



Concerned People for Animals, Inc.

An all-volunteer, non-profit organization

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A Message From Our Idaho Director, Ami Jo Gibson

It finally happened to me. I was in my backyard, minding my own business, happily listening to music and watering plants when a large dog came onto my property. Now mind you, I live in the country with zero, zip, neighbors around. My 20lb. dog was hanging out with me and almost immediately the two dogs got into it! My first dog fight! I FREAKED! I had recently (refer to past newsletters) had this most amazingly wonderful dog come into my life. I was /am a cat person. WHAT TO DO????? I took the hose, put it on full blast and shot it at the dogs' faces. NOTHING! I screamed. (Did you hear me in Alaska?) I tried kicking them apart. Nothing. Gardening shoes aren't the best for stopping a dog fight. Finally, when my Hubby came out, they split, with my poor dog, oozing from blood, limped back into the house. The other dog ran away. Not to be seen again. I spoke to my Vet and knew what meds to give. But, what about for next time? How do I stop it? One of my best girlfriends, Carel, told me the secret that I want each of you to know. Could be embarrassing, but whatever it takes! It's worth it. You JUST DO IT! Take off your shirt (or if your lucky enough to have a towel/jacket) and throw it over one/both of the dogs eyes/faces. When they can't see, they break apart. I thought that was an important tip to share, especially when one is as hysterical as I was. It really was quite a scary moment. Sure hope the other dog feels okay ☺

To happier news! Alice Miller and Jan Scott in Bonners Ferry have opened a "Branch" of CPA! There's great work to be done EVERYWHERE to help animals and it's difficult for a smaller group to help all over. So, they have started raising funds and fixing cats and dogs! It's GREAT! Terri Oates & I went to their first Fundraiser and the support of the community was OUTSTANDING! Very exciting and there's a real need for help in that area. If you know anyone in the area who would like to volunteer or needs help with spaying/neutering their pet, please call Alice @ 208-267-1354. If you would like to make a donation to specifically support the Bonners Ferry area, please write on your check in the "memo" area—"For Bonners Ferry" and we'll make sure your funds get used exclusively in that area. Down here, we have been busy writing grants and waiting

In the first 7 months of 2008, we have helped



Spay/Neuter

1,865

cats/dogs!



ALL BECAUSE... OF YOU!
LAST YEAR we fixed 2598...
THINK WE CAN help 3000?
LET'S just DO IT!



YOUR DONATION REALLY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MANY ANIMALS!
YOU truly do help cats and dogs live a happier, healthier life! ♥Please continue!♥ ☺

Send your tax-deductible donation to:



CPA
 PO BOX 359
 Rathdrum, ID 83858



Together, WE CAN end UNWANTED ANIMAL OVER-POPULATION!
 ☺THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! ☺

impatiently (HAHAHAHAHA!) for replies! I don't know if you have ever written a grant, but it's very time consuming and very disappointing when the reply is "no." We try so very hard to help needy people & their pets. You know how important your family pet member is to you. Same for them!

Upcoming Event for us in Rathdrum @ the Rathdrum Country Store. We are offering to Microchip your pet for \$10 on Saturday, September 20th from 10am -2:00pm. If you would like to Volunteer, please call and we can definitely put you to work ☺ Please call **Candice @ 208-687-3976**. We'd love to see you! If you need your pet Microchipped, just come between those hours. It's a wonderful program with NO hidden additional fees. Peace of mind & well worth it I say!

Summer/Fall 2008 Happy End of Summer & Beginning of Fall — Take Care!

P.S. Kiss your babies for us! ♥ Ami Jo



WHAT REALLY is in Fido's Food?

We've been hearing soooooo much about pet food now and I recently read an article which caught my eye and I'd like to share with you. (I did get permission to re-print although I changed the paragraph order.) The thought is, the better quality of food we put into our pets now, the better they will feel and the longer they will live. I've always made sure the first listing on the food bag ingredients is meat! Not corn filler, etc. OK..here's the article—see what YOU think!

“With so many pet food recalls this year, find out what to look for in your pet’s food, and what red flags may increase chances of recall. Open up the Pandora’s Box of pet food and not only read the label but understand it too.

You do not need to understand every single ingredient, of which in dog food there are about 90 different ones. The key, short of making your own pet food, is to understand a few basic ingredients that you do **NOT** want to see in your pet food to help ensure it is safe and healthy for your pet. This applies to cat and dog feed; dry or canned food or pet treats.

