Keeping Cool

In town ...
Be aware that asphalt is hot on sensitive paws. Don’t leave your pets in your hot car or allow them to ride in the back of an open pick up or hang their head out an open window. On hot days, walk early in the morning or after it cools in the evening.

In the yard ...
A wading pool for the kids and the dog! A favorite toy submerged or floating will provide entertainment while they cool off. An outdoor covered run can let your indoor cat safely enjoy the yard, too! Continued on page 3

Warm weather is upon us so enjoy the summer, but play it safe with your pets and follow these important tips for keeping them cool and well.
Dear Friends,

I cannot tell you how excited I am about happenings at SpokAnimal. Our staff is doing an excellent job in finding forever homes for the pets in our care and the animal control staff is working diligently to reclaim impounded animals to their owners prior to bringing them into the shelter. Even with the great job they are doing, there is still room for improvement.

We have now partnered with the Spokane Humane Society and SCRAPS under an agreement with the ASPCA, to increase positive outcomes for our region by 10% this year. We have received a grant to help us with that mission, and the “A” is providing training for staff and volunteers to enhance our work. We have been doing temperament evaluations for dogs in our care for quite some time. With the enhanced program, all three shelters will be using the same evaluating procedures for both pets and the adopters. We will be transferring pets as needed to assist in placement. We took 6 kittens from SCRAPS prior to kitten season hitting us. The partners will be sharing data about pets for adoption as well for referrals.

Thru the ASPCA, the Spokane Team for Mission Orange received a $10,000 grant from Clorox, to sterilize feral cats. Spokane Humane Society received $3500, Pet Savers received $3000 and SpokAnimal C.A.R.E. received $3500. This should help make a difference in the number of feral cats handled at area shelters. If you are caring for a colony, or even one free-roaming cat, please contact us for the sterilization procedure. This does not include friendly, free-roaming house cats.

Field Officer Bryan Townsend just returned from disaster training in St. Petersburg, Florida. Funded thru PetSmart Charities, there are several truck/trailer units strategically placed throughout the United States. As part of their disaster team, Bryan will deploy to respond with the truck to provide generator, caging, food, computers, etc.

Assistant Field Supervisor Dave Walker will be attending the Bad Rap for Pitbulls conference in California as a guest of the ASPCA. He will receive training on evaluation, screening of adopters, handling and safety.

Assistant Director Laura Thulean, Director of Operations Angela Johnson, Receiving Team Lead Krista Colvin and I attended the Humane Society of the United States Expo in Dallas, thanks to a grant from the ASPCA. We all split up, covering most of the presentations, and came home with some great new ideas.

On June 25, the Spokane City Council will be discussing a proposed ordinance that bans the sale of animals on the streets, public property, and private property without written approval. This is partially in response to the Valentine’s Day pictures of Chiwahuas being held in the air advertising to be sold on North Division. Councilman Brad Stark is the sponsor of this legislation. Please feel free to come to the 6:30 meeting and testify.

We are also working on an anti-tethering ordinance. Dogs on chains have been proven to be more likely to bite. Last week, a 3-year-old child wandered into the path of a chained lab and was injured badly, with bites between the eyes, left side of head and left hand. Please encourage your council members to support the proposed ordinance.

We have training scheduled for July 11-12 for Meet the Adopters, presented by the ASPCA. This training will be for staff and volunteers to attend to help in assessing the needs and traits of the adopters to better match with the best pet for them. If you are interested, please call me 534-8133 ext 202.

Thanks for being a part of this exciting time for us. Thanks to you and the part you play in helping us achieve our goals.

Gail B. Mackie, Executive Director

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**SpokAnimal C.A.R.E.**

**COMPANION ANIMAL RELATIONSHIP ENRICHMENT**

Your Inland Northwest Humane Society

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Adoption Center:
10AM-6PM ~ Mon-Fri
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232-2230

~ OUR MISSION ~

SpokAnimal C.A.R.E. is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting kindness and consideration for animals through education, to reduce pet overpopulation through sterilization, and to establish programs and sheltering which meet national standards.

**TUNE IN!**

SpokAnimal is featured on:

KREM Ch 2
Tuesday noon news

KXLY Ch 4
Tues. & Fri. on Good Morning NW

KHQ Ch 6
Saturday morning news

The BOB
Catch us on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm

**From the Executive Director...**

**Issues of SpokAnimal’s Companion Animal News are now available for download online at “http://www.spokanimal.org!”**
Keeping Cool (continued)

At the lake ...
Not all dogs know how to swim. Some enjoy wading while others like to dive off the dock. Supervise your dogs in the water as you would your children. Going sailing? Even strong swimmers will tire before they can make it to shore if thrown from the boat in the middle of the lake. There are life jackets for dogs, too!

In the woods ...
When out for a wilderness hike, be sure to routinely check your pet’s paws and pads for injuries and his fur for ticks and burrs. Know the area well; be sure it is safe and far from traffic and other hazards. Make sure that your dog has a really reliable recall BEFORE you turn him loose to explore - or you might lose him in the woods! Make sure your pets always wear current license and ID tags and don’t forget to microchip!

Seek out shade and stop for water often!

