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F&G Seeking Public Input on Idaho Upland Game, Turkey, and Furbearer Season setting, 2026-2027

— Idaho Fish & Game —



The comment period is open until Dec. 7th.

Idaho Fish and Game will be setting the new seasons for upland game, turkey, and furbearers for 2026-2027 in January 2026. Members of the public are highly encouraged to review the proposed seasons and changes and weigh in with their own comments. The comment period is open until Dec. 7th, 2025 at 6pm MST.

Fish and Game staff will also host a series of open houses at Fish and Game regional offices between Dec. 1st–7th. For a full list of upcoming open houses, scroll to the bottom of this article.

Season proposals are broken down by regions, making it simpler for folks to check out proposals specific to their neck of the woods. Department proposals will be presented to the Fish and Game Commission for their consideration at their January 2026 meeting at the Fish and Game Headquarters Office in Boise.

At a glance, here's what is being proposed. To see more detailed information for each proposal, visit the Upland Game, Turkey, and Furbearer Season Setting Proposals webpage at: idfg.idaho.gov/rules/turkey-upland-furbearer/seasons. Additionally, you may leave a comment or feedback on each given proposal.



Turkey

- Southwest Region: Spring general seasons in GMU 40
- Southwest Region: Fall general season in GMUs 33 and 39
- Salmon Region: Spring turkey controlled hunts
- Salmon Region: Youth-only spring turkey seasons
- Salmon Region: Fall controlled hunt



Upland Game

- Statewide: Consolidate areas 1 and 2 into one statewide quail season
- Statewide: Establish hard start date for chukar and gray partridge, and quail seasons
- Statewide: Establish statewide pheasant season with hard start date
- Statewide: Extend sharp-tailed grouse season



Furbearer

- Panhandle, Clearwater, Southwest, and Magic Valley Regions: Extend the harvest season closure dates for beaver, mink, and muskrat
- Clearwater Region: Increase river otter harvest quota
- Southwest Region: Increase river otter harvest quota
- Southwest Region: Expand opening date for beaver, mink, muskrat, and river otter harvest season
- Southwest Region: Lift beaver closures in Big Creek
- Southwest Region: Lift beaver closure on Squaw Creek

Learn More at These Upcoming Open Houses

Fish and Game staff will host a series of open houses at Fish and Game regional offices from Dec. 1st–Dec. 7th. Hunters, trappers, and members of the public are encouraged to attend an open house nearest to you for an opportunity to chat with staff and ask questions. All times local.

**Panhandle Region** | 2885 W. Kathleen Avenue, Coeur d'Alene | Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, 8am–6pm

**Clearwater Region** | 3316 16th Street, Lewiston | Monday, Dec. 1st, 8am–6pm

**Southwest Region (McCall)** | 555 Deinhard Lane, McCall | Tuesday, Dec. 2 | 4pm–6pm

**Southwest Region (Nampa)** | 15950 N. Gate Boulevard, Nampa | Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 4pm–6:30pm

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— Spokane Symphony —

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"The Nutcracker Ballet" — Sensory-Friendly

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which first launched him into notoriety in 2017. Since then, Charlie's been creating Midwest-inspired sketch comedy videos that connect to a worldwide social media audience of over 10 million.

Spokane Symphony Holiday Pops: Home for the Holidays

7:30pm Saturday, December 13th, and Sunday, December 14th, at 3pm at the Fox Theater

Morihiro Nakahara, conductor; and Spokane Symphony Choral

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7pm Monday, December 15th, at the Fox Theater

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Christmas Card Day

December 9th

— National Day Calendar —

Each year around this time, friends and families begin mailing their holiday cards. Christmas Card Day on December 9th serves as a reminder to get your stamps, envelopes, and cards together so you can share your holiday cheer.

Sending a card during the holidays hasn't always been a tradition. In Victorian England, sending Penny Post was inexpensive and frequent. It was also considered rude to ignore a written message. One particularly popular Victorian invented the holiday card out of necessity. Sir Henry Cole received frequent letters, and it left him little time for other responsibilities. In 1843, he asked his friend J.C. Horsley to illustrate a design he had in mind. Soon, Cole was off to the printer, and he mailed the first Christmas card in the Penny Post to friends, family, and many acquaintances.

Today, we mail a variety of cards at Christmas-time. The tradition of Christmas cards continues in a broader sense. Social and electronic media keep us connected in this modern world more than ever before. However, the Christmas card continues to be a part of our annual tradition, even if it takes on a different style or pattern.

- Photo cards - Many families take an annual holiday photo specifically for mailing to friends and family. These photos may be snapshots or professional photos. Most families save them from social media, so they remain a surprise when they arrive in the mail, too.
- Christmas letter - These letters often highlight the events for each family member for the year. Not everyone has social media, so it's a nice way to catch up with friends and family. The letters usually run a page in length, but some letter writers have a lot more to say.
- Postcards - These simple cards generally send the same holiday message a regular Christmas

card does, but without a fold or an envelope. With a photo on one side and a simple message on the other, they are quick and easy to send, too.

- Business card - Christmas cards also come from businesses who want to remind us they still want our business. As a marketing tool, businesses know their best customers like to be remembered during the holidays, too.
- New Year's cards - The holidays do get busy, and some of us put off sending any holiday cards until New Year. They still want to keep in touch with family and friends, so they send their good wishes in the form of a Happy New Year card. So, don't mark anyone off your Christmas card list until after the first of the year.

