



**30 Years Improving  
the Lives of Animals**

#### Mission Statement

*The Mission Valley Animal Shelter is committed to the humane and compassionate treatment of animals.*

*We shall:*

- Shelter and care for lost and unwanted dogs and cats.
- Seek to return lost animals to their owners.
- Place adoptable dogs and cats into humane and responsible environments.
- Promote the sterilization of dogs and cats.
- Reduce euthanasia and end the tragedy of pet over-population.
- Aid in the prevention of abuse to animals.
- Implement programs and provide services to promote responsible pet ownership.

### Wish List

- Karunda beds
- Nylabones
- Kongs (all sizes)
- Exclusive®, Lloyal Life®, Taste of the Wild®, or Diamond Natural® brand dry cat and kitten food
- Exclusive®, Lloyal Life®, Taste of the Wild®, or Diamond Natural® brand grain-free dry dog food
- Loyal Life® Chicken dry puppy food
- small cat trees

# Shelter Spotlight

*A voice for those who cannot speak*

SPRING 2020

## Mission Valley Animal Shelter & Life Savers Animal Rescue Animal House Fundraiser

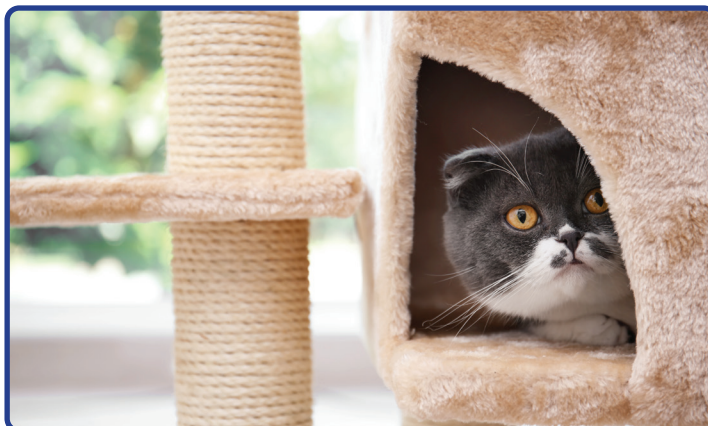


Mission Valley Animal Shelter is partnering with Life Savers Animal Rescue to raise funds for the Spay and Neuter Certificate Program. The event will be held in June 2020, and will feature palatial dog houses, luxury indoor dog crates and fanciful cat trees created by local builders and artisans. These creations will be auctioned off to the highest bidders for their lucky pets!

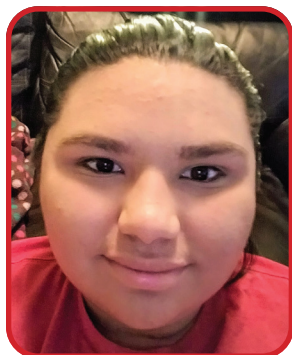
The Spay and Neuter Certificate Program provides low-cost certificates for spay and neuter surgeries at local veterinarian offices in Lake County. Female dogs are \$45, males are \$40. Female cats are \$30, males are \$25. These certificates are avail-

able to all residents of Lake County.

If you are interested in building a structure for our auction, please contact Nancy at 212-2709, or stop by MVAS. Date, time and location information will be available soon. This will be a fun event for a great cause! 🐾



# MVAS Welcomes New Employees and Board Member

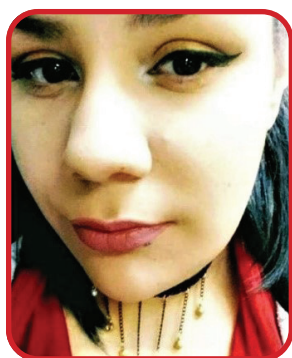


**Maranda Frost**  
***Weekend Dog Care Giver***

Maranda is the first in her family to be born and raised in Montana. She graduated from Arlee High School and earned an Associate's Degree in Business Management from Salish Kootenai College. Afterwards, she worked as a Front Desk Assistant for a few months, then as a Dog Trainer at Petco. While navigating her way through all these different social

environments, she realized she loves to make people laugh and almost always uses sarcasm or jokes when talking to people.

