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"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."

Anatole France

The Great Eight Make Their Escape

What a long journey it has been. When SCRAPS served the search warrant on Nelson and Renteria we had no idea that this would be the beginning of a very long journey.

As you have read recently, the two defendants were convicted of dog fighting and SCRAPS was finally awarded custody of these dogs, exactly one year after the warrant was served. This began another journey, to try and find the appropriate placement of these dogs.

SCRAPS newest humane hero is Carmel Travis, a business-

woman out of Pullman, Washington who was moved to help the dogs called by the press as the "Great Eight." She worked tirelessly calling rescues and sanctuaries around the country until it seemed the dogs were out of time. But their miracle was



on the way. Best Friends

Animal Sanctuary along with the Stray Rescue of St. Louis agreed to help these victims of dog fighting. Best Friends drove all the way from Kanab, Utah to pick the dogs up and transport them to St. Louis. All of this was paid for by donations raised by Carmel!

The Great Eight didn't deserve the life they had before but they definitely deserve the opportunity to be rehabilitated and SCRAPS is so thrilled that they are being given this chance.

Thanks to everyone who supported them along their way.

Thanks for the Happy Tails

We asked for happy ending stories and our readers responded in great force! We had so many wonderful stories we decided that we would share them on our website as well—check it out! Keep them coming!

From Taylor Heck (age 8):

Last summer, we adopted a very handsome dog Dakota from SCRAPS. His name used to be Grizzly when we adopted him, but he was much too sweet for such a ferocious name, so we

renamed him Dakota. When we first adopted him he was really skinny and his fur was matted. We gave him a good bath and brushed his hair every day until it became beautiful and shiny. We also fed him three times a day until he got fatter. He really liked hot dogs mixed in with his dog food. Now he picks up his bowl and carries it around the house! He is really funny! Whenever he gets excited, he picks up his bowl in his mouth and his whole body



wiggles while he tries to "talk" to us! He loves to sleep on my bed at night and he keeps my feet warm! He also loves to go on car rides! I don't know why someone would have given this dog up. Even though he is old, he is a great dog and brings a lot of happiness to our house. Dakota is enjoying his happy life!



Nancy Hill
SCRAPS
 Director since
 1995

Dear Friends,

The “Great Eight” the pit bulls seized in conjunction with Washington State’s first conviction of animal fighting, are on their way to a new life with Stray Rescue of St. Louis. The dogs which were held for over a year by court order finally have a chance to be dogs. The relocation will give them a chance to be rehabilitated and hopefully placed in forever homes. For SCRAPS staff the dogs departure was bittersweet – we will miss them but wish them well in their journey. Dogs are the true victims of animal fighting and to save them is a dream come true!

Summer is a busy time here at SCRAPS. Children are out of school and often forget to shut the gate and the family pet escapes. Dog bites are more prevalent as people are more active and outside. Animal cruelty is also on the rise with dogs left in hot vehicles and tied up with no shade or water. Animal Protection Officers are busy responding to calls in their effort to protect both people and pets.

Volunteers are especially important during the summer months. We need them to help man outreach booths at festivals, walk dogs and to help with our adoption placement programs. If you or friends are interested in volunteering please contact us at the shelter or look for our volunteer packet on line at www.spokanecounty.org/animal Volunteers make a big difference in an animal’s life!

Enjoy your summer, spend time with family and remember to Help Us, Help Them!

-Nancy Hill

A Regional Solution

This Article Submitted
 By Nancy Hill, Director

In April, SCRAPS was awarded the City of Spokane Animal Control contract beginning in 2010. This was an answer to a long held hope that Spokane would be serviced by one regional agency. A regional animal control program will be a wonderful asset for our community creating a one stop shop if you have lost your pet and uniform enforcement of laws and public policy. However, expanding an agency to cover an additional almost 200,000 people and 10,000 animals is no easy task.

Spokanimal will continue to provide animal control services through 2009. Meanwhile, SCRAPS will begin the building expansion project. Currently SCRAPS handles about 7,500 animals and by adding the City of Spokane to our service area we will

have to handle as many as 10,000 additional animals!

We will add on to our current shelter as we have an additional 4 acres of property to accommodate the addition. Once construction begins we will face a new challenge – being open during a major building project.

The six month mark before taking over will be a major milestone. At this point we will have to look at hiring staff and purchasing the supplies and equipment necessary to handle the additional workload. I have spent many sleepless nights wondering how you hire 21 people all at once.

