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From the Director...

Hello! My name is Tiffany Haynes Reed and I am the new director. I graduated from SDSU in 2008 with a degree in Journalism. I worked at Daktronics as a Technical Writer for 1.5 years. I have 2 dogs, Beau and Arnie. We also have three cats, Ella, Cinder, and Isaiah. Oh yeah and I have one husband, Jeff. We've been married for 1.5 years.

I've been with BRHS for the last 5 months. I

am still learning every day and enjoying every minute of it. This is such an exciting time for BRHS as we have great potential for growth.

I am enjoying getting to know all of our wonderful volunteers, employees, and our foster homes. Everyone has been so fun and helpful. We have had several classes come to BRHS to do their volunteer hours. I have really enjoyed their help and getting to

know them.

I am so excited for our upcoming event, Paws for Wine. Paws for wine will be March 26, 2010 at 7 pm at the Innovation Village Community Room. There will be several types of wine to sample and yummy hors d'oeuvres. This is a great opportunity to sample different wine and socialize. We hope to see everyone at Paws for Wine!

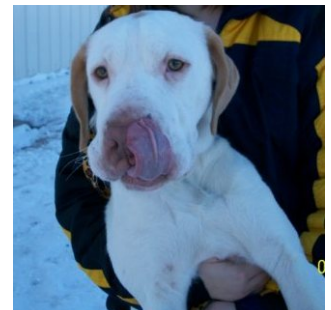
Adoptable Pets!



How can you resist her face? Latte is a hefty girl with pretty unique looks. Her gorgeous coloring matches her friendly personality. She easily purrs and enjoys the company of people. This gal has been looking for her forever home for awhile now and would love a family of her own. She is one striking cat.



Liberty is sweet, petite girl who prefers a quiet environment. She is not fond of other cats or dogs, but would probably do fine with them in a home. She came to us after being hit by a car and took some time to recover. She is doing just fine now and is searching for her forever home.



Zoey is a Shar Pei/ Setter mix. She is around 2. Zoey is very energetic and LOVES to play with other dogs. She would make a great running partner. Zoey would love to cuddle up with you on a cold South Dakota evening.

The Wisdom of Oz

Grandma doesn't think I'm watching as she pulls the suitcase from storage...that always means Grandpa is going away. She thinks she's sneaky by hiding it in the bedroom closet...thinking I don't know what's going on. She will put things into it when she thinks I'm not around. But I always know. I know everything because *I'm a cat* and that's my job! And if the suitcase doesn't tip me off then Grandma's mood does. She becomes very sad and talks to me in that cooing manner. Like I'm a baby or something. I narrow one eye, whiskers twitching, at the mere thought of it! Within a few days my prediction comes true...Grandpa and Grandma are both gone. For the next few days I'm virtually alone. Mom will take care of me. Don't get me wrong. Mom's okay...but she doesn't spoil

me nearly as much.

Four days later while I'm at work Mom tells me there is a surprise for me at home. The morning drags by as I wonder what it could be. Fortunately, Mom says I can leave work early. She loads me into my cat carrier. The drive takes *forever*. Once Mom opens the door of my house I know the surprise. Grandpa is standing in the kitchen! Since I'm still upset with their four day absence I act cat-alooof. My heart races as I scan the room for Grandpa. Since he's not in sight I calmly sashay by Grandma to enter the dining room. I still don't see Grandpa but I know he's here. I can *feel* him.

I continue my aloofness as I near the living room. My heart pounds in anticipation but I remain cat-calm. Don't let them see how much I love them.

