



Lewis Clark Animal Shelter

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Your Pet Adoption Center

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Spring Time

*From the Director's Desk
Tami McReynolds DVM*

Good bye 'cabin fever'! Birds are singing trees are blooming, we're out of hibernation and on the move. And so are our pets. More animals will roam, meaning more litters of puppies and kittens will find their way to our doorstep.

Lewis Clark Animal Shelter will continue to be there for the litters that show up year after year. You can help us stop the perpetual flow of homeless litters. This Spring, we are beginning a "spay the mom" program. Owners that turn in litters but keep the mom will receive a voucher to return for a FREE spay. This will prevent another surrender of young ones later in the season and the years to come. Got the Dad too? No gender bias here. . . we'll neuter him too.

Want to do your part? Spay or neuter your pet. Willing to give a little extra? Sponsor a surgery for someone who can't afford to spay or neuter their pet. Together we can stop the artesian flow of homeless pets.

Dr. McReynolds Appointed

by the Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine to serve on Idaho's Euthanasia Task Force. In this position Dr. McReynolds will work with organizations in Idaho to establish humane protocols and procedures aimed at reducing the necessity for euthanasia and providing professional training and record keeping.

Ask ten veterinarians, ten pet owners and ten employees from animal control agencies or humane societies and you will get that many different passionate opinions concerning euthanasia. One thing we all agree on is our goal to end euthanasia.

Lewis Clark Animal Shelter has chosen to spend money, time and skill developing adoption programs, behavior and problem solving classes and outreach programs designed to increase permanent placement of pets in our care so euthanasia isn't necessary. Each of you can help.

Classifieds in our local newspapers advertise pure and hybrid puppies for sale. Every puppy purchased from a pet store or back yard breeder fills a potential home needed for homeless pets that are equally as wonderful and as full of character and loyalty as that purchased purebred or

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&
Doxie Races



A FAMILY FUN DAY IN THE PARK

Saturday June 10th
10:30 AM

Kiwanis Park on Snake River Rd

Doxi Race Registration
11:30 AM
Races 12:00 noon
Cash Prizes & Trophies.



Blaster Fun Zone
Jumping Castle
& Games

Everyone is welcome. Spend a fun day in the park playing or just relaxing and watching the fun.

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hybrid puppy. Every puppy purchased from a pet store or back yard breeder increases the demand for more puppies to be bred. The unfortunate females are bred and rebred until their bodies begin to sag and become less healthy just to produce that next litter of puppies we continue to buy.

If you are looking for a specific breed or size pet, research breed rescues online or contact us for information about breed rescues. When you decide to find a pet, make it your goal to provide a home for a pet that was rescued and is waiting for you to find and love them. Resist the temptation to support the marketing of pets. Adopt from a shelter.

Aged To Perfection

Rex is an eight year old boxer that came to Lewis Clark Animal Shelter as a stray. We lovingly called him Gumby because he didn't have a tooth in his mouth. That didn't prevent him from eating. Like every self respecting old man, he could chew with the best of them. It sounded a bit like he was sucking spaghetti at every meal but he got the job done. Gumby was well behaved, house trained, obedient and handsome. His only 'sin' was his age. Our staff worried that Gumby wouldn't get a home because of his age. We all accepted the fact that we'd be keeping Gumby as our shelter dog, even though we knew a home would be the best environment for him. Someone finally came in looking for a companion, preferably younger and smaller than Gumby. . . but Gumby stole their heart and now their home. He sleeps on their bed with them and makes a point of dispelling everyone's attitude about adopting an older pet. His new owner called us and described Gumby as one of the best pet's he's ever had. Apparently he's quite sneaky about slowly sliding into their lap and mimicking a lapdog. Of course no one notices as they visit AROUND his cute boxer head. Your dollars provide a second chance for pets like Gumby. We want to thank you for your help.

Pet Health Corner

Spring Weather Tips for Healthier, Happier Pets

"Providing food and shelter is not proving love for your pet. Those too, but proper care and protection from harm make the truest sense of responsible pet ownership."

Keep in mind the following tips to help your furry family members stay happy and healthy not only during the Spring months, but throughout the entire year.

- ✿ During the Spring LCAS receives entire litters of puppies and kittens. An individual unaltered cat or dog can be responsible for 50 to 200 births a year! Please have you pet spayed or neutered and help reduce pet overpopulation. There aren't enough homes.
- ✿ Protect your dog or cat from disease and premature aging by taking them to the veterinarian for an annual exam.
- ✿ Warmer weather brings fleas, ticks and mosquitos. Protect your pet with veterinary approved products. Parasites pose serious health hazards for you and your pets. Prevention is the best policy. Talk with your veterinarian before purchasing. There are many worthless products on the market.
- ✿ Keep your pet safe by supervising them when outdoors. Walk them on a leash. Find a safe place for them to run and play off leash with you.
- ✿ Make sure your pet's collar fits well and has clear identification attached. A microchip is permanent identification that won't fall off, become scratched, faded or modified.
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- ✿ Set up play dates with other well behaved dogs, so your canine pal can exercise and socialize. You will development friendships and your dog will burn off energy.

Success Stories

Dear LCAS,

Last September I visited your shelter to see if I was ready to adopt another dog. My wonderful doggy friend for 16 years died peacefully in her sleep 3 months before. I was sure I couldn't love another dog as much as I loved Treeny. . . but I was lonely.

