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H.E.A.R.
HAPPY ENDINGS
ANIMAL RESCUE

*Merry Christmas and a Happy
2011 from HEAR*

Happy Endings would like to thank everyone for their generous donations in 2010; without them we would not be able to function. Special thanks to the following company for their kind financial contributions:

North Wind, Inc.

We would also like to thank 23 Feed & Pet Supplies for their donation of food for our foster pets.

We would also like to note our Dog Day in the Park Sponsors. Without them we could not have had our successful first annual event! Thank you to:

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Thank you

China Gourmet, Creature Comforts, Sinclair, Dr. Dean and Moosely Mail Boxes & More for allowing us to put a donation box in your business.



**The Loba Memorial Spay & Neuter
Foundation**

Generously contributes to the spaying and neutering of Happy Endings animals. Thank you Wendi, for helping reduce pet overpopulation in Sublette County.



THINKING OF ADOPTING A PET? The decision to add a pet to your home is an important one. If you are thinking of adopting a pet, please do so in a responsible manner, feed and care for them as you would any other family member, because that is what they are, an extension of your family. If you can no longer provide for them, finding a new and appropriate home for your pet is your responsibility. Domesticated animals (such as cats and dogs), do not do well in the wild. Dumping the animal you once adored at a shelter is not the answer and killing healthy animals is hardly a solution. So, if you are thinking of adopting a pet, do so in a loving and responsible manner and be prepared to have your heart stolen by a furry four legged friend.



“The Animals Savior”

I looked at all the caged animals in the shelter...the cast-offs of human society. I saw in their eyes love and hope, fear and dread sadness and betrayal. And I was angry. “God” I said, this is terrible! Why don’t you do something? God was silent for a moment, then He spoke softly, I have done something, “I created you”
 Jim Ellis, 1999



H.E.A.R. NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Happy Endings does not have a facility to house all of the animals we take in! To maintain the level of service we provide to Sublette County, we rely on Foster Families to feed and shelter animals until they can be permanently placed in loving homes. We cannot thank these people enough. Often, however, we have more animals than foster homes. In 2011, we hope to expand our Foster Program to include more families that can open their houses and hearts to a homeless pet a week or two. If you or someone you know can feed and shelter an animal for us, Happy Endings will provide all the food and what is needed (bowls leashes, cat litter, etc.) We know things get busy especially this time of year, but committing to even a week would help get a schedule going so that no one carries the brunt of the work. We cannot function without our foster families, and any support is greatly appreciated!! Let us know if you would be available to foster a pet: happyendingar23@yahoo.com



Winter Pet Care by Amy D. Shojai

Is your pet is biting at his tail or paws? Are his feet, ears, or tail unusually cold? Is he shivering or does he seem lethargic? When dogs and cats lived in the wild, cold weather was rarely a problem because they evolved to suit the climates in which they found themselves. But people changed nature’s plan by bringing thin-coated dogs to New England and desert-dwelling cats to

Wyoming. Brr! With the exception of huskies, bred to withstand cold climates, dogs and cats aren't made for frigid conditions. They get just as cold in icy weather as people do. And because they go barefoot all the time, their paws are vulnerable to ice, packed snow and road salt. When the thermometer dips below freezing, it is important to protect dogs and cats from the elements, even when they are only spending a short time outside. Here are some tips and a link to read further.

- Keep them dry.
- Give him a warm shelter

<http://www.care2.com/greenliving/cold-weather-pet-problems.html#ixzz14KTl3XtV>



- Acclimatize pets to cold early.
- Give them extra calories.
- Bundle them up.

The Director's Corner

Happy Endings Animal Rescue (and adoption) operates using fosters to keep animals that are found or turned into us. Operating this way does have merits. If, however, we had a brick and mortar building that we could call home we could:

- Take in more animals Save more lives Adopt out more homeless pets
- Be a resource for students regarding proper pet ownership, promote educational opportunities, including veterinary & companion animal careers
- As Emeril says: "We can kick it up a notch". Meaning we could build coalitions with city & county animal control to develop programs such as trap/neuter/return for feral cats
- Apply for grants to employ people which is good for our economy
- Work with pet owners to strengthen the human animal bond with workshops, obedience training and agility seminars.

We are asking for your support to raise money to buy land and construct a building. We are asking for your financial help. Do you own land that you could donate or lease? Do you know anyone who has land they would donate or lease? Could you spread the word that we need to build a facility? We are not trying to build a state of the art animal rescue, what we envision is a modest building, even a modular that we could make work for our rescue and community.

-Sue

Happy Endings Animal Rescue Board

Director: Sue Kramer Secretary: Robena Downie Treasurer: Tim Lingle

Board: Terry Keys, Sarah Hixson, Karen Fernsten

Honorary Board : Julie Land & Joanne Bradov



A **Happy Sock** is a catnip toy made from a sock. **Happy Socks** are super simple to make: just take a sock and stuff it with a fistful of poly-fill and a big pinch of catnip. Tie a knot in the ankle and you've made a Happy Sock! Happy Socks can be made from almost any kind of sock. And cats love Happy Sock catnip toys because they're big, fluffy and durable. Operation **Happy Sock** creates and delivers catnip toys to homeless cats in animal shelters. Volunteers of all ages make simple toys, called "Happy Socks," by stuffing catnip and polyester fiberfill in the toe of a sock and tying a knot at the ankle. Simple, but a GREAT catnip toy! A whiff of catnip can be very therapeutic, and a soft, fluffy Happy Sock is the feline equivalent of a cuddly teddy bear. If you would like to help organize a party, (or help) to make Happy Socks, for the kitties at our local shelter, call 360-7800 contact:happendingar23@yahoo.com

Some serious good news for animals this holiday season: The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) last week announced the addition of the words "animal welfare" in the oath taken by new veterinarian graduates.

