

Programs & Services



YWCA Partnership

YWCA Billings and YVAS are partnering to provide protection and boarding for pets who are victims of domestic violence or displaced because of it. With a grant received from Red Rover, YVAS can offer boarding and care, free of charge, for pets of domestic violence victims who seek shelter and services through YWCA.

PALS Program

YVAS recognizes that many older adults are on fixed incomes and in some cases, may have a hard time providing their pets with veterinary care or basic supplies. YVAS's PALS Program, short for Pets Are Loving Support, realizes the need for older adults to have a companion animal that can help provide a healthy outlook on life and positively impact one's emotional health. PALS provides low-cost veterinary services, pet care, and supplies to help support elderly owners (65 years of age or older) and keep loved pets in their homes.



Home to Home Program

While shelter staff & volunteers do their best to comfort animals during their brief stays at YVAS, we recognize that there is no place like home. This is why we've decided to offer another option for rehoming a pet: Home to Home. Home to Home is an online platform designed to keep animals out of the shelter through direct home placement. In other words, pets go from one home to another, bypassing the shelter altogether.

Training & Behavior

YVAS hosts both AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy and AKC Canine Good Citizen obedience classes at their Learning Center. In 2022, 36 teams completed 6-week obedience courses, taught by the shelter's certified, AKC Approved Evaluator. YVAS also partners with GoodPup to offer virtual, one on one training sessions to owners in the comfort of their own homes.



Single Mama Special

YVAS's Single Mama Special offers a solution for owned animals who become unexpectedly pregnant. For \$70 for cats & \$90 for dogs, the shelter will spay your mama cat/dog and handle all of the medical care for her babies. The pet's owner then acts as a temporary foster home for the mama and babies, while YVAS provides bi-weekly check-ups & vaccinations for the kittens/puppies. Once the babies reach eight weeks of age, everyone comes back into the shelter to be spayed/neutered. YVAS will then find loving homes for the babies and mom goes back home with her original owner - a true win-win!



Working Cats

The Working Cat Program is designed to create a mutually beneficial partnership for at-risk cats and humans needing rodent control. "At-risk cats" may include feral or under-socialized cats, house-soiling cats, etc. All of these cats are fixed, vaccinated, and ear-tipped. YVAS does not charge adoption fees for these cats, but donations are always appreciated. In 2022, YVAS adopted out 109 working cats.



Pet Food & Supply Pantry

YVAS has a pet food and supply pantry located within its lobby. These items can be taken by pet owners in need at any time during shelter business hours, free of charge and no questions asked.