Photo Credit: Bea Wachter

▲ Supervise your dogs in the water.
Celebrating ASPCA Day, April 10, 2007

Spokane Humane Society Puppy

About the ASPCA

Founded in 1866, the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) was the first humane organization established in the Western Hemisphere and today has one million supporters. The ASPCA's mission is to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. The ASPCA provides national leadership in anti-cruelty, animal behavior, humane education, government affairs and public policy, shelter support, and animal poison control. The NYC headquarters houses a full-service animal hospital and adoption facility. The Humane Law Enforcement department enforces New York’s animal cruelty laws and is featured on the reality television series “Animal Precinct” on Animal Planet. Visit www.aspca.org for more information.

Check Presentation

SpokAnimal Staff Joins in the Fun

L to R: Gail Mackie - SpokAnimal CARE, John Pilcher - Chief Operating Officer City of Spokane, Ed Sayres - ASPCA, Dave Richardson - Spokane Humane Soc., Mark Richard - Spokane County Commissioner, Nancy Hill - SCRAPS.

SpokAnimal’s Carol Byrnes and Stanley chat with Diane Rasmussen of the Spokane Humane Society and her feline friend.

Part of the Family

The American Veterinary Medical Association did a survey in 1957 asking the public, “Do you feel your dog is part of the family?” 43% answered “yes.” They repeated the survey in 2004 and 97% answered “yes.”

- Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, DVM

Businesses Go Orange for the Animals

Coffeeworks employee Brittany poses out front of the shop at 2320 E. Sprague sporting a bright orange shirt. On the window of the stand are posters celebrating “Go Orange for the Animals” and “Support the ASPCA - drink specials all day!” Big thanks to owner KC Henderson and her staff for Going Orange!

SpokAnimal volunteer Elin Zander reports, “For every employee who wore orange, I donated $5. That combined with donations by employees totaled $368.74.” From left to right: Chris Miller, Janet Lawson, Russ Anderson, Elin Zander, Sue Larrabee, Sarah Greener (owner), Libby Daly.

SpokAnimal Staff Joins in the Fun

L to R: Eli Merkison, Gail Mackie, Eileen Milla, Bryan Townsend, kneeling: Dave Walker
Sit Up and Beg

WE NEED -
• A laminator
• Simple Green and Swiffer Wet cloths
• Mop buckets, mop heads and handles
• Blankets and towels
• Commercial washer and dryer for clinic and receiving
• Bleach, bleach, and more bleach
• Wet floor signs
• Office supplies, writeable CD’s
• Vacuum cleaner
• Bathroom tissue, paper towels

Dog/Cat Enrichment Program
• Volunteers to stuff Kongs, providing activities to pass the time for those who wait.
• Cheez Whiz (kong stuffer)
• Peanut Butter (kong stuffer)
• Pig Ears (temperament evaluations)
• Small kitty toys or ping pong balls
• Canned food for dogs/puppies (for all our thin pups)
• Dog toys and all sorts of treats and goodies!!!
• Grooming brushes

Auction Items Needed
It seems a long way away, but it’s really only a few months til our annual fund raising auction. Donations are needed! Items, services, etc. Contact Gail Mackie - 534-8133 x 202 or Laura Thulean - 534-8133 x 208.

We need foster homes!
To qualify, all owned animals must be spayed/neutered, licensed, current on vaccinations and landlord permission if renting.

President’s Message

Dear Friends,

I am excited! I attended the A.S.P.C.A. sponsored Mission Orange Summit in Austin, Texas. What is Mission Orange? It is the focused efforts of resources, people and shelter groups to accomplish no more homeless pets in that community. (See page 3-4 for more details!) We feel we can incorporate many of the things we learned about the New York, Philadelphia, Tampa and Austin programs into our efforts here in Spokane.

Our team, Gail Mackie (Executive Director), Elin Zander (Temperament Evaluation Team Leader), Eileen Milla (employee in intake and adoptions), Lori Humphrey (BOD advisor and staff marketing consultant), Christel Carlson (BOD) and Cyra Carlson (volunteer and donor), all spent 2 solid days in break out sessions brainstorming ways to involve the Spokane community in our efforts. We each brought back with us, several topics we are committed to bringing to fruition, and others that we will start to develop. I plan to personally concentrate on interactions with the Mayor and City Council on animal control issues and possibly ordinance changes that will help our mission. Our contract for animal control will continue with the City of Spokane through Jan 2008.

The ASPCA named Spokane one of their target cities for Mission Orange, bringing over $600,000 in resources to our area over the next 3 years. Training will start in July for staff members and volunteers to enhance our adoption/temperament evaluation services. We have been assigned one of the best teams in the nation for assistance. Sam Marstaller of California, Laura Lanza of Texas and Tami McReynolds, DVM from Lewiston, Idaho. This is a diversified team with much experience in the animal welfare field. This team will be assisting our staff/volunteers/board in increasing positive outcomes for our area by a minimum of 10%.

Our shelter employees and corporate partners efforts in 2006 to facilitate adoption were extraordinary! We adopted/returned/transferred over 1200 more animals in 2006 than 2005 for a total of 3862 dogs, 1598 cats, and additional other animals. In Jan 2007, our wonderful adoption staff found over 60 more animals loving homes that in Jan 2006–the previous record. Way to go community for adopting, and employees/volunteers for facilitating!

