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AND THEIR PEOPLE

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HARK found new loving homes for more than two dozen homeless animals in 2014. Here are just a few of their stories:

Buddy

Visitors to Maui usually return with a smile, a tan, and some souvenirs for friends and family. But when HARK executive director Tracy Mikowski vacations on Maui, she returns with – what else? – a shelter dog ready for adoption!

Last January Tracy, and HARK Board Member Betsy Lyons, visited the Maui Humane Society Shelter in Pu'uene. From the many shelter dogs (mostly pit bulls) awaiting adoption, Tracy and Betsy picked out five small dogs to bring back to Haines. Prior to departure, they returned to the shelter to learn that all of the selected dogs had

been adopted, except for Buddy – a small sweet-natured older male terrier cross. So Buddy was packed up in a travel kennel, and transported to the Kahului Airport Alaska Airlines counter, and checked through to Juneau. Alaska Airlines sponsors the “Wings of Aloha” program, which transports shelter animals from Maui to adoptive homes on the Mainland.

Many hours later, Buddy, Tracy and Betsy arrived in Haines on the ferry. After a day of rest and recuperation, Buddy was delivered to his new best friend, Marge Ward. He immediately jumped into her lap, and they have been inseparable ever since. Thank you, Tracy and Betsy for yet another Happy Ending!



Ladybug

Ladybug, an elderly Husky cross, was discovered living under an unoccupied house by residents of the Mosquito Lake area. We assumed that she had been left by the former occupant of the house, but when he was contacted we learned that Ladybug was not his dog. At the time she was turned in to HARK, Ladybug had numerous bite wounds and a large open lesion on her side, and

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Spay/Neuter...It's a Good Thing.



One of the very important programs we offer at HARK is financial assistance for spaying and neutering of dogs and cats here in the Chilkat Valley. As part of our mission to help curb overpopulation, we have applied for and received grant money to assist those pet owners who may not be able to neuter their pet otherwise. This year our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program lost its main

source of grant funding when that organization dissolved. But thanks to the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation's Matching Funds Grant, we will be able to continue our program. Applications are available on our website or at the shelter. As always, feel free to call if you have questions.

There are many good reasons for spaying and neutering including:

- Less roaming
- Less spraying/markings
- Fewer cancerous tumors
- Less homeless animals

Please spay or neuter your pet and please let us know how we can help.

The AWESOME Benefits of Membership

A membership, in addition to the fantastic feeling you receive knowing that you're helping animals, provides you with the following benefits:

- A cool (non-adhesive) sticker for your vehicle
- One free use of our Groom Room
- 15% off all our retail items
- Voting power at our Annual Member Meeting
- 50% off Micro-chipping

We hope you'll "JOIN" us!

Remember, you don't have to be a member to join us for our Annual Member Meeting. This year it will take place Saturday, March 28th. It's always fun and everyone is welcome, stay tuned for details!



A Few of Our Many Services

HARK offers many pet related items for sale in the shelter including:

- Lupine collars/leashes
- Kong toys
- De-wormer & Flea/Tick/Mite treatments
- Vaccines
- Lights and reflective gear for your dog

We also provide free reflective vests for people!

We have travel crates and Elizabethan Collars (think "cone of shame") for rent for a very modest price.

Our Groom Room is one of our very popular services. For only \$10 you can use our professional dog washing tub, shampoos/conditioners, towels, brushes and blow dryers. Alternatively, for \$20 you can make an appointment for HARK staff to groom your dog for you. Staff will also be happy to trim your pet's toenails for just \$5.

Micro-chipping is available by appointment.

One of the most important services we offer is also often the most difficult to discuss—pet euthanasia.

HARK offers euthanasia for your terminally ill or critically injured pet, when our traveling veterinarians are not in town. Please call the shelter in advance to discuss options, or stop by the office to fill out an application. We'll need some information about your pet's age, health status, and previous veterinary care (if applicable). After careful consideration of the application, our trained staff will arrange to euthanize your pet at either the shelter or your home. If the situation is an emergency or after hours contact the Haines Police Department dispatch at 766-2121.



Pick. Click. Give.

There are so many things to remember to do this time of year, including applying for your Permanent Fund Dividend. While you're filling out that application don't forget the wonderful non-profit organizations here in Haines that benefit when you Pick Click Give. Haines Animal Rescue is one of those local groups, with which, you can choose to share

a portion of your dividend check. Even if you have already filed your application you have until March 31st to log on again and choose Pick Click Give. It's a fantastic and easy way to give back to your community. It also automatically enters you in a sweepstakes to win double your dividend check! Sounds like a win-win situation to us.

Thanks so much to all of you who have contributed to HARK through Pick Click Give in the past and we hope you'll remember us again this year.

