



**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

- Milk Replacer for kittens and puppies
- Nylabones & Kongs
- Pine pellets (cat litter)
- Exclusive®, Loyal Life®, Taste of the Wild®, or Diamond Natural® brand dry cat and kitten food
- Exclusive®, Loyal Life®, Taste of the Wild®, or Diamond Natural® brand grain-free dry dog food
- Loyal Life® Chicken dry puppy food
- Dog harness (all sizes)

Shelter Spotlight

A voice for those who cannot speak

WINTER 2020



2020 will be a year to remember - perhaps not fondly, but certainly this year has shown that we are all resilient in the face of adversity, and that despite hardship, people are inherently good and caring. While fundraising and donations for the Mission Valley Animal Shelter have looked very different this year, we are amazed at the folks that have stepped up to donate time, goods, services and funds to help MVAS carry out our mission and programs for the animals of the Mission Valley.

We would like to thank all of our supporters that donated in the following ways: our Facebook appeals, our membership drive, our kennel sponsors, supporters of "Strut Your Mutt", the quilt raffle, the auction, Giving Tuesday and regular donations!

We could not do this without all of you so we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. We know you care about the dogs and cats of the Mission Valley as much as we do, and it is our privilege to be able to help them with your assistance. 🐾

"Strut Your Mutt" A Success!

In October, MVAS participated in a national fundraiser supported by Best Friends Animal Society. Team members raised funds for the shelter by asking friends and supporters to donate to their walk. In a normal year, large community walks would have been held all over the country on "Strut Your Mutt Day." This year, however, most walks were virtual and socially distant. We held a socially distanced outdoor walk and participants raised almost \$2000 to support the Mission Valley Animal Shelter.

A special mention to Ms. Havlovick's Polson Middle School 5th grade class, who raised over \$1200 alone! Next year, we hope to go back to a big festive occasion with a costume contest and lots of dogs and walkers! 🐾



Welcome MVA's New Board Members!



Barb Grinde and her husband, Paul, have lived in Polson for nearly 44 years. They have two daughters and three grandchildren and love family time, especially in the summer at Flathead Lake's Grinde Bay. They enjoy the outdoors, snow skiing, boating, going fishing in Alaska yearly, Griz Football and watching their grandson's sports.

Barb loves to volunteer for fundraisers and in helping our community. She looks forward to being on the Mission Valley Animal Shelter Board and helping support the mission of helping animals.



Aaron Fulwiler is a Montana native and has lived in Ronan since 2016. She runs her family's contracting business and is employed at CASA, volunteers time in the community in various ways and is a foster for the Mission Valley Animal Shelter. She is also a mother and animal lover.



Congratulations to Pam Watne, she won the beautiful raffle quilt!!

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, and a big thanks to Marcie Motichka for donating this gorgeous work of art!

A HUGE Thank You to the Brett Throft Foundation!



The Brett Thoft Memorial Foundation recently made a generous donation of dog and puppy food to the Mission Valley Animal Shelter. Thank you! Brett passed away in 2014 as a result of an airplane accident just out of Ronan, Montana. He was an excellent bush pilot in Alaska and had an impact on many people. His Foundation continues to provide need-based donations in our community.

Grants Received this Year by MVAS:

- Partnership with Native Americans - Reservation Animal Rescue
- Petfinder Foundations
- Greater Polson Community Foundation
- Paycheck Protection Program
- State of Montana Non-profit Grant
- ASPCA Northern Tier
- Walmart Foundation
- Tribal COVID Relief Funds
- State of Montana Non-profit COVID Relief (Phase 2)
- Republic Services Foundation
- Athletes for Animals



With A Little Help From Our Friends

We would like to give a HUGE shout out to Ann and George Pappas, our feature volunteers of the month! They have been volunteering and donating to Mission Valley Animal Shelter for years. They spend most of their time transporting animals back and forth to their very important spay and neuter appointments. Ann and George are absolutely amazing people who love animals. They have rescued and fostered multiple dogs from our shelter, all of whom are now living their best lives. We would like to say "thank you" for all you two do for us and our animals! 🐾



Kindness Abounds from the Kritter Kruiise

Mission Valley Animal Shelter received a generous donation from the Kritter Kruiise in Kalispell, an event that was held specifically to raise money and get donations for local shelters. During quarantine in Kalispell, every Friday night at 6 p.m. participants followed the Kruiise route on Highway 2. Since most are social distancing, it was fun to get people and their pets out for a bit. MVAS would like to thank Krista Gwinn, Kruiise Kalispell, Monte Klindt, Able Body Shop, Jeff Wisher and everyone who donated all these awesome donations that were collected during the Kritter Kruiise. 🐾



Homemade Grain-free Dog Treats



Ingredients:

- 2 cups coconut flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 can 15 oz. pure pumpkin
- ½ cup peanut butter
- ½ cup coconut oil melted
- 4 eggs

Peanut Butter Drizzle:

- 1/3 cup peanut butter*
- 1-2 tablespoons melted coconut oil
- *Artificial sweeteners in peanut butter are common and should be avoided, especially xylitol.

Instructions for treats:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
- Add eggs to large bowl and beat. Add the remaining ingredients and stir together until a soft dough forms.
- Place on parchment paper and carefully roll dough out with a rolling pin (you may need to put another piece of parchment paper on top so it doesn't stick to rolling pin).
- Cut dough into shapes with cookie cutters and gently transfer to baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
- Bake for 12 to 18 minutes, or until treats are hard.
- Remove from oven and cool for 5 minutes on baking sheet.
- Transfer to cooling rack or parchment paper to cool completely.

Instructions for peanut butter drizzle:

- Combine melted coconut oil and peanut butter and drizzle over treats (cut the tip off of a Ziploc bag to drizzle over).
- Let drizzle harden on treats in the fridge or freezer.

Store in airtight container at room temperature or in the refrigerator up to one week. Store in the freezer for a month.



PO Box 1644
 36251 North Reservoir Road
 Polson, Montana 59860

NON-PROFIT ORG.
 US POSTAGE
 PAID
 PERMIT NO. 1644
 POLSON, MT

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Like us on 

Mission Valley Animal Shelter

36251 North Reservoir Road / PO Box 1644
 Polson, Montana 59860
 (406) 883-5312
 missionvalleyanimalshelter.org

Hours:

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

Visit our thrift store:

Seconds 2 Go

51110 Highway 93
 Polson, Montana 59860
 (406) 883-8127

Hours:

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

Shelter Manager

Raeva Corkill

Staff

Kalista Clark

Ed Combs

Maranda Frost

William Frost

Drew Gibson

Tiara Salois

Leslie Camel Stewart

Development Director

Nancy Hemphill

Board of Directors

Elizabeth Anderson

Launa Benson

Karen Biron

Sharon Hawke

Roberta Steele

Directors Emeritus

Billee Collins

Lois Scott

Marie Snavelly

Volunteers

Kate Evans

Carol McCrum

Danette Nistler

George & Ann Pappas

Kiwi Winger

Kris Young

Store Manager

Lynda Davis-Lockwood

Staff

Rylynn Tallwhiteman

Brenda Steiner

Laina Sims

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