

# PAD for PAWS FOUNDATION

# Paw Prints



“Keeping pets and their people together” September 2015

Welcome to the first edition of the Pad for Paws Foundation’s “Paw Prints”! We’ve been busy this past spring and summer and want to share a few stories with you.

### “Paws For Wine” Event

Pictured: Supporters at the Island Liquor Store’s “Paws For Wine” event held on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The owner of Island Liquor, Laura Fix, donated all of the wine for tasting, plus a raffle grand prize case of wine and a second prize of a 5-liter bottle of wine. Pad for Paws pre-sold all the tickets and the proceeds helped with our mission of assisting families with pet food. Valley Bank, Anderson Zurmuehlen, Opportunity Bank and Galusha Higgins & Galusha generously helped sponsor the event.

### Mama & pups

At the beginning of August we had a few visitors. A young mother mix rescued from the Browning Reservation area had a litter of puppies. A baby herself, she wasn’t old enough to produce milk at the time of their birth and if it wasn’t for her rescuers, all of the puppies may have perished. Unfortunately, her story is a typical Browning story...hungry stray dog just trying to survive and too often has her puppies wherever she can find a spot. We are so thankful to the many people who rescue these mother dogs and their babies, spending countless hours nursing them back to health and then finding them their forever homes. This story had a happy ending!

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### Boy Scouts Clean Up Paws Park

This past spring, Boy Scouts arrived at the dog park in large numbers carrying shovels, rakes, buckets and their super motivated "can do" attitude. These young men formed lines and walked every inch of both the large and small dog parks and made it spotless. They then ventured out on the asphalt trails and cleaned that area as well. The Pad for Paws Foundation supplied cold drinks, cookies, energy bars and fruit roll-ups for the hard-working young men, along with their most heartfelt appreciation. What pride these young men took in our dog park and we couldn’t thank them enough or be more proud of them.

The Pad for Paws Foundation distributes pet food to hungry dogs and cats. We assist low-income residents in our Community who are struggling to feed their pets. We help senior citizens, those with service animals, physically and mentally challenged, and veterans. We also assist with emergency veterinary care to ease pet suffering. Our Foundation is 100% volunteer with no paid employees.

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## “Bark for Beer & Brats”

Board members Ron Stottlemeyer and Mark Wehner, along with Pad for Paws volunteer Dave Jeseritz, sling bratwursts at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual “Bark For Beer and Brats” event on August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Lewis and Clark Brewing Company. Thanks to owners Max and Karen Pigman, and Michelle and her organized staff at the brewery, Pad for Paws was able to raise money through Brat sales and by the Brewery donating \$1 for each pint of beer sold between 5-8 p.m. that night. The warm night got the crowd antsy for the raffle prize give-aways of 2 camping equipment packages and valuable gift certificates. A special thanks to our sponsors Silverman Law Office PLLC, Valley Bank, Anderson Zurmuehlen, and Rocky Mountain Credit Union.

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## A Special Friend

Bob and Ozzie’s story is a special one. Bob is a disabled Vet who had lost his eye sight. He was awarded a guide dog that was trained at the Guide Dog Training Facility in Nevada. Ozzie—a gentle giant Rottweiler—and Bob became partners in 2008. Ozzie’s companionship and duties gave Bob a sense of freedom and happiness exploring the outside world again. Ozzie however developed an allergy to his dog food. Pad for Paws worked with Bob and his veterinarian to find the perfect food. The food ended up being a higher priced food but Pad for Paws was thrilled to purchase whatever Ozzie needed to continue his vital job. We loved our visits with Bob and Ozzie! And Ozzie loved our visits too. He would get excited about the treats we’d give him and his tail wiggled like a puppy again. Sadly on May 29, 2015, Ozzie lost his courageous battle with cancer. Unfortunately this put a strain on Bob’s mobility and freedom, as well as the huge hole it left in his heart for the loss of his best friend. Our profound sympathy goes out to Bob and his wife. But as one door closes another opens, and Bob has been notified that he will be receiving a new guide dog from New Jersey where he will spend a month in training with the new dog. As far as ever forgetting that big Rottweiler who gave Bob his all, Ozzie will forever remain number one in Bob’s heart....FOREVER.....and a special friend to Pad for Paws also.

## Heart Butte Fire

On August 30<sup>th</sup> Pad for Paws received a call about a fire in Heart Butte. Stray dogs and cats were being rounded up by area Shelters, and there was a desperate need for dog and cat food to feed them. Pad for Paws stepped up and donated 1,100 lbs. of dog food and 900 lbs. of cat food to nourish the hungry and scared animals. Hopefully they will all soon find new homes.



## Memorial Donations

*July-present*

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