These holiday cards may be the only communication we receive all year long from a friend or family member. Even if we spent an abundance of time with them once, these once-a-year notes touch us with a bit of meaning this time of year. We take the time to connect once again and say, "We're thinking of you."

## HOW TO OBSERVE #ChristmasCardDay

Update your mailing list. Gather the stamps and pick out your favorite card. Will you be writing personal notes on each card? Or will you send a mass letter? Dress up the pets or family members for a last-minute photo, too. Get ready to be glitter bombed as the holiday cards begin pouring in your mail studded with Ho Ho Hos! and holiday greetings of all kinds. Share your favorite Christmas card style by using #ChristmasCardDay on social media.

## NATIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD DAY HISTORY

While the origins of Christmas Card Day continue to be researched, Sir Henry Cole does receive credit for creating the first Christmas Card in 1843. However, the idea took several years to find its way to the United States. In 1850, Louis Prang immigrated from Prussia and opened a print shop in Boston. He mastered many methods of lithography from around the world, and after encouragement from his wife, he began producing floral Christmas cards in 1875.

## Christmas Card FAQ

- Q. When was the first Christmas stamp issued?  
A. The United States Post Office issued its first Christmas Stamp on November 1, 1962. Jim Crawford designed the 4¢ stamp that featured a green wreath and two candles. "Christmas 1962" was written across the bottom on a red banner.
- Q. How much does it cost to mail a Christmas card?  
A. First-class stamps for a 1-ounce letter cost 58¢.

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## Reduce, Reuse, Rejoice: 5 Holiday Hacks for Eco-Friendly Celebrations

— Family Features —



Holiday celebrations bring joy, laughter and lasting memories – but they can also leave behind a sleigh full of waste. From food scraps and empty bottles to wrapping paper and decorations, the season can leave your home full of items that could be reused or recycled.

In fact, household waste increases nearly 25% between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, according to survey results from the Center for Biological Diversity. That's a lot of leftovers, garland and glass that could be kept out of landfills.

To help you cut down on trash and embrace a joyful, less-waste holiday season, the experts at CalRecycle offer these five holiday hacks to help you save cash and protect the planet.

### 1. Plan Meals to Waste Less and Save More

- Shop your pantry first to avoid buying what you already have.
- Buy only what you need and prepare recipes based on guest count.
- Choose local ingredients from sources like farmers markets that minimize packaging.
- Send guests home with leftovers in reusable containers or freeze extras for future meals.

### 2. Recycle Food Scraps

- Not all food can be saved, but it doesn't have to go in the trash.
- Compost fruit and vegetable trimmings, eggshells, coffee grounds and plate scrapings. Trashed food makes climate pollution in landfills. Recycle it in your green bin instead.

- Most California communities now offer green bin composting. Learn what goes in the green bin by visiting the Curb Your Food Scraps page on [RecyclingReimaginedCA.com](http://RecyclingReimaginedCA.com).

- Set out a clearly labeled "food scraps" bin next to your trash, as well as a recycling bin for bottles, cans and other containers so everyone can participate.

### 3. Eat, Drink and Be Eco-Friendly

- Use reusable plates, cups and utensils instead of disposable options.
- Decorate with items you can use year after year or make compostable decor from natural materials.
- Collect empty wine, liquor, juice or other California Redemption Value (CRV)-eligible containers and cash them in once the party is over.
- Serve water in reusable pitchers or carafes instead of single-use plastic bottles.

### 4. Give Greener Gifts

- Choose experiences over stuff, like tickets to events, museum or club memberships, registrations for classes or shared adventures.
- Wrap gifts in fabric, scarves or reusable tins. Or use recyclable paper without glitter or foil.
- Personalize presents with homemade crafts, baked goods or services that reduce packaging.
- Prioritize gifts from local and sustainable businesses that are committed to ethical sourcing, minimal packaging and recycled materials.

### 5. Sort Holiday Waste the Right Way

After the celebrations, check local recycling rules for how to properly dispose of:

- Batteries
- Holiday lights
- Christmas trees
- Drop off CRV-eligible beverage containers, such as wine and spirit containers, at your nearest recycling site for cash back.
- Donate unwanted gifts or gently used holiday items to local charities or thrift stores.

