



4-Legged News

Priest River Animal Rescue

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Animal Rescue Inc.

People Helping Pets

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YIKES! IT IS HAPPENING AGAIN: THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS ABOUT TO OVERTAKE US

It is just about time to be thinking about holiday gifts and about the coming New Year. Conquer both with our **2024 ADOPTED PETS CALENDAR**,

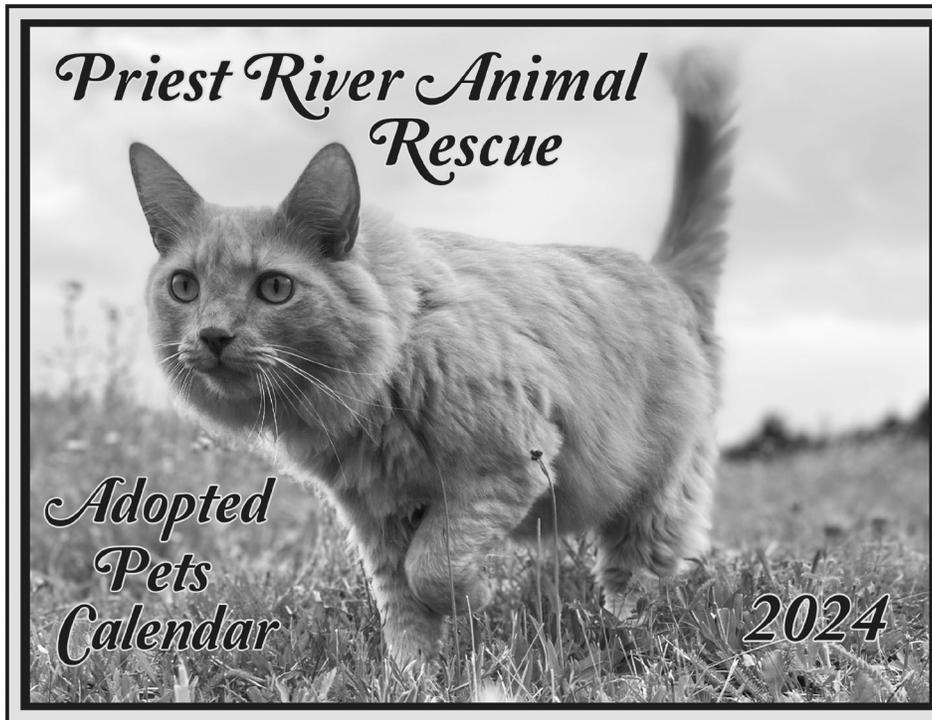
a perfect, inexpensive gift for friends, family, holiday hostesses, and favored work buddies. The **ADOPTED PETS CALENDAR**, at a remarkable \$10 each, will bring smiles to the faces of everyone who receives one.... not to mention to your own face when you secure one for yourself. And perhaps best of all, you will be

supporting **Priest River Animal Rescue**, your neighborhood non-profit, no-kill shelter, in our important work of rehoming great four legged characters with perfect, loving pet parents.

Each month features a charming, goofy, adorable and/or handsome adopted PIN UP PET, a best

buddy who has elevated the love quota in each of their forever homes. These dogs and cats are not strangers to our Inland Empire; they are home-

grown graduates of **Priest River Animal Rescue** – living next door and down the street. A few of them end up traveling to remoter locales, but most stay around these parts and add to our local community. Help us celebrate a few of these treasured family members by supporting their alma mater, **PRIEST RIVER**



ANIMAL RESCUE. Order your copy using the form on the back page of this newsletter, or stop in at the rescue office or **Critters Thrift Store** to buy a copy. Additionally, The Animal Doctor, Pend Oreille Veterinary Clinic, Lil Pup Spa and Priest River Pets will have copies available for purchase.

PRAR Meeting Time: Open to everyone

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 3:30pm.

Please join us!