Our partners at PetSmart (for cats especially), Walmart (for dogs) and rescue partners help us find homes for many. The addition of the Temperament Evaluation Team has helped us identify problems/issues with animals prior to adoption. The continued photography/posting with PetFinder by Stewart and Kathy Robbins keeps us in the public eye. We are on track to reach our dream goal of no euthanasia for healthy adoptable dogs. We will need to develop a feral cat management program (much like Austin’s) to help stabilize our feral cat population and eventually reduce the numbers of ferals born each year that then enter our/other shelters with little hope for adoption. I also hope to help direct our board, shelter employees, interested community partners and individuals in developing a feral cat trap/neuter/spay/release program. It has been very successful in other communities and could be a winning solution here as well.

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Kids Helping Animals

Thank you to **Holland Peyton**, who turned 7 on February 14th. She collected donations for the animals instead of birthday presents for SpokAnimal for the third year in a row.

**Northwood Middle School, Mead District**, a truck load of supplies collected by Mr. Neal’s Class, May 31, 2007. Thank you for your donation!

**Cataldo Kids Care!**
Our seventh grade class at Cataldo Catholic School sponsored a Family Bingo night as a community service project during Catholic Schools week. We raised $388.74 and we would like to donate this money to your program. We chose SpokAnimal because we knew this will help innocent animals and we believe in what you do, which is helping needy animals in the Spokane area. We hope that this donation makes a difference.

Sincerely,
Your seventh grade friends at Cataldo Catholic School

**Ferris High School Students Learn About Rescuing Gulls**
Dear SpokAnimal Caregivers,
I would like to personally thank all of you and your wonderful organization for your assistance this year in rescuing injured members of our gull population. I teach Advanced Placement Biology and I know your prompt arrival to help us with a bird we tried to keep warm in a lab coat made a huge impact. It is inspiring and reassuring to know that such a group of caring people exists. Thank you very, very much for the kind services you provide.

Very Sincerely,
Lisa Klapp, Science Teacher
Ferris High School

**Nature Preserve on a Golf Course?**
Inspired Sheridan Elementary Class Raises Over $400 for SpokAnimal - Money Presented Friday, April 20.

When Americorps volunteer Jodi Pierson spoke with a fifth grade class at Sheridan about civic engagement, little did she know that she was about to unleash some pretty rabid fund raisers. Mr. Staebell's fifth grade class was tasked with coming up with a cause to raise money, and they spoke about many different options. But fairly early on, the students decided to raise money for an animal related cause, and the ideas started flying. One of Jodi's favorites was a fifth grader that wanted to talk to all the local golf courses into donating one of their holes and turning it into a nature preserve. After narrowing down some ideas, the class decided to have the money go to SpokAnimal.

They were so inspired that they visited all of the classrooms at Sheridan, and decorated individual money receptacles for each class. They spent their lunch hours planning on how to raise more money. After one week, they counted all the change, and much to their surprise, they raised over $400. This money will go towards sponsoring individual cages, which defrays part of the cost of adopting the animals. SpokAnimal plans on taking pictures of all the sponsored animals, and hopefully will let the students know who adopts the animals.

The kids weren't the only ones inspired--Americorps volunteers were all moved to tears when they finished counting the money. Sheridan Elementary is in one of Spokane's lowest income neighborhoods, and many of the kids raising the money come from families struggling to make ends meet. But they were so pleased with the end result--there was so much money in the final receptacle that they had to wheel it out in a cart!

A huge Thank You to Mr. Staebell's fifth-grade class at Sheridan Elementary and AmeriCorps volunteer, Jodi Pierson, talked to the kids about being involved in the community. SpokAnimal is very grateful to the kids from the following classes who participated in helping our homeless animals:

Mr. Staebell
Mrs. McIntyre
Mrs. Franks
Mrs. VanHorn
Mrs. Hooper
Mrs. Irish
Mrs. Anderson
Mrs. Shelling
Mr. Keller

**Libby Center Students Sponsor Two Kennels!**

Hi Carol,
Thanks again for taking the time to come to Libby with Stanley, the students really enjoyed your presentation. And we all are looking forward to seeing him in the upcoming Lifetime movie. I’ve attached some pictures from your visit. Hopefully you can use some of them in the SpokAnimal newsletter. The 5th/6th grade students from Mrs. Masteller’s class at the Libby Center Odyssey program raised $150 dollars to donate to SpokAnimal as part of their community service project. They sponsored 2 kennels at SpokAnimal with the $150.

Angela Hartsfield
Odyssey School Counselor Libby Center
My Shelter Dog

I adopted my “Tana” a Louisiana Catahoula Leopard Dog in 2004. She was two months old and what a love. She already knew how to sit and was potty trained. I enrolled her briefly in obedience training but soon found that was not necessary as she was so smart she truly out classed the entire group of dogs. I can truly say she is the best dog I have ever owned. My heart is saddened when people choose to purchase their dogs through breeders and pay exorbitant amounts of money when there are so many good dogs that desperately need a home. Don’t believe what others may have told you about shelter dogs. Check it out for yourself first. If you do your research and make sure it is the right kind of dog for your home, I don’t think you’ll have any regrets.

Sincerely,
Christine Forde

Kidde (formerly Piglet)

I adopted a little Siamese/Lynx point in March. She had had kittens which had been adopted. Her name, coming into the shelter was "Piglet" poor little thing. She was renamed Gracie during her (hope-fully short) stay at SpokAnimal. My little girl is now Kidde’...(Kee da...it’s Danish.) She is so sweet and loving. I can hardly believe she was at the shelter and/or not adopted sooner. Love this little girl. She is absolutely a perfect match and so adorable. & so spoiled and deserves every bit of it. She has the most beautiful bright blue eyes and so much personality. I feel so blessed having her in my life.

