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Society



**DOWNTON LABBY & TABBY**  
**PAWSITIVELY DESSERTS**  
**...AND MORE**

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## Dessert Event is vital to BHS



Dear Friends,

As the president of the Board of Directors of the Beatrice Humane Society, I want to thank you for your continued support of this organization and the animals we serve. Our work with lost and homeless animals in Beatrice and Gage County is never done, and we need the help of many individuals, businesses, and organizations to make it happen.

During the last year we have made progress on one day having a new shelter. A complete update will be given at the dessert event. This exciting opportunity is only possible because of your donations.

Your next opportunity to help the critters will be Friday, March 20, at the thirteenth annual "Pawsitively Desserts...and More" fundraiser at the Holiday Inn Express. The theme this year is

"Downton Labby and Tabby", and you are encouraged to get in the spirit with your favorite tiara, or cummerbund and by practicing your best British accent. Be a host, donate something for the auction, and come ready to bid on the wonderful items in the live and silent auctions. All of the proceeds go to benefit the animals.

If you have questions about our fundraiser, volunteer opportunities at the Beatrice Animal Shelter, adoption procedures, scheduling a program about the Humane Society, or ways you can help us, please call the shelter at 402-228-9100 during regular business hours.

It takes many hands and hearts to do what we do. Thank you for sharing yours.

*John Rypma*

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Shelter Hours: Monday thru Friday, 12 noon to 6 p.m.  
and Saturday, 12 to 3 p.m.

# Donations make a difference

## *Large or small they give our animals hope*



### *Dueck honors her brother*

Trudy Dueck continues to donate to the animals at the Beatrice Animal Shelter. She recently donated \$10,000. Trudy's donations are given in loving memory of her youngest brother Rod Totten and his canine companions. Trudy, proud mama to "Squirt", her cat, has been a long-time friend of the Humane Society.

### Scullys donate land for new shelter



A generous gift of 5.3 acres of land from Scully Estates in Beatrice is making the dream of building a new animal shelter closer to reality. The land, located on Highway 136 on the outskirts of Beatrice, will be the site for a shelter that will not only be larger than the present one but much more efficient. The Beatrice Humane Society's special building committee is visiting area shelters and studying plans and options for the new structure.



### *Acton selects BHS for donation*

Bev Acton, owner of Classics, was selected as the winner of the America's Farmers Grow Communities program, which is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund.

Upon winning, it was up to Acton to decide what nonprofit the money would go to.

"It's for whatever is pretty much near and dear to your heart," she said.

Acton has two dogs of her own - a yellow and black lab, mother and son, Libby and Angus.

A Monsanto representative presents a \$2,500 check to Bev Acton, a check that she turned around and gave to the Beatrice Humane Society. John Rypma accepts the check for the Humane Society.

# Society has busy year including a doggie dip,

The Beatrice Humane Society's fiscal year starts in January but its emotional year begins with the dessert event so a look back begins in March, 2014 and ends in February, 2015.

The BHS received a large bequest. This enabled them to begin making plans for a new shelter while at the same time taking care of the animals left in its care and trying to find forever homes for each of them.

## March



Velma and Ruby Marsh

Wayne Brinkmeyer, a family friend of Velma and Ruby Marsh, spent a few minutes at the dessert event talking about the sisters and their life-long love for the family pets. A bequest from the Velma Marsh Estate of \$350,000 allowed the society to begin dreaming of a new shelter.

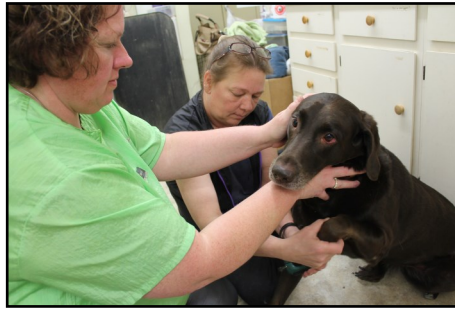
## April

We were reminded of all the many ways we could get involved with the shelter animals including taking them on walks, playing with them and helping them to socialize or by making a donation of shel-



ter supplies.

