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BRIAN'S RETIRED!

Thank you, Brian, for your dedication to animals at the Humane Society. Over the past 14+ years, you've helped give hundreds of pets a second chance. We will especially miss the end of life care you gave pets in this community—it is truly remarkable! Your dedication and determination to help animals left its mark. Best wishes!

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KEN SHUGHART

CATS MAKE A COMEBACK!

Thanks to all who attended and supported the 2015 Ken Shughart Humanitarian Award Dinner – our most successful event to date! Our *Take the Lead* Sponsors set us off on the right paw, contributing a generous \$41,040 prior to the event! On top we saw amazing support from local businesses as well as those who contributed during our silent auction, the Moment of Mission, the Calendar Pets Calendar Page Auction, and the DOGS v. CATS Bidding War. A last minute bid from our award recipient, David Bostwick, D.V.M. and family ensured that cats won this year! That victory was welcome news to our emcee Mayor John Engen and his confident cat Moose (pictured on the newsletter cover).

Total we brought in more than \$116,000!

We are so incredibly grateful for this pet-loving community. Your support means the world to us and allows us to continue **Saving Every Animal Every Time.**

Take the Lead

Champion ~ \$10,000

Torian Donohoe

Protector ~ \$5,000

Cheryl Loberg & Doug Robinson

Penney Oncken

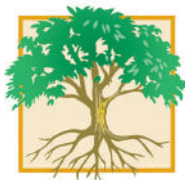
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2015 CANINE CLASSIC

AT THE RESORT AT PAWS UP



See you on the trails Sunday, September 20th!

Bring your pups and enjoy the trails at the 7th Annual Canine Classic at The Resort at Paws Up! Compete in our timed half marathon or 5-mile race. Or take it slow and enjoy the beautiful scenery during a 2-mile fun run/hike! Thanks to our Race Director, Breanne Ender, and the team at Paws Up, there's something for everyone (and every dog!)

After the run/hike, sit down and relax with some entertainment & a gourmet BBQ!

You can also join us the evening before the Canine Classic for the Wine & Bitch dinner. This exclusive evening at Paws Up

is meant to spoil you and your dog! Guests will enjoy a spectacular dinner prepared by Paws Up Executive Chef Ben Jones. You'll also have access to specially priced lodging at The Resort.

All proceeds from the Canine Classic and Wine & Bitch support the shelter.

Sign up for these fun events today by visiting www.myhswm.org and clicking on 'events.'

Canine Classic
Wine & Bitch

Sunday, September 20
Saturday, September 19

Questions? Contact Emily Adamson at development@myhswm.org.



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ADVOCACY

BREED SPECIFIC LEGISLATION

Did you know that for decades the Pit Bull was called the “Nanny Dog,” and that one of the most famous was Petey from *The Little Rascals*? Today, it seems that all dogs with big jaws are labeled ‘inherently dangerous’ by the media, insurance companies, law enforcement and a percentage of the public. But if you look at national animal experts, like the AVMA, ASPCA and the AKC, they all agree that aggression is not a breed specific issue and every mainstream national organization that is involved in canine/human interactions is opposed to laws targeting specific breeds of dogs.

The Humane Society of Western Montana favors a breed-neutral, community-based approach that includes public education and effective enforcement of animal control laws. We assess each dog and puppy prior to the pet entering our adoption program using the SAFER test, designed by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It is a widely used system for evaluating dog behavior to identify potential aggression in dogs. It also assists in appropriate placement regardless of breed.

In response to the shooting death of a ‘Pit Bull’ dog last month, HSWM employee Kelsey O’Keefe wrote this letter to the editor which was published recently in the Missoulian.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

If Lou was a Labrador, would the person still have reached for a gun as the first option? If Lou was a Border Collie, would the headline have read ‘shooting death of Border Collie?’ News outlets choose headlines and images to capture the public’s attention. Eye grabbing headlines and photos of random growling ‘pit bulls’ mean more LIKES and comments on Facebook. But those words and images can incorrectly convince a community that dogs with big jaws and boxy heads are inherently dangerous.

My dog, Jango, is a ‘pit bull’. This past winter due to an unexpected emergency, our normal doggie day care was temporarily closed and I took him to a different doggie day care in town. He was turned away by the owner of the new doggie day care after passing his Introductory Interview. Why? Because of the way he looked. I was reassured it was nothing that he had done wrong, but was turned away only because he was a ‘pit bull’.