There he is! Grandpa is sitting in his chair! But something is different. I can't put my claw on it but I feel a difference as Grandpa greets me quietly. My eyes narrow with suspicion. Ten more steps bring me to the edge of Grandpa's chair. That's when I first notice IT. I also notice that Grandpa isn't scooping me up to snuggle. I approach IT carefully. Opening my mouth slightly I push my super sniffing nose closer. I can smell Grandpa on IT. I glance up but he's still not moving to pick me up so I further my investigation. My nose grazes the cold silver surface. IT seems to be a metal frame-type object. I've never seen anything like IT before. If curiosity *really* killed the cat...I'd be a goner right now. Eventually I discover Grandpa uses IT when he gets out of his chair. He takes IT for a walk every time he gets up. I'm

beginning to wonder if IT is taking my place in Grandpa's heart?! They go everywhere together. Before too long I discover that IT has two wheels on the front that are excellent to bite. The rubber gives a bit when I sink my teeth into them. Other times I latch onto one of the back legs and Grandpa drags me where ever he's going. Lucky for Grandpa the floors are wood...that makes dragging my 16 pounds easier for him! It's during one of these drags that Grandma yells at me and I discover IT's name is 'WALKER'. **"Ozzy! Leave Grandpa's walker alone!"**

And then there's THE BIG 'A'! The thing is *pink!* The 'A' is wedged between Grandpa's knees when he's sitting in his chair. I attack it regularly when it's on the floor. It's soft and foamy. I discover the thing smells like Grandpa so I let it be after several attacks. That...and Grandma yells at me every

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Open Your Heart & Make a Difference By Supporting the BRHS

Support the BRHS with the following:

- **A Charitable Endowment** to the "Heart Haven Facility Fund." Proceeds will support ongoing maintenance of our facility.
- **A Charitable Donation** to the "Healthy Heart Medical Fund." Proceeds will support the BRHS's commitment that all animals adopted are healthy.
- **A Perpetual Memorial** dedicated in memory of a family member, friend, pet, or cause or organization.
- **Becoming a Member** – Membership benefits include a newsletter and voting privileges.

Family membership \$50
Individual membership \$25
Senior (60+) \$10.00
Student membership \$15
Pet Membership \$10

Patron \$100
Benefactor \$250
Humanitarian \$500
Founder \$1,000
Leader of the Pack \$5,000

Make checks payable to the BRHS, and return to the address below.

Name: _____
Email: _____
Name of Pet Member(s): _____
Address: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Receipt Required? _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Return the above information to the BRHS at:
1027 Main Ave. S., Brookings, South Dakota
57006

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brhs@brookings.net



Oz poses for a quick photo op. between adventures.

The Wisdom of Oz, cont.

time I claw it! **“Ozzy! Leave that alone!”**

Then there’s my sitting with Grandpa and getting my belly rubbed. Grandpa is the only Human I allow to do this. And right now I either can’t get close to him or we’re not in the right position to get a good rub. I don’t like this. What’s up anyway? My life seems so different. Things don’t seem to be revolving around ME like in the past. I decide to head to my cupboard to take a nap. Maybe this is all a dream and when I get up everything will be back to normal.

Nope. Not even close! When I come out I hear a Human voice I don’t know. I peek into the living room. I think I’ve seen this

Human before...a long time ago. I wrinkle up my nose and sniff the air. Yep...she’s been here before. She smells like...DOG! This Human is my aunt from Colorado. She’s come to visit for two weeks and to help Grandpa.

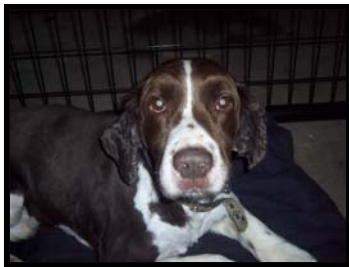
Eventually I figure it out. Grandpa had new parts installed. Something called a hip. Humph! In my kitty mind it doesn’t seem to be a reason for the complete shortage of Ozzy-time. Three or four days pass before I’m able to wheedle my way into the correct position for a good belly rub. My eyes rolled back in my head...I *may* have even purred! I don’t ever want to experience ten days without this pampering again. I continue to go to work

every day to keep the business running...but once I get home Grandpa is there for me. So one good thing came out of the CATastrophe!

After two weeks my aunt leaves for home. Another two weeks pass and Grandpa comes back to work a few hours a day. Now things are pretty much back to normal. Grandpa and Grandma are there for my *every* need...just as it should be. My wish is that every ‘animal’ can find the happiness that I have in my Forever Home! Kitty kisses to you all!