SCRAPS is partnering with Spokanimal so that the transition process will be a smooth one. Part of that partnership

is a unique adoption transfer agreement. Spokanimal has pledged, once the transition is complete, to take adoptable unclaimed strays from SCRAPS and adopt them out through their facility. This will free up room for the community’s stray animals and should help reduce the euthanasia of adoptable animals. Additionally, the Spokane Humane Society already does and will continue to accept transferred animals from SCRAPS greatly increasing adoption rates.

SCRAPS working with both Spokanimal and the Spokane Humane Society will send a positive message to the community on how we value and treat our animals.

Our hope is that one day we can end the euthanasia of our adoptable pets.

If You Had The Gift of 5 Minutes...



I’ve always wondered what my pets are trying to tell me, and do they understand what it is I’m trying to tell them? We think there are probably many people who feel the same way. So we would like to ask our readers to answer this question....

If you had five minutes to talk to your pet, and your pet could talk (English that is) back to you, what would you say? Send us your response to jbelle@spokanecounty.org. Responses to this question will be posted on our website on our How You Can Help page. Tell us, we can’t wait to hear!

Do You Want To Become Part of our Cruelty Watch?

SCRAPS is continuing in our efforts to fight animal cruelty. One proven method of doing this is to educate the public and teach them how they can help the animals in our community.

Our Animal Protection Officers are available to come to your place of employment, or other meeting place to provide a presentation regarding how to stop animal cruelty. To make arrangements for a presentation, please call Jackie

Bell, (509) 477-2984.

“Enforcement of animal cruelty laws requires the help of concerned citizens who are in the best position sometimes to observe such treatment.”

We want to help the community be a part of the solution. Here are a few tips from the ASPCA to prevent animal cruelty.

- Be Aware

- Learn How to Recognize Animal Cruelty
- Know Who to Call
- Provide as Much Information As Possible
- Set A Good Example for Others
- Talk to Your Kids about How to Treat Animals with Kindness and Compassion
- Support your local shelter.

Please join us today as a partner in fighting animal cruelty.

A Day in Their Lives... Meet your Animal Protection Officer: Cherish's Story

The first time I saw “Cherish” my heart sank. I was called to check the condition of a neglected Pit Bull by a local veterinarian. The veterinarian stated that a Good Samaritan had rescued the dog and she needed emergency surgery to survive.

When I responded to the clinic I was taken back to a room and saw a skeleton for a dog. All of her hip bones were predominating, as well as her ribs and spine. What was most shocking was this Pit Bull, who was obviously starved was struggling to have puppies. Apparently she had been struggling for a couple of days now, had two dead puppies two days prior and two live puppies. Radiographs were taken which confirmed she had more to deliver.

The veterinarian advised me that a c-section was unavoidable. This poor creature was too dehydrated and too weak to fight anymore. You could see all the hope had left her eyes. We knew the

chances for survival were slim. Knowing that she would die for sure if the surgery was not performed, the surgery was authorized.

Now I can go on to tell you that “Cherish” made it through the surgery. Her two puppies are thriving (the ones removed during the c-section were all dead). I will even add that her owners are being charged with Animal Cruelty in the 2nd Degree.

However, in this article I want to focus more on the fact that all of this was avoidable. The situation “Cherish” was placed in was unacceptable, cruel and inhumane. I find I respond to these types of calls all too often.

The defense I hear most in these cases ranges from we didn't have money for food to we feed her but couldn't afford veterinary care to see what is wrong. In the story of “Cherish” her owner told the Good Samaritan to let her be and she will have her puppies under the tree. If



that had happened we would have had one more dead dog.

It takes community awareness and a phone call to make a difference. In this situation if SCRAPS were called sooner, this may have all been avoided. In this same situation if the dog owner had contacted us for help, we would have responded. SCRAPS offers free dog food to those in need and if you can no longer take care of your pet, we will.

Being a pet owner has a certain level of responsibility. These animals depend on us to be their guardian, their caregiver. Since they have no voice we speak for them. I am asking for the community to get involved.

When you see an animal in trouble please call us. You can be confidential and most importantly, you can save a life.

This article was submitted by Animal Protection Officer Nicole Montano

"BOBO"



The response to Bobo's story was amazing! People were calling to ask about adopting him and were sending donations in directly thanking the Animal Protection Officer for her service to our community!

MEET DEACON



"As a volunteer you should focus in on the moment" says Ashley Ganser, who enjoys the sunshine with the dogs she walks.



A New Name for A New Chance at Life

Deacon (or Bobo as he was previously known) is a true survivor. SCRAPS received a call to check on conditions at a residence. The first dog APO Montano checked was thin and had a tight collar. She moved on to the next dog and could smell the stench of decay from the second dog before she reached him. What she found next shocked her.

The dog was wearing a choke chain and the chain was completely embedded into the dog's neck. The dog was rushed to Animal Clinic at Liberty Lake for surgery to remove the embedded choke chain.

