



Shelter Spotlight

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“Cats and Crinkly Sounds!”

Crumple a plastic or paper bag and watch your cat’s ears snap to attention. Why is that? The cat uses its ears just like a radar to catch each unusual sound. How about a high-pitched sound or maybe a squeaky toy? The cat’s ears are not only expressive, but part of the pleasure a cat gets from crawling into a paper bag, is the sound it makes. Some types of noises elicit greater interest than others. Our mighty feline species rely as heavily on their ears as their eyes. Small animals such as mice, birds, and crickets put forth a high-frequency noise similar to the crinkly or squeaky sounds of bags and thus, they immediately draw in a cat’s attention. They may even pounce on or stalk the bag as if it were a prey.

Even when your cat is sleeping, you may notice that there is a slight twitching of the ears in response to any sound that may warrant danger. The feline ears are incredibly sensitive, sounds as high as 65 kilohertz can be detected. Surprisingly, a cat’s hearing is far better than a human’s. The pine, which is highly mobile (or ear flap), enables the cat to move her ears in the direction of a particular sound, allowing her to determine the source of the sound, and be highly accurate.

So....can you sneak up on your sleeping kitty? Probably not! With their superb hearing, the cats have it in the bag!

Are you looking for one of these great kitty companions? Beltrami Humane Society located at 1612 Carr Lake Rd SE has a number of great cats and kittens waiting to go to their new homes. Some of our prospects are great mousers, could be

good barn cats, lap cats or even cuddly cats. You can see our kitty residents on our website photo gallery at www.beltramihumane.com. Check out www.petfinder.com or stop in at your local Walmart Store, and look at the end of the pet aisle for pet photos - we are participants of the "Very Best Pet Network." See our "Pets of the Month" at Pamida, or listen to KKBJ FM 103 (early show) to hear about our "Pets of the Week". Call us at (218) 751-7910 if you have questions. All of our animals must be SPAYED & NEUTERED prior to adoption. During the month of November, we are running a "special" on our cats and kittens, so we can get as many placed in their new homes before winter.

Our features this week include: "Bethany" and "Molly". Bethany is a very young (9mo-1 yr), loveable, medium-haired kitty. She is not only charming, but very playful and fun! She is "in the game" for anything, and loves the little realistic toy mice. She will even hug you if you let her. "Molly" is a large, medium-hair calico-torte who came into the shelter with a litter of 4 kittens. She had moved into an outdoor building on private property. She is approximately 2 years old. She is fairly independent, but does love "any and all" attention she can get. She is very playful and also a great mouser. Both cats are spayed and ready for adoption. They enjoy brushing.

Upcoming Events: Join us now for the "BASKET of THANKS!" For \$10.00, you can sponsor a shelter animal providing it with a very special "Thanksgiving Treat" and a brand new toy over the holiday as it waits for its forever home. An acknowledgement of your gift will be placed up at the shelter, and you will receive a picture of your sponsored pet. Currently, we have 45 cat kennels and 28 dog kennels. Thank you very much for your kind donations for the animals.

December 1st and 2nd (Saturday and Sunday) -- "SANTA PAWS" is back! Join us as we celebrate the Christmas Holidays with Image Photography. \$15.00 will get you a special "5 X 7" photograph of you and/or your family with your special pet/s. Enjoy Christmas music and refreshments as you wait! You must

SIGN UP today at the shelter, if you wish to participate in this festive event.

Shelter Wishes: Cat Chow, Kitten Chow (urgent), Spay/Neuter \$\$, Paper Towels, Laundry Supplies.

We are a 501c3 facility. All donations are TAX-DEDUCTIBLE!