gentle petting. He's also a pretty good kisser, if I do say so myself!

This makes his situation even harder to comprehend. If he is someone's beloved pet, why are they not looking for him? No lost dog reports matching him have come in to Burleigh County or our office.

The prognosis is for several weeks of bed rest with the possibility of surgery to remove bone fragments if they should pose a problem in the future. We keep saying this but it keeps being true; we are so thankful we were here for him and our goal for him is a complete recovery with a happy follow up story in the coming months.

If you have information regarding this case please notify the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department at 701-222-6651.



- Monetary Donations
- Gasoline Cards
- HP 950 black ink cartridges
- HP 951 color Ink cartridges
- HP 305A Black and CMYK toner
- · Cat Litter (non-clumping)\*
- · Booklets of Forever Stamps
- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Fleece (Should be new Will be used to make blankets to sell.)
- Batting for fleece blankets
- Wild Bird Food
- HE Liquid Laundry Detergent
- · Canned dog and cat food
- · Chicken baby food
- Toilet paper
- · Black lawn and leaf garbage bags
- · Vehicle donations are always welcome!
- \* Always in short supply.

# **Dog walking classes**

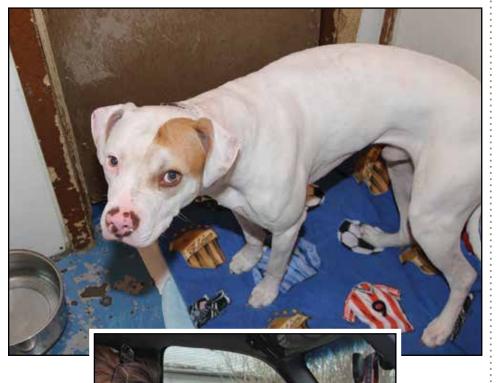
Dog walking classes are held once a month – on the second Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Classes require pre-registration. If you plan to attend, please call the shelter at 667-2020 and leave a message for Mandy.

# **Membership meetings**

Membership meetings are held at the ND Association of Counties, 1661 Capitol Way, Bismarck, ND at 6 p.m. Please join us and give your input as the future of the Central Dakota Humane Society is discussed and planned. Call 667-2020 for more info. All interested parties welcome.

- June 19
- July 17

Bene-Pet 2018
March 24, 2018, Ramkota Hotel



# **Our Volunteers are Paw-some!**

**By Emilie Hillman** 

Everyday CDHS takes calls about animals in need, and we try to help as many as we can. But sometimes we need a little help, too. This is where our foster families come into play. There are many occasions when puppies and kittens arrive at our doorstep with no mother, and they're too young to eat on their own. On many occasions, our foster families take these animals and bottle feed them until they can eat on their own and transition into life at the shelter, and then eventually into their furever home.

Our first foster parent, Anne Green, has been involved with the shelter



for about 16 years. Her first encounter with us was after a stray cat had kittens under her porch. She came to the shelter looking for help and ended up caring for the kittens, along with baby Elizabeth (her youngest daughter), until the shelter had space available. Today, Anne, along with her oldest daughter, Margy, are a tag team when it comes to fostering. Together they have fostered dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies whenever we have called upon them.

# **President's Report**

#### **By Cameo Skager CDHS Board President**

Spring has sprung. The birds are chirping and the grass is turning green. It's the start of the growing season and it feels great! We are very excited about the new building sprouting up at our current shelter location. As reported in the last newsletter, we felt we could no longer continue to house animals in our original building, nor could we ask our staff to continue working in that environment.



The new shelter building is about 2/3 complete and will hopefully be done within the next two months. Work has just started on the windows, and electrical and plumbing is underway. Siding and insulation will start soon. We have confirmed the removal of the house on our property and the demolition of the current administration/cat building. This will take place after we move our staff and pets into the new building.

We are planning to raise funds to put up some outdoor catios and some outdoor kennel space for dogs that may be housed in that building. We are also on the hunt for new or lightly used office furniture for our newer building. As you can imagine, the furniture from our current facility has been well used and it's time for it to be retired. If you would like to donate to these projects, let us know! We gratefully acknowledge all gifts and donations to the shelter.

Help us this spring as we continue to bloom and grow. The beauty of what we are able to accomplish is due to our donors and supporters. We wouldn't be here without you.

