

Upcoming Events

- **Dog Days Deals Rummage Sale intake begins July 18**
- Aug. 10 (only on Thurs, Fri, Sat)
- **Dog Days Deals Rummage Sale**
- Aug. 14-17
- **ND Raise for Rescues**
- Sept. 2-15

Focus on all Fours

SUMMER 2024



A publication for friends of the Central Dakota Humane Society

These Country Boys Need to Find Homes

Hank and Merle are two very sweet and handsome gentlemen that arrived at the shelter as small puppies, along with three littermates – all covered in sarcoptic mange, which is highly contagious. Because of their condition, they grew up in a quarantine situation, which was not ideal, but necessary for the health and safety of our staff and shelter population.

These guys are a bit shy due to their start in life, but they are so much fun, and both have hearts of gold. Their littermates, Wynona, Dolly, and George, have all been adopted and are living the great life with their families. Hank and Merle deserve to find their forever families as well and we are hoping they come to visit soon.

Volunteer Kalyn has this to say about Merle:

"Don't let Merle's size and furrowed brow fool you - he has a heart of gold. He loves to run outside and play with his brother. Rain, shine, or mud, Merle loves to be outside. Usually, he likes to sit down at the top of the hill and watch the world go by. If you're looking for a "people watching" buddy, Merle is your dog!"

Despite spending almost his entire life at the shelter, Merle has an unbreakable spirit and is always happy to accept treats, toys, and affection. He loves to give kisses and put his two front paws up for a hug. Merle keeps an upbeat attitude and is always ready for his next adventure, like a car ride or a trip to the drive-thru for fast food. He will take just a plain hamburger. He's not a fan of French Fries so you never have to worry about him trying to steal yours!"

Volunteer Bev has this to say about Hank:

"Hank is a very sweet, gentle boy and he is very easy to walk. He is a little shy with certain people, so you do need to take some time to get to know him. His most favorite thing is to pick out toys and hide them all over the shelter property. He has hiding spots in the play yards, around the garage, and even in the English garden area. He is a volunteer favorite, and he loves when Volunteer Eileen takes him for car rides, especially for chicken nuggets. Hank is a bit of a go with the flow kind of guy and is happy to be with you. He has a knack for making you smile."

Please consider giving Merle or Hank a chance. Ask to visit them when you visit the shelter. Maybe one of them will be your new best friend! 🐾



Merle



Hank

Tours and Thanks and Things

- 🐾 Cheers to all our CDHS supporters who held Facebook fundraisers for birthdays and just because – Lindsey Dutton, Alicia Retzer, Jacob Williams, Julie Howe, Rocky Zasatoupil, Joyce Hoff, Lise Ketterling, Sarah Zander-Lund, Kaylee Beckler, Rena Dwelle, Jill Kautzman, Beth Kisling, Misty Rae Lauer, Hippy Jane Peterson, Jamie Vaughan, Dave Thronset, Michelle Jean, Janice Huertas, Coleen Clotten, LuAnn Rae, Todd Allen, Lindsey Clark, Rachel R Mc, Beverly Everett, Angie Johnson, Susan Lofthus, Jason Rusbult, Rachel Mae Hankin, Abby Walette, Mercedes Vandover, Julie Poffenberger, Caden Dillman, Ellie Shockley
- 🐾 Thank you to the Solheim Elementary Camp Ed Rising 1st graders! We stopped by to give a presentation about the shelter and how to be kind to animals. They surprised us with a big pile of donations and \$162 that they raised with a lemonade stand they held for all the students and teachers in the school. They raised that amount of money in 30 minutes! These were some very kind, respectful, thoughtful, generous, and smart kiddos. The future looks bright!
- 🐾 Thank you to Dakota Outdoor Advertising for sponsoring our billboard advertising the Shaggy Shuffle!
- 🐾 Thank you to the North Dakota Local Public Health Employees for the donation from their Jeans Day funds. We appreciate you!
- 🐾 Thank you to Ugly Box Retail for the donation of E-collars!
- 🐾 Thank you to the Ft. Lincoln Elementary Student Council for raising money for the CDHS pets and for stopping by for a visit. We so appreciate you! Have a great summer!
- 🐾 Thank you to Dakota Community Access for continuing to feature our pets on their Community Access Channel 12. What a great way to spread the word about pets looking for homes.
- 🐾 Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 83053 from Bismarck! For their Bronze Award Project they made a whole bunch of snuffle mats. They are done so well and our cats and dogs will love them! To top it off, they also brought Girl Scout cookies for our volunteers and staff. Yum!!
- 🐾 Thank you to Ethan for collecting the 'unusable' tennis balls at the tennis court. He even took them home and washed them all. Our dogs will love them!
- 🐾 Thank you to Wachter Middle School FACS Club for making homemade dog toys. We can share these with the shelter dogs when they are supervised. So generous!
- 🐾 Thank you to the ND Roughrider Lions and Leos. During downtime at their national qualifying tournament, they made some dog toys. Thank you to representatives Annette, Emilee, and Loren for stopping out to deliver and visit.
- 🐾 Thank you to the Crown Butte Wranglers 4H Club for collecting food and cash donations for Buddy's Bowl. We appreciate you!
- 🐾 Thank you to our Shaggy Shuffle \$1,000 Cash Raffle winners – Arnold Ziegler, Kevin Schramm, Lori Nitsch, and Judy Reile for donating back all or part of their winnings to help the pets at CDHS!