Missoula loves pets and we take great care of them. We owe it to all dogs to see them as individuals, free of stereotypes and assumptions based on the size of a dog’s head, the shape of their jaws, or the curl of their tail. Dogs, like people, are individuals. Experts believe it is impossible to accurately label breeds or predict future assumptions based solely on the dog’s physical appearance. A dog’s behavior is determined by a variety of factors, including breeding, genetics, socialization, training, management and environment.

This isn’t the first incident of breed discrimination we’ve seen in recent months. A pet loving community like Missoula is better than that.



Our position statement regarding Breed-Specific Legislation: The Humane Society of Western Montana opposes any state or local law to regulate or ban dogs based on breed. We recognize that dangerous dogs pose a serious community problem requiring attention. However, scientific data do not support the effectiveness of breed-specific legislation, and these laws unfairly target responsible pet guardians and their dogs.

ADOPT-A-CAT MONTH

SIGN THE PAW PLEDGE

The entire month of June, we discounted adoptions for those willing to sign the Paw Pledge, a pledge not to declaw. And on June 26th, we also held a screening of The Paw Project, a documentary about the long-lasting effects of declawing on both big and domesticated cats—all to honor cats and Adopt-a-Cat month!

Love Your **Cat**, Claws and All

Cats are born with **multipurpose paws** and claws to climb trees, catch toys, balance like gymnasts and defend themselves.

You can **regularly trim nails** and positively redirect your cat's natural need to exercise her claws on a scratching post.

A **good scratching post** is stable, at least 30 inches tall, a texture your cat enjoys, and in a location she spends most of her time.

Scratching is a normal part of cat behavior, and we instead promote the use of scratching posts, nail trimming and Soft Paws and encourage people to seek professional behavioral advice. Contact Jean Biggins, Humane Society of Western Montana's Behaviorist at **behavior@myhswm.org** and she can help with other options.

Cats **carry 60% of their weight** on their front paws.

Scratching vertical and horizontal surfaces is as **natural** to a cat as tail wagging is to a dog.

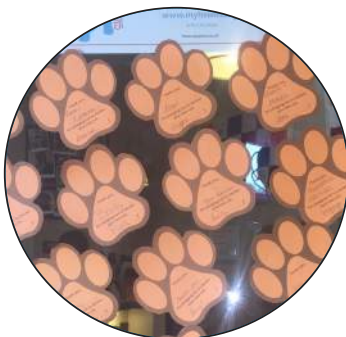
One out of three cats will have at least **one behavioral change** (fear, aggression, litterbox misuse) after declawing.

Declawing changes the way a cat walks—it alters their gait. This can cause joint problems and even arthritis.

Declawing is illegal in 28 other countries.

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32 adopters signed our pledge not to declaw, including kitten Karl's (pictured right) adopters!

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2014 IN REVIEW

MATT LUBAROFF, BOARD PRESIDENT

Some people talk to animals. Not many listen though. That's the problem. — A.A. Milne

Most people know A.A. Milne for the wonderful stories we have read to ourselves and to the children with whom we love and live. However, I choose to also view his tales as lessons to remind ourselves of during complex times. Our furrever companions tell us a lot and you, our membership, understand the importance of listening. Looking back at 2014, the support you provided us as we had another successful year is truly immeasurable; and our ability to continue **Saving Every Animal Every Time** is a testament to Missoula and Western Montana's support of our mission.