A favorite foster of theirs was a torti named Weezie. She was only a couple days old at the time and very small and weak. She required around the clock care, which meant the young kitten would sometimes accompany Anne to work. Anne was afraid Weezie was going to develop inhalation pneumonia because she would sputter and cough when she ate. Everything turned out well and a co-worker of Anne's eventually adopted Weezie.

In addition to their foster animals they have three dogs. Sidda is an old girl who was found hanging from a fence. Petunia the Pug was surrendered during the rummage sale a few years ago. Margy played with her throughout the sale and they eventually took her home. Rollie, a CDHS alumnus, is a goofy black mutt who was Anne's Mother's day gift four years ago. They also have a cat named Sox, who Margy found at school and was determined

Anne and Margy believe there is a lot of hope at the shelter and know that sometimes it is the first consistent care an animal may receive. They also know the shelter residents are warm, fed, cared for, and loved. When they are not fostering they can be found helping out at the CDHS Dog Days Deals Rummage Sale.

Our next foster parent is Annette Tait. She has been



involved with the shelter for about 2 years, but in that time she has fostered twelve kittens and four puppies. The tiniest animals she bottle or syringe-fed required feeding every two to three hours. She tells us it's like having a newborn in the house, and it does cut into her sleep for the first week or two. But it is all worth it because she loves to watch them go from wobbling around to running, playing, and exploring EVERYthing. Annette likes to tell the staff that, "natural mothers wean their babies, CDHS has to wean me from my foster babies."

Annette does not have a favorite shelter animal. She says the question is like asking a mother which child they love most. She says no two are alike and she loves all of them to pieces. In addition to her fosters, she has two dogs and three cats. Highway Puppy was picked up off the highway so he would not get run over. The owner was never found so they



decided to keep him. Wild Man was a CDHS foster dog who bonded well with Highway Puppy, so they kept him. Salem is one of her cats that came from a rescue in Wyoming via her daughter. Next is Snarkmeister, a Siamese who was an offspring of a friend's impound adoption. Lastly, Mighty Mite was her first CDHS adoptee and first "foster failure." In addition, she has a rescue horse and a rescue goat.

When Annette is not home with her animals, she enjoys attending the Shaggy Shuffle because she gets to bring her pups along! She finds many benefits from volunteering such as becoming a healthier and more productive person. She tells us, "There's nothing like cuddling a kitty or playing with a puppy to bring a smile to my face and a lightness to my heart that puts even the toughest day into a more positive perspective."

CDHS thanks all of our foster families and volunteers for all they do to make a difference in a deserving animal's life.



# **Mandy's Corner**

#### By Mandy Schaaf, Volunteer and Event Coordinator

These awards included our Wendell Award, Volunteers of the Year, and our Shining Star winners

The Wendell Award is an award given to those that provide "hands on animal rescue." Every year we honor an individual who has gone above and beyond to help an animal in need. The award was named for Bismarck's Wendell Albert, whose constant support of our mission fuels us to help thousands more dogs and cats. Wendell is a pillar in our foundation -- his kindness is never forgotten, and it's an honor to share his legacy every year during Bene-Pet. This year this meaningful award went to Annette Tait, and Anne and Margy Green who truly are "heroes to the animals." These three individuals have fostered 28 critters who needed 24-hour care for an extensive period of time. When the little homeless, motherless critters come into the shelter and need bottle feeding, our first call is to one of these three because we know they will not say no to us or the ones that need

Anne, Margy, and Annette relate taking care of these fosters as "kind of like having a newborn in the house." Anne summed it up best when she was asked about her favorite thing about the shelter: Anne's favorite thing about CDHS is the hope!!! She said, "People tell me 'I can't go to the shelter. It's too sad.' Anne's response is "It's not sad out there. It's the first day of the rest of their lives for pets who come to stay with us. It's a happy and wonderful thing. Our shelter residents are warm and fed and cared for and loved. They are receiving the first consistent care and love they've ever felt. Hope. That's my favorite thing about the shelter."

Our next two super volunteers recognized as our Volunteers of the Year are Jolene Podoll and Karen Schwan Holman.

Facebook and social media have changed how we work, with visual content and pictures becoming more and more important in presenting our pets to the public. CDHS volunteer Jolene Podoll looks into the eyes of our shelter pets with her camera. Sometimes she first sees fear, but she doesn't give up until she earns their trust and captures their souls.