See page 4 for all the information

Needs List

- Monetary donations
 - Gasoline cards
 - Cat litter (non-clumping)*
 - Booklets of Forever Stamps
 - Bleach
 - Fleece (Should be new - Will be used to make blankets to sell.)
 - Batting for fleece blankets
 - White garbage bags (13 gallon)
 - HE liquid laundry detergent
 - Canned dog and cat food
 - Chicken baby food
 - Toilet paper
 - Black lawn and leaf garbage bags
 - Epson 410 Black and CMY ink cartridges
 - HP 952 CMY and Black ink cartridges
 - Frontline flea and tick protection (no generics please)
 - Vehicle donations are always welcome!
- * Always in short supply.

Please be sure to check out our Amazon Wish List. Items on that list often change and you can conveniently purchase them and have them shipped directly to the shelter. We also encourage purchases from local businesses. We have collection boxes at KT Animal Supply and Runnings – Bismarck.

Membership meetings

Membership meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at the CDHS shelter 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 701-667-2020 for more info. All interested parties welcome.

**August 20 • September 17,
October 15 • November 19**

(MEETINGS MAY BE HELD ONLINE AS NECESSARY.)

Volunteer Orientations

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Stephanie, at 701-667-2020 or volunteers@cdhs.net if you would like to volunteer at CDHS. The animals are always in need of volunteers. We would love to hear from you!



Shelter Report

By Sue Buchholz, Shelter Director

Fundraising and Phone Calls – Both Never End

Last night we held the Shaggy Shuffle, our annual pet walk/fundraiser for the animals. But

a cold, rainy June day turned it into the Soggy Shuffle. Dog people know that their fur kids need outside time no matter the weather. But when we organize these events there is a lot more involved than simply gathering our friends together for a big group dog walk. At the event we also planned to have dog trainers, CDHS merchandise for sale, other pet vendors with items for sale, food trucks, a photo booth, agility course and more. All set up outside. Hence the dampness of the day had us pivot and cancel the extra vortex of activities planned, and just move forward with just the walk part. We share your disappointment, we truly do. A lot of planning goes into everything we do, but that's just the unpredictability of the weather in ND. So, at the appointed time, there was a chill in the air, but we ended up with a small window of dry sky and the walkers had a lovely stroll around the park. We did notice all the dogs were smiling anyway, despite the gloomy day. And the people were smiling too! And so were we, because no matter the event or circumstances, our animal loving friends always bundle up or show up or buck up – to make it happen for the animals.

There are more resources available for animals than ever in our area, and I for one feel that is a very good thing. I always say that animals can never have too many friends! But if you follow our social media posts, all rescues are taxed for space, resources, volunteers, you name it. We all need more of all of the above! I recently read some criticism of an animal rescue receiving gaming funds.... really? What could possibly be wrong with that? I can think of no better places to spend and receive

gaming funds than helping animals in need. I see firsthand the time, effort, and resources needed to plan and implement every single event, large and small. From an open house to a bake sale to a sit-down dinner and auction. And yet we do these events and try to make them bigger and better for your enjoyment and so we can continue to fulfill our mission.

As I wrote the first paragraph today, we received four calls for assistance. One is regarding a kitten of a feral Momma cat; the kitten has an injured leg. Another was a loose kitten, possibly in a car engine on a busy city street. Another was requesting a spay/neuter coupon. And the last was needing to rehome an aggressive dog for someone who is hospitalized. This is one paragraphs worth! We have not even opened our doors yet for the day. Yesterday the police brought a cat that had most likely been hit by a car. An emergency vet visit did not bring us good news. The poor guy had either a head or neck injury and started seizing upon exam. The kindest thing we could do was to end his suffering. I guess what I am trying to say is, our fundraising efforts will not stop, because calls for assistance do not stop. All rescues are in the same boat. We will all do the best we can with what we have, and we will take the keyboard warriors' criticism when it comes, because it seems more and more people have forgotten their manners and lack common sense. Please do give to the organizations that touch your heart! If animals are not your jam, find what is.

We find we do not have the time to deal with criticism about how we raise funds, why we raise funds, what we do with the funds. We do not have the time, because our phones will not stop ringing. 🐾

RAISE FOR RESCUES

Helping Animal Shelters And Rescues Across North Dakota

North Dakota Race for Rescues fundraiser event will run from Labor Day (Sept. 2), for two weeks, through Sept. 15. All you have to do is DONATE! No running, walking, doing jumping jacks, or surfing – just exercise those fingers, log on to the donation software and give with your heart. The proceeds will be divided among all the participating animal rescues and shelters, including CDHS and all local rescues, Kitty City, Furry Friends Rockin' Rescue, Purrfect Pound Pals, Miles of Love Dog Rescue. We are working on signing up many more rescues across the state of North Dakota and will have a complete list available in early August. We will begin promoting



the event on social media and in other ways in late August. Watch for more info!

Pet rescue in North Dakota is in an urgent state. There are far too many unwanted pets that are being discarded and dumped, or who wander off and no one cares to look for them. Rescues and shelters are bursting with animals, with multiple calls and messages coming in daily, asking for help with more. Please do all you can to help these animals in need – Adopt, Foster, Share Information, and DONATE! Raise for Rescues is a great way to help rescues and shelters across our whole state. Thank you for loving the animals! 🐾

Our Volunteers are Pawsome!

By Stephanie Santos, Volunteer Coordinator

Meet Tareena Johnson, she does double duty as a Cat AND Dog Critter Companion! She also specializes in enrichment – which means she spends all of her time interacting and socializing with our animals kennel side!