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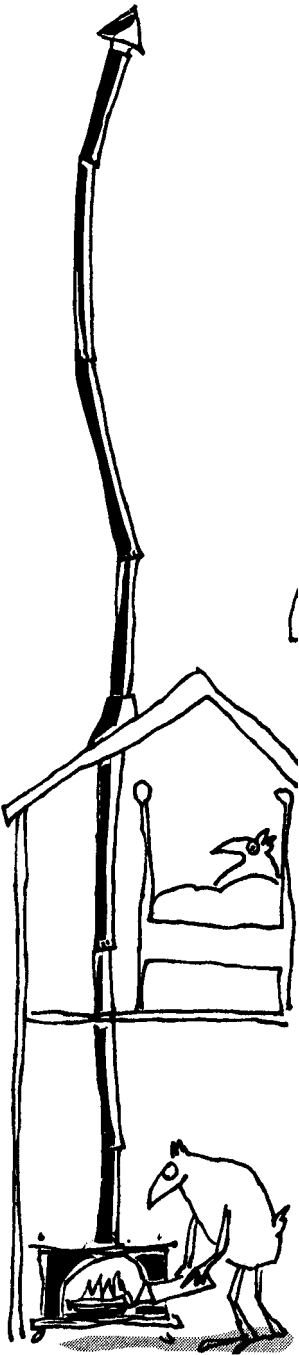
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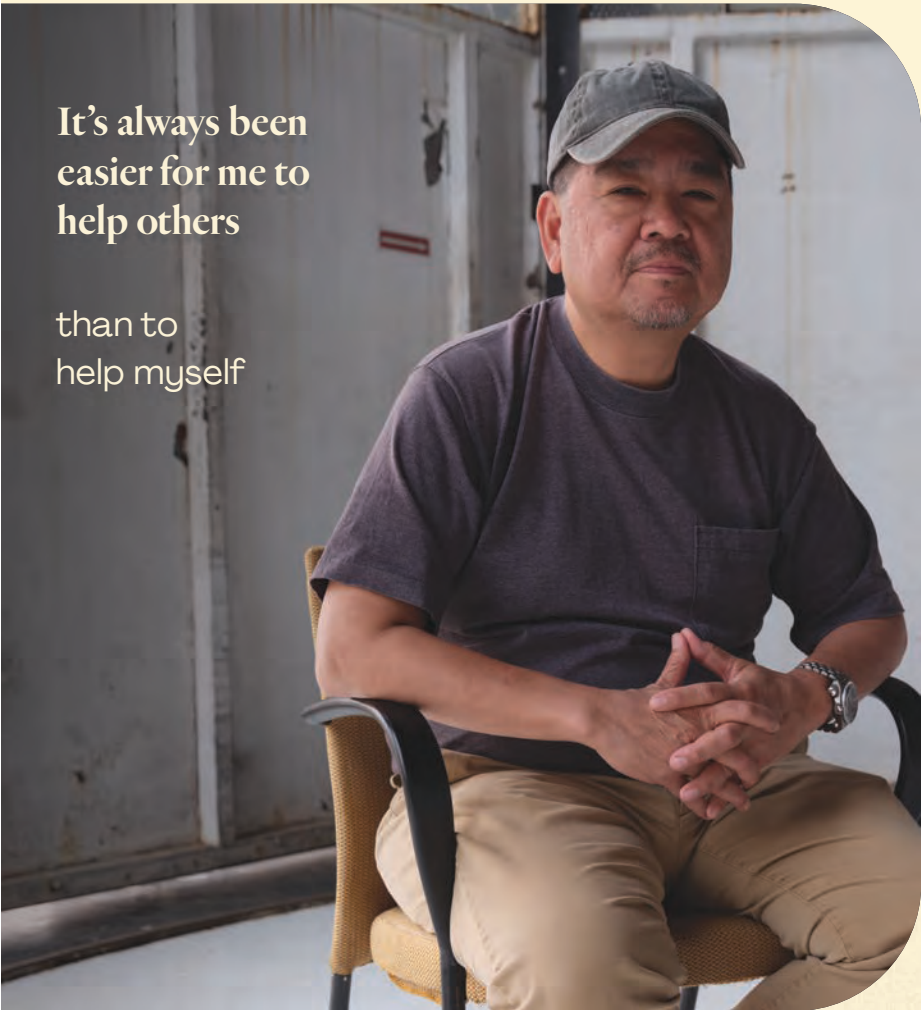