Jolene is rarely satisfied with her first picture, so continues to take many, many photos until she feels she has done justice to the animal she is photographing. Since Jolene rarely misses a day at the shelter, and feels guilty if she doesn't capture a shelter resident the first day he or she arrives at CDHS. She has volunteered 843 hours in 2016!! Her pictures tell the stories of our shelter animals and, because of her photographic magic, so many, many critters have been given the chance to be loved and to have bright futures.

Our next honoree is Karen Schwan Holman, who keeps our accounts in order. She knows our finances inside and out and, as the organization has grown, so has her job keeping things in order. She keeps tabs on our website; works many, many hours at her "other" job; and provides an incredibly detailed report for the organization every month that requires working late nights and weekends. We are incredibly lucky to have this professional keeping our finances on track.

Our volunteers are tremendous and it is always a great moment when we see the youth in our membership stepping into more active roles in our organization. This year, one family and one young lady stood out as our "Shining Stars." The Merritt family has been volunteering with CDHS for about a year. Mom Sonia with daughters Vivian, Hope, and Ali are regular volunteers with both the cats and dogs, and I've been so impressed with the way they treat the animals and how respectful and kind they are to each other. Despite Sonia's allergies to cats, she comes with the girls and just brings extra Kleenexes and Benadryl and toughs it out.

Our other Shining Star is Saralyn Huber. Saralyn has been volunteering for about 9 months. Not only does she love the dogs at CDHS, but they clearly love her as well. Most frequently you will find Saralyn in the dog building, helping the staff and learning how to care for the dogs. She loves being part of the journey the dogs take when they come to the shelter and, ultimately, make their way to new homes.

CDHS's mission, in part, is to "help bring about a time when no more abused and/ or abandoned animals will be destroyed anywhere," and we are proud to say we use the majority of our resources to do just that. We build up the critters who come to us both physically and mentally before sending them on to their next adventure. They don't look back, so we shouldn't either.

My heart is filled with gratitude toward our volunteers. The staff and board of directors are thankful for another successful year here at CDHS.

Bene-Pet is the event that gives me the opportunity to thank our volunteers publicly!! The folks that keep CDHS moving forward are a special and integral part of our organization. Many heartfelt thanks to all who donated time to our organization this year.

A group of volunteers that make visiting the shelter part of their daily routine, providing companionship to our critters, includes Eileen Hannu with 524 hours, Darrell Njos who volunteered 359 hours and those folks with more than 100 hours each who include Lynn Lauren, Cindy Auen, Kim Holland, Mike Gayette, June & Mike Benedict, Nicole Engel, Ruth Borlaug, and Lindsey Dutton.

Another thank you that goes to those that have helped chair or have been responsible for fundraisers throughout the year include: Kiel Skager for his photography work the past 25 years on Santa Paws, Cameo Skager for her help with this event, Dan Lyon who helps with multiple fund raisers, brings in many guests and has helped chair Bene-Pet for a number of years. He is always willing to help when we call and we depend on him for storing and transporting items for this event. This group also includes Michelle Thomsen and Connie Udby on their work for "Run for Rescues" fundraiser, and Larry Leblanc who organized our first ever "Ride for Rover" motorcycle fundraiser.

We cannot forget our canister collection team that travels throughout the area picking up money at over 70 locations. Those individuals are Sandy Gugel, Bertha O'Connor, Camie O'Connor, and Eric and Janelle Henninger.

The "Look" for our events is so professional because we have such a gifted creative team, including Tana Pendergast, Emilie Hillman, Paige Mattson, Mike Gayette, and Robin Pursley. Carrie Schmidt also pitched in with her skills.

Bene-Pet is also a special time where we have the opportunity to feature those that have truly gone above and beyond.

# 2017 Bene-Pet 25th Anniversary

# Thank You For Your Donations and Attendance

at Bene-Pet 2017

This year we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of our Bene-Pet event with a 1950's theme. Many attendees participated by dressing up in 50's attire and jived to music of the early rock 'n' roll era. We had our most successful event in our 25-year history.

Because of your support we achieved a record-setting fundraiser this year. We were also very fortunate to have Jonathan Larsen with Larsen & Larsen Auction Co. as our auctioneer who entertained the crowd and brought the mission of Central Dakota Humane Society to the forefront of the event. He specifically highlighted our mission by offering opportunities to "Fund-A-Mission" which encouraged our attendees to give from the heart. This part of the event alone raised \$17,600!!