Check our website for location

CRITTERS THRIFT STORE:

Monday-Saturday

10 A.M. — 3 P.M.

208-448-1180

Our Hours

ANIMAL RESCUE:

Tuesday-Saturday

11 A.M. — 4 P.M.

208-448-0699

FINDING THE PERFECT MATCH

Surprise! As often as not, **PRIEST RIVER ANIMAL RESCUE** furbabies will be doing the adoption selecting – somehow, amazingly, they make an appeal to the adopter they prefer, reaching out, making eye contact, licking or embracing their chosen person(s). An apparently man-resistant pooch approaches a male potential adopter and places his muzzle on the man's lap; an elusive cat wraps its paws around a visiting child's neck; a kenneled dog stops his barking and starts wagging a tail enthusiastically...these are some of the indicators that a pet has found their partner.

Just like us, each pet has a distinct personality, with preferences in matters of activity, lounging sites, cuddling quotas, family role and so much more. Like us, they sense the character of new acquaintances and find a way to appeal to the right one.

Countless adopters have come into the rescue with a breed or a "look" in mind and have been pleasantly surprised by the pet who actually spoke to them. We at the rescue see this so often we've come to expect it.

Nonetheless, it is important to consider a pet breed or personality when choosing an adoptee. Cats can certainly run the gamut of cuddly to independent, playful to aloof, demanding to self-sufficient. It is often tempting to bring home a pair of kittens to entertain not only themselves, but the viewing audience (i.e. family) as well. Then watch as they grow and become distinct individuals – one the homebody, another an intense hunter; one a loungeur, another a curtain climbing wall bouncer.

Dogs are rather more easily differentiated by breed:

The working breeds **WANT** to work and can border on neurotic if that need is not met. Since flocks of sheep are not as common in our parts as in the highlands of Scotland, other challenges are required to engage the "work ethic" with which these breeds are born. Sometimes sufficient ball or Frisbee play will suffice to fulfil their athletic requirements. But don't forget to train for and

assign responsibility to your working breed dog – they are generally prepared to excel at meeting those duties.

Labs are born retrievers and, in the absence of retrieving a hunter's downed bird, will plague their humans to throw the ball or stick 24/7. The magnificent invention called a Chuck-It was designed to retain an enduring connection between a pet parent's arm and shoulder joint. Your Lab or Retriever will thank you for it.

Guardian dogs not employed watching over a flock (or herd) are likely to wander off to seek someone else's flock. They are reticent to come inside at night while predators wander undeterred outside. These beautiful dogs are best when they have the right job.

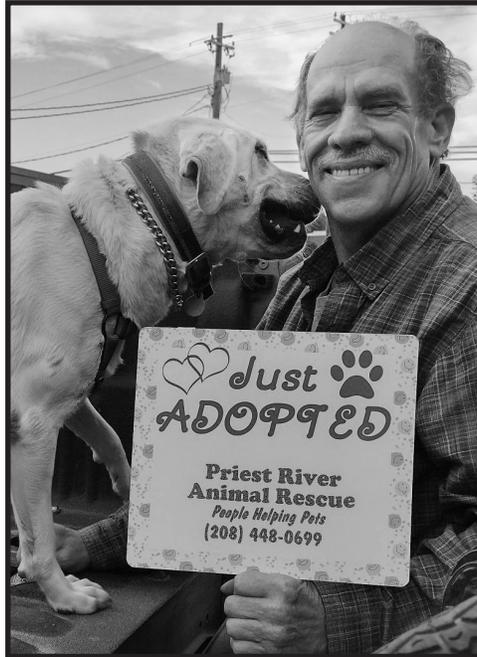
The Pitbulls, Boxers, and other breeds can be adoring family dogs, Hounds may be willing to follow a scent to the next state, while Terriers may come with an excess of energy. The smaller breeds are often determined lapdogs with less demanding exercise requirements - some are born to burrow under the blankets.

Mixed breeds are often believed to be the healthiest and often the most adaptable dogs to family life. And of course the shelters and rescues see an abundance of these, in a variety of configurations, fur and coloring traits, and personalities.

It is not enough to appreciate the appearance of a dog, one must consider the dog's needs as well.

Yet even within a breed, personalities differ. Among each of the breeds, there are faster learners, more ingratiating members, more demanding attitudes, more comical behaviors, more inquisitive natures. Lifetime pet people all know this to be true, but rarely would they trade their pet partner, simply because each pet is an amazing individual.

As we age and as our circumstances change, so do the qualities we need to focus on when choosing the right pet. Be prepared to meet your pet's needs in order to keep them happy and healthy by selecting the best pet to suit your lifestyle.