Full circle ... from rescuing a homeless pup ... to shelter sponsor ... to forever home

Gail,

I received a card the other day that the young female hound I brought in was adopted!! Thank you so much for taking her in and finding her a home with people who care. Please thank your staff for their good work and compassion. I hope my donations will keep helping and I hope to come in soon to see my kitty cage I sponsored and to sponsor more animals. Thanks for all you do!! God bless!

Will Parks

Irie (formerly Zeus):

We had been looking for a friend for our two year old Alaskan husky and randomly looked on Petfinder one evening when we were visiting our parents in Spokane. My partner and I live across the state in Bellingham, but that night we looked on Petfinder and saw little Irie’s face. It was love at first sight and we knew we wanted to keep him. The next morning was the first day he was available and he has been the happiest doggie in the world ever since. He loves his new sister Dahlia, his large extended canine and human family and especially his new parents. Irie has been grateful since day one for the life he has and responds very well to the rewards based training we give him. The sound of a happy voice directed at him is his favorite reward. Irie's life has been one happy tail ever since he came home to us!

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Will Parks

Will Parks sponsored TWELVE animals this quarter!

Kidde & Irie enjoy the sun at the Bowl & Pitcher
Gunnar is a sweet German short hair who thought he loved sleeping on the couch or bed, but now respects the floor. He is a great greeter...a sweetie. He doesn't jump nor lick, but appreciates a good pet. He holds very still while being greeted.

At first he would push to get out and push to get in, but has found, if he sits and waits to be invited, he may enter calmly and be greeted.

We are hunters and our lab won't be going out anymore, so we got out the shotgun and pumped the action....he ran and also ran at the smell of the gun oil.

He also was very leery of feet (we give our dog foot rubs while sitting in our chairs). Now he is sleeping on the floor by the shotgun and by the 2nd night was receiving a foot rub while snoring at my husband's feet.

Is he "birdy"? We are elders and watch the birds feed their young out our front window. The first thing Gunnar did was find the birds and stand at point in the house. Last night he came into the basement with me to wash clothes and disappeared. In the dark he was all stretched out on point...I turned on the light expecting to see a mouse (unusual in our house)...he was pointing the open container of his master's duck tail collection.

We haven't had him in the field yet nor shot over him, but he is going to be a fun dog for our last hunting years. He is always ready to get in the truck to go for a ride...just needs to learn manners on waiting for the command to get in or out so we don't get hurt.

He makes several rounds of our back yard to check the pee-mail and has cornered a stray calico cat in our back garage. He seems to be in charge of checking on the kitty.

His next lessons will be where it is legal to walk around the garden. He kind of runs across anything in his way except the raspberry rows.

He's a good boy and at this time is in the doorway to my computer room snoring deeply. Do you suppose he is happy with his new home? I appreciate the friendliness and helpfulness of SpokAnimal CARE in my selection of Gunnar. I knew immediately he needed us and we needed him. It is still true.

Happy Endings (continued)

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Happy Endings (continued)

Ty

Dear SpokAnimal C.A.R.E.,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to become a Certified Hearing Dog. I am so happy to be in training, and love working. I am not in my advanced "sound" training and am having lots of fun! Everyone here loves me. When I'm working in public, everyone says I am just the cutest little dog!

Love, Ty

“I love my birdy!”

Ty - SpokAnimal alumni and Hearing Dog in Training!
Purrs, Licks & Tailwags
Thank you!

Elinor Edstrom who donated homemade beds for our pets.

Earthworks for accepting our old computer monitors at no charge.

The Home Depot & Assistant Manager of Garden Department Jim Sanders for a discount on garden supplies.

Donations for “Muffin Jean’s” 18th b-day. Muffin Jean has been a part of Bev Johnson’s family since they adopted her as a kitten from SpokAnimal.

To our amazing Temperament Testing Team! These great people take time out of their busy lives to come weekly, and sometimes more frequently, to extend their expertise evaluating the temperament and behavior of our adoptable animals and emailing the results of the evaluations to the broader shelter/rescue network. Big thanks to Elin Zander, Judy Campbell, Pat Moberly, Mary Bates, and Laura Felgenhauer.

Bill Dallas of ACACIA BUILDERS for donating countless hours of his spare time installing new floors throughout our facility.

Linoleum and Carpet City for donating supplies needed for the floor installation.

Linda Koonz for donating several boxes of office supplies and storage cabinets.

Shari Soejima with the Washington Reading Corps for their recent fundraiser for SpokAnimal at the Petco on 29th. They were able to collect several bags of cat and dog food, kitty litter, treats and $93.17.

Eastern Washington University for inviting us to participate in their adoption event. We had a great time with all of the students and five animals found new homes.

To Steward & Kathy Robbins for their commitment and dedication to photographing and posting our adoptable animals so they can be seen by potential homes on the world wide web!

The Lawn Smith for donating their lawn care services every Wednesday.