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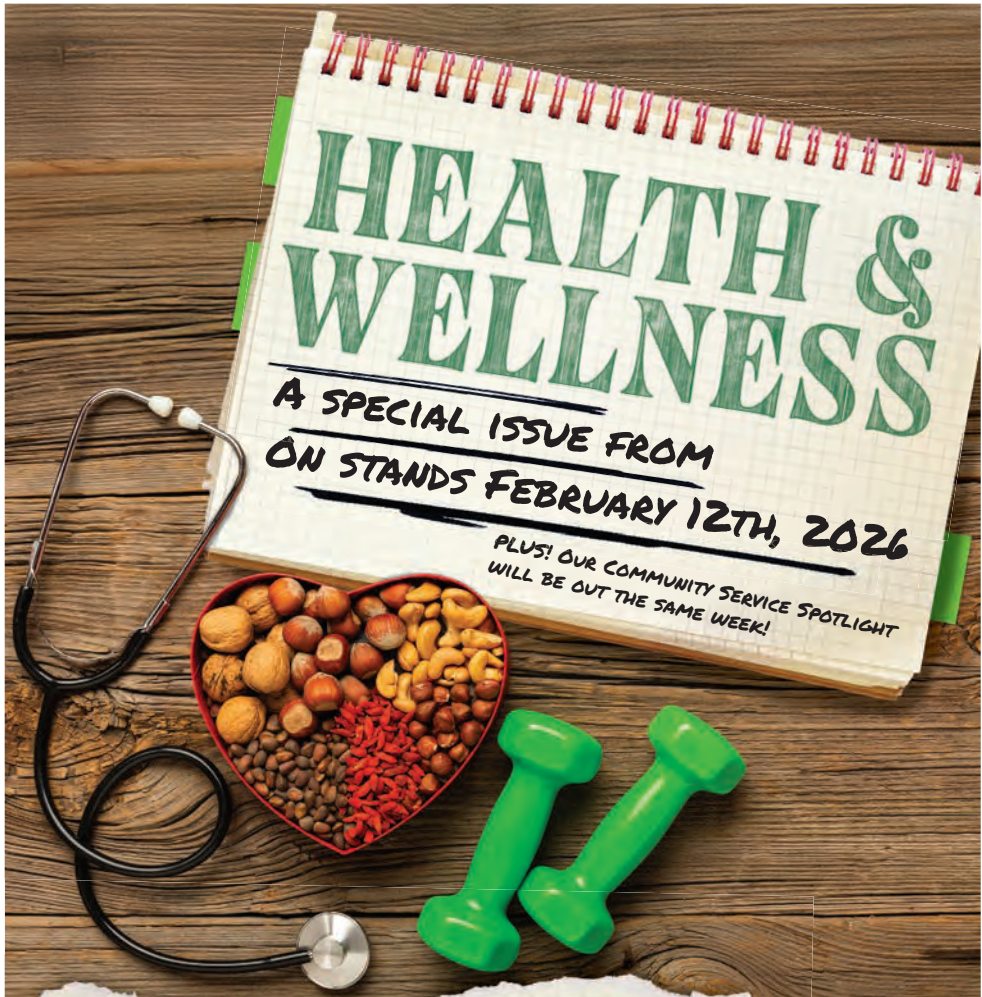
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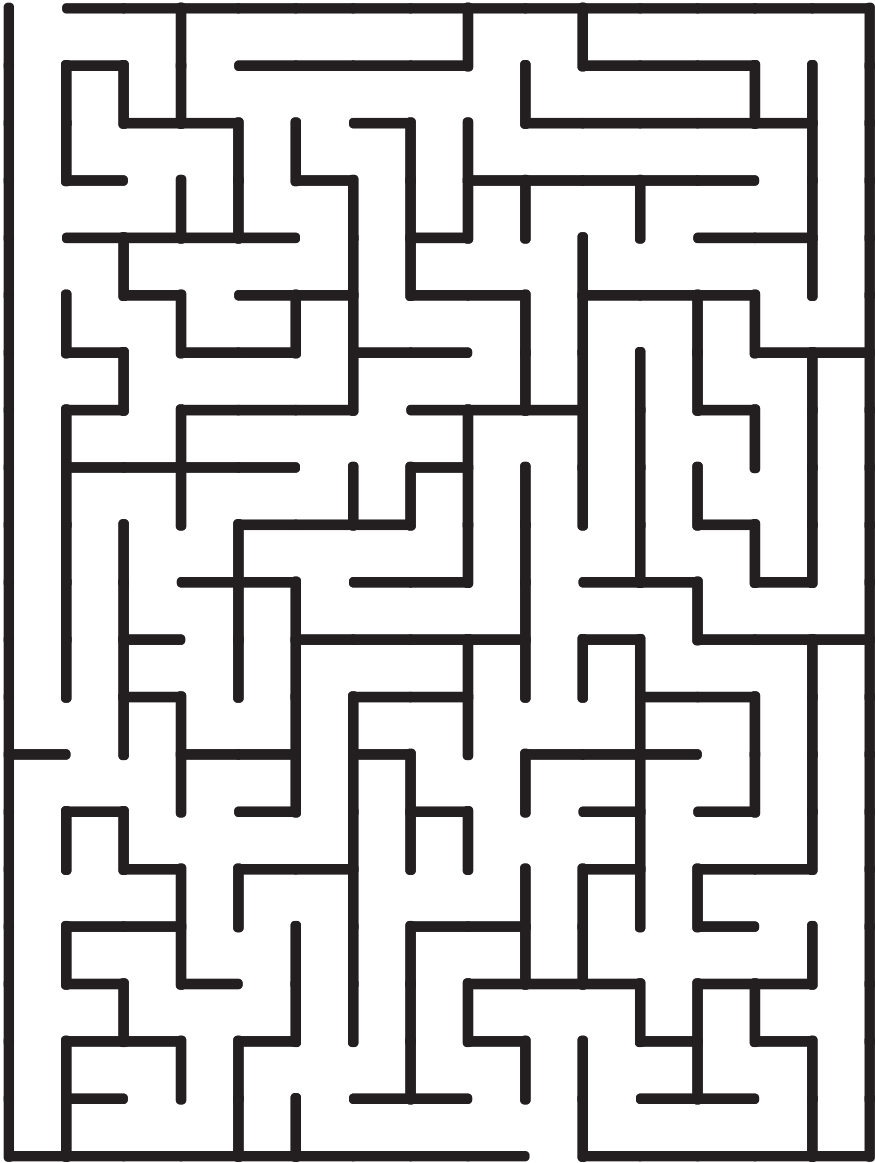