EMPTY NESTERS AND OTHER BIG HEARTS NEEDED

PRAR is always taking applications for new fosters. Fostering is a great way to help support the rescue and your community. The more fosters we have, the more animals we can save. It is truly an essential part of our mission.

Typically our fostered animals consist of pregnant or nursing cats or dogs, kittens or puppies that are too young to be at the rescue, bottle baby kittens and occasionally medical cases.

Foster parents get to choose which cases they take on and **PRAR** supplies all food, litter, toys etc.

To be eligible you must be 21 or older and have reliable transportation in order to bring your fosters to **PRAR** or to the vet as needed.

If you're interested in fostering or more information please reach out via Facebook messenger or stop by the rescue.



CALAMITY ENDS IN JOYOUS REUNION

The recent fires in South Pend Oreille County got personal for us at **Priest River Animal Rescue**. We had adopted out a dog, Shadow, who had spent 2-1/2 months with us at the rescue, to a loving couple from Elk. With her "bat ears" and muscular thighs the envy of any speed skater, this pup of indeterminate breed scored big time with her new family.

But shortly thereafter, the fires hit. Shadow's new family suddenly needed to find a new residence, and in the meantime could not provide a home for sweet Shadow.

Priest River Animal Rescue is NOT a boarding facility, so by law we could only take this beloved dog into the rescue as an Owner Surrender, meaning she was available to be adopted by someone else. Regular communication with



the adopters, including video of Shadow in the play yard, hopefully helped to keep their spirits up. And we all kept our fingers crossed for a reunion.

In what seemed like an eternity, but was in fact only two weeks, the adopters found a new residence and immediately came for Shadow. The joyful tears, wagging tail, enthusiastic wiggles and hugs brought heart-felt grins to every **Priest River Animal Rescue** volunteer and staff member.



In the aftermath of the brutal fires, the tribulations for Shadow's family are certainly not over. But the reunion of a newly adopted and already much beloved pet was so heartwarming, it became a story no one at the rescue would soon forget.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Stay Tuned for a New Animal Rescue Facility

Animal lovers and enthusiasts, get ready for exciting news! A brand-new animal rescue facility is on the horizon, aiming to provide a safe haven for animals in need. With a vision driven by compassion and a deep commitment to animal welfare, this facility will make a significant impact on the lives of countless animals in the community.

The Vision Behind the New Animal Rescue Facility

At the heart of this ambitious project lies the desire to create a safe haven for all animals, where they can find love, care, and protection. It's more than just a shelter; it's a place where animals are respected, understood, and given a chance to thrive. The vision for this new animal rescue facility goes beyond providing a temporary home for animals in need. It aims to create an environment that fosters healing, growth, and ultimately, finding forever homes for these precious animals.

A Safe Haven for Animals

In this new facility, animals will experience a true sense of sanctuary. They will receive all the necessary medical care, nutrition, and attention they need to recover from trauma, neglect, or abandonment. The facility will have spacious and comfortable living quarters, providing a soothing environment for their rehabilitation. The vision behind this new animal rescue facility is one of compassion, empathy, and a deep commitment to animal welfare. It is a place where animals will be given a second chance, where their voices will be heard, and where they will find the love and care they deserve. Through this facility, the community will be inspired to see animals as sentient beings, worthy of respect and protection.

With a passion for animal welfare and a commitment to making a difference, the new animal rescue facility is an exciting development for the community. Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to support this worthy cause. Together, we can create a brighter future for all animals in need!

Barbara Grover, President



Rose Farris

Our cashier + Sales Queen of Thursdays for the past 8 years has retired from her reign at Critters Thrift Store as of this summer

Known as the Matriarch of our store; this dynamic lady with incredible "Pickers" skills will be missed by our staff, volunteers, and her regular following of customers.



DON'T CRY FOR ME

Please do NOT think of the dogs and cats at the rescue as sad sacks, homeless waifs deprived of love, rejected and abandoned. So often people assume that the dregs of the pet world is what's on offer at Animal Shelters and Rescues. It could not be further from the truth.

Instead, each and every one of the dogs and cats, stopping for a time at **PRIEST RIVER ANIMAL RESCUE** is simply awaiting its perfect home and loving family....and they ALL find it! Indeed, it would be better phraseology to refer to shelters as **REHOMING STATIONS**.