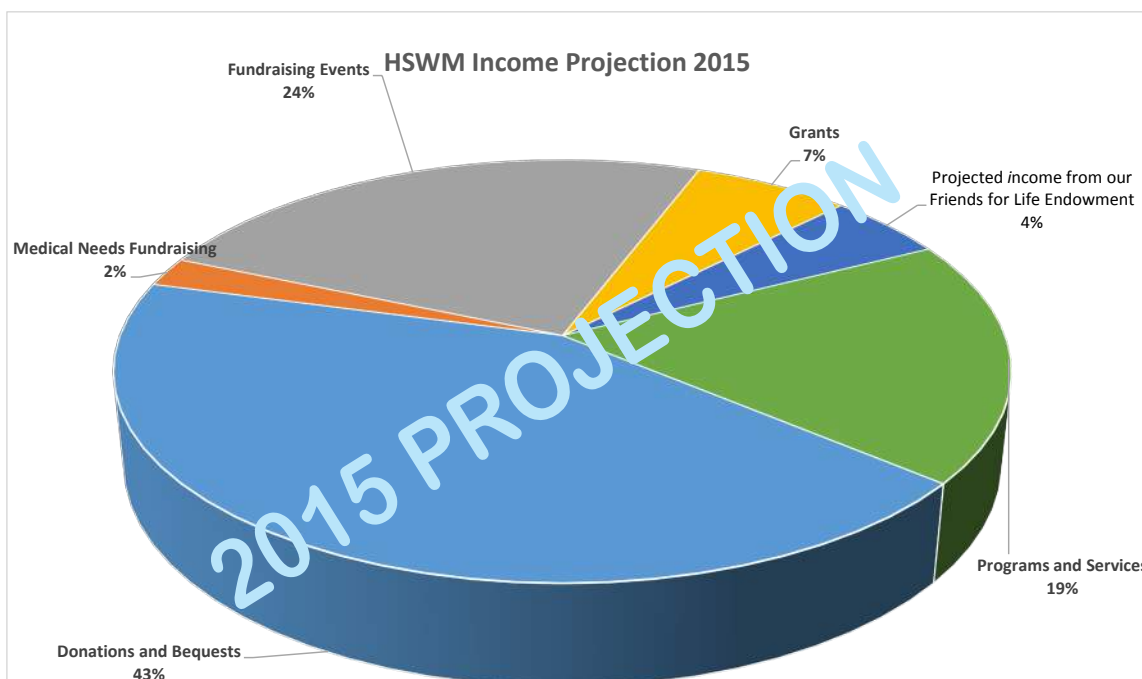
Ultimately, our success is gauged by the animals and community members we can help through our ever growing programs we provide; whether we are helping keep animals in their homes through our Behavior Helpline, or we are helping new animals and their families learn together through Private Lessons & Group Training classes. Perhaps Miriam helped you Meet Your Match, or you gave 20 minutes of your time to help make a difference in a pet's life.

These programs are successful, and they are important. As we continue to grow and touch more lives, achieving financial stability as an organization becomes as important as the programs we strive to support. 2014 was marked by the most successful Ken Shughart Humanitarian Award dinner in our history, and our annual Canine Classic grew by a whopping 65%! However, I would like to specifically thank our supporters who impacted us through their decision to gift us a bequest. As many of you know already, Lorna Ann Gavin, in support of the pets who were part of her family, gifted us a \$1.5 million donation—a truly generous and amazing gift. The bequest is in our permanent endowment called "Friends for Life" and can never be touched, but it will contribute more than \$60,000 a year in perpetuity to help us in support of our mission. Below you can see a projection for the 2015 year.

Bequests help us diversify our income, and help ensure that the Humane Society of Western Montana will be around for a long time—and help animals and families stay in, or find their forever homes.

Thank you again for an unbelievable year, and I look forward to more stories of happy tails!

PROJECTED 2015 INCOME
WITH BEQUEST



2014 FINANCIALS

LOCALLY FUNDED, LOCALLY LOVED

The Humane Society of Western Montana receives no government funding and is not affiliated with any national organization like the ASPCA or The Humane Society of the United States. Every dollar is put to work helping pets and people in Western Montana. In 2014, \$0.83 of each dollar received went directly to the pets in our care and crucial prevention services, like our FREE Behavior Helpline, cost-subsidized spay/neuter and low-cost microchipping. We also saw an increase in pets needing additional veterinary care, and utilized 36% more in 2014 over 2013. We also continued to receive amazing support from our local community as evident by our 25% increase in fundraising at our annual Ken Shughart Humanitarian Award Event and a 65% increase in support at our annual Canine Classic Event at Paws Up Ranch from 2013 to 2014.