Our attendees showed great enthusiasm bidding on items donated or funded by supporters—in both the silent auction and live auction. As always, we offered several games of chance and activities that our attendees come back for year after year.

A special group of people worked many long hours preparing for Bene-Pet and the evening of the event. A special thank you to all the volunteers that made this event a great success. Your participation and contribution is so appreciated. From the silent auction monitors to those selling

raffle tickets to those managing the programming, we thank you!!

We would appreciate your feedback on Bene-Pet. Our event improves each year because of your thoughtful input, so please feel free to contact Mandy at cdhsvolunteers@midco.net if you have any questions, comments, or recommendations regarding Bene-Pet.

Bene-Pet returns March 24, 2018 at the Ramkota Hotel. Be sure to dogear your calendar!

# Tails of Success

# **Butternut**

Thank you so much for letting me adopt a sweet little kitten by the name of Butternut in August. We took him home and I gave him the new name of Mr. Theodore. He has transitioned very well to his new home and has become a very best friend of mine. He enjoys playing, napping, cuddling, and eating. Mr. Theodore is fascinated with water and bugs and is very fond of our dog, Diesel. I like



to feed him treats (when mom says it's okay) but not too many because his belly is getting quite big. I don't beg to visit the shelter nearly as often as I used to since I now have a kitty of my very own.

- Miss Madelyn

# **Bobbie**

Bobbie is doing very well. I think she really feels at home and is happy. She loves to sleep in the cat tower I set up by my desk at home. She enjoys interacting with people and wants to always be by my side and is waiting to greet me when I get home every night. She also is an avid birdwatcher and spends lots of time sitting in



the window watching the birds at the feeder. She curls up with me and watches TV and likes to play some of the computer games for cats that I loaded on my tablet. The goldfish one seems to be her favorite.

She is so sweet and loving. I love her so much and I am so grateful to have her in my life. Thank you for taking such good care of her.

- Julie



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.

# **Orbit**

Orbit here! It's been almost four years since mom took me home. I want you to know I am doing great and I want to thank you for taking such good care of me while I was with you. I still love snuggles and sun! I have a new dad, and he and I like to send mom funny pictures while she is at work, and I spend a lot of time in my hammock looking out the window. When it is nice, mom and dad take me on outdoor adventures (if they don't, I meow at the door until they do)! Mom always



makes me wear this stupid hat though because she says redheads burn easier. My favorite adventure was when they took me on the pontoon to a sandbar; biggest litter box I have ever seen! I love water! Well, it looks like mom is getting a treat ready so I better go make sure it's pumpkin; pumpkin is my favorite.

- Orhit



# Sam and Sophie

Our much-loved 7 month old kittens are thriving! They are very affectionate, looking for us every couple of hours to have a cuddle. We have never known such confident, clean, good-natured felines, who seem so happy to be with us too.

We attribute much of their wellbeing to the wonderful CDHS volunteer who took them home as abandoned newborns, along with their other two siblings. She hand raised these little guys for nine weeks. What a great start, and then they were further socialized all together at the CDHS shelter.

Sam and Sophie have been very easy and fun to live with. They spend hours playing with us and each other. Most of the time they are together, waking or sleeping. They have great appetites and are growing all too quickly. Sam and Sophie entertain us and have given us a new lease on life.

- Margaret and Marc

# Tigg

Here is a picture of Tig, I can't believe we have had him for over two years already! He has become one of the most cuddly dogs (at least where family is concerned) from having been the most scared puppy when we first got him! He loves to play outside with his little



brother Mikie, go for rides, and just sit on your lap whenever he gets a chance. We are grateful for this addition to our family.

- Jodie

### Winnie

Winnie is doing really good here and couldn't be loved more. She has lots of chew toys, her new bed, and a large kennel when needed. We're hoping her chewing stage gets over soon! She is definitely our pet and we know she loves us, too.

- Mardi and Harold

It's now been four years since I picked out my mom from all the person to be adopted at the local shelter.

Earlier in the year, Mom and I learned that Denver has over 80 miles of multi-use trails within our city. We have a favorite food truck that makes pancakes for people and pups. We find their location by following clues posted on their website.

Mom and I have had a great year, and we can't wait to see what adventures we'll have in the coming year. We are just the best team ever!

