



# PAWS Board of Director's Appoints a New Board President!



Toby 2005 PAWS Mascot

Christy Gillespie has been unanimously elected as the new President of the Board of PAWS of Jackson Hole. She has been an active PAWS' Board member for over five years, promoting the mutt-mitt program, PAWS' community awareness, and event fundraisers. "I have a deep compassion for animals and I find it an honor to be elected the President of PAWS' Board. We are truly in a growth period in this community and PAWS' services are needed now more than ever! I'm looking forward to leading the Board of this influential organization and supporting Karen Romaine, our Executive Director, in her continuing work with community leaders," she said. "Additionally, I am grateful to Ann Smith, PAWS' Board President emeritus, for the wonderful work she has done. PAWS has grown into a viable and important community organization serving everyone in Teton County."



Christy & her husband Garth Gillespie have lived in Jackson since 1997 and have adopted 2 dogs - Rosco & Leo and 2 cats - Peko & Otis. Christy enjoys spending time hiking with her dogs and taking them swimming in the Snake River along the dike. Christy & Garth are realtors for Sotheby's International Realty.

**PAWS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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The RDOGS Are Here!



Known for stunning natural beauty and a relaxed way of life, Jackson has recently experienced an unprecedented population increase from people around the globe looking to grab their piece of paradise. And, along with all the new neighbors has come a challenge facing longtime locals and new residents alike: Dogs - and lots of them!

As in most small mountain communities, dogs play an integral part in daily life at the office, at play and at home. Dogs provide companionship, friendship and unconditional love to the humans who care for them. And, their well-deserved reputation as care givers to the aged and infirm endears them even more. However, responsible dog ownership seems to be a concept with countless definitions and varying degrees of understanding. Enter RDOG, Jackson's new Responsible Dog Ownership Group.

This organization characterizes the hard-to-define issue of responsible dog ownership in its Mission Statement: "The Jackson Hole community, in cooperation with governmental agencies, will develop a comprehensive program that builds on shared values to provide education, training opportunities, a consistent set of expectations and enforceable regulations that will result in responsible dog ownership." RDOG is committed to dog and human education that will enable everyone to meet and greet comfortably on trail or at home.

Karen Romaine, Executive Director of PAWS, states, "The growing dog population in Teton County has increased the need for more responsible management of dog/human interactions. Picking up after your dog is extremely important, followed by respect for animals and humans alike. Creating this volunteer organization was the first step in fending off proposed extreme dog laws. With everyone's cooperation, our ultimate goal is respect for PETS, PEOPLE, PRIVATE PROPERTY AND PUBLIC PLACES."

RDOG will be presenting their community-friendly agenda at Town and County meetings throughout the year. Additionally, RDOG is planning educational tours, training classes for humans and will coordinate a variety of speaking engagements enabling county residents and visitors to get the latest information about being a responsible dog owner. RDOG is confident of their mission to help the Jackson community live in harmony with dogs and the people who own them.

# PAWS' SPOTLIGHT ~ TOWN & COUNTY ANIMAL OFFICERS

Residents of Teton County and the Town of Jackson are fortunate to have two departments dedicated to the protection and security of the valley's domestic animals. Steve Saez, in charge of the Town of Jackson, and Darren Rudd, watching over Teton County, are on a mission to change the stereotypical image of the dog catcher. "As a one man department, I cover all of Teton County sometimes driving 250 miles in a day to provide assistance", says Rudd. "My main concern is for the safety of the dogs and cats who are next to traffic on the roads. If I see an animal wandering, I will first try to contact the pet's owner before taking the animal to the Jackson Teton Animal Shelter for their safe keeping." And, Darren is part of the investigating team for the Temik poisonings that killed local dogs last summer. Eleven agencies are involved in the investigation that is still on-going. In addition to Darren's animal protection duties, he assists in general community service, abandoned vehicle investigations, performing VIN inspections, assisting traffic control, recording PSA's on local radio and aiding Vice President Dick Cheney's entourage when in town.