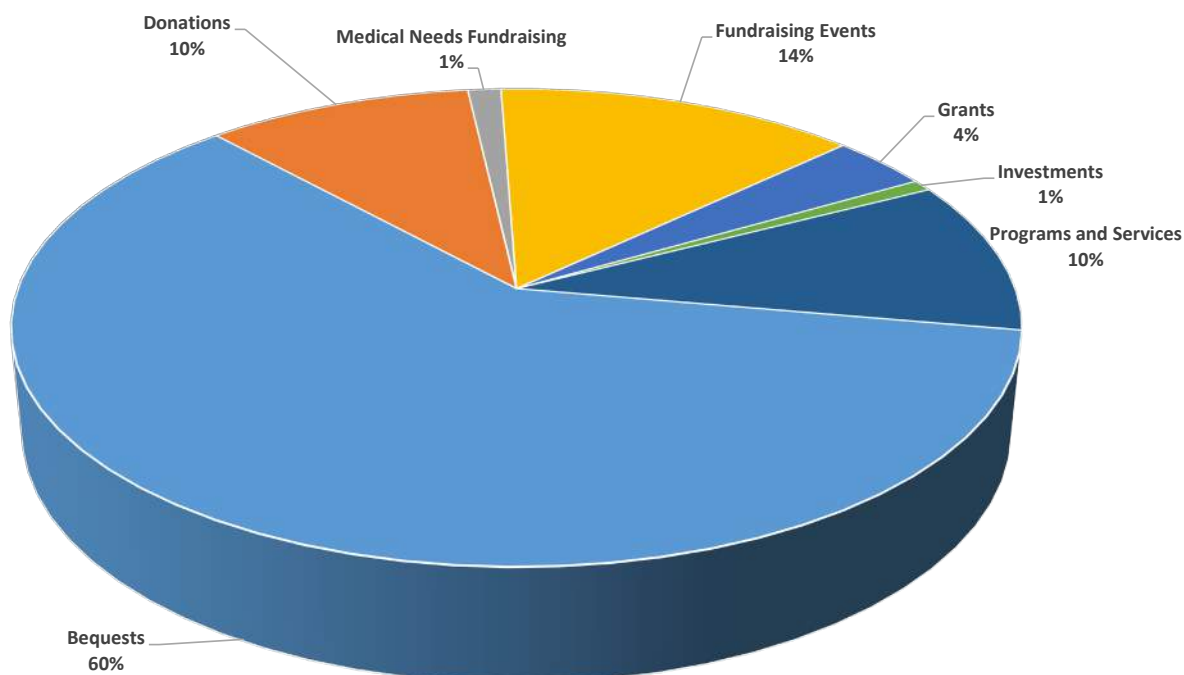
2014 Income

Bequests	\$1,037,856.99
Donations	171,263.59
Medical Needs Fundraising	21,299.35
Fundraising Events	232,967.50
Grants	63,326.55
Investments	13,083.24
Programs and Services	177,642.57

2014 Expenses

Programs & Services	\$605,473
Management	66,084
Fundraising	59,986

HSWM Income Sources 2014



ANNUAL MEETING

ROLL WITH TOM TURKEY AND US

I roll with **Tom Turkey**
and the Humane Society.



**Humane Society of
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Saving Every Animal. Every Time.

I'm a Member!

We invite you to join in our mission by becoming a member of the Humane Society of Western Montana. Being a member is more than just making a donation; it is a pledge to support our work and mission every year, and a pledge to help pets like Tom, Pumpkin and Green Bean. Your membership gift also sets us apart by making our 98% adoption rate possible and supporting programs and services that help keep pets in their original homes, preventing pet homelessness.

Join us at our Annual Membership Party on **August 13th at 6pm** and watch Tom, Pumpkin and Green Bean in action, and learn how your support helped over 1500 pets like Tom in 2014. We will have pizza, drinks, share some special stories and celebrate your gifts that make such a difference. Join or renew online at www.myhswm.org/donate.

2014 BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE

Kacie Blunt has been on the Humane Society of Western Montana's Finance Committee since 2013, and is amazed at how the shelter not only provides for the shelter, but how it gives back to the community by providing education, awareness and support through the various programs, services and facilities. Kacie has been a cash management specialist at First Interstate Bank and most recently, at First Security Bank, for the last seven years, and is excited to share her banking expertise with upcoming projects. She shares her home with her human companion Chris and their 2 cats (Richie and Lola; Lola is a former HSWM resident) and "the dog" Fletcher. Welcome, Kacie!