## May



Dawn VanEpperen and Michelle Gustafson give "Hope Martin" a pedicure at the shelter.

Professional nail groomers gave Pet Pedicures on the fourth Saturday of the month from noon to 2 p.m. The \$10 charge per animal was donated to the Humane Society for animal care.

## June

Three BHS volunteers presented a program to young people participating in Vacation Bible School at St. John Lutheran Church. The Humane Society was the headliner for the "Mission" segment on Friday. "I don't think I had every considered working with the Humane Society as a mission like other more traditional church missions but the more I thought about it, the more sense it made," said Bette Anne Thaut in her bi-weekly column for the Beatrice Daily Sun.

## July

Retired teacher and Humane Society volunteer Barb Schacht coordinated the activities for Camp Paw Paw. The three-day camp is organized each summer by the Beatrice Humane Society and sponsored by the Beatrice Noon Kiwanis Club.

(left) Young people take advantage of the nice weather to walk some shelter dogs.



## August

The shelter celebrated its 14th birthday and since that time it has been a 24/7 operation 365 days a year. Since opening over 8,000 animals have come through its doors.

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The shelter celebrated by having a special cats and kittens promotion, sponsored by Leigh and Marilyn Coffin. All feline adoption fees were reduced to \$14.

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Eve Stanosheck Tomlinson was named the new Beatrice shelter manager.

## September



It was hard to tell who had the best time at the pool, the dogs or their humans.

Thanks to a partnership between the Beatrice Humane Society and the city of Beatrice, the first "Doggie Dip" was a howling success. The pool party for pooches raised over \$800 in admission fees and donations. All proceeds went to the shelter for the care of the dogs and cats.

The city allowed us to use the Beatrice Water Park for a doggie swim night be-

# costume contest and a new shelter manager

fore draining the pool at the end of the season. Canines of all sizes, shapes and colors lined up for the party.



*Doggies, both large and small enjoyed the night at the pool. Sue Sullivan and friends enjoy the doggie dip.*

## October



*Barb Guenther receives the Weston Award in 2011.*

An era came to an end with the retirement of volunteer extraordinaire Barb Guenther. It just won't be the same without "Barbcat" as she is affectionately known. But thanks to the countless time and energy Barb has shared with the BHS, the foundation has been laid for a bright and shining future for the organization.



*One of the participants in the first Halloween costume contest. Superdog Carlos was adopted from the shelter two years ago. Carlos' humans are Dennis and Gail Russell*

## November

The winner of the Pet Costume contest was "Chuck" Bredwell, a handsome yellow lab who was adopted from the Beatrice Animal Shelter earlier in the year by Bob and Myeeh Bredwell. (below)



*(left) Chuck in his winning Red Baron costume.*

## December

Photographer Shelli Hubka of Moments Made Photography once again donated her services to take photos for the holiday season. Half of the \$10 Santa Paws sitting fee went to the Beatrice Humane Society.

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President John Rypma announced the donation of 5.3 acres of land for a new shelter. "We just don't feel that the current shelter is adequate to run the volume we run," said Rypma, "We want to provide a little better facility that will benefit us and the community in a lot of ways."

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John and Rita Hydo sponsored a special dog adoption promotion. They donated a \$25 PetSmart card to the first 20 dog adoptions in December.

## January

Just one of the happy endings in 2014 was for a young female Pitbull/Pointer mix named "Lyric."

The beautiful dog came into the shelter in August, and according to the owner, she had already been given away a couple of times. She arrived with an ear infection that was treated at the shelter, and she was spayed and micro-chipped. But her adoption just wasn't happening, and she waited and waited and waited to find her forever home.

Finally, shortly before Christmas, a mom and young daughter visited the shelter and made a connection with Lyric. They made several visits to see her and to get better acquainted. They even brought their family dog to the shelter to meet Lyric...and the rest is history.

Happily, a couple days after Christmas, Lyric went home. The new year is definitely off to a good start for this lucky dog.

## February

Humane Society board member began in earnest to work on the major fundraiser of the year. This year's theme for the Desserts and More fundraiser is "Downton Labby and Tabby." Make plans today to attend.