Town & County Animal Control Officers:  
Jerad Weston (Town of Jackson) & Darren Rudd (Teton County)

Steve Saez is in charge of the Town of Jackson's animal control team consisting of Jerad Weston, Kiley Campbell and Diane Rank. His squad's number one priority is the safety of domestic animals. "The team has a tough job of patrolling the Town of Jackson. There are lots of pets within the town boundaries and lots of ground to cover", says Saez. "However, we are proud of the fact that many pet owners are responsible and abide by the town's ordinances." Steve's department also contributes to town needs by helping with community service, abandoned vehicles, code enforcements, traffic control, PSA's on local radio and VIN inspections.

The Town of Jackson and Teton County's animal control departments also work with governmental animal agencies on larger issues when the need arises. Fish and Wildlife, (federal), Game and Fish, (state), USDA Forest Service (federal), National Parks, (federal) and State Parks all combine to help assist wild and domestic animal issues. "We are fortunate to have the cooperation of such a broad spectrum of animal agencies who work so well together. Teton County is lucky to be inhabited by an incredible variety of animals who, on occasion, need human intervention to peacefully co-exist", says Rudd.

For complete animal compliance information, please visit the Town of Jackson's web site: [www.ci.jackson.wy.us](http://www.ci.jackson.wy.us).

*New for 2005: Dog and cat licenses may now be purchased from your vet's office.*

## KIDS CORNER

### FUN FACTS ABOUT DOGS!

A dog's whiskers are touch-sensitive hairs called vibrissae. They are found on the muzzle, above the eyes and below the jaws, and can actually sense tiny changes in airflow.

According to a recent survey, the most popular name for a dog is Max. Other popular names include Molly, Sam, Zach, & Maggie. *What is your dog's name?*

Dogs' eyes have large pupils and a wide field of vision, making them really good at following moving objects. Dogs also see well in fairly low light.

Dogs have far fewer taste buds than people -- probably fewer than 2,000. It is the smell that initially attracts them to a particular food.



### FUN FACTS ABOUT CATS!

Cats have better memories than dogs. Tests conducted by the University of Michigan concluded that while a dog's memory lasts no more than 5 minutes, a cat's can last as long as 16 hours.

Cats have more than one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about ten.

A cat can be either right-pawed or left-pawed.

A cat can jump as much as seven times its height.

A cat cannot see directly under its nose. This is why the cat cannot seem to find tidbits on the floor.

A cat's tail held high means happiness. A twitching tail is a warning sign, and a tail tucked in close to the body is a sure sign of insecurity.



# PAWS' PROGRAMS & EVENTS REPORT

## McDOC Fund

2004: The Fund helped 60 animals, (18 cats, 41 dogs, & 1 other animal). The year's costs totaled \$17,000.

2005: The Fund has already helped 11 dogs and 1 cat, for costs of \$5,000.

Since the McDOC Fund has been so successful, PAWS is putting together new guidelines for the program and will make them available later in the spring.

## Mutt Mitt Program

2004: \$7497 was spent on supplies (mutt mitts) and man power to refill the stations and empty garbage cans at the 14 PAWS stations. The Forest Service and Teton County Parks and Recreation also maintain certain stations around the area. A big thank you to Val Rupeiks for maintaining the stations in 2003 and 1/2 of 2004. And another big thank you goes to Grant Peterson for assuming the new poop patrol duties.

2005: The Town of Jackson has passed a new ordinance for poop pick up. PAWS strongly recommends dogs owners throughout the valley practice good etiquette on the trails and roads by picking up after their dogs. In particular along the trails at Cache Creek, the Putt Putt trail, Game Creek and the dike paths.

## Cash For Critters

### *Used Cartridge & Cell Phone Program*

Staples has become a major supporter of this program by donating thousands of used printer cartridges to PAWS and Cash for Critters. Thank you Andy Damman, Staples General Manager.

## Pet of the Week

For \$260 per month, PAWS co-sponsors the Pet of the Week ads. Sponsors receive the following promotion: "Pet of the Week is brought to you by PAWS and name of co-sponsor & their logo". The co-sponsor receives 6 spots per day,

42 spots per week for \$168 per month.

PAWS has 7 monthly sponsorships still available for 2005. Please contact Karen Romaine for details.


## Spay-Ghetti & No Balls Dinner

The first annual dinner was held at Nani's on February 2, 2005. PAWS netted \$1500 for the spay and neuter program. THANK YOU: Nani's, Cee Moreyn, Michelle Good, Diane Peterson, Amanda Martin, Ann Frame and Kym Rupeiks.