THANK YOU, MATT AND AMY



Matt has been an amazing asset to our board, serving on Marketing, Finance, Executive and Board Development Committees, in addition to chairing the Board for the last several years. He was instrumental in securing several Canine Classic sponsorship, purchased a coveted calendar page (representing cats!) and his family adopted two cats, Socks and Professor. But what we will miss, most of all, is his witty sense of humor. Thank you, Matt!



Amy Werner was an integral part of our marketing success, thanks to her expertise in marketing and sales and her love for pets. This led our organization to new opportunities and we are thrilled to have her continue on as a member of our Marketing Committee. Amy also attended all of our events, and was one of our top fundraisers for the 2014 Canine Classic. Thank you, Amy!

IMPACT REPORT 2014

THANKS FOR AN INCREDIBLE, TAIL-WAGGING PURRRING YEAR

Homes found for **1,177**
cats, dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs

322 calls taken by our
FREE Pet Behavior Helpline—303 of those pets
remained in their homes after receiving reward-based training
tips and veterinary referrals from our Behaviorist, Jean



295 pets enrolled in our private lessons and group training sessions to
learn basic manners, how to socialize puppies,
and even agility with our amazing behavior staff

16 pets were kept with their original families
through our Emergency Foster Program

820 volunteers contributed 4,583 hours of time to
help in **Saving Every Animal Every Time**, including
1,977 hours of dog training and 1,680 hours of cat TLC



266 pets in our care received necessary and often
life-saving medical care, from dentals to blood work to
cancer treatment, thanks our

Emily Kantor Medical Assistance Fund

10 TOP REASONS

TO VOLUNTEER! by Jaime Rauch, Volunteer Coordinator

Anyone can volunteer! We have a variety of opportunities available for all ages and abilities, which means as a volunteer you will always be learning and you will never get bored. Our volunteers make all the difference! Here are the top 10 reasons why it is so great to work with our animals and our team.

1. **You get the satisfaction of being an integral part of something bigger than yourself.**
2. **You get to walk dogs along the river while you watch for wildlife.**
3. **You can turn your garage clutter into donations that the animals so desperately need.**
4. **You can help a furry friend find a home.**
5. **You can care for Tom Turkey and watch him grow into a big, strong dog.**
6. **You get to work with our transfer arrivals! Like a great gift we never know who we are going to get!**
7. **You can help a fearful dog become a confident canine.**
8. **You can assist a new cat achieve their first calming yawn.**
9. **You will have access to 75 pets even if your landlord does not allow them.**
10. **You get to love on your four-legged friends while learning animal care and training.**



HONORS RECEIVED FEB 1, 2015 - JUNE 15, 2015

IN HONOR OF BELOVED PETS

"ADI" DEVLIN LITTMAN
LINDSAY SANDERS AND BRIAN
CHRISTIANSON
"ANGEL GIRL" CARTER
MIRIAM AND WILLIAM CORDES
"AMBER"
QUICK PAWS
"ARTHUR" RUE
BEEGE AND KETTY MONZON
"ASPEN" MURPHY
SYDNEY CARLINO
"BARRY" PRENDERGAST
DAVID MOOMEY
"BRADLEY" BRYAN
QUICK PAWS
"BRIDGER" CANNON
CATHERINE GOODMAN
"BROWNIE" MERRIAM
QUICK PAWS
"BUSTER" MURPHY
DAVID MOOMEY
"CHILI" MAINES
WEYMOUTH AND TERRY SYMMES
"CISSY" BEARDSLEY
NONDA BEARDSLEY
"COOKIE"
KEN HOFFMAN
"DAISY" DANIEL-DODGE
NANCY & GUY RITTEL
"ELLIE" HARTIGAN
QUICK PAWS
"INDIGO CHARLOTTE ANN" DONOHUE
FRANCES O'REILLY
"JACK" LAHTI
QUICK PAWS
"LADY MAGSTADT"
QUICK PAWS
"LOUIE" TRENARY
WEYMOUTH AND TERRY SYMMES
"MAGGIE" BIXLER
ANGIE PALIN
"MAMA KITTY" ROCKWELL
MIRIAM AND WILLIAM CORDES
"MARCUS" YONCE
JENNIE YONCE AND FAMILY
"MILLIE" SMITH
PAUL AND ORPHA MONTGOMERY
"NIGEL" ROBIDEAU LADY
EMILY ROBIDEAU
"OLIVER"
THE NEWMAN FAMILY

