



# Shelter Spotlight

**By Kit Belcher, Executive Director**

“Thank You for Your Kindness & Support”

In the catering of our every day lives, whether it be work, kids, our companion animals or just plain getting through a busy day, it is easy to forget about some of life’s most important treasures. You can look around you and see the beauty of nature, hear the song birds ushering in a sunrise, hear the call of a wild elk or moose in the distance or even a lonely wolf howling on a hilltop.

Each day, we greet a new day. Life cycles flow smoothly, and at their own pace. We don’t always understand the timing or reasoning behind events, but we understand that this is the “circle of life”, and so we live each day to the best of our ability, and grasp new knowledge and experiences with open arms.

Most recently, July 3, 2007, I lost my very own husband, my sweetheart, friend and companion “unexpectedly” to a myocardial infarction. To our knowledge, there had been no evidence or history of heart problems. In an instant, he was gone, and I thought to myself, how can one ever plan for a sudden death? Before I could even ponder an answer (for which there is none), not only my family, but you (my friends), stepped in compassionately to help with my loss of my lifetime partner. I would like to express my sincere thanks to each of you for your help, the beautiful plants and flowers, warm cooked meals and the generous help in many home cares and comforts. Your empathy and kindness truly has helped ease my pain. Thank you all very much for your thoughtfulness and support.

My husband and I have always loved animals and as a tribute to him, I will continue to maintain the health and safety of not only our own

personal animals, but companion animals throughout our community and through my service with the Beltrami Humane Society.

As a no-kill shelter established in 1977 and also being a 501c3 non-profit facility, all donations are tax deductible. We currently house 45 cat kennels and 28 dog kennels. We serve the communities of Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater and greater Hubbard Counties. Help us reduce the pet over population by getting your pets spayed and neutered.

### How Can You Help?

Your annual membership helps us provide care to homeless animals throughout the year. Your contribution guarantees that the shelter animals will have a safe haven until they are all the way home. Contributions are a major source of our operating system. You can become a member for as little as \$25.00 a month or \$250.00 for an individual lifetime membership. What do memberships pay for?

- staff who nurture the shelter animals daily
- medication and medical expenses to help maintain healthy animals.
- spay/neuter costs to help reduce the number of unwanted animals.
- quality food to keep our animals vibrant & strong until adopted.
- general building maintenance/operations including utility expenses.

You can mail your membership contributions to:  
Beltrami Humane Society, P.O. Box 1903, Bemidji, MN 56619

If you are interested in adopting a dog, cat, puppy or kitten, check out our website photo gallery at [www.beltramihumane.com](http://www.beltramihumane.com). Hours of operation are Tuesdays thru Saturdays, 12-5:30 p.m. Call us with questions at (218) 751-7910.

We currently have all shapes, sizes and personalities of “cute and cuddly kittens” ready for adoption. Colors range in anything from Russian Blue and Siamese to Calico, Tabby, Orange, White and Black. Come on out and check out our (2) Flame Pt Siamese brothers! They have big blue eyes and are rowdy!

Shelter Wish List: Kitten Chow, Cat Chow, Clorox bleach, Laundry Soap, Microwave Oven, 2-3 loads of Peat Rock (for our outdoor dog kennels)

Thank you for helping keep stray animals off the streets!