The concept of animal welfare is not new, but recognition by an organization that represents U.S. veterinarians is a huge step forward for animals. The revised oath is as follows with the additions in italics:

Animal welfare can be defined as not just the physical but the mental well-being of non-humans. Concern for a creature's psychological well-being implies recognition that an animal is a sentient being with feelings of pain, pleasure, joy, sadness, fear -- all emotions. Before the 19th century, the idea of animals having emotions wasn't considered very much.

The semantics may seem minor but the implication is major. AVMA Executive Board Chair, John R. Brooks issued a statement. *"The message is we as the AVMA and veterinarians in general do recognize that protecting animal well-being is what we're all about," Brooks says.* From today forward Dr. J. Bruce Nixon, chairman-elect of the AVMA's Animal Welfare Commission said "From today forward, every graduate entering our profession will swear an oath not only to protect animal health but also welfare; to not only relieve animal suffering but to prevent it. That's a powerful statement defining ourselves and our responsibilities, not a vague symbol.

The complete article can be read at: <http://www.care2.com/causes/animalwelfare>

RECENT HAPPY ENDINGS:



Patio is a 5-6 month old female kitty that has been hanging around the Patio Grill, thus the name Patio. We know nothing of her beginnings; however it is safe to assume that she had been getting fed well, and was looking for a forever home. Now found! **ADOPTED October 2010**



Chester is a male corgi mix (we think sheltie). Chester was found on highway 189. Chester has been updated on his vaccinations and has been neutered. Chester has learned the doggie door and is almost 100% on his house training. **ADOPTED November 2010**








Bella was born on Christmas Day. She is a wonderful gal, and would just like to be in a forever home. **ADOPTED October 2010**



Clay is a stray that will do good as a barn cat. About 8 mo old.. Clay is a male black cat. He is a stray that need a home or barn. **ADOPTED NOVEMBER 2010**

ANIMALS NEEDING A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

	<p>CHEVY IS A CHOCOLATE LABE/AUSSIE? MIX. CHEVY CAME TO HAPPY ENDINGS BECAUSE HIS OWNERS MOVED. HE IS ALMOST A YEAR OLD. HE IS CURRENT ON HIS VACCINATIONS AND IS NEUTERED. HE GETS ALONG WELL WITH BOTH CATS AND OTHER DOGS, IS HOUSTRAINED, OBEDIENCE TRAINED AND KNOWS THE DOGGIE DOOR. HE LOVES HIKING IN THE FOREST IS ENJOYING OUR EARLY SNOW THIS YEAR!</p>
	<p>TANK IS ABOUT 8 MONTHS OLD. HE JUST CAME TO HAPPY ENDINGS. HE IS A CUTIE.</p>
	<p>"PICKLE S" IS ABOUT 8 MONTHS OLD. SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN INDOOR CAT.</p>
	<p>TOBY IS ABOUT 10 WEEKS OLD. HE WAS FOUND IN THE CITY PARK AND BROUGHT TO HAPPY ENDINGS.</p>
	<p>VENUS IS ABOUT 8 MONTHS OLD AND ALWAYS BEEN AN INDOOR CAT.</p>

ALL ANIMALS AT HAPPY ENDINGS ARE CURRENT ON THEIR VACCINATIONS AND WILL BE NEUTERED OR SPAYED PRIOR TO ADOPTION.

All animals adopted thru HEAR are vaccinated and altered

Thank you to our foster families, Richard & Carmel Kail, Joanne & Stewart Bradow, Tony & Terry Keys, Robena Downie & Tim Lingle, Bob & Lynn Carmean, Bill & Jane Kleven, Mike & Sue Kramer

FIRST ANNUAL DOG DAY IN THE PARK
AUGUST 21, 2010



On a hot August day at Veterans Memorial Park in Pinedale, Happy Endings Animal Rescue held its first annual **Dog Day in the Park**. Numerous events were organized to support pets and the rescue, including a two mile walk around Pinedale and games including popcorn catch, musical sits, water biscuit fetch, and a six legged race.



Many prizes were given out, and we even found a new home for Paloma, a two year old Labrador retriever.

Joanne Bradow set up a dog agility course, and taught people how to run their dogs around weave-poles, over jumps and through a tunnel. Joanne's dogs ran several demonstrations that piqued the interest of even the laziest dogs in attendance.

Later, we had a presentation on obedience by dog trainer Terri Wuertz, who worked with one of Happy Ending's rescue dogs and shared advice on pet communication. Lunch was provided by Ridley's and everyone received a goodie bag filled with dog treats and toys. While we didn't have the attendance we had hoped for, a great time was had by all. We plan for next year to be even better, and hope to see everyone again!



Yes! I Would like to help Happy Endings Animal Rescue

Please help the animals of Sublette County with my tax deductible gift of:

\$ _____

Please make check payable to: Happy Endings Animal Rescue
P. O. Box 1835
Pinedale, WY 82941

Happy Endings will also accept donated items which we can use (car, truck, gasoline debit cards) or sell, and we happily receive basic animal supplies (food, leashes, carriers, cat litter. Please contact Suzie at 307-360-7800 or sue82941@yahoo.com or happyendingar23@yahoo.com if you have items to donate.

Our Tax Exempt ID # is: 74-3231075



If you wish to be taken off this list, please email happyendingar23@yahoo.com