The Spokane Home Builders Association and the Premier Home Improvement Show. Area contractors built 10 dog houses that were the centerpiece display at the Home Improvement Show, aka The DAWG POUND as a fundraiser for both SpokAnimal and the Humane Society. Several businesses sponsored the houses at $250.00 such as Real Estate Agents, Title Companies, Banks etc. 100% of all raffle and sponsor money was divided evenly between SpokAnimal and the Humane Society.

All of our busy volunteers and staff who make special events a success! Manning booths at events big and small would not be possible without the help of our dedicated volunteer force! Volunteers who help in the shelter and in the community are greatly appreciated!

Pet Fest was a huge success thanks to board members Kim Kamel, Mary Ronnestad and their husbands and great crew of volunteers: Troy Waite, Mike Haus, Marty Stone, Julie Pelc, Rick Mount, Lauren Izenburger and Shari Soejima. They were able to find over 20 homeless animals new homes. We appreciate all the hard work you put into this event. Thank you very much!!

Jen Schluter, Jeannie Eaton, Gina McAuliff and Linda Helwege for donating miscellaneous dog supplies and $35.00.

To Diamonds in the Ruff students for their “Ruff House store” pet supply purchases which raises thousands of dollars to help the animals.

Department of Corrections work crew supervisors Randy and Brandon for bringing their crew twice a week to clean our shelter.

KKZX for our annual food and supply drive HELTER SHELTER XII!! Join 98.9 KKZX AND VIC Saturday, June 9th From 11AM until 2PM at SpokAnimal.

Big thanks to the following businesses for being drop-off points for donations: The Staggering Ox – 14916 E. Sprague; Dinners Ready – 2622 E. 29th; Brooklyn’s Woodfire Grill on the Northside – 9602 N. Newport Hwy.; Triple Play & Raptor Reef – 175 W. Orchard Ave. in Hayden.

City Council Member thank you: Gail, Thank you so much for appearing with me in the Council Connection - especially on such short notice!! I greatly appreciate it. You and the Board and Staff of SpokAnimal have served the citizens well for many years. I’ve included a dvd of the episode. All the best! Brad Stark Spokane City Council
SpokAnimal Stan
Adopted Dog’s Rise to Stardom

It isn’t really a story about a dog - but the dog navigates you through the story. “The Holidays” is a Christmas movie filmed in Spokane in February/March of this year by North by Northwest productions. It is a story about two homeless kids, a homeless dog and people coming together in time of need. It stars Dave Coulier of Full House fame. “Buster” the dog is played by a local dog named Stanley who is also a SpokAnimal education mascot!

“Stanley” a jaunty little beagle/rat terrier cross, who started out a pet store pup whose first living arrangement didn’t work out. He found himself taken in by River City Rescue in Post Falls and from there, was adopted by SpokAnimal’s education director Carol Byrnes. He became a Diamonds in the Ruff puppy class demo dog and a favorite of kids on SpokAnimal class room visits to area schools. Now he finds himself in front of a camera lens - a doggy actor!

“I’m just so proud of Stanley and all the love, time and work that you have put into him. He’s sure come a long way from the dirty, uncertain and unwanted pup that I remember,” said Claudia Guevara of River City Pet Rescue who brought Stan and Carol together. Teacher Jeff Ennis’ second graders followed Stanley’s journey from ‘interview’ to completion, including a scrapbook of photos to share Stan’s journey.

“The Holidays” is due to come out around Thanksgiving of 2007 on the Lifetime cable channel and the DVD of the movie will be released in Walmart stores soon thereafter.

“No animals were harmed in the making of this film.” All of us have noted this line on the credits of films. But unless you are on set, you have only an idea of what it really means. While working on the set of the “Holidays” SpokAnimal’s education director Carol Byrnes had the opportunity to spend quality time with American Humane Association Representative Barbara Carr. Barbara was on set for every scene that included Stanley, watching for anything dangerous, signs of stress, and was ready to mediate any issues between animal wrangler and crew. She took notes and submitted a detailed report each day. Thank you, Barbara and AHA for making the movie industry a safer place for animal actors!

Actor Dave Coulier with local child stars Brant Schultz and Abigail Schornick in a scene downtown with Stanley.

Stanley becomes a doggy actor.

Ranger and Friend

Ranger the collie, adopted from SpokAnimal, is a Delta certified pet therapy dog! This wonderful shot was taken on a recent visit to St. Joseph’s Care Center captured by owner Steve Navratil.

Dog Stars at the Spokane Public Library!

Stanley and education director Carol Byrnes will be joined by “Air Bud Strikes Back” actor Charlie the Golden Retriever and SpokAnimal volunteer Pat Moberly, and Ranger the collie, a SpokAnimal alumni whose proud owner grew up as a kid on the set of the original Lassie series, making the rounds to Spokane City Libraries for the 2007 Summer Reading program.

Tuesday July 10
3:30 East Side Library

Thursday July 12
2:00 & 3:30 Shadle Library

Friday July 13
2:00 Downtown Library

Thursday July 19
3:30 Hillyard Library

We hope to see you there!
Things You Should Not Bring Home From the Dog Park!

Just like kids at summer camp, dogs who play with other dogs at the dog park, puppy class or the dog daycare are susceptible to whatever bug is going around and should be protected accordingly. While standard yearly vaccines are excellent in protecting dogs against the most serious diseases like parvo, distemper and rabies, large gatherings of canines may come up with the occasional case of kennel cough or giardia. It's a fact with dogs or kids there is an increased risk of catching communicable health issues when socializing with others.