ANIMAL FAT

A drug, Pentobarbital, used by Veterinarians & animal shelters to euthanize (kill) animals has been found in many pet foods. It is the result of euthanized animals being cooked down & the end products (animal fat) is put into pet foods. There is a huge controversy over which animals it comes from. Many believe it is from euthanized cats & dogs, while the pet manufacturers insist it is not. Neither side can prove or disprove the claim.

CORN, WHEAT, SOY

These grains are not proven harmful to pets, but they are susceptible to carrying a deadly mold. While they in themselves are not dangerous, all of them have been part of recalls past & should be avoided. Granted, all of these grains are to be tested for the deadly mold by pet food manufacturers, but as we have seen in the past, this does not always happen & some slips through.

There are many pet foods out there that do not have any of these ingredients in them. Reading the label & making informed choices for your pets will help to keep your furry friends healthy & happy.

Did you know that all funds related to this newsletter (printing, stamping) have been most generously donated to CPA. If you personally would like your donation to go “someplace special” within CPA, (i.e.“sgns”, Spay/Neuter, Food, etc. just let us know! It will happen! I PROMISE!!!! Thank you for caring! Please call Ami Jo @ 208-687-5054



CORN, WHEAT or RICE GLUTEN

Glutens were the number 1 recall issue with pet foods this last year. Glutens are an additive for thickening purposes that add no quality nutritional value to the food & often times has dangerous added chemicals. It is also added to increase the protein percentage, which should be coming from meat, not glutens.

MEAT & BONE MEAL or ANIMAL DIGEST

These are the leftover parts of mammal tissue that are not for human consumption (bone, sometimes hooves, blood, manure, stomach contents, etc.). These ingredients are very generally described, a catch-all of leftover waste parts, so no real way of knowing what is in the pet food.

BY PRODUCTS



Similar to meat & bone meal, except it is the ‘clean’ non-meat parts of the animal which includes but is not limited to liver, lungs, kidney, brain, spleen, blood, stomach, intestines. Basically, the non-descript leftover meat parts from the human industry that not even the manufacturer can tell you exactly what they are or how much is in their pet food.

BHA, BHT, TBHQ & Ethoxyquin

All 4 of these are chemical preservatives & are linked to cancer & tumors. Rarely, will they be found in human food & if they are, it is at an extremely low amount, much lower than the pet food industry allows. **NOTE:** You may have to search the label thoroughly to find them but it will be worth the look.



The Rescue Zone- March 2008 Issue

↘ WHO WE ARE... ↙

Concerned People for Animals, Inc. is the **ONLY** non-profit, all non-paid volunteer organization in our community that is solely dedicated to lowering the animal over-population by way of
♥♥♥ spaying and neutering cats & dogs! ♥♥♥

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YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO CAREFUL!

Let me start off by stating we are the typical American Family when it comes to our pets. They are all loved and cared for as a member of the family. They are spoiled with affection and provided the same securities as one of our children. Much like children, they play and when I say they play, they play hard. Our dogs love running, swimming, rough housing and getting into mischief, if allowed. That being said we, like most parents are protective of our pets. We try to ensure their safety no matter what they are doing using common sense and a watchful eye. However, there are momentary lapses in judgment that may cause a situation that may have been avoided if we were to pay a little more attention. This being said the reason for this letter is as follows:

In short, a typical day with our dogs includes them going everywhere with us. The other day was no different than any other. I had left work with the dogs loaded up in the cab of my pickup and we were headed for the barn. We live in rural Kootenai County which offers lots of land for the dogs to run and tucker themselves out before getting home. The usual stop is a large field a half mile from the house. I let the dogs out to run their excess energy off, and in doing so, they went to the creek they have been known to frequent.

When it was time to load them up to go home, the dogs were soaked and covered in mud. My lapse in judgment was simply - I wasn't going to let the dogs in my truck in their current state. I never allow my dogs to ride in the back of my pickup unsecured, however, we were only a half mile from the house on a back country road.

I decided to just take it slow and everything would be fine. As the drive progressed I was watching the rear view mirror to make sure all was well after about 10-15 seconds of having my eyes on the road. What I didn't see is what scared me! Our Pitbull, Sadee, was GONE but the other two dogs were still in their place. I had been going approximately 10mph and quickly decided Sadee had jumped out of the pickup. I turned the truck around to go find her.