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— National Day Calendar —



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### How Old Are Crossword Puzzles?

The crossword puzzle was first introduced in the New York World newspaper in 1913 by journalist Arthur Wynne. It was the eve of WWI and Wynne was looking for a new game for the FUN section in the newspaper as a way to take people's minds off the impending war. Wynne began by creating a blank word search grid. Each grid came with a list of clues for readers to use in solving the letters. The original puzzle was named "FUN's Word-Cross Puzzle" and was interestingly found in the shape of a diamond. A few weeks later an editor made a typo naming the puzzle "Cross-Word." This cross mistake became a historical game changer.

The first records of crossword puzzles are historically found to originate in England during the 19th century. Most of these puzzles were easy to solve, and usually printed in children's books or periodicals. Meanwhile, Americans were turning crossword puzzle solving into an adult pastime. Today, crossword solvers have many choices in satisfying their puzzle cravings, including celebrating National Crossword Solvers Day in December every year.

### Benefits of Solving Crossword Puzzles

People who solve crossword puzzles are often more relaxed, especially when trying to solve day-to-day problems. Many use their puzzle-solving skills indirectly by approaching stressful situations similar to how they approach solving puzzles. Slow, calculated, and with thought. Studies show solving

crossword puzzles regularly has several health benefits, including:

- Improving short-term memory skills.
- Assisting in developing better problem-solving skills.
- Increasing individual IQ by learning new vocabulary.
- Helping delay dementia and Alzheimer symptoms in at-risk individuals.
- Improving mood by lowering stress levels and teaching the brain to relax.

### HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalCrosswordSolversDay

- Solve the crossword puzzle in your newspaper or in a magazine.
- Gift a book of crossword puzzles for the cruciverbalist in your life.
- Find a crossword puzzle app and start playing once a day to experience the health benefits.
- Create a crossword puzzle for your friends and family.
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Share your photos and videos of solving crossword puzzles on social media using #NationalCrosswordSolversDay.

### MEET THE FOUNDER

In November 2022, National Day Calendar welcomed National Crossword Solvers Day to our list of National Days. The day was introduced by professional crossword puzzle writer Myles Mellor, an international crossword puzzle publisher.

To date, Myles has published over 17,000 crosswords and is one of the most successful and prolific crossword puzzle writers in the U.S. Myles actively publishes around 80 crossword puzzles per month, reaching 2 million people. Appearing in over 1,000 magazines, over 55 books, hundreds of weekly newspapers and across numerous websites, he continues to delight puzzle solvers every day.

Myles' resume includes creating puzzles for executives and celebrities. He also creates personalized puzzles for weddings, engagements, birthdays and anniversaries. Myles gives back by providing weekly interactive crosswords to the San Diego Alzheimer's organization. In addition to creating crossword puzzles, he also creates word searches, sudokus, and other puzzles. As a world-renowned puzzle creator and publisher, Myles works with Simon and Schuster, Barnes and Noble, Amazon, Books a Million and many other top publishers to bring his passion to crossword solvers everywhere.

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When times feel uncertain and grocery prices make you wince, there's comfort in knowing that a wholesome, hearty meal doesn't have to cost much. This lentil soup is proof that good food can still be simple, satisfying and kind to your budget.

Lentil soup is one of those beautiful, budget-friendly meals that has been feeding families for centuries and checks every box: It's inexpensive, easy to prepare and full of plant-based protein and fiber. It freezes beautifully, too, which makes it a lifesaver during the upcoming holiday madness. Make a big pot now, freeze some for later, and you've got instant comfort waiting in your freezer -- no drive-thru required.

This base recipe is delicious as-is, but the beauty of lentils is how easily they adapt. Add a handful of sausage if you like, stir in extra veggies or season it with herbs and spices to change the flavor profile from classic to global. You'll find a few of my favorite variations below -- because even comfort food deserves a little variety.

### VERY VERSATILE LENTIL SOUP

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 4 carrots, chopped
- 3 celery ribs, chopped
- 3-4 cloves garlic, minced

6 cups broth (vegetable, chicken or beef)

1 1/2 cups dry green or brown lentils

1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes with juices

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

2 cups fresh chopped spinach, optional

**Stovetop Method:** In a large pot, saute onion, carrot and celery in olive oil until softened, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook for one minute more. Stir in lentils, tomatoes, broth, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer, covered, for about 35 minutes or until lentils are tender. Stir in spinach until wilted. Taste and adjust seasoning.



*Hearty lentil soup made with pantry staples -- warm, satisfying, and easy on the budget.*

**Instant Pot:** Follow saute instructions as in stovetop directions up to "bring to a boil." Cook on Manual/Pressure Cook for 9 minutes, then allow a natural release for 10 minutes. Add spinach after cooking.

**Slow Cooker:** Combine all ingredients (except spinach) and cook on Low for 6-8 hours. Stir in spinach at the end.

Optional Add-Ins for Variety

**Smoky Sausage:** Saute 1 (13 ounce) smoked sausage (like

kielbasa) with the vegetables. Add 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika and 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme.

**Easy Being Green:** Add 1 (8 to 10 ounce) package of mixed power greens such as kale, chard or spinach. Top with avocado and a squeeze of lemon juice.

**Mediterranean:** Add 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning and 1 (15 ounce) can cannellini beans. Top with Parmesan.

**Curry Comfort:** Stir in 1 tablespoon curry powder, 1 teaspoon turmeric, and finish with a squeeze of lime and a swirl of coconut milk.

**Southwest Style:** Add 1 tablespoon chili powder, 1/2 tablespoon cumin and 1 (14.5 ounce) can fiesta style corn. Top with a dollop of sour cream or avocado slices.

When you need an easy, nourishing meal that keeps you grounded through the holiday hustle, lentil soup is your new best friend. It's hearty, healthy and humble -- proof that comfort food doesn't have to cost much.

And here's a little secret: Every bowl you freeze now is a gift to your future self. On a cold blustery night, when the house is busy and you're too tired to cook, you'll have homemade comfort ready in minutes.