SCRAPS Animal Medical Fund (which is a fund that is completely dependent upon your donations) paid for the surgery.

While SCRAPS sees embedded collars at least twice a year, APO Montano has never seen such neglect. "This didn't happen overnight. This took several

months to embed so completely," says Montano. APO Montano has charged the owner with Animal Cruelty, second degree and confinement in an unsafe manner. What I found with Bobo, was completely unnecessary and very cruel," says Officer Montano. The injury to Bobo's neck was festering.

This did have a happy ending. Many people read about Bobo's plight and wanted to help. One family was so moved they came in, met him and adopted him and gave him the wonderful name of Deacon, a new name for a new life. When they got him home he was so thin that when he ate, and sometimes for no reason, his eyes would roll back in his head. They had never seen that before. He now spends a lot of time going out and in the doggie door -- like he always wants to be sure he can get back in - but he goes out to go

potty. His new owner said he's like a kid with a new toy - in and out - in and out - in and out. When they went camping, he got lots of attention and loved everyone. He did "dog" things and stayed right with them. He doesn't move very fast, so he got to socialize a lot.

His wound is all healed except for a few scabs. He couldn't stand on the wood floor to eat when he first got there. Now he can. He ignores the cats, and they ignore him. They scared him at first. Now he walks by them and looks the other way, as if to say, "I don't see you and you don't see me."

They obviously love him and wanted to let Officer Montano and SCRAPS know how much they appreciate what SCRAPS did for Deacon. SCRAPS feels the same way toward this new wonderful family!

Inspiring Volunteers

Ashley Ganser is a true inspiration. For the past three years she comes in every Friday when the doors open, and is the last person out the door. She focuses her volunteer efforts on walking the dogs.

Ashley's efforts help the dogs relieve their anxiety, get off the concrete floors and experience at least 15

minutes of sunshine and the feel of green grass on their feet. This is her gift to the dogs.

She knows that the dogs focus not on the future, or on the past, but they live in the moment. As a volunteer she tries to do the same thing. She says it can be hard not letting out your anger and frustration at

their situation, but she takes their lead and enjoys the sunshine along with them.

Nothing is more rewarding she says than having the opportunity to directly be a part of an adoption and after relieving their stress with a good walk, they really become their true selves and are ready to go to their new home! Thanks Ashley!

Let's Ask Scraps!



Scraps is owned by Patricia Simonet

settings may react differently to strangers or their surroundings.

Pack your pet a bag. In addition to travel papers, food, bowl, leash, a waste scoop, plastic bags, grooming supplies, medication and a pet first-aid kit, pack a favorite toy or pillow to give your pet a sense of familiarity. Always travel with a photo of your pet in case the worst happens and your pet escapes. Make sure your pet is both microchipped and wearing tags with a phone number on them that can reach you while you are away from home.

Bring extra food and water. Some travelers suggest bringing water from home if your pet has

a sensitive stomach and may not take the change very well.

Never leave your animal alone in a parked vehicle. On a hot day, even with the windows open, a parked automobile can become a furnace in no time, and heatstroke can develop. In cold weather, a car can act as a refrigerator, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.

There are many wonderful pet friendly accommodations all across the country. Don't forget that not only are you and your pet visiting, but you are ambassadors for all pets to come in the future, so please be thoughtful and respectful and we all can have some great trips in the future!

Traveling with your pets can be a very enjoyable experience for everyone, if it is done right.

Traveling with your pet can be very rewarding but also very stressful. Here are some things to think about when you are considering a trip with your pet.

Plan ahead, make sure the lodging is pet friendly. If your pet likes to be on furniture consider packing an old sheet to protect their furniture. Always bring a crate. Your pet will feel safer and will be safer when traveling in a contained crate. Never leave your pet alone in your lodging. Pets in unfamiliar



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Transport: A Labor of Love



One of the lucky travelers on his way to Seattle for a new home! Thanks to Paws Across the Northwest!

Paws Across the Northwest was launched in April of 2000. It was originally started as a network for shelters, rescuers, and individuals to be able to help each other to save as many animals as possible. As yahoo groups became more popular and Petfinder.com was created, the network's focus changed to deal with how to get the animals with options to the groups that could help them.

Now Paws Across the Northwest's main focus is to help coordinate transport for animals mostly from SCRAPS to rescuers and low-kill shelters in the Seattle area. This is usually a weekly need. This is done completely by volunteers who are willing to take

furry passengers with them when they travel on vacation, to visit family, or are willing to drive just to help get the animals a second chance at life. Transport legs, for people not driving to Seattle for personal reasons, are generally split into two legs: Spokane to Ellensburg and Ellensburg to Bellevue. On average, 2-3 dogs and 5-6 cats go on these transports.