Until next time...

This is the Wisdom of Oz!



Foster families save lives.

WANTED: Loving Foster Homes like Yours!

The Brookings Regional Humane Society is currently in desperate need of foster homes for dogs and puppies. Unlike small animals and cats, dogs and puppies do not stay at the humane society full-time. They spend the week in loving foster homes and come to the BRHS on Saturdays from 11am to 4pm to meet new

people and find their forever homes.

Foster “parents” can choose to take only large or small dogs.

Food and crates are provided by the BRHS – you just supply the love!

If you are interested in fostering a homeless dog until their forever family finds them, please stop by the BRHS. We can answer

any questions you might have and then you can begin the rewarding experience of fostering an animal in need.

Fostering is one of the best ways to show your support of the humane society, and in doing so you literally save the life of an animal who might otherwise have had nowhere to call home – even temporarily.

Oh Oh Oh It's Magic- BRHS Fundraising Events!

We had a wonderful turnout to our Mike Bliss and the Incredible Bliss Brother's magic show. It is safe to say a good time was had by all.

What Applause Looks Like On Paper: Mike has been performing his hilarious magic, juggling, unicycling, and pick-pocketing shows for over 20 years all across the country from Colleges and Universities, to companies like Tyson Foods and AAA, to the World Famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, CA, to Headlining his own show in Branson, MO! He was also voted Branson's Specialty Act of the Year!

His national television appearances include Fox's 30 Seconds to Fame, Country Music Star Collin Raye's 4th of July Television Special, and NBC's America's Got Talent where he and his 2 sons, Zachary (9) and Stephen (8), made it to the top 35 out of 100,000 acts. They are the youngest magicians in the country performing their incredible Mind Reading Act! Also, Zachary is one of the youngest professional jugglers in the U.S.!

Thank you to everyone who came out to join us for this successful event.



The BRHS Gang with Mike Bliss & The Incredible Bliss Brothers

Microchipping: Your Pet's Ticket Home

Losing your pet can be a devastating experience, which is why the Brookings Regional Humane Society is a proud promoter of microchipping. Microchipping provides an inexpensive form of identification that cannot be altered or unintentionally removed once implanted.

Each microchip, despite the company that developed and released it, is formatted to comply with the requirements and

information stored by the American Kennel Club's Companion Animal Recovery database. When the microchip is placed just under an animal's skin, a scanner can easily detect it, decode the chip's serial number, and immediately verify the animal's information. Through this technology, dogs, cats and various other domestic animals are promptly returned to relieved owners.

Fortunately, the process is quick and painless

and will give added peace of mind to any owner should their pet go missing, be found and subsequently scanned, ensuring

both are reunited as soon as possible. The Brookings Regional Humane Society can easily perform microchipping in very little time for very little cost. Stop by or call 697-PETS for more information on getting your pet microchipped.

A LOST PET

WILL MAKE YOU AND YOUR PET FEEL BLUE!

They can be quickly identified with Microchip ID

YOUR PET'S TICKET HOME!

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Monday-Friday
12-6pm

Saturday
11-4pm

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.BrookingsHumane.org

Donating Just Got Easier!

Wouldn't it be great if helping the Brookings Regional Humane Society was as easy as searching the internet? Thanks to GoodSearch.com, it is! All you have to do to provide additional funds for homeless animals is log onto GoodSearch.com, enter "Brookings Regional Humane Society" under

Who Do You GoodSearch For?, then search as you normally would. It's that easy to donate and change the lives of animals for the better. GoodSearch also allows you to do your online shopping as normal, but with a portion of your purchase price going to the BRHS. GAP, Target,

and Best Buy are just some of the businesses who are involved and willing to support the charities found on GoodSearch.com. Spread the word and share the news – it's now easier than ever to make a difference in homeless, abused, and sick animals' lives!

The Brookings Regional Humane Society has a bin for aluminum cans behind the Gentle Doctor Animal Hospital at 312 Main Avenue South. Save your pop cans and help the homeless animals in our community!



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