- Emma Lou



\$70 per person includes a delightfully decadent spread by Harvest Brazilian Grill, 2 drinks and a riverboat cruise. Support Central Dakota Humane Society on their "maiden voyage" along the Mighty Missouri River.

Contact the shelter for tickets or buy them online at CDHS.net.







# **Adoptable Pets**

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



Ablaze
Unneutered Male
Dachshund
Cross
Approximate
date of birth:
July 2016
Origin: Stray



Unspayed Female Short Hair (DSH) Tortie Approximate date of birth: January 2016

Origin: Stray

Chunk

Cora



Endora
Unspayed Female
Short Hair (DSH)
Gray Tabby
Approximate
date of birth:
February 14, 2016
Origin: Stray



Arlo
Unneutered Male
Black Lab Mix
Approximate
date of birth:
January 2012
Origin: Stray



Neutered Male Short Hair (DSH) Black Approximate date of birth: February 2015 Origin: Stray



Khloe Spayed Female Puggle Cross Approximate date of birth: October 2010 Origin: Owner Surrender



Ava
Unspayed
Female
Pitbull
Approximate
date of birth:
April 2013
Origin: Stray



Dillenger
Neutered Male
Mixed Breed
Approximate date
of birth: June 28,
2016
Origin: Rescue



Maximillion
Unneutered Male
Shepherd Cross
Approximate
date of birth:
September 2015
Origin:
Unclaimed
Impound



Beemer
Neutered Male
Long Hair
(DLH) Orange
Approximate
date of birth:
April 2012
Origin: Stray



Neutered Male
English Springer/
Hound Mix
Approximate date
of birth: July 25,
2012
Origin: Owner
Surrender



Mrs. Beasley
Unspayed Female
Short Hair (DSH)
Tabby and White
Approximate
date of birth:
January 2016
Origin: Stray



Bleu
Neutered Male
Short Hair
(DSH) Black
Approximate
date of birth:
January 2010
Origin: Stray



Dude
Unneutered Male
Black Lab Cross
Approximate
date of birth:
February 2015
Origin: Stray



Pattini
Unspayed Female
Long Hair
(DLH) Buff
Approximate
date of birth:
January 2015



Pugsy
Spayed Female
Red Heeler
Approximate date
of birth: June 2013
Origin: Rescue
Origin: Abandoned



Thelma
Unspayed Female
Short Hair (DSH)
Orange/White
Approximate
date of birth:
March 2014
Origin: Owner
Surrender



Toblerone
Unneutered Male
Short Hair (DSH)
Black and White
Approximate
date of birth:
February 2011
Origin: Stray



Shady
Unneutered Male
Pit Bull
Approximate
date of birth:
April 2015
Origin: Stray



Purrgleton
Unneutered Male
Short Hair (DSH)
Brown Tabby
Approximate
date of birth:
February 2016

Origin: Abandoned

Sir Finley



Tank
Neutered Male
Shepherd/
Rottweiler Cross
Approximate
date of birth:
April 2014
Origin: Owner
Surrender



Tevin
Unneutered Male
Mixed Breed
Approximate
date of birth:
May 2016
Origin: Rescue

# **2016 Homes for Hope Project**

In September 2016 Verity Homes held a groundbreaking in honor of the 2016 Homes for Hope Project. Verity Homes joined together with their trade partners to break ground on their second Home for Hope in Bismarck. This Home for Hope is planned to invest nearly \$50,000 in the dreams of families living in poverty around the world by generating funds for HOPE International. Not only will verity Homes be giving globally with this charitable home, but also locally with 1/3 of the funds going to Central Dakota Humane Society.





# ANNOUNCING THE COMPLETION OF

RITY HOMES SECOND HOMES FOR HOPE

IN BISMARCK, ND

Verity Homes has joined together with their trade partners on their second Home for Hope in Bismarck, ND built to date. This Home for Hope is planned to invest nearly \$50,000 in the dreams of families living in poverty around the world by generating funds for HOPE International. HOPE empowers families in poverty to provide for themselves in a sustainable way through discipleship, business training, savings services, and loans as small as \$50 US. This home will help enable hundreds of aspiring entrepreneurs to start breaking the cycle of poverty in a dignifying way, lifting themselves and their families out of poverty for good.

Not only will Verity Homes be giving globally with this charitable home, but also locally with 1/3 of the funds going to a local animal shelter, Central Dakota Humane Society, based in Mandan, ND.