When asked why she volunteers her time with CDHS Tareena responded, “What CDHS does is life-changing for the pets. I want to be a part of that and help as much as I can. I have love left to give and I think these animals can use all the love they can get. I also tend to like pets better than people but I think very highly of all the staff at CDHS so I would rather volunteer where those humans are than somewhere else!”



Tareena, with one of her favorite kitties, Tormund.

This is how Tareena describes her favorite part of being a volunteer: “My favorite part of volunteering at CDHS is getting to see the animals coming out of their shells or demonstrating behaviors that indicate they are beginning to trust humans again. Nothing is more rewarding than a dog who previously hid at the back of their kennel running to greet you or a cat who previously smacked you going to the front of their kennel purring and asking for scratches. These babies all deserve loving homes, but CDHS makes sure they are loved and taken care of until that permanent home is found.”

Well, we could not do this work without you, Tareena!
THANK YOU for all you do! 🐾

Tours and Thanks and Things

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🐾 To celebrate MDU Resources' 100th Anniversary, the MDU Resources Foundation donated an additional 10- \$10,000 grants (totaling \$100,000) to nonprofits in communities in five states where the company operates. Employees with MDU Resources companies nominated their favorite charity to be considered for one of 10 grants. CDHS was so honored to be chosen as one of the 10 charities. Wow!!!



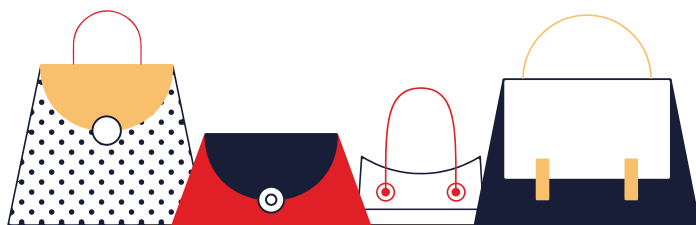
🐾 A huge round of a-paws to Will, Andrew, and Kari from Capital Credit Union for dropping off a load of needed items and a cash donation to help the shelter pets. Thank you!

🐾 A big Thank You to David at KT Animal Supply and Natural Balance Pet Foods for the major donation to Buddy's Bowl Program. And a huge thank you to all the KT/NB customers who purchase the food that helps to fund this giveback program. They are helping CDHS provide for community pets in need.



🐾 Thank you to Sanford Home Health and Hospice for donating their Jean's Day money to help the pets at CDHS!

🐾 Thank you to our Buddy's Bowl Boosters of the quarter – BNSF Railway Foundation, KT Animal Supply, Natural Balance Pet Foods, Runnings Bismarck, Cashwise Foods, Walmart Mandan, Minn-Kota PAAWS 🐾



COMING SOON

Purses for Paws Online Auction

Watch for information coming this fall about a fantastic consignment online auction fundraiser filled with more than 50 designer handbags, including totes, crossbodies, wallets, backpacks, and more. Brand Names include Coach, Kate Spade, Michael Kors, DKNY, Calvin Klein, Kipling, The Sak, Urban Expression, and many others.

Purses for Paws will start on National Handbag Day – Oct.10 (9 am) to Oct. 13 (9 pm). 🐾



Stephanie's Corner

By Stephanie Santos, Volunteer Coordinator

The Power of Patience

"To lose patience is to lose the battle." – Mahatma Ghandi

Here at the shelter, you can witness many of our volunteers practicing this mantra with our animals. So many arrive scared, confused and some even angry, that it's hard not to immediately sweep them up into our arms the moment we lay eyes on them. But we know that with some of these animals, moving at a snail's pace provides a far more rewarding and long-lasting outcome.

In the cat building, it's not unusual to find a volunteer simply sitting beside a cat who has chosen to stay safely out of reach or securely hidden or tucked under their bed. It may not appear as exciting as the volunteer playing chase with the kitten in one of the visiting rooms, but if you patiently watch this scene unfold you will come to appreciate the incremental changes that take place between the volunteer and the cat in the days and weeks to come.

The changes are subtle, for sure. Maybe the volunteer sits just a little bit closer. Then over time the cat may give a brief appearance to retrieve some tasty treat the volunteer strategically leaves behind. Then one day you'll find the volunteer very gently petting this cat. No, it may not look like much but when you realize how far this animal has come you just can't help but smile with pure satisfaction. Because one day, this same cat will come up to the kennel door when you randomly stop by to say hi and you'll realize this was the same cat that refused to come out of hiding, and you won't help but feel such overwhelming gratitude to the volunteers who helped make the moment possible.

In the dog building it's a little harder to appreciate these hard-won victories. It's easy to get overwhelmed instead by the frenzied barking and over the top displays of excitement from the dogs anticipating their first walk of the day. It's easy to miss the pair of feet in one of the kennels leading up to a volunteer who is calmly and quietly sitting beside a dog who is too scared to leave the back of its kennel. But rest assured that over time, and with enough patience from these volunteers, you will find this dog just as excited to come up to its kennel door in expectation of the day's walk.

Don't forget that waiting is hard for our animals too. Those 20 to 30 minutes spent outside on a walk may seem like seconds for them, while inside it may feel like an eternity before their next one. But with the help of some empathetic, and very patient, volunteers our dogs can also learn that cuddling, playing games, and relaxing inside their kennel is not such a bad way to pass the time before their next walk.