Kennel cough or bordatella is the most frequent visitor to dog daycare. It’s the pooch version of the flu that usually manifests as a deep froggy cough...usually when they first wake up or directly after exercising. They will often cough up white foamy mucous and be listless. Your dog can catch Bordatella at the dog park, daycare, walking around the neighborhood or even at the vet. It is a highly contagious, airborne virus and healthy dogs that show no symptoms can sometimes spread it. Most dogs only get kennel cough once in their lifetime, similar to people with chicken pox. Shelter dogs and dogs under the stress of being kenneled while their families are away on vacation are also susceptible.

If your dog is coughing, please quarantine for 15 days – this will ensure that his buddies won't come down with it, too. An ounce of prevention may be purchased at your veterinary clinic. Before you take your dog to play, please help keep the pack in tip top health by making sure your dog’s immune system is properly boosted and your dog is in good health.

**Fleas and other parasites**

There are a number of great products that quickly eliminate fleas, and if your dog spends time with dog friends, you should discuss flea preventative with your veterinarian. No flea collars, however, as they can be toxic if bitten or chewed.

Dogs can get worms while inspecting each others body parts (butts are usually favorites) or from direct contact (OK, eating!) other dogs' poops. Once wormed, a dog should stay home for at least a week to give the dead parasites time to get out of their system.

Giardia is much more prevalent after it has rained, and during rainy seasons we are destined to have our pets exposed to it at some point. It's a protozoan parasite that may give your dog bloody diarrhea and/or bloody vomit. The blood is usually quite voluminous and it often appears that your dog is bleeding internally. It smells nasty, and you should get your dog to the vet ASAP as this can cause severe dehydration and further weaken your dog friend.

Coccidia is another water related cootie with similar symptoms although not quite as severe. Your vet can treat both of these and most dogs recover quickly with the right medical attention.

These are common bugs that pooches transfer from time to time. If you think your dog has any of these, PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME! It's not fair to expose the other dogs to these maladies.

**Doggie disagreements, spats & brawls**

Dog injuries are inevitable when dogs are cavorting with other dogs. Dogs use their teeth like we use our hands. They grab each other by the neck and nibble, steal toys and play rough and tumble games with one another. Kids get skinned knees on the playground, dogs may come home with nicks, scrapes and the occasional puncture. There are occasional fights among dogs. If your dog has “other dog issues” stay out of the dog park! You may think he just needs exposure, and you could be right - but don’t throw him in to sink or swim at the risk to the safety of other people’s pets. There is a difference between socializing and sensitizing. A bad experience at a dog park can stay with your dog forever. When you arrive at the park, scope out who is inside before you enter. If the size, energy and play style isn’t right for your dog, don’t go in. Instead, choose a well-run dog daycare where the dogs are carefully screened for appropriate temperament and behavior and constantly supervised. "Know thy dog" and anticipate and avoid problem dogs and problem behaviors. If your dog isn’t socially appropriate for a free-for-all experience, talk to a positive trainer about the controlled and supportive environment of a group class situation or private lessons.

President’s Message (continued from page 5)

We’ve had excellent response to our cat condo and dog dorm sponsorship program. There are still a few opportunities available to honor your pet, friend or family while supporting a great cause. We can always use your help to what ever degree you can participate. Financial, intellectual, or time as a volunteer. Artists can donate items we can auction, someone with case management/social work skills would be great to help organize the feral cat program, school students can be involved in our humane education programs or host food/supply drives, contractors can donate supplies/assist in repairs, offices can sponsor an condo/dorm for the animals and YOU can...You get the idea. Even if you are someone who finds it difficult emotionally to enter our shelter.

Even those who find it emotionally difficult to visit the shelter can still contribute to our mission of no more homeless animals. Gail Mackie, Laura Thulean, or any board member would love to talk with you. For example, Ron Little, our partner at RVs Northwest, sponsors a very successful fundraiser in the summer that contributes seed money for the auction as well as funding other projects. We welcome donations from individuals, and businesses can donate throughout the year to our fundraising activities such as auctions, adoptathons, garage sales, etc.

I must thank our Executive Director, Gail Mackie for her 23 years of leadership at SpokAnimal, our extraordinary staff, our wonderful volunteers and donors and our dedicated and talented Board of Directors. Like I said, I’m excited about our future.

Christel Carlson
President Board of Directors
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- all of us at Diamonds in the Ruff

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of Curt Buchanan - Happy Birthday!
- Katherine Buchanan

to Myrtle & Earl Smith - Happy 55th Anniversary!
- Carol & Dana Byrnes

of "Bonnie Bear"
- Inga M. Boyles

of "Kizzy" - in our hearts forever
- Sandi Goodwin

of Janet Orr - Happy Birthday!

Muffin Jane 1989-2007

"Muffin" was adopted from SpokAnimal when she was just a little kitten to be a companion for Bev Johnson's father. Bev's father was on oxygen and needed a friend to keep him company. Muffin made his new owner very happy. Unfortunately, Muffin developed a liking to chewing on the oxygen hose that was needed for her owner to breathe. So, Muffin had to go and live with Bev. Bev promised her father she would take very good care of her. Shortly after Muffin moved out, Bev's father passed away. Muffin always made Bev feel like her father was still close by.