During her life adventures and milestones she's had a mix of dogs, cats, and other animals beside her. Currently, she has four dogs, who she refers to as "minies", that she raised from when they were 8-weeks old. All of them have their unique personalities and challenges. She always thought of the animals in her life as family, but these guys are her babies! 🐾



**Tiara Salois**  
***Social Media Coordinator***

Tiara was raised on the Flathead Indian Reservation and enjoys riding horses, hunting, fishing, hiking and camping. She also enjoys raising a variety of critters, and adds, "I'll never be living my best life without my fur babies."

She considers herself fortunate to be able to share her love for animals and the outdoors with her two sons. 🐾



**Elizabeth Anderson**  
***Board Member***

Elizabeth grew up in the Mission Valley. She began volunteering for the Mission Valley Animal Shelter before attending Polson High School in the early 2000's. Since then, she has participated in various shelter events with Anderson Broadcasting. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Montana. She has worked with

family-owned and operated radio stations at Anderson Broadcasting since moving back from Colorado in 2013.

Elizabeth is a forever animal advocate, and has a rescue dog Abby, and cat Maebel. 🐾



## Be Donation Savvy!

**For the sanitation and safety of our shelter, we can not accept the following items at the shelter:**

- Quilts
- Rugs
- Crocheted blankets
- Blankets or quilts with stuffing or padding
- Pillows
- Dog bed larger than 24" x 48"
- Dog beds without removable covers
- Leather or hard plastic leashes
- Choke chains
- Broken or modified crates and kennels
- Used or expired medications
- Food donations not in the original packaging

**However, these items we totally appreciate and utilize all the time at the shelter:**

- Used bath-sized towels
- Used blankets with no padding
- Used pet beds with removable, washable covers
- Training pads
- Dog and cat toys
- Grain-free dry dog food
- Open bags of dry dog and cat food
- Unopened cans of wet dog and cat food
- Dog and cat treats
- Scratching posts
- Unmixed kitten milk replacement

**You can also volunteer your time at the shelter! Call 406-883-5312, for more information!**



## Local Pre-school Visits MVAS

In January, the **Doodlebugs Pre-school** visited us at the Mission Valley Animal Shelter! 25 preschool children and their parents/guardians toured the premises and got to meet all the cats and dogs! Doodlebugs brought donations of treats and toys for the animals, as well as a generous donation check from **Fidelity Title Agency of Lake County**, of Polson! We especially appreciate **Anna Golden** for making arrangements for their visit, and hope to see them again in the future! 🐾

## Feral Cats

The Mission Valley Animal Shelter is unable to accept any feral cats. Feral cats can not be handled by staff to administer the necessary vaccinations upon intake, or handled by potential adopters. They can not reside in our open cat or kitten rooms, as most don't tolerate being in close proximity to other cats. Please do not try to catch feral cats and bring them to the shelter.



## MVAS Featured Pets



### Meet Oxford!

Oxford is a 3-year old male cat who is mostly calm, but gets a little nervous about being in the open around people. He likes attention, but is not overly affectionate. His ideal home would be one where he could have his own hidy hole to hang out in! Purr-fect! 🐾



### Meet Hudson!

Hudson is a young, red-bone coonhound who is very shy and sweet! He needs a loving home with patient owners to bring this little guy out of his shell. He's good with kids, cats and other dogs. If you are interested in adopting him or have further questions, please call the Animal Shelter at: (406) 883-5312. 🐾



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Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Visit our thrift store:

#### Seconds 2 Go

51110 Highway 93  
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(406) 883-8127

#### Hours:

Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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#### Criteria for donations:

- gently used items
- clean, unstained clothes
- items in working order
- furniture in good condition

#### We DO NOT accept:

- large appliances
- mattresses
- paint
- computers or TVs
- construction equipment
- printers