If you are travelling between Spokane and the Seattle area, or would be willing to travel to Ellensburg once a month or once every other month, please contact Michelle at pawsnw@gmail.com. Volunteers make the difference between life and death for these animals. Occasion-

ally transports to other areas are needed, so if you are travelling please keep us in mind.

Paws Across the Northwest is not a 501(c)3 group or a rescue group. We do have a transport fund set up through a 501(c)3 group. If you would like to make a contribution to help with gas costs, please e-mail for information. We also have a huge need for airline type crates for transports. If you have a cat size crate, or medium dog sized crate, that you would be willing to donate, please bring them to SCRAPS and let them know they are for transports.



On Saturday, July 26th, *The Spokesman-Review* is sponsoring "Woofstock: An Acoustical Explosion." It will be an amazing outdoor concert and animal adoption event. SCRAPS, Spokanimal CARE, Pet Savers and the Spokane Humane Society are joining together for this event and will have animals available for adoption.

Woofstock will take place on the grounds of the Spokane

It's Woofstock Time!

Humane Society and will include numerous acoustical bands playing all day from 12:00—8:00. This is a free community event for all ages and for your four-legged friends as well.

There will be animals available for adoption beginning at 10 and ending at 8. You are welcome to attend with your own pet as long as it is up to date on its vaccinations, leashed, does well with people, loud music, and other animals.

There will be many attrac-

tions and demonstrations including dancing dogs, agility demo's, a police K-9 unit demonstration and much more!

Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. Enjoy some treats from local vendors and listen to the great music or consider adopting one of the available pets!

Tie dyed t-shirts with "Peace, Love and Muddy Paws" will be available for purchase and all proceeds will be split among the organizations.

See you there!

This event is the first of its kind here in Spokane, a huge adoption event and acoustical explosion. Anyone who loves pets and loves music should not miss this great party!

Moving? Yes, You Can Keep Your Pets!

You've probably heard heart-breaking stories, or have experienced them yourself. You need to move and can't find suitable rental housing that will accept your pets. Far too many pet caregivers have felt forced to give up their pets because they thought pet-friendly housing wasn't available.

But if you are a responsible pet owner looking to rent and are overwhelmed by the challenges of finding pet-friendly housing, don't despair. With planning

and a few compromises, you can find pet-friendly housing in virtually any area of the country. After all, isn't your pet worth it?

Here are some steps provided by the Humane Society of the United States.

- Give yourself plenty of time.
- Gather proof that you are responsible; use a reference from your current landlord

- or even your veterinarian.
- Promote your pet, offer to meet the landlord with your pet.
- Be willing to pay a little extra.
- Get it in writing.
- Be honest, don't try to sneak your pet in as that is a guaranteed way to be asked to leave.
- Make your request directly to the owner if possible.

More tips are available from SCRAPS at our shelter.

“Moving is one of the top reasons given when an owner relinquishes an animal to a shelter.”

Ayla's Story

Walking on the Centennial Trail in January a couple of years ago, I was surprised to hear an unusual cry. Looking toward the sound, I saw a small half-grown kitten running straight to me. Stopping to pet her, I felt every bone in her thin body and realized that she'd been abandoned. She was scratched and had pitch in her tail. She followed me back to

my car; chatting to me all the while. I caught her and took her to SCRAPS. I was so angry at the heartless irresponsible stranger who would leave a kitten to starve. I love cats but had recently adopted two who were still working out their issues and didn't think I could take on a third. But the kitten's little face and her apparent complete trust that I would help her won me over. I adopted her from SCRAPS two days after taking her in.

I named her Ayla for her sur-

viving spirit. What a joy she has been! Her sweet, playful, chatty nature has warmed up many a "non-cat" person. Her ability to walk on leash has surprised more than a few. And she blended with her two adopted siblings beautifully. She loves to jump into my lap and rub cheeks, escort me to various areas in the house and bring me her toy mice with great pride.

I thought I was giving Ayla the gift of a home but she's giving us all the gift of her love!



Give A Dog A Bone....



Our dogs are learning new tricks!

SCRAPS was recently given these fantastic dog bone dispensers which hang on the dog kennels. Volunteers, staff and the public are encouraged to take a small dog treat out of the bin and ask the dog for a "sit" before they can come out of their kennel.

Even if they don't come out of

their kennel for a walk they can still learn to sit at the front of their kennel, waiting politely for a treat.

That would be a treat for many of our adopters to see our dogs waiting patiently (well, for the most part trying to wait patiently) at the front of their kennel where they can be best seen. So give a dog a bone!

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