After locating Sadee, I was sick to my stomach as would be any pet owner for what I witnessed. Our dog, in the escape, jumped out of the truck and landed in a manner that shattered her right femur. She was in a great deal of pain and her leg was dangling. I was so mad at myself for my lapse in judgment. I went to the Vet immediately and was told major repair was needed to repair her broken leg... steel rods, pins, etc. ...I know how I felt and I hope you don't ever find yourselves feeling the same way I did. **You can never be too careful.**
~The Caminetti Family~(Thanks for sharing! Hope Sadee is doing GREAT!)

FYI...

To-Date, www.iGive.com has sent CPA close to \$200 from you using their website and purchasing through iGive on your computer! EASY \$. Easy to set up on your computer! Just type www.iGive.com and list CPA as the non-profit of choicel. They do the rest, you have fun AND... NO junk mail comes. It is a wonderful ".com" and TONS of non-profit organizations just like CPA, are using it! Please consider joining if you haven't already! If you do, we automatically get \$5! We recently received a check for \$25.14 for doing NOTHING! A great way to help from your home whenever you shop! Please give it a try!

♥♥ Thank You! ♥♥

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♥ **THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH** ♥
♥ **FOR ALL YOU DO FOR CATS & DOGS** ♥



Chris & Bob Anderlik
Allison Desilets
Candice & Cliff Fry
Jani & Jessi Hall
Lucky Clover 4H Club
Kerry Masters
Brad Myers
Northwoods Vet Hospital
The Rathdrum Star

Rathdrum Country Store

The Rathdrum Thrift Store/Food Bank

Rathdrum Animal Clinic

Jerry Rose



Jerie/Wayne/Harold Stevenson

Target Stores/Sally

Terri & Stan Oates



These are the people/places who help donate their time, energy, effort, funds and food ☺ to literally *make* the CPA Animal Food Bank!

We appreciate you BEYOND words!
You help save HUNDREDS of starving cats and dogs EVERY DAY!

Thank you isn't enough!

If you would like to donate unopened bags/cans of cat/dog food to help hungry animals, (Winter is right around the corner!) please call **Candice @ 208-687-3976** Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Alice Miller

&

Jan Scott

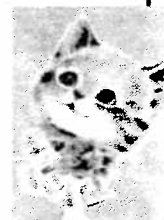
& all the Volunteers

for helping to

create CPA in Bonners Ferry!
YOU ALL ARE GREAT & VERY APPRECIATED BY US ALL♥

Please see our website for photos of the events they have held and events that are coming in the future!

DID YOU HAPPEN TO SEE CPA at THE BONNERS FERRY COUNTY FAIR THIS YEAR? INCREDIBLE@ TERRIFIC!!!



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PLEASE HELP CATS & DOGS!

Your donation of ANY amount and

your membership really means A LOT

to CPA and especially to the animals!

(100% of your donation helps needy animals-HONEST!)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-Mail: _____

I'd like to volunteer! Please call me! _____

I'd like to foster care a dog ___ cat ___

DONATION AMOUNT: \$ _____

to be used for a cat ___ dog ___

Anywhere needed _____

Postage has increased! My canceled check will be my receipt.

Please don't send me a thank you letter!

I'd like an e-mail thank you for my records!

(Please include your e-mail!)

Type of membership (Please "x")

Individual: \$20 _____

Family: \$35 _____

Friend: \$50 _____

Supporter: \$100 _____

Lifetime Member: \$250 _____

Anything you'd Like! \$ _____



AVERAGE cost for a cat spay is \$75/ a cat neuter is \$55/ dog spay is \$100/ dog neuter is \$85. This is the average cost sometimes less, but mostly more. ☹



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Our Wish List! Please help! Thank you!

- ☺ Live Humane Animal Traps
- ☺ #10 & 6 3/4 Security Envelopes
- ☺ No longer used working cell phones
- ☺ Postal Stamps
- ☺ Unopened Kitten, Cat, Puppy and Dog Food
- ☺ Temporary fenced Enclosure to house Rescued Animals
- ☺ Monetary donations to help spay/neuter dogs and cats ♥



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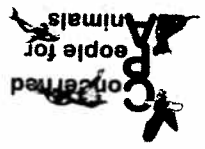
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FYI...
As of August 1,
we have spent
\$85,700.50
with our local
Vets, helping
local animals!



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