I like to have silent conversations with our animals. And for me, when I experience situations like the ones I just described, I imagine our conversation goes a little something like this,

Animal: "Wait. All you want to do is sit there and keep me company?"



Volunteer Eileen socializes with Savy in her kennel as she heals from a foot injury.

Me: "Yes."

Animal: "That's all?"

Me: "That's all."

Animal: "And sometimes you'll give me yummy treats?"

Me: "Absolutely!"

Animal: "Or just talk to me?"

Me: "Yep!"

Animal: "And maybe play a little game?"

Me: "Why not?"

Animal: "And maybe rub my belly or scratch behind my ear?"

Me: "Sounds good to me!"

Animal: "And you'll keep coming back to do it all over again and again?"

Me: "Looking forward to it."

Animal: "Hmmm...."

Keep in mind, this conversation takes course over a multitude of visits. And with some animals, it will take a village to complete this conversation. I have found that the time spent striking up this conversation with one of our animals is time very well spent.

Yes, patience is powerful. Do you have the patience it takes to converse with one of our animals waiting so patiently for their forever home? Please consider volunteering your time, and most importantly your patience, with our animals. 🐾



This Donation is a Hole in One!

This is the story of a truly amazing donation. It all starts with Holly Watts, CDHS supporter, and we think one of the greatest golfers ever. She was chosen to take two shots on the Dave Schultz's The Hole in One Show (which airs on KFYP in Bismarck). She ended up winning her show by being closest at 5 feet 8 inches from the pin. She chose CDHS as her charity and we were gifted \$1,000 by Scheels! Wow!

But wait! There's MORE!! Holly also was the closest to the pin for the entire season and that earned CDHS another \$2,500,

sponsored by the Dakota Medical Foundation. AND MORE! Tharaldson Ethanol also joined in and gifted us another \$500.

Whew! \$4,000 - all because Holly has a heart for the animals, and she can hit a golf ball. We're so impressed by Holly's generosity and her golfing talent. And we are so grateful for the donations made by those great organizations AND the cool opportunity provided by Dave Schultz.

Let's hear it for Holly and all these amazingly generous organizations supporting their community! 🐾

Band Night is a Great Outing for Our Shelter Pups

We had an amazing night for a Band Night Parade! Thanks so much to our volunteers and staff for working with the shelter dogs and thank you to our wonderful alumni families for bringing along some former shelter dogs to join in.

We brought along some puppies who haven't had much life experience outside of the shelter. In the beginning, they were a little nervous and trying to take in all the commotion. By the end of the parade, you could see them really enjoying the walk and being such great dogs. Another fun night in the community! 🐾



CENTRAL DAKOTA HUMANE SOCIETY'S **DOG DAYS DEALS RUMMAGE SALE**



**WE'RE HERE!
LET'S SHOP!**



WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. – \$10 FIRST PICK WRISTBAND



THURSDAY & FRIDAY ~ AUG. 15 & 16

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



SATURDAY ~ AUG. 17

**9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Remaining non-tagged items are FREE!!
(Freewill donations appreciated)**

**THURSDAY/
FRIDAY:
WE WILL HAVE
LUNCH
ON THE GRILL
FOR A FREE WILL
DONATION!**

**Donations will ONLY be accepted during shelter hours on Thursdays, Fridays,
& Saturdays from July 18 - Aug. 10. (Thur & Fri-1-6 p.m. & Sat-1-4 p.m.)**

**We CANNOT accept clothing/shoes, exercise equipment, large appliances, stereos, computers,
large electronics, TVs, bedding, mattresses, boxsprings, commodes, encyclopedias.**

**At the CDHS Shelter
2104 37th St., Mandan
701-667-2020**



**Central Dakota
Humane Society**

Adoptable Pets

See more CDHS adoptable pets
at www.cdhs.net



ALDI
Spayed Female
Short Hair (DSH)
Black
Approximate DOB:
April 2023



EVELINE
Spayed Female
Long Hair (DLH)
Brown Tabby and
White
Approximate DOB:
March 2016



LUCY
Spayed Female
Short Hair (DSH)
Brown Tabby with
White
Approximate DOB:
March 2019



ALFONZO
Neutered Male
Terrier Mix
Approximate DOB:
June 2023



FREYA
Spayed Female
Corgi/Husky Mix
Approximate DOB:
June 2019



MARTY
Neutered Male
Long Hair (DLH)
Brown Tabby
Approximate DOB:
December 2023
Origin: Stray



BERNARDO
Neutered Male
Terrier Mix
Approximate DOB:
September 2021



GRISWOLD
Neutered Male
Short Hair (DSH)
Gray and White
Approximate DOB:
March 2021



MCFLY
Neutered Male
Long Hair (DLH)
Brown Tabby
Approximate DOB:
December 2023



CALLUM
Neutered Male
Short Hair (DSH)
Brown Tabby
Approximate DOB:
June 2022



KENO
Neutered Male
Short Hair (DSH)
Orange Tabby
Approximate DOB:
April 2023



MONROE
Neutered Male
Short Hair (DSH)
Orange Tabby and
White
Approximate DOB:
March 2020



CLAYTON
Neutered Male
Bulldog Mix
Approximate DOB:
February 2023



LENA
Spayed Female
Short Hair (DSH)
Orange Tabby
Approximate DOB:
April 2021



OLIVER
Neutered Male
Heeler Mix
Approximate DOB:
October 2022

A Shaggy Shuffle PIVOT

Much like one of our favorite Friends episodes where they were carrying the couch up the stairs, things didn't exactly go as planned at our annual Shaggy Shuffle. And also much like the Friends episode, we had to PIVOT! PIVOT!