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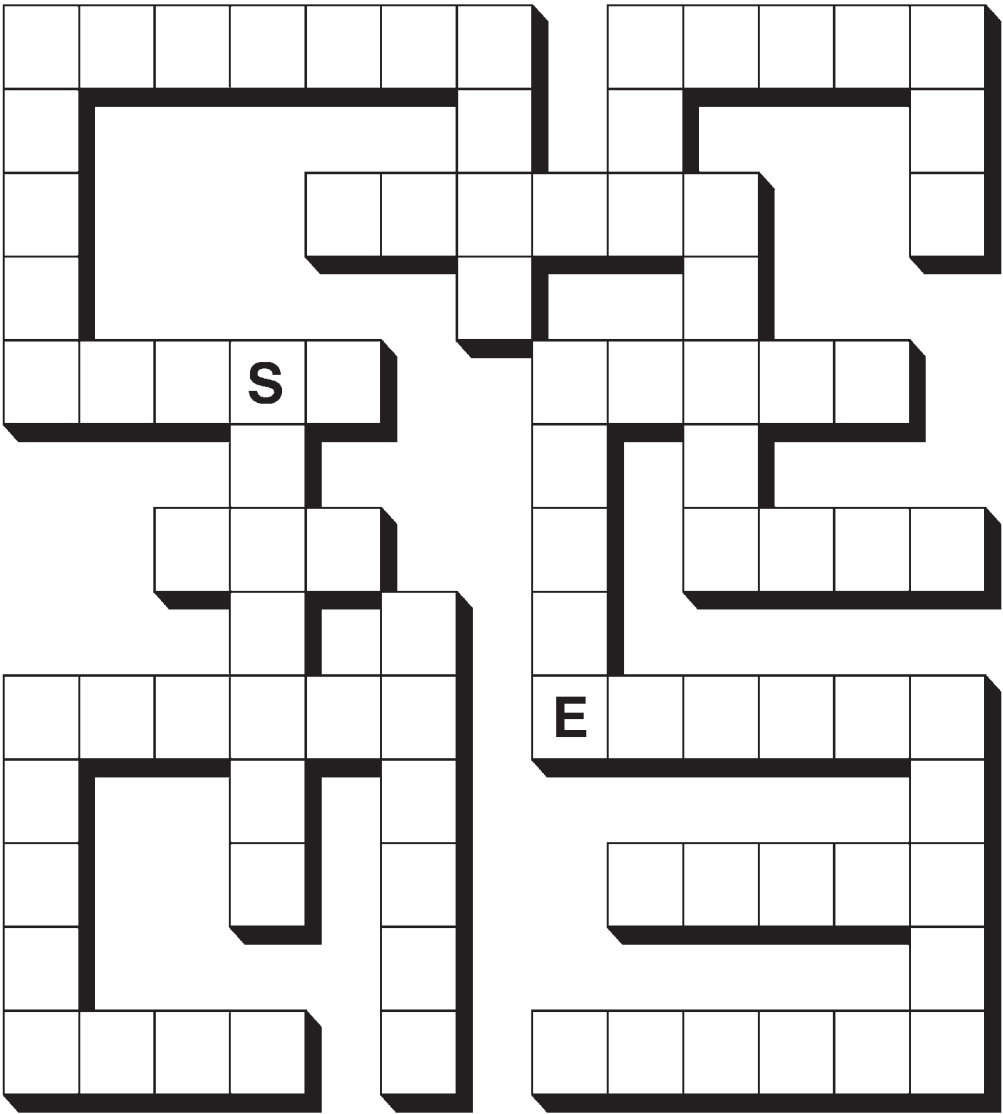
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By Terry and Kim Kovel

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The birds around the rim are robins; not something you often see on American Christmas decorations, but very popular in the United Kingdom. Robins are often seen there in the winter because they migrate there from Scandinavia and Continental Europe.

Then there are the portrait medallions of a white-bearded man who looks a little, but not entirely, like Santa Claus. Instead of a red suit with a matching fur-trimmed hat, he wears a brown robe, carries a staff and is crowned with a wreath of holly.

This must be Father Christmas, the English personification of the holiday's festivities. He dates to at least the 15th century and may be influenced by the folkloric figure of the Holly King of winter, whose perpetual battle with the Oak King of summer (who is sometimes represented by a robin) dramatizes the cycle of seasons. As you may have guessed, this platter is an English piece. It was made by George Jones, one of the most celebrated makers of Victorian majolica.

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**Q:** I found a silver link bracelet in my aunt's jewelry box after her death at age 93 in 2002, so I believe it's old and would like some idea of its value. I took it to a jeweler who used a loupe to look at the mark on the underside of the clasp. She said it read "JB" over "830S."

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## Breaking Down the Difference Between a Cold and Influenza

DEAR DR. ROACH: What is the difference between a cold and the flu? -- A.T.R.

ANSWER: Both colds and influenza (the "flu") are respiratory illnesses that are caused by viruses. Influenza is caused specifically by the influenza viruses, which come in two main types (A and B). Influenza A is further broken down into different subtypes based on hemagglutinin (H) and neuraminidase (N).

H1N1 and H3N2 are currently the most-common circulating influenza A viruses. Even within these subclasses, there is strong variability among flu viruses, which is one reason why we need a new flu vaccine each year.

Many viruses cause colds. Rhinoviruses ("rhino" is the Greek word for nose) are the most common, but corona-, parainfluenza- and enteroviruses, as well as respiratory syncytial viruses, are all well-known causes of respiratory illnesses, which can be difficult or impossible to tell apart from any other type of cold.

Unfortunately, there are so many of these viruses, some of which change quickly and others that escape our immune system, so it is (so far) impossible to get immunity by an infection or a vaccine to all the cold viruses. Viruses are generally less severe than influenza.

It isn't always easy to tell flu from a cold, especially in young people. Both can cause a fever, cough, runny nose and sore throat. However, the flu often causes muscle aches, which can be severe. The flu tends to cause higher fevers, more cough and worse headaches, and it often comes along suddenly. ("I got hit by the flu truck.") Runny nose and nasal congestion

tends to be worse with a cold.