It is worth wondering if unclaimed stray dogs aren't simply looking for a better home, one where their people have enough time, concern and means to care for them properly. They may be smarter than you think.

Perfectly good reasons and unfortunate circumstances make up the bulk of pet surrender situations. Perhaps a pet parent has fallen on tough times and cannot afford the cost to maintain their pet; or a new job requires a non-pet-friendly relocation; or an energy- and time-consuming new baby has added pressure to a household; or a pet parent has fallen sick or otherwise unable to care for the pet. Perhaps a parent in a different state needs the pet parent's full attention, or, sadly, the pet parent him/herself has gone into extended care or passed away. Time

and time again tears are shed when a pet parent is forced to surrender their adored pet, more often than not for the good of the pet.

Dogs and cats coming from loving homes are sad for a time but above all else, they are ready to rebound and find love and care with a new family. Once they find it, they quickly learn to trust their new people and exude the love they have always possessed.

In other cases, a new, unplanned litter requires placement help. This is more often the case with cats who have unfortunately eluded the spay/neuter clinic. Quite often, a Momma Cat has holed up (or more horrifically been dumped) at a stranger's property. This is far less often the case with dogs but does happen from time to time. The precious offspring are fearlessly optimistic about becoming part of a loving household. And the parent dog or cat is equally ready to relinquish their past and move forward.

For good reason, an animal shelter is a hopeful place, filled with healthy and eager pets ready for a fresh start of providing companionship, engagement, and love.

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Critters Thrift Store

PRAR's main source of revenue has been upgraded this past year

New interior paint, merchandise shelving, and inventory storage has contributed to our ability to offer customers more amazing products, more appealing displays, and sales including our monthly "themed" sales.

We offer a variety of discounts to our valued customers along with our everyday specials - 25% off for our honored 55 & older customers and 10% off for anyone presenting their military ID. We work hard to always provide an updated clean environment, attractive displays, and exceptional used/near new merchandise throughout our store.

We invite you to come shop anytime Monday - Friday 11:00-4:00, or our Winter hours of 10:00 -3:00 starting on November 6th.



Critters Thrift Store operates solely to support costs associated with **Priest River Animal Rescue**. These costs include but are not limited to facility upkeep, housing, utilities, food, toys, bedding, vet care, staff, vaccines, and medication. To meet the needs of our furry critters, we take great pride in receiving, organizing, and displaying donated items for sale in our store.

We offer a large variety of items in our store: from kitchen to bedroom, clothing for men and women, antiques and collectables, books, music, pet items, jewelry, home decor, furniture and more. Our wonderful staff and volunteers are

continuously updating and rotating inventory to ensure there is always something fresh and new. You just never know what treasures you will find, so visit frequently.

Critter is always in need of donations of quality new/used items. Our donation shed is open 24/7 for drop off. Store hours are Monday-Saturday 11:00am - 4:00pm spring, summer, and fall. Winter hours are 10:00am-3:00pm.

Are you looking to volunteer? Come on in, we would love to meet you!



Fundraising is a huge part of our organization. This year's main fundraisers included our "Putt for PRAR" golf tournament and our Spring Fling dinner/auction event.

Between these two fundraisers, we raised over \$15,000 to go towards our new building fund.

We sincerely thank all of our sponsors, supporters, volunteers, staff, and participants for making these events so successful. We're looking forward to everyone's participation again next year. Watch our website and Facebook page for upcoming fundraising events.



In Loving Memory

Sally "All Day Long" Nye was a co-founder and integral volunteering member of the Priest River Animal Rescue team for years. We at the rescue family will be forever grateful for her service and devotion.

We thank Dennis & Mary Bryson for their generous donation In Memory of Sally as we do Cathy and Mike Reynolds for their donation.



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We post information about Critters Thrift Shop and
our animals.



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2024 Adopted Pets Calendar
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PRAR 2024 ADOPTED PETS CALENDAR

Priest River Animal Rescue
Annual Giving Campaign

I am enclosing my generous gift to Priest River Animal
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Other: \$ _____ \$150** \$100

\$75 \$50 \$25

**Donations at this level will sponsor the adoption of one animal

Please designate this donation for the Future Building Fund
to help PRAR provide a safe home to the animals

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