Assistant Director Laura Thulean reports, "A couple of months ago Muffin turned 18. Bev celebrated by having a birthday party. In lieu of presents, Bev asked that donations be made to SpokAnimal. I asked Bev to bring in a picture so we could share her story in the next newsletter. I was happy when I came in today and found a picture of Bev and Muffin celebrating Muffin's 18th birthday. My smile quickly turned to tears as I read the note that said "Bev would still like the picture and story about Muffin's 18th Birthday in the newsletter, but it is now "In memory of"."
My name is Erby. I had the best family in the world. My mom and dad raised me to be a good friend and great friend and companion. I will never forget the great times that we had, especially the first time my dad took me out for a run and he had to drag me down the hill because I was so tired that I didn’t want to go any further. I just wanted him to carry me. After a while, I finally got the hang of things. I remember the times that we would go out for runs and I would get excited and run off. When I finally came back, boy did I get my skin stretched. As I grew up, I had many fun times actually running half-marathons with them. Boy, did I get tired.

As I got older, I went exploring in my neighborhood and got to know my neighbors. I know my mom and dad would worry about me, but I always came back to my happy home. They even tried to keep me in my own yard with a shock collar, but when they found me under a flower pot on the front porch shivering, scared to death, they never used it on me again.

During my years, I got tangled up with some of the wild life hanging around our place. The skunks came first, (that was an ugly time), then the porcupines and a trip to the vet, or every time I got wheatgrass in my ears. It didn’t take me long for me to realize that going to the vet was not a fun time. I would shake and shiver the minute we were going to the vet. I was very sick and my mom thought I was going to die in her arms on the way there. I was very sick and my mom thought I was going back and forth to different doctors and not getting any better, my parents rushed me to Washington State Veterinary Hospital, the best in the state. I was a roller coaster of care that I received. The vet made a hole in my throat so I could breathe again. After a week of going back and forth to different doctors and not getting any better, my parents rushed me to Washington State Veterinary Hospital, the best in the state. I was very sick and my mom thought I would die in her arms on the way there. That did not happen. The doctors and the students took very good care for me.

I also remember the time during the Christmas holidays that I went out in the dark and never came back that night; my parents were frantic, looking for me all night. The next morning the garbage man found me wandering in the neighborhood. I guess I spent the night in a neighbor’s garage, because I wasn’t cold.

I was a good companion and always liked to ride in the car with my mom and dad and would always be a perfect passenger, never jumping or wandering around in the car. In fact, I always got to sit in the front seat with dad and sometimes when mom came along, she would have to sit in the back.

One cold evening last December 2006, I went outside for just a minute and was attacked by a coyote. I think I got away because my mom was calling for me. I came to the bottom of the porch and mom could see that I was scared and injured. They rushed me to the emergency vet and from then it was a roller coaster of care that I received. The vet made a hole in my throat so I could breathe again. After a week of going back and forth to different doctors and not getting any better, my parents rushed me to Washington State Veterinary Hospital, the best in the state. I was very sick and my mom thought I would die in her arms on the way there. That did not happen. The doctors and the students took very good care for me. They cared for me day and night. They allowed me to breathe again, fixed all my broken parts, but could not save my bark.

I know I was a challenge for them, having a total of 5 operations. I appreciated everything that was done for me. I was so thankful to be able to go home that I promised to stay out of trouble. When I came home, Mom and Dad did not let me go outside by myself again. We went on walks together again. I was getting stronger and recovering quite well. I would sometimes have difficulty breathing through the hole in my throat, but mom or dad would put the plastic tube in my throat that would help me.

Mom and Dad, I cannot explain what happened, but on May 16, 2007 I was found asleep in my bed and you both could not wake me up. I know it was not because of the love and care I received. It was just my time and I hope in time that you will both be able to understand that life on earth is precious and we furry balls of energy seem to plant ourselves deep in your hearts. I know the house is very quiet and that you both have broken hearts. I know the joy and happiness that I gave you and that you will never forget me. You say I am irreplaceable, but remember, I know I was the luckiest dog in the world to have the best parents ever. Please take comfort that I am in a wonderful Pet Cemetery and you can come and visit me any time. And please, no more tears as I will always love you both.

Erby
Dear Basil,

I have a quick training question that I can’t figure out. I have a sliding glass door that leads to the backyard. My pup thinks she needs to jump up repeatedly on the door to get our attention. It is quite funny really, but it drives my husband nuts, and he is worried when he puts the screen door on later this spring, she will jump up and tear it. How do you recommend that I go about training her not to jump on the door when we are inside? Thanks so much for your help!! I really appreciate it!!

Signed, Leaping Looney

Dear Looney,

What gets rewarded gets repeated. If she jumps and you so much as notice it, it works. Anyone who rushes over to let her in to stop the jumping, effectively rewards the jumping. The hard work of persistent jumping is repeated because it appears to work to get the door opened more quickly than sitting does. You must notice and reward sitting, not jumping!

Teach what you want to see. Practice going in and out. Come in, sit, get a treat. Sit/wait. Go out. Sit/wait, get a treat. Sit/wait, earn a release to come in. Repeat until it is calm and automatic. You are creating a habit. Sitting makes doors open. Once she understands what she SHOULD do to get to come in, if she forgets and goes into a jumping fit, you could respond by turning your back or all stand up and leave the room, only returning if she keeps her feet on the ground. Each tiny jump as you approach the door or reach for the latch or start to slide it, makes you stop and go frozen until she sits again. Make her sit and wait for specific permission to enter even after the door is open. Polite dogs who wait get to come in!