Since there is specific antiviral treatments for influenza, clinicians will sometimes make decisions on whether to treat a person based on their symptoms, or they may get a lab test to look for the flu specifically. (Some tests will also check for COVID-19, a special type of coronavirus, at the same time.)

People who are at a high risk for severe flu may be recommended antiviral treatment, whereas there is not a specific antiviral treatment for colds. It's particularly important for people over 65 and those with any heart, lung or immune system issues to get the influenza vaccine. The optimum time to get it was from October through the end of November.

DEAR DR. ROACH: What do we now call what was once referred to as a "nervous breakdown" in the 20th century? -- A.M.

ANSWER: I asked this question to my psychiatry professor way back in the late 20th century when I was a first-year medical student. My professor replied that the term didn't have a meaning anymore. There is no formal medical or psychiatric diagnosis of a "nervous breakdown." The term is used by laypeople to describe when a person has severe impairment of their day-to-day function as a result of a psychiatric diagnosis, especially mood disorders like generalized anxiety disorder or major depressive disorder.

An adjustment disorder may resemble a major depressive disorder, but it occurs within a few months of a traumatic life event. A severe case might also be termed a "nervous breakdown." It is not usually used to describe a person with acute psychosis (a term meaning a grossly distorted sense of reality), such as a person with schizophrenia or bipolar affective disorder in their acute and uncontrolled state.

All these conditions have effective treatments. Treatment starts by talking to someone, who might be your own regular doctor or a mental health professional. For people who are in acute distress with thoughts of hurting themselves, the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is an option in the United States and Canada.

*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu).*

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28 Films based on reportage, for short  
30 Heavy drinker  
31 Musical scale starters  
33 [Cogitates] [Cogitates]  
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39 Pear or lime  
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42 [Criminal] [Criminal]  
46 Surrealist painter Max  
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49 Having some benefit  
52 Pick-up-sticks logic game  
53 Lad from London, say  
54 Old-time TV announcer Johnny  
56 Spike of corn  
59 "I — reason why ..."  
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71 [Residence] [Residence]  
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77 Coast Guard officer: Abbr.  
78 Strong winds  
79 — and aahs  
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98 Poets' Muse  
99 Pie portions  
100 [Dictated] [Dictated]

- 102 Accessories for cue sticks and black-boards  
105 Follower of "http://"  
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107 Mario's video game brother  
108 Real devotee  
111 Jazz singer Cleo  
113 [Character] [Character]  
118 Snaky curves  
119 Attack the integrity of  
120 Go in circles  
121 Butler played by Gable  
122 Foyer sofas  
123 For the purpose of diagnosing

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3 Drains energy from  
4 Up to, in ads  
5 Longtime foe of Frazier  
6 Interior designer, e.g.  
7 "There Is Nothin' Like —"  
8 County officers  
9 State east of Wyo.  
10 Mo. before May  
11 Slugging stat  
12 Avoider of high-tech stuff  
13 Element #18  
14 High, tight sweater  
15 Singer of lyric poetry  
16 Chilean cheer  
17 Process of being twisted  
18 Not blurry, as an image  
19 Most rapid  
24 Scottish cap  
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35 Metallic string  
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65 Low bills  
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75 Jedi master  
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86 Obtains  
87 Leaves speechless  
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90 How sausage links are connected  
92 Adjust to a situation again  
93 Bush press secretary  
94 "— ToK" (Kesha hit)  
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97 Nike rival  
101 Intermission  
103 That fellow's  
104 Ancient Greek market  
107 — majesty (high treason)  
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*Bears remain active during fall hunting seasons*

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The first encounter involved two hunters on Sept. 29. They were hunting in the vicinity of a known elk carcass when they saw a grizzly bear. To make their presence known, the hunters yelled at the bear. The bear reportedly came toward the hunters, and they each fired once with handguns. Both the bear and the hunters left the site without further incident.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks staff learned of the encounter on Oct. 1, and after interviewing the hunters, determined it was unlikely the bear was injured.

On Oct. 3, a lone hunter reportedly encountered a grizzly bear at close range. The bear charged, and the hunter deployed bear spray, which stopped the charge. The hunter left the area and reported the incident to FWP.

### Be bear aware

Fall hunting seasons overlap with when bears are actively preparing for hibernation. Some areas with dense concentrations of grizzly bears are very accessible to hunters, especially during the archery season. Bears will continue to be active during other hunting seasons this fall.

Montana is bear country. Avoiding conflicts with bears is far better than dealing with conflicts. Here are some precautions to help hunters avoid negative bear encounters:

- Carry bear spray and be prepared to use it immediately.
- Watch for and be extra cautious around bear sign, creeks and areas with limited visibility. Most attacks happen in surprise, close encounters.
- Stay away from animal carcasses, which often attract bears.
- Hunt with a group of people. This can help you make localized noise to alert bears to your presence, and it may also increase your chances of survival in the event of a bear attack.
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It's hard to beat a well-prepped, perfectly cooked steak – especially after all the time and effort you spent hauling it out of the mountains. But other methods of preparation can be just as satisfying. All it takes is a little bit of work and some kitchen ingenuity.

Now, if you're as devout a steak snob as Ron Swanson then this article probably ain't for you. And it's understandable; that deer or elk lying in your freezer is finite, like an annual birthday cake. There's no quick trips down to the supermarket to replenish your supply when your recipe runs short. So ensuring you make the most of your animal and process it how it fits your menu best is the most important part.