We tongue-in-cheek renamed is as the Soggy Shuffle and did a little reimagining. Unfortunately, our vendors and activities were washed away with the cold, windy, drizzly day. Thankfully, we had many diehard supporters and doggos brave the weather and stop down at Sertoma park anyway. They collected their pup cups and other prizes, we drew our \$1,000 raffle winners, and then we had a nice walk. By the time the walk time rolled around, the weather had cleared up and it ended up being a beautiful night for a Shaggy Shuffle.

Thank you to all who helped, all who made it to the event, and to all who supported us even though they couldn't attend. Your support of our events and fundraisers is what keeps this machine movin'.

Thank you to our vendors who were not able to attend. Even though we were washed out, we are so

thankful for your support!

PAWZ Enrichment Center, Elevate Canine Academy, Bed n Biscuit Ranch, Dakota Canine Massage and Treats, Angela Diane Photography - Bismarck-Mandan Newborn & Family Photographer, Mabel's All Day, Rocket Dog Running, Kiki's Animal Service,

Rover & Whiskers, Shaun Joseph - Pet Insurance, Tinker & Bone Studio, Noelle Grace Designs, Danegirl Designs, Beverly Everett, Creepfactor Art, Arica's Pet Sitting, Bowwow Bandanas, Wag and Wonder, Kat Socks, Unconventional Cookies, Deuce Crew, Farmer Tillie's Homemade Dog Treats. 🐾



Please support these businesses that display CDHS donation canisters

All Pets Veterinary Clinic
Bed 'n' Biscuit Ranch
Bismarck Animal Clinic and Hospital
Bismarck Sewing & Quilting
Burleigh County Senior Center
Butcher Block Meats
Cappuccino on Collins
Captain Jack's Liquor - Mandan
Captain Jack's Liquor - North
Captain Jack's Liquor - Northwest
Captain Jack's Liquor - South
Cashwise Liquor - North
Cashwise Liquor - South
Clothes Mentor
Cloverdale Country Store
D'Fine Tanning & Hair Salon
Dakota Pharmacy
Dakota Prairie Vet Service

Expressway C-Store
Four Paws Inn
Gold Label Feeds
Gourmet Doggy Diner
Healthy Dog Center
Heart River Animal Hospital
Hey Ocean
Interstate Vet Clinic
Jay's Pawn Shop - Bismarck
KT Animal Supply
Kroll's - Mandan
Kroll's - North
Lewis & Clark Animal Hospital
Little Caesar's Pizza - South
Little Caesars Pizza - North
Little Cottage Café
Little Dukes (Cashwise gas station)
M&H Gas

Marshall Lumber Company
Medicine Shoppe - Mandan
Midway Lanes
Missouri Valley Vet Clinic:
Commerce/Pinehurst/
Mandan
Moritz Sport & Marine
Norm's Eatery
On The Run - Bismarck (North)
On The Run - Mandan
Pet Place Grooming
Plato's Closet
Plaza Beer Depot
Plaza Drug
Polar Package
Pony Express
Red Trail Petro & Pizza
Rock'N 50's Café
Runnings - Bismarck

Runnings - Mandan
Scotty's Drive-In
Simonson's - North
Space Aliens Grill & Bar
StaMart - Bismarck
Taco Del Mar - South
Taco John's - Mandan
Taco John's - North
Taco John's - South
Taco John's/Good Times - Bismarck
Top Dog Grooming
Treasures of the Sea & Earth
Tri-Center Cenex
West Dakota Meats
West River Chiropractic
Williquors

Don't Declaw the Paw

By Cameo Skager

Communications/Development Director

I must admit, when we adopted our first little kitty, we didn't know a whole lot about caring for the critter. We just used some instinct and figured it out as we went along. (And, just an FYI – there was no internet or Google back in those days.) One of the things I used my instinct on was declawing my cat. Whew! Yeah, I did that. Am I a bit embarrassed to admit that? You bet. I think you might call that young and dumb.

I have learned A LOT since then (older and wiser) and I will never again declaw a cat. I will gladly visit with anyone thinking of declawing their cat and give all the facts about the procedure so that folks know what is actually involved.

Some things I do know about declawing:

- Declawing a cat is very painful for the cat and can cause lifelong pain. Too often, people think that declawing is a simple surgery that removes a cat's nails – the equivalent of having your fingernails trimmed. Declawing actually involves the amputation of the last bone of each toe. If performed on a human, it would be like cutting off your fingers at the last knuckle.
- Cats have an instinct to scratch, and scratching provides exercise. Cats' claws actually play a large and positive role in their muscle tone and agility.
- Cats need their claws to defend themselves. If your cat ever accidentally gets out of the house, they could be in big trouble without their claws.
- Many times, cats that have been declawed will bite since they no longer have their claws for defense. (My declawed kitty did this a lot! She would attack our ankles and bite them – HARD.)
- Many cats that have been declawed will refuse to use the litter box. They have pain when digging and scratching in the litter box. Instead



Kitties need to exercise their paws and legs and cardboard scratchers are just the ticket!

of using their litter, some resort to using soft, less painful options, like carpets, piles of laundry, and even the bed or pillows.