"RIVER" CONNOLLY
JANEL AND LLOYD QUEEN
"ROO" YOUNG
KATHLEEN HECKLER
"SADIE"
DOLORES CRISWELL
"SADIE" MANKTELOW
BREANNE AND ED ENDER
"SAMANTHA" KOHLMAN
GEORGE SHERRY
"SHORT STOP" SMALL
MIKE BARTON AND MARGARET
AMBROSE-BARTON
"SPHYNX"
NONDA BEARDSLEY
"SULLY" VANNATTA
QUICK PAWS
"TORNADO MARIE" FLOCKERZI
MARY ANN AND RALPH
FLOCKERZI
"WILLIE" DAVIS
DAVID AND RUTH ANN
BUNNELL

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE WHO LOVED PETS

ALEX
SYDNEY CARLINO
MICHAEL BROWNE
ANN CARVER
JOHN BUCHANAN
MARK AND DORCIE DVARISHKIS
CHARLES THOMAS MCGRATH
CARTER MCGRATH
LOIS PAULINE CUNIFF
PEGGY LOUISW FONDA DITCH
ROBERT AND ANN ERWIN
MYRA DUCHARME
TERESA ANDERSON
DAWNE SWANSON
KEVIN EDWARDS
MONTE AND LOIE TURNER
SALLY FREY AND CAMERON
CHRISTIANSON
GLEN GAMBILL
HELENE BOEHLER
ERIC GREGORY
CHARLENE FROJEN
JUDY PAROCK
SCOTT AND JANET SPROULL
AL HAMMOND
MAXINE HAMMOND

JANICE KAHM
BERNICE AND BILL COOK
"GIZMO," "ANGEL," "JERSEY,"
"BECCA," AND "TESSA" COOK
MIRANDA KUHL
R.T. BILLADEAU AND C.A.
BILLADEAU
CHARLIE MCGRATH
JIM HARKINS
MONTE AND LOIE TURNER
ROSE MCKAY
WILLIAM AND BARBARA JAMESON
MARTHA FISH
ELEANORA HALL
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MINUTEMAN AVIATION
GLENN GABEL

RAE DABBERT
JESSICA HATELY
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CORCORAN)
MARGE FRENZTRAL
ANTIONETTE AMMERMAN
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NANCY AND ROBERT JARDON
DONNA KARR
KRISTEN WOOD AND VERN
ARGO
MAGGIE MARMON
JOSEPHINE GOBLE
ANGIE MCCRORE
ROXANNE RAY
RICKY AND SUSAN OIKLE
SUSAN MORGAN
THE STARVING ARTIST
CAFE AND ART GALLERY
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NONDA BEARDSLEY
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ROLF TANDBERG
MARJORIE SAMSOE
JUDY THOMPSON
SHARON AND HAROLD
FRASER
LINDA TWIDWELL
LINDA BRIGGS

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE PETS

"MARSHALL'S CHOCOLATE HUNTER"
JENNIFER MCVEIGH
"ROMY" DRISCOLL
JOHN DRISCOLL
"ST. PATTY'S DAY PUPS"
MARTA PIERPOINT

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE WHO LOVE PETS

MARGARET BARTON
WILLIAM AND REBECCA SEMONES
JEAN BIGGINS
JOHN ELICKER



CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 1 DAIRY QUEEN
off-site adoption event
- 13 ANNUAL MEETING
6pm: Meet Tom Turkey and his siblings
7pm: Annual Meeting @ HSWM
- 22 PETFEST
@ Adam's Center, U of M



SEPTEMBER

- 10 HSWM BOARD MEETING
@6 pm, Southgate Mall Community Room
- 19 WINE & BITCH
The Resort at Paws Up
- 20 CANINE CLASSIC
The Resort at Paws Up



Check out our calendar
online at
www.myhswm.org

Our hours: 1-6 PM Tuesdays - Fridays
Noon - 5 PM on Saturdays

WISH LIST

- 8-FOOT FOLDING TABLES
ADOPTIONS, CAMP, ETC.
- COPY PAPER
FOR PRINTING BEHAVIOR HANDOUTS
- HOT DOGS
FOR DOG TRAINING
- CANNED DOG FOOD
FOR OUR PICKY EATERS
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