## Valentine's Day Photo Op

Thank you Swope's Mountain Photography and Valley Feed for providing a fun photo op for dogs and their loving parents.

## Chico's Wardrobe Party

Chico's held a Ladies Shopping Day on February. 19, 2005 donating 10% to PAWS. Thank you Chico's for your wonderful support. 

## PAWS UPCOMING EVENTS

### MONTH OF MAY

#### MUTT MITT WEEK: **MAY 15 — MAY 21, 2005**

Every dog owner in the valley is being asked to help assist this "well used" program by donating \$20 for each dog they own. It is time for dog owners to help fund this vital community program. Donation stations will be announced soon. See you in May.

**IT IS TIME FOR PRACTICING PERSONAL DOG RESPONSIBILITY!**

### MONTH OF JUNE

#### PAWS' TOP DOG CLUB: **Beginning August 2005**

PAWS of Jackson Hole announces a new donor's club, dedicated to the top patrons of PAWS. Details in the upcoming Spring issue of Paws Prints ~ PAWS quarterly newsletter. Join PAWS as a Top Dog donor and enjoy the results of better animal care in Teton County.

## HOME 4 THE HOLIDAYS 2004—PAWS ANNUAL ADOPTION EVENT



Thank you Santa!

The annual 2004 PAWS sponsored adoption event, *Home 4 The Holidays*, saw the successful adoption of 8 dogs, 13 cats and 2 rats! Scores of retailers, volunteers and area adoption organizations filled the Teton County Fair Building, all dedicated to one concern; helping to find holiday homes for orphaned animals. PAWS thanks everyone for their assistance and continued support for this wonderful event. See you in December!

### **Thank You Home 4 the Holidays 2004 Sponsors & Volunteers!**



Canine adoptees Isis and Einstein go nose to nose.

Diana Eden / Girl Scouts  
Kate Ward  
Lily and Co.  
Dominos  
Christy / Garth Gillespie  
Christine Alfonso  
Inner Forest  
AJ Cargill of Halo  
Brenda Schweitzer  
Smith's

Leslie Lee  
Susan Bierman  
Noel Whitney  
Rebecca Cohen  
Kylie Campell - (Santa)  
TR Pierce - (Santa's suit)  
Lisa & Kristen-Spring Creek  
Michele Pickerill  
Carl Smidlap  
Kym Rupeiks



Event volunteers, Karen Romaine (PAWS Exec Dir.) & Christy Gillespie (PAWS Board of Director)



A kitten adoptee goes home with her new Mom!



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Animal Shelter on Adams Canyon Road!*



*In Memory of Local Friends...*

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|------------------|------------------|
| "Tater" Anderson | "Tiger" Lance    |
| "Oreo" Beise     | "Sandy" Lettick  |
| "Mookie" Eden    | "Max" McGregor   |
| "Teddy" Frame    | "Max" Pitman     |
| "Juma" Hinman    | "Molly" Spackman |

## MARIA HAYASHIDA ~ CONEY CLASSIC 2005

The 2005 Coney Classic was held in Teton Village on February 6, 2005. As the 5th annual Dog-Joring event held in Teton County, excitement built as over 200 competitors competed for the grand prize and first place as the top joring team. In addition to the large number of entrants, the number of spectators and their 4 legged friends surpassed 100 each! Event producer and *Dog Party Hostess*, Maria Hayashida, was especially enthusiastic about the day's events. "I am very proud to be a part of this event. The competitors ran a terrific race. Dog-(or Fun) Joring is a wonderful event, teaming dog and human in a skiing competition. Race spectators, the 2 and 4 legged varieties, numbered in the hundreds with everyone chatting, socializing and playing without incident. And, all the spectators were on "poop patrol", picking up after their dogs." Maria's observations of how these dogs cooperated reinforces the concept of a Teton County Dog Park and the positive effect it would have within the community.

The Coney Classic was developed to help raise money for both the Jackson/Teton Animal Shelter and PAWS of Jackson Hole. This year's event raised \$2700 that was split between the two organizations. **THANK YOU Maria!** Additionally, 2 dogs were adopted from the Jackson/Teton County Animal Shelter.

Next year's event will be held in Teton Village during the winter. So, come out and join the fun of Dog-Joring, *Jackson style*.



Coney ~ Event  
Grand Marshall