Other solutions: teach her a better way to ask (teach her to ring a bell?) If she is persistent, an environmental correction - suspend pop cans or tin cans from strings that she would hang into if she jumped, but would not bump into if she kept her feet on the ground. When she isn’t jumping anymore, reduce the number of cans gradually until there is only one ‘reminder can’ and eventually no cans. The only way to eliminate all the cans it to train the “sit” behavior until it is so strong it overcomes her default jumping. Or for a no training at all solution: install a dog door so she can come in whenever she wants, without waiting!

Basil Barks
SpokAnimal’s Official Pet Behavior Advisor

Hope That Helps!

Basil

Dear Basil,

My dog wakes me up EVERY morning at 4 AM when the newspaper hits the porch. Then she expects breakfast. She whines and sings until her food dish hits the floor. What can I do?

Signed,
Four’s Too Early!

Hi Early,

Perhaps installing a newspaper bin for your delivery person to slip it into instead of a toss on the porch? Simply ignoring her may be the best answer. If she is particularly insistent, it is perfectly ok to be grumpy when woken up before you are ready. A low growl and an evil stare may be just the response she needs. Failing that, an icy escort to another room or her crate and close the door and march back to bed. No food, no fun at 4AM!

Be careful to NOT feed your dog immediately upon waking. At our house breakfast is between 8:30-9AM, even though our dad gets up at 6 and mom a bit later. We don’t even get up when dad gets up - he doesn’t feed us! Mom makes coffee, showers and answers emails before dog breakfast happens. As a matter of fact, we are lying under her office chair right now, quietly waiting for breakfast. My younger brothers postpone breakfast if they pester, nag or fret about their impending meal. Waiting patiently makes meals happen.

Set a time that suits you and an appropriate behavior that must be in place before you will begin the feeding ritual. If she begins whining as you pick up her bowl, drop it on the counter and walk out of the kitchen. When she is calm, go back. No “hooray for breakfast” song - no fanfare! Repeat until you can get her food dish all the way to the floor without a whine. (Do it on a non-work morning, because she may not get breakfast til noon if you are as persevering as she’s persistent!)

Hang In There and Sweet Dreams!

Basil

Continued on page 15
To Meredith

Dear Meredith,

I know that you will be happy to know that Abbey arrived safely and soundly in Heaven! Having the pictures you sent to me was such a big help. I recognized Abbey right away. You know, Meredith, she isn’t sick anymore. Her spirit is here with me – just like she stays in your heart – young and running and playing. Abbey loved being your dog, you know. Since we don’t need our bodies in heaven, I don’t have any pockets – so I can’t keep your beautiful letter. I am sending it to you with the pictures so that you will have this book to keep and remember Abbey. One of my angels is taking care of this for me. I hope the little book helps. Thank you for the beautiful letter. Thank your mother for sending it. What a wonderful mother you have! I picked her especially for you. I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much. By the way, I am in heaven but wherever there is love, I am there also. Love, God and the special angel who wrote this after God told her the words.”

As a parent and a pet lover, this is one of the kindest things that I’ve ever experienced. I have no way to know who sent it, but there is some very kind soul working in the dead letter office. Just wanted to share this act of compassion.

Dear Basil -

Our puppy is 6 months old he is a Lurcher which means “thief” in Latin. Recently he has been thieving a lot from the table, sideboard and other places. I just don’t know what to do. I have read that between 6 and 12 months your dog will try to see how far his boundaries will stretch. My dad says we will have to get rid of him if he does not stop. We have tried many different things but none of them seem to work. Please help. I love him so much and couldn’t bear to let him go.

- Troubled Teen

Hello,

You do have a teenager, which means exploring, investigating, testing and trying new things. It would be a shame to get rid of a dog just for being a normal dog!

1. Manage - NO unattended food left within reach - you MUST prevent him from ever being successful.

2. SuperVISION - keep an eye on the dog at all times when steal-able items are present. Don’t take your eyes off the dog/item - you may pretend to not pay attention, but you really are.

3. Teach “Leave it” - train your dog to resist temptation so he knows how! Can wait patiently while you extend a biscuit on your open palm without grabbing it until you give permission?

4. Catch him resisting temptation. When you see the pup considering reaching for something on the counter, get ready to PRAISE if he reconsiders!

5. Interrupt/redirect - in the case of an indiscretion, attack the counter like a lunatic at the exact moment he “goes for it” (your action is not directed at the dog, but yelling and slapping your hands on the counter near the item) to prevent him from taking it and to startle him away. The instant the dog jumps away, go back to what you were doing as though nothing happened. His improper choice made the “disagreeable thing” start and his proper choice, stepping away from the counter, made it stop.

Basil Barks! Continued
Upcoming Events

Volunteer Orientation
June 20 • July 18 • August 15

Food Drive
June 16 & 17, South Hill Petco

Off-Site Adoption
June 22, Downtown Macy’s
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Summer Reading Program
See article on page 10 for times and locations.

Annual Auction
Coming in October - watch the newsletter for more details

Call SpokAnimal for specific information on any coming event at 534-8133, ext. 206
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