A young man at the shelter walked through the kennels with me and told me to take my time. He asked me questions about my lifestyle - do I work all day? Do I jog or hike or camp? Will my dog live inside, out side or both? Do I have a fence? Everything they asked me was with the dog's best interest in mind.

"I couldn't get those big brown eyes out of my mind."



While we walked around the kennels a volunteer dog walker brought a BIG black dog back to his kennel. The dog sat down just outside his kennel and stared at me as if to say, "Please, I'm not ready to go back in the kennel. Just one more time around the yard, please." So I took him for a walk, then I took him in the visiting room and sat on the couch with him for a little while. When I was ready I went home to think about dog adoption for a while.

I couldn't get those big brown eyes out of my mind. When I came back he remembered me and wouldn't calm down until I took him out in the yard where he laid down at my feet. Of course I adopted him.

Thank you for not rushing me, Thank you for calling me a few weeks later to see if everything was ok. Thank you for offering the free behavior class, but most of all thank you for my new friend.

. . . Shelly

"We give pets time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. In return pets give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made."

"You can say foolish things to a dog and he'll give you a look that says, 'My Goodness! You're amazing, I would never have thought of that!'"

Vision Statement

Lewis Clark Animal Shelter envisions a time when everyone our valley celebrates the human-animal bond, embraces the mutual benefits therein and treats animals with care, compassion and respect; a time when LCAS is primarily a resource for health, education and entertainment services for animals and people.

Packed With Love



Where else will you find love that asks no questions, is always happy when you

come home and plays just for the sheer delight of entertaining you? We have fancy toys, beds and blankets of every kind here at the shelter, but when it comes to fun, nothing can beat a plain old box. Hiding, tumbling and stalking each other is the game of the day.

Cats in our adoption habitat barely remember the time (not so long ago) when they were homeless and hungry. They've learned to trust again and to count on people to love them and provide for their basic needs.

Raffle Time Again



Have you ever wished for a Laptop computer but resisted the cost?

Lewiston Staples at 2320 Thain Grade donated a brand new HP 1510 Laptop with all the bells and whistles to be raffled at this year's Walk 'n' Wag June 10th.

Tickets are available at many local retailers including:

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| Staples | Lewis Clark Animal Shelter |
| Fashion Bug | Carlton Construction |
| CashTyme | Lewiston Veterinary Clinic |
| Battles & Ells CPA | Highland Meat Market |
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Also, from **Snake River Adventures** a half day tour on the Snake River will be raffled.

See where Chief Joseph and his tribe crossed the Snake River on their trek to Lapwai Reservation in the year 1877. Enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the canyon, while learning about all the exciting history that is embedded deep within the walls of North America's Deepest Gorge.



Build a lifetime memory for your family or friends on a jet boat trip with Snake River Adventures.

"Your support gave these pets a second chance and new families."



Perry was a stray in Nez Perce County. While he lived at LCAS he took part in private training classes, group doggy play

time and a mandatory neuter and vaccination clinic. Twenty three days later his new family found him and adopted him.

Barely five months old, Sean was abandoned on Lewiston streets to fend for himself. Lucky for him, someone cared enough to catch him and bring him to the shelter. We cleaned him up, fed him well and made sure he had plenty of play time. A week passed and still no one called to identify their lost puppy. A quick trip through our clinic for vaccines and surgery then on to behavior classes and Sean's new family couldn't



tell he'd been a 'baby about town' with no health care or grooming. They love him and can't imagine life without him.

Because you support us with donations we have been able to meet our mission to find homes for thousands of pets that are admitted to Lewis Clark Animal shelter every year. Without your support we would not be able to help these pets become healthy and playful and eventually find their new homes and families. What a legacy to be proud of! Our staff and volunteers want to thank you for making our work possible.

Let us send a card for you to someone special in honor of any occasion. When you make a donation to LCAS we will send them a card with 'your special message'.

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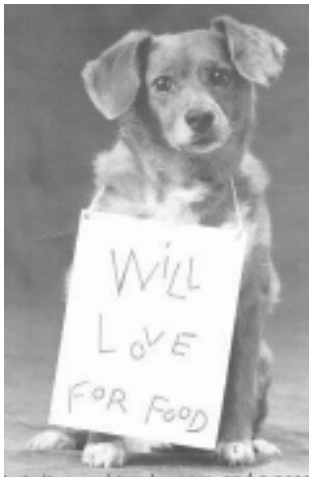
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 Who can't speak for themselves?*

Help us help them. Your tax deductible donations change the world for these forgotten pets. Take a moment to write a check or log onto www.lcshelter.com and make an on-line donation on our secure server. Enjoy that wonderful feeling when you know you've been part of the solution for these little guys. What will they do without you?

Name: _____ Phone# _____ e-mail _____

Address: _____ City / State: _____



Help a shelter cat or dog get medical care, grooming and the extra time and attention needed to socialize him/her in preparation for a permanent home.

I would like to make a donation in the amount of _____

Sponsor a dog kennel with a pledge of \$35.00 a month. _____

Sponsor a cat kennel with a pledge of \$25.00 a month. _____

I would like to leave a legacy by including Lewis Clark Animal Shelter in my will. Please send me information about leaving a bequest. _____