# Weston Award honors society supporters

*“Presented to honor those individuals who unselfishly give their time and talents...”*



The Beatrice Humane Society awarded its highest honor, the Herb and Marian Weston Humanitarian Award, to volunteers Greg and Doris Buttell. The 2014 winners have been dedicated supporters of the Humane Society for many years as shelter volunteers, donors, and adopters.

The Buttells are regular volunteers on Sunday morning throughout the year. Greg works with the dogs, and Doris does housekeeping chores such as laundry, dishes, stocking shelves, and sweeping floors. In addition they have given generously to projects and programs that help to keep the shelter's doors open.

Most recently they fostered “Rider,” a yellow lab mix with a number of physical and emotional issues. The Buttells took him in and patiently worked with him and cared for him and loved him. Through highs and lows, there was a lot of adjusting to do for dog and humans. Happily, the foster placement became permanent when Greg and Doris and “Sophie”, their family dog, decided to adopt Rider into the family. The patience and dedication shown by the Buttells have given a loving dog a second chance.

As recipients of the Weston Award, Greg and Doris are in an elite “club.” The award is named in honor of Herb and Marian Weston whose humanitarian efforts have benefitted many animal welfare organi-

Past Winners	
2000	Margaret Borzekowski
2001	Larry King
2002	Jenny Schuerman
2004	Beatrice Daily Sun KWBE Radio
2005	Kim Ostermann Julie Thornburg
2007	Dr. Bob Baxa
2008	Fauna Quick
2009	Carolyn Wiegand
2010	Margaret Thomas Martha Thomas
2011	Barbara Guenther
2012	Steve Stedman
2013	Deanne Caspers-Moon
2014	Doris and Greg Buttell

zations and many creatures of all kinds-including and especially-our own Beatrice Humane Society.

The 2015 Weston Award will be presented at the “Pawsitively Desserts...and More” event on March 20 at the Holiday Inn Express. Don't miss the excitement!

*(top) Buttells accept the Award. (bottom) Greg and Doris at the shelter on a Sunday morning..*

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# It is easy to get involved with the humane society

It takes lots of supplies to operate the Beatrice Animal Shelter and to care for the wonderful animals that come through the shelter doors. If you would like to help re-stock our shelves, please consider bringing an item or two to the "Pawsitively Desserts...and More" event March 20. We will have a large treasure chest at the registration area for drop off.

In addition, shelter dogs get bored and antsy being cooped up in their kennels.

Consider taking a shelter dog for a walk on the trail just west of the Beatrice Animal Shelter. A walk on a warm, sunny day will benefit not only your canine buddy but the exercise will be good for you.

If you love cats consider going to the shelter to play with and socialize the feline friends. Social cats are often more appealing to potential adopters; you can help with the process and have fun at the same time.

Or you can make a donation of cash. For example, several good friends of the BHS are definitely angels to the animals every month. Just like clock-work, they send their tax deductible checks to the Beatrice Humane Society at P.O. Box 646.

Each month shelter friends Leigh and Marilyn Coffin donate laundry detergent, cat litter and other shelter supplies.

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- Printer Paper
- Postage Stamps
- Envelopes-large and small
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Bleach
- Lysol
- Hand soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Tall kitchen trash bags
- Large black garbage bags
- Sandwich baggies
- Gallon Zip Bags
- Scoopable cat litter
- Litter scoops
- Dog harnesses
- Monetary donations
- Dog Treats
- Dog Chicken Jerky
- Creamy Peanut Butter
- Science Diet canned dog and cat food
- Dog toys-Kongs, Nylabones
- Cat Scratchers, Toys
- Furry mice
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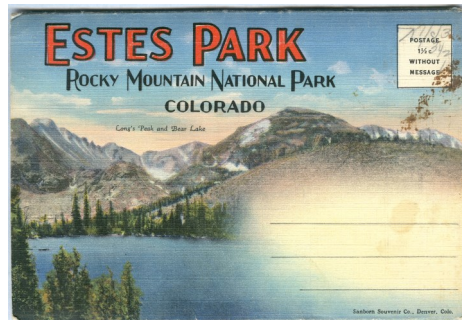
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 and appetizers and then enjoy bidding  
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