I am happy to report that Central Dakota Humane Society has a policy that restricts cat adopters from declawing their new pets. Prior to adopting our no-declaw policy we experienced multiple adopters returning their cats that had been declawed. They returned them because they were no longer using the litter box and were urinating in other locations. CDHS was then responsible to try to find homes for cats that did not use the litter box. That can be a tough sell.

So, for the comfort of the cats and for the convenience of our adopters, CDHS no longer allows or condones declawing. We do encourage cat adopters to do the following:

- Keep the cat's claws trimmed. We will even gladly show you how if you aren't an expert yet.
- Provide stable scratching posts and boards around your home. Offer different materials like carpet, sisal, wood, and cardboard, as well as different styles (vertical and horizontal). Use toys and catnip to

entice your cat to use the posts and boards. In my own home, I found out that when my cats have multiple scratching options, they will not bother the carpet or furniture. (And believe me when I say, my cats have A LOT of scratching options.)

- If you have great concerns about a cat scratching, ask your veterinarian or groomer about soft plastic caps (like Soft Paws®) that are glued to the cat's nails. They need to be replaced about every six weeks.

I hope you believe like I do that there is no reason to ever maim or mutilate a cat's toes. No furniture or carpet is worth the pain they suffer – physically or psychologically. I love my cats a whole bunch. I mean, I even apologize (over and over again) if I step on their tails and beg forgiveness if their dish is empty! Why would I ever want to hurt them by declawing? Like Maya Angelo famously said, "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." I'm so glad I figured it all out and now I do better for my kitties. And I'm so proud that CDHS does better for all its kitties too. 🐾

Tails of Success

TUCKER

Hello from Magna, now Tucker! There was a big adjustment to learning how to go up and down stairs, figuring out that a TV is NOT a horrible thing and that kids are not a threat that needs to be growled at. Tucker had his first haircut and LOVES to play fetch! He smiles all the time and has brought such joy to us. He travels well, loves his backyard, and has even learned to like our grandkids! We are truly blessed to have been chosen to have Tucker as part of our home! – *From Tucker's family*



BENTLEY, TORI, AND PICARD

Just an update on the kids. They love each other and the play has increased dramatically. Tori is a little tempest. Bentley loves her and Picard gets jealous when they play. It sure gets wild. Such sweet kitties. – *From Bentley, Tori, and Picard's family*



CLEM

May 31 marked one year of me being with my family. I am doing well, and my eye keeps improving. Thanks for everything. – *Love, Clem*



FLACO

Just wanted to give you guys an update since it has been exactly a year since the day we brought Flaco home. He is doing amazing and loving life more and more every day. He gets to play all the time with his big brother Dusty, and he loves to cuddle. Thank you, guys, again for letting us take these two sweet handsome boys home with us! – *From Flaco's family*



QUINCY

Hi! I wanted to give you guys an update on Quincy! He has had some time to warm up to other animals and loves them all! He's a natural on the paddle board and has learned a handful of new tricks! He loves blackberries, cheese, pumpkin, whipped cream and bully bones so far! He gets zoomies all the time as well and they are the cutest thing! Here are some pictures. I have yet to capture a picture of him on the paddle board. – *From Quincy's family*



COOPER

It has now been 6 months since Cooper (previously Toga) joined our family. He will behave like a kitten at times and one of his favorite activities is assisting in re-cycling efforts; that is, he loves shredding paper bags! He also continues to find great places to hang out. – *From Cooper's family*



COOT

Update on Coot! He is getting really big now and has TONS of personality! He loves his big sister even though she might not feel the same! Last week he decided to go on an adventure around my apartment complex and say hello to everyone! He loves to get me up super early for cuddles before work! He is a little maniac! – *From Coot's family*



ABBEY

Still loving my new home with windows and doors to watch birds, rabbits, squirrels, and blowing leaves. I'm a hugger, a snuggler, and very talkative. Mom and Dad, Judy and Sam, take excellent care of me. – *From Abbey* 🐾



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Listings reflect memberships, adoptions and donations from 3-16-24 to 6-30-2024 ONLY

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In memory of **Kyle Berquist**. From Marjo & Jim Hewitson.
In loving memory of Kyle Berquist. From Blaine & Paula Nordwall.
In loving memory of **Gary Berreth**. From Aaron & Jane Berger, Pamela Berreth, Kenneth Diers, Janice O'Neill, Cleon Diers, Jon & Karen Hagerott, David Leer, Nicole & Jeff Mindt, Jean Schafer.
In memory of Gary Berreth. From Mia Corrigan, Arden Hagerott, Leland & Sharon Klein.
In memory of **Shanna Booth**. From Chelsea Booth.
In loving memory of our daughter, **Tessa Brueni**, and her Grandma **Irene**. From Dave & Cindy Brueni.
In memory of **Melisa Chrest**. From Curtis & Judith Kroh.
In loving memory of **Amelia Clooten**. From Rodney Clooten.
In memory and in honor of **JoAnne Deringer**. From Rosie Bussmann, Manny & Roxanne Bernal & Family and Linda Pennix & Family. We love you Aunt JoAnne.
In loving memory of JoAnne Deringer. From Annette Hartl Bjornstad, Jennifer Henry. In memory of JoAnne Deringer. From Marcia & Michael Dunn, your friends at Furry Friends Rockin' Rescue, Jennifer Morrell & Family, Stephanie Santos. In memory of JoAnne Deringer, who recently passed. Her son Scott is a friend and co-worker. From Tami Pautzke.
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In memory of **Floraine Dougherty**. From Trudy & Bryan Jochim.
In loving memory of **Jamie Fleck**. From Karen Berger.
In memory of **Steve Geisinger**. From Deanna Dailey.
In memory of **Anna Hagel**. From Ruth & David Borlaug.
In memory of **Arlene Halfhide**. From Sue Buchholz.

