

“Keeping pets and their people together” since 2008

“Flash” to the Rescue

Flash is a service dog who lets his “parent” know when he is going to have a seizure. Flash’s parent, Jeremy, has a medical condition that requires Jeremy to take at least four daily walks as part of his physical therapy. Their



Flash Gordon

walks are very important, but unfortunately they were causing Flash’s paws to crack and bleed during Helena’s rough winter.

Pad for Paws (PFP) provided Flash with booties, as well as two rugged ballistic dog coats. A down coat for winter and an overcoat for fall and spring.

Jeremy shared a heartwarming video of him putting on the booties with PFP, which could have melted the

Grinch’s heart.

Both Flash and Jeremy are still doing their daily walks and Flash is also loving his new bed as you can see by the picture.



PFP is proud to provide assistance to our nation’s veterans.

Meet a Real-life Angel

PFP assists many people with various needs and requests. A year ago, PFP’s operations manager, Debbe Pistoria, had the pleasure of meeting Tony from the Veterans Administration. Together they worked out a plan where we deliver dog and cat food to him on a regular basis and in turn he gets it to the needy pets of our deserving military veterans.

The veterans’ pets mean the world to them and many are highly trained service dogs and therapy dogs which perform tasks on a daily basis. And others are their only family members and “best friends” which help them navigate through life making it so much better. The animal/human bond is strong and gives many people a reason to get up every day, someone is relying on them for their feeding, walks and just some fun play time.

PFP is honored to provide resources that include: pet food, leashes, collars, dog/cat beds, water/food bowls, emergency veterinary care when needed, and always a phone call away for any questions they may have.

THANK YOU for your service.



Tony

Spring 2018

Total Pounds of Pet Food Provided to Those in Need Since 2008:

704,287

Total Pounds of Pet Food Distributed in 2017:

96,145

Pounds Distributed in 2018 Through February:

14,535



Dry Cat Food Desperately Needed

Drop off boxes at the entrances of Petco and Albertsons (N. Montana Ave.)

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Thank You.....

PFP is so grateful to all our wonderful friends that made our "Paws For A Cause Wine Event" super successful on April 25th. We could not flourish and grow without our wonderful Helena community support.

A huge THANK YOU to our sponsor of this event, Laura Fix of Island Liquor. Laura donated all the wine for tasting and the raffle prizes. This allowed us to keep all the ticket money and raffle money. We desperately needed these funds to infuse into our account for emergency veterinary care and purchasing pet food. It has truly been a tough winter and we are so grateful that our friends came out to show their support and belief in our foundation.

The fantastic food was provided by Event Thyme Catering; Bobbi Boutilier and staff provided us with over the top appetizers and sweets. Everyone had a great time and we look forward to another fun wine event next year.

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A Winter Survivor, Midnite the Cat

During the winter, the owners and staff at Hair Hair Salon saw a black cat coming around the salon. One day they were able to get close enough to see the cat was in very bad shape and his back leg bone looked like it was sticking out through his skin. The cat was very skittish and they couldn't catch the cat so they called PFP for help. PFP coordinated with the Wild About Cats Rescue, who put out a trap for the cat. The cat was christened Midnite by the volunteers. Midnite was very savvy at stealing the food inside the trap but would escape before the door would close so it took the Rescue two weeks to catch Midnite. Once at the vet, Midnite got a thorough exam and he was diagnosed with frost bitten ears that were mostly gone, his eyes were infected, and his fur had been burned off from climbing up into car engines when trying to keep warm. The vet assumed he was an abandoned pet. Fortunately for Midnite, he is now in a loving foster home and making a slow but steady recovery. Hopefully one day soon, he will be ready to go to his new forever home.

New Distribution Location

Pad for Paws is planning to secure a location within Helena to assist with the distribution of pet food to local residents. The foundation will use it to meet pet owners needing to pick up food for their four-legged companions and potentially, host fundraising events. The foundation hopes to have this location ready for action later on this summer. See our website for updates on this exciting development.



Midnite

DONATIONS & MEMORIALS -

In Memorials to Friends or Family Members -

Linda and James Ybarrondo for Hans Martin

Valley Bank for John Nelson

Bob Pesta for Dave and Charla Taylor

Robin Rosay for Regina Steffens

Anderson Zurmuehlen for Sarah Etchart

Mark Jon Bluth for Gail Danzer

In Memorials to Beloved Pets -

Debbe Pistoria for Missy Skinner

Paula Blessinger for Jeter Hanley

Janet Andrew for Charlie the official greeter at 1+1=1 Gallery

Janet Sperry for dogs Sadie, Arthur, and Jasmine and cat, Jerry Davis

Robert and Nancy Jardon, Kathie Raunig, and Cindy Zimmerman for Kiera Zimmerman

The Pad for Paws Foundation distributes pet food to hungry dogs and cats. We assist low-income residents, including veterans, seniors, and those who are mentally or physically challenged, in the Helena area who are struggling to feed their pets. We also assist with emergency veterinary care to ease pet suffering. The Foundation is 100% volunteer with no paid employees.