Verity Homes will also be featuring this charitable home in the 2017 Bismarck Mandan Home Builders Associating Spring Parade of Homes from April 28th – April 30th for the whole community to be able to share in the feeling of giving. So don't forget to mark your calendars to come out and see this beautiful home!

More about CDHS: Central Dakota Humane Society is a passionate organization dedicated to housing, rehabilitating and relocation lost, strayed or homeless animals. Their mission is to provide appropriate medical services, to foster and promote humane treatment of all animals. To help bring about a time when no more abused and/or abandoned animals will be destroyed anywhere, and eventually adopted into a wonderful, forever home.

For more information and for a private showing, Please call 701-354-2846, visit: verityhomes.com or view our Facebook page, Verity Ho

visit: verityhomes.com or view our Facebook page, Verity Homes of Bismarck. Verity Homes is located at 3100 N 14th St Suite 1, Bismarck, ND 58503



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Arthur Goldammer CEO/Owner, Verity Home





# **CDHS New Members, Generous Donors, Memorials and Honors**

# PLEASE NOTE: Listings reflect memberships, adoptions and donations from 12-16-16 to 3-15-17 ONLY

#### **New Members & Generous Donations**

John & Mary Bluemle

Joann & Jason Boehm

Donna & DuWayne Boehm

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Joyce Boehm

Karen Boehm

Sally Bohmbach

Mary Bollinger

Pat Bosch

Clint & Sue Boots

Ruth & David Borlaug

Clark & Mary Bormann

Darrel & Patty Bosch

Fred & Judy Bott

Shannon Bradley

Gary & Rose Braun

Chris & Jodi Brown

David & Cindy Brueni

Carma Branch

Avis Breding

Julie Brendel

Bruno's Pizza

Sue Buchholz

Suzanne Butzon

Capital Trophy

Drake Carter

Suzanne & Jeff Cahill

Greg & Mercy Carkuff

Abby & Belle Carlsen

Mary Agnes Carton

Madalynn Cech

Dorothy Chapman

Carol Christianson

Glen & Lori Clark

Brian & Tamra Churchill

Mercedes & Roger Clark

Ryan & Tara Garland Clayton

Janis Chenev

Neil & Tami Charvat

Larry Bruse

Jo Brekke

Boulder Homes, LLC

Michael & Terra Miller-Bowley

Arliss & Orac Robinson Brend

James & Kennetta Brousseau

Renae & Merrill Buchfinck

Lavern & Kristine Buchholz

Marsha & Gary Buchwitz

Brad Keith & Traci Buescher

Kathleen & Thomas Burgess

Kristin & Derrick Burlack

Captain Jack's Liquor Land

Deborah & Kerry Carpenter

Joshua & Myra Castleberry

Becky & Thomas Cellura

Connie & Steven Chmielewski

Bristol-Myers Souibb Foundation

4 Bears Casino & Lodge A-1 Septic Pumping Plus Mark & Lisa Aamodt Valerie & Keith Abrahamson Dr. & Mrs. Boyd Addy Aetna Foundation Sydney & Derek Aicher Wendell Albert Eugene & Sonya Albertson Connie & Ken Albrecht All American Yard Services Scott & Brenda Allan Charles & Tracey Allen Dean & Vicky Altringer Ruby Altringer AmazonSmile Foundation Darlene Anagnost David & Peggy Anderson Elaine Anderson Sherry & Craig Anderson Susan Anderson Argo Sales Stebbins Arithson Brian Artz Cindy Auen Myron & Karla Aune Brian & Joan Backes Marvel Bailey Renae & Mike Baltzer Mort & Michelle Bank Jean Barr

Basin Electric Power Cooperative Cassie & Jeremy Bauer Tina Bauer

John Baumgartner Frank & Joann Bavendick Michelle Becher Mike Becker Linda Beckler Diane & Bruce Beelman

Sara Behrens Carol & Lynn Beiswanger

Tekla Bekkedal Jana & Kris Bellamy

Kenneth & Naomi Belohlavek Marlinda Bender

June & Mike Benedict Lee Benjamin

Brian & Deanne Bergeson Keli & Chris Berglund Donovan & Sheila Bertsch Kelly & Dee Bertsch Diane Binder Chuck & Jean Bingert Benjamin Birkemever

Elizabeth Birkemever Kathleen & Michael Birrenkott

Jackie Bischof Greg & April Bishop

Bismarck Animal Clinic & Hospital,

Bismarck Larks Baseball Bismarck Parks and Recreation

District Don & Mary Bitz Joe Bitz Hulen & Patricia Bivins Annette Bjornstad Susan Blaney

Dale & Jeanne Blasewitz Paul Bleth Arnel Blood

Jane Berger

Colleen Clooten Pat Cochran Norleen Conitz Adrian Crow Feather Crown Butte Kennels Curves Ladies Coffee Club Cystic Fibrosis Association of ND Jan & Terry Daffinrud Ann Dahl Myrna Dahl

Vivian Dahl Dahlstrom Funeral Homes Deanna Dailey Mary Jo Dailey

Dairy Queen -Mandan Dakota Awards

Dakota Community Bank & Trust -Bismarck

Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc. Dakota Eye Institute

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- 🖮 Big thanks to Layla and Jessica for donating money and pet supplies!
- **⚠** Cathedral staff and students for their fundraiser donation. Thank you!
- Masmyn from Apple Creek School for your donation, and for the invitation to visit the school and talk about what we do at CDHS. Thank you Jasmyn and 5th grade class!
- ✓ The 7th grade class Leopard Team at Wachter Middle School for inviting us to explain the CDHS mission and all the fun we have rescuing local animals. Thank you!

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The CDHS fan page is a great way to stay informed about all our upcoming events, get a peek at our furry shelter residents and find out about the success stories of adopted pets. If you have adopted from us, be sure to post a picture and an update. Seeing those happy pets in loving homes is one of our favorite things!!





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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.
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# From Surgery to Success: Pekoe Fights On

#### By Sue Buchholz Photos by Jolene Podoll

On January 24, 2017, Pekoe arrived as a 1.8 pound mini-mite of a black kitten with mesmerizing yellow eyes. She was found hiding in the laundry room of a Bismarck apartment building, and she appeared to be not feeling quite right. Off to the vet.

Her glucose was normal and she tested negative for Feline Leukemia/ Feline AIDS. A couple days of observation and still no improvement. She tried to eat, but couldn't swallow. We had to dig deeper, so back to the vet for abdominal radiographs. This kitten was severely impacted and unable to pass stool. Medications were given, and more observation showed a slight improvement, but that proved to be short lived. We hate it when we get a "guarded prognosis," but that's what we were told. This kitten still could not pass stool, and surgery on such a little kid would be risky. We felt we had no choice.

On February 2nd she had surgery on her impacted bowel, and thankfully no suspected foreign body was found. That surgery was a success, but as she recovered from anesthesia



and was offered her first bit of food, she could not swallow it. This was an unwelcome setback which soon lead to a feeding tube being inserted in her neck, past her esophagus, and past the suspected malfunctioning area of her throat. This helped her absorb some nutrients and gain some strength, but we still do not know what we are dealing with!

Was it Mega Esophagus, a congenital defect, or had Pekoe ingested something caustic that burned her throat? We had many qualified heads working on this problem, and even contacted the University of Minnesota and started packing for a quick road trip to St. Paul when the vet said, "Hold off, she is eating on her own- even with the feeding tube inserted, and keeping food down!" And since that day she has gone full speed towards being a normal, active kitten!

She was on medication to stimulate swallowing and bowel function, plus frequent

small meals of essentially a "slurry" of wet food. A tablespoon or two of soup every few hours around the clock. If she ate too fast. she would choke and could possibly get food into her lungs and develop pneumonia. So slow and easy won the race. She gained some pounds and her activity level was that of a normal, busy kitten. After about a month we weaned her off the medication, and she handled that with no problem. We started making her soup

chunkier, still no problems. We are just starting to introduce some dry food and she has been eating that too. She still has a 'hard swallow' every once in awhile, but has not choked on her food for several weeks now.

We feel that Pekoe is ready to find her forever home, and she has agreed to interview potential adopters during the shelter's business hours. One warning, though. A bathtub will be required because according to Pekoe, bathtubs are THE BEST place to play with toys EVER! People without a bathtub need not apply.

This little kitten required a lot of resources to restore her to health, and had a lot of people in her corner. We can never have too many success stories, and Pekoe is another happy ending to add to the ever growing list. Be prepared to be mesmerized by those piercing yellow eyes. She uses them shamelessly!