In memory of **Roslyn Jean Henke**. From Ruth & David Borlaug.
In memory of **Sandra (Stout) Illich**. From Vicky Larson-Schmidt.
In memory of **Dr. Amy Juhala**. From Karen Arlien, Claudia Berg. In honor and in memory of Amy Juhala. From Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. In memory of Amy Juhala. From Jannelle & Drew Combs, Danielle Goetzfried, Bonnie & Michael, Christine & Sky Kujawa, Katherine & Myron Netzer, Anne Reynolds, Karol Riedman, Judy, Adam & Ryan Sauter, Katherine Stanek, Kim Weismann.
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In memory of **Curt Kienzle**. From Laurel Moser, Barry & Pamela Nelson.
In memory of **Marv Knoll**. From Patty & Larry Wood.
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In memory of **Marie Kramer**. From Sharon Swenson.

In memory of **Lisa LaFave** and in honor of her cat, **Mittens**. From Carmen & John Devney.

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In loving memory of my wife, **Joyce A. Masseth**. From Myron Masseth.

In loving memory of **Garrett Monzolowsky** from the Regan Family.

In memory of **Leann Moos**. From RaeAnn Mosbrucker, Tiffany & Alfred Peterson.

In memory of **Blanche Nagel**. From Brady Nagel.

In memory of **Mary Nygard** of Hazen, ND. From Mark Nygard.

In memory of **Bruce Ohme**, Sterling, ND, who loved and cared for their beloved Chow Chows! From Debra Struble.

In memory of **Grace Rea**. From Zona, Karla & Monty Stack.

In memory of **Bruce Reinarts**. From Kent & Jacqueline Ellis.

In memory of **Burt Riskedahl**. From Ruth & David Borlaug.

In memory of **Dolores Rowe**. From Barbara Reister.

In memory of **Mary Jane Sanstead**. From Hulen & Patricia Bivins.

In memory of **Jan & Brody Seitz**. From Victoria Kowalski.

In memory of **Peter Selkove**. From Ruth & David Borlaug.

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In loving memory of **Vivian Streyle**. From John & Judy Gunkelman, J. Joan & Doug Mork. In memory of Vivian Streyle. From Deb Mathern.

In memory of **Kay Strothman**. From Erica & Joshua Hynes, Sanda Putnam. In loving memory of Kay Strothman. From Thomas & Bonita Lenihan.

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In memory of **Merry Wetsch**. From Tracy Stein.

In memory of **Carol Wingenbach**. From Travis and Jo Ann Coyle. In memory of Carol Wingenbach, who had a special place in her heart for animals. From Mark & Marilyn Stumpf.

In memory of **Jerry Zins**. From Greg & Doris McKay.

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In loving memory of **Aspen**, a loyal friend. No longer will you be by my side but you will always be in my heart. From Sonya Johnson & Family.

In loving memory of **Avery**, also affectionately known as "Poochie". From Marlene & David Helbling.

In memory of **Bailey**, beloved pet of Mary & John Blumle. From Ruth & David Borlaug.

In memory of **Bella**, beloved canine companion of Linda & Erv Hatzenbiler. From Gary & Karla Gabriel.

In loving memory of **Billie**, furry daughter of Roger. From Marlene & David Helbling.

In memory of **Chance**, our beloved feline companion. From Patty & Darrel Bosch.

In memory of **Chloe**, beloved canine companion of Deb Bogert. From Rhonda Mahlum. In memory of Chloe, the sweet, sweet dog of Deb Bogert. From Denise & Larry Spanjer.

In memory of **Duke**, beloved canine companion of Kristen Chodachek. From Ann Dahl.

In memory of **Echo**, beloved pet of the Arvidson-Bluemle family. From Mary Bluemle.

In memory of the Johnson family dog, **Hadley**. From Jennifer Miller.

In loving memory of **Harlow**, beloved feline companion. Happy heavenly birthday to pretty little lady. From Jean Laidlaw.

In loving memory of our little **Hooty**. From feral to a lap cat, giving tons of sandpaper

kisses... oh how we miss those!! Thank you for picking us for your forever home. JJ & Brent Veil.

In remembrance of beloved family dogs, **Leo & J.B.**, who passed away recently. They were part of the family of Chris, Stacy & Olivia Sorlie of Atlanta, Georgia. From Sue Sorlie.

In loving memory of **Maddy**. From Jennifer Miller.

In loving memory of **Maggie**, beloved Chi-Weinie of Eric Henninger. From Camie O'Connor.

In memory of beloved canine companion, **Mancini**. From Blake & Donna Nicholson.

In memory of my sweet (**Martyn**) **May Maree Magua Mayer Embry**. You will always be in my heart. From Glenda Baker Embry. Thank you to Dakota Prairie Vet Service in New Town for caring for her.

In memory of **Kobi**, my curious, fun-loving tabby cat who brought me much companionship and joy these past 10 1/2 years. He was a very special kitty. I will miss him greatly. From Connie Fischer.

In memory of **LL Bean**. Thank you for trying to "fix" LL Bean. We are so sorry his issues were too severe to correct. Our sympathy goes out to all of you. From Lee & Jolene Podoll.

In memory of **Maverick**, a special dog who gave Nate unconditional love and got it in return! From Dr. James & Lorri Nelson.