With that said, here are five prep tips and styles to help get the most out of that fall big game harvest.



### 1. Be your own butcher

At this point in the game, your time in the field, gutting and quartering the animal, might be all the knife-wielding you're willing to spend. Many hunters have their big game animals processed by professional butchers. But processing your own deer or elk can actually be a fun learning experience and a chance to call the shots in how you want your animal cut up.

With a large, sanitary cutting surface, sharp knives and ample patience, prepare your cuts of meat one at a time. Processing a whole hindquarter is more time consuming than folks realize, so don't get caught leaving the rest of the meat out too long at room temperature. Bacteria grows most rapidly between 40 degrees and 140 degrees Fahrenheit, doubling in number in as little as 20 minutes.

Try to keep the on-deck meat in the fridge until you're ready to process it. It's better to take your time on one slab of the animal knowing the rest is kept cool.

**HOT TIP:** The colder the meat is, the easier it is to cut.



### 2. Trim, trim, trim

Few things determine a cut of meat's palatability more than sloppy knifework. Deer and elk meat is mostly lean to begin with, but fat and membranous tissue left attached can definitely ruin an appetite, depending on who you ask.

Deer and elk fat is different than beef or pork fat. Typically deer and elk fat tastes gross, but that's just general consensus and one writer's opinion. The goal when processing your deer or elk (or really any red meat for that matter) is to get rid of as much fat, stray hairs and dirt, and membrane as you can. It may feel like you're wasting bits of your hard-earned animal, but with some patience and skillful knifework, you can ensure your freezer will be filled with the best-tasting cuts of meat.



### 3. Low and slow

Some cuts lend themselves better to roasts than others. While steaks hog all the glory, roasts are an overlooked approach to serving up big game – and perhaps the simplest.

One of the best perks of being your own butcher is determining how much of one cut you set aside, then fill your freezer accordingly. Then when Sunday morning rolls around, all you have to do is pull a roast out of the freezer and pick up only a few ingredients from the store.

Roasts are not only simple, but they can feed a lot of people – or one person for several days. Slow-cooking for longer periods, whether in a crockpot or oven, keeps the meat tender and savory.

With nothing more than a crockpot, a can of stock and some root vegetables, you can have a cheap and easy supper cooking in the background while you go about your day. There is no shortage of roast recipes, including ones for wild game meat specifically. Do some digging and find one that takes the traditional “potatoes and carrots” to a whole other level.

**HOT TIP:** You'll hear the dish *osso buco* thrown around a lot these days. Meaning “bone with a hole,” making osso buco can be a creative, new way to slow cook the bone-in shanks and impress your friends with your fluency of Italian.

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### 4. Smoke 'em if you got 'em

Setting aside some meat for the smoker is a classic move in many a hunter's playbook. There are tons of ways to smoke wild game meat, but some of the most popular include summer sausage and pepperoni sticks. Both options are delicious, portable foods that can help fuel next year's hunt with this year's hunt.

Of the two, sausage can be a little more difficult with the added step of stuffing the meat into casings. After grinding a mixture of venison and pork then stuffing the casing, you smoke the sausages at low temperature for several hours. These make fantastic appetizers and camp food, and you can freeze them for later use.

Pepperoni sticks, also portable, are the perfect pocket snacks next to jerky (more on that next). Like summer sausage, they do require some extra work grinding the meat and incorporating the right amount of spices. You can find pepperoni-size casings at specialty stores, sporting goods stores or online, as well as whole kits for making pepperoni sticks.



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The key with making jerky lies in the thinness of the meat. You'll want to thinly slice the larger chunks of meat into strips. Then, you soak the slices in a marinade for several hours or overnight, before smoking or drying them.

Drying is most commonly done in a food dehydrator, but smokers or even your oven at its lowest setting with the door open ajar can do the job just fine. The key is just low, low heat for a long, long time.

There are many jerky recipes available in cookbooks or the internet. Remember when making jerky the pieces should be dry, but still supple. Too dry and it will be brittle and crunchy, which is overcooked. Although jerking is a method of preserving, it's still best to store it in the refrigerator or freezer.

**FUN FACT:** No, the word "jerky" does not get its name from the act of ripping dried meat with your teeth. Instead, the word comes from the Quechuan (Incan) word *ch'arki*, meaning "dried flesh," and didn't come into the American English vocabulary until 1850.

### More tips for processing game meat

- Pay attention to sanitary guidelines and cooking temperatures. Use a meat thermometer to ensure meat has reached the proper temperature when smoking or drying.
- You know what flavors you like and dislike, so learn the basics of a recipe and adjust to suit your tastes. Don't be afraid to experiment.
- If it's your first attempt with a new recipe, start with a small batch. If it doesn't turn out how you like, you can change it for your next batch.
- If you're making patty sausage, cook some as soon as it's done. Put a small, thin patty in an oiled frying pan, cook it a few minutes and taste it, then add more seasoning if needed.
- When freezing, don't put too much meat into one package. Aim for each package to hold enough for one meal.
- Take advantage of prepackaged seasoning mixes. They take a lot of the hassle out of figuring out which spices to use and how much, and many are created for wild game, not domestic meats.
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# Fish and Game Invites Anglers to Help Study Trophy Rainbow Trout in Lake Pend Oreille — and Win Prizes Doing It

— Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game —