In memory of **Mort**, the CDHS office staff cat. From Ruth & David Borlaug. In loving memory of Mort Johnson. From Sue Buchholz. In loving memory of Mort Johnson, beloved & cherished lobby cat at CDHS who will be greatly missed. From Beverly Everett. In loving memory of Mort Johnson. He was one of a kind. He will always be loved and is greatly missed. From Lee & Jolene Podoll.

In memory of our black & white husky, **Mya**. Miss you every day. From Craig & Peggy Sjoborg.

In memory of **Nik** and **Winnie**, beloved feline companions. From Bonnie Schneider.

In memory of **Noble**, beloved CDHS feline. From Roger & Vanessa Bosch. In loving memory of Noble, my friend from CDHS. I miss you. From

Marlene & David Helbling. In memory of Noble, beloved CDHS feline. In spite of all of his health issues, he remained a sweet boy. From Lee & Jolene Podoll.

In memory of **Oakley**, dog of Samantha Leno. From Lori Nitsch.

In memory of **Oscar & Muesli**, beloved dogs of Jo Ann Johnson and Abby Brogden. From Mary Ann Johnson.

In memory of **Reiley**, beloved dog of Twyla Zimmerman. From David & Peggy Anderson.

In memory of **Riley**, beloved dog and faithful friend of Duane Pool & Mary Tello-Pool. May Riley live forever in their hearts! From Jim & Lorri Nelson.

In memory of all the **Ronderos farm dogs** who have passed away. From Kathy Keller.

In memory of the sweetest Golden rescue, **Russell**. From Emmanuelle Hulm.

In memory of **Rusty**, beloved shelter dog. This donation will help cover the cost of planting a tree for Rusty. From Jordyn Fairaizl, Pugsy and Batman.

In memory of our beloved cat **Sammi**, who passed away 11/11/23 at the age of 18 years and 8 months. From Daryl & Diane Gronfur.

In memory and in honor of **Si**, beloved canine companion. From Arnold Ziegler.

In memory of **Titus**. From Sydney McGowan.

Honors:

In honor of **Byron Bohrer**. From Mary Puetz.

In honor of **Carrie Bornemann**'s years at CDHS. From The Core Dog Walkers.

In honor of **Rena Dwelle**'s birthday. Happy birthday from Katie & Dave Bentz, Rena & Mark Dwelle, Terry Hieb, Grace Leigh, Nancy Louise.

In honor of **Beverly Everett**'s birthday. Happy birthday! From Neil & Tami Charvat, Lisa Heukelom, John & Brenda Miller, Joseph & Katherine Satrom.

In honor of **Gracie**, our beloved cat who turned 19 years old

on 3/17/24. From Daryl & Diane Gronfur.

In honor and in appreciation of **Betsy Hamkens**. From Bruce & Jeanne DeKrey.

In honor of **Michelle Jean**'s birthday. Happy birthday! From Crystal Parker.

In honor of the marriage of **Rachelle Dietz & Keith Johnston** of Lincoln, ND. They were married on May 11, 2024. From Nola Weiss.

In honor of **Billie Jones**. From Kimberly Settel.

In honor of **Jill Kautzman**'s birthday. Happy birthday! From Laura Walty Myers.

In honor of **Beth Kisling**'s birthday. Happy birthday!

In honor and memory of **Elmer & Evelyn Klipstein** from John & Glenda Klipstein Sevcik.

In honor of **Misty Rae Lauer**'s birthday. Happy birthday from Judy Kroh, Tracy Morton, Zersha Zech.

In honor of **Al Lick**. From Lori Hoffer.

In honor of **Carrie Mahin**. From Zachary Mahin.

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In honor of **LuAnn Rae**'s birthday. Happy birthday! From Kathy Hammerel.

In honor of **Kennedy Shelquist**. From Eric Barnick.

In honor of my **sister**. From Virginia & Mel Mortvedt.

In honor of **Dave Thronsdet**'s birthday. Happy birthday from Sara Gunsch, Jack Huft, Dave Thronsdet.

In honor of **Jamie Vaughan**'s birthday. Happy birthday! From Cameo & Kiel Skager.

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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.
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.
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Farewell to Our Favorite Greeter – Mort Johnson

Our lobby greeter, chair warmer, favorite friend and best boy ever Mort Johnson has passed away. One of his best friends at the shelter was Office Manager Carrie. She wrote a touching tribute to him.

"Mortimer "Morty" Johnson was truly one of a kind. He was a tiny little scrappy kitten that came in close to death's door. One of the employees took him home and nursed him back to health. He had a larger-than-life personality, and we were all so in love with him that we decided he should be the lobby cat/greeter.

When we moved to the new building – he had a

new kingdom to explore and conquer. Besides being the counter holder downer, he decided he should be a paper weight/office assistant/dog tester. He helped us type out our letters – one year he typed some random letters on a thank you letter. This was not noticed until over 350 of these letters were mailed out. He managed to rotate the screen on our computers, create customers in databases, and deleted all Shelly's emails because he thought she needed a break from work.

When he wanted a treat – he wanted one NOW. He would paw at papers,



Mort

containers, bags – really anything that he could to get your attention and then turn around to look at you and say, "Hello? Treats?" He showed us much love and appreciation with his daily head butts which

would knock your glasses sideways on your face, his loud purrs, and snaggletooth rubs. He secretly liked to be hugged but only on his own terms."

Farewell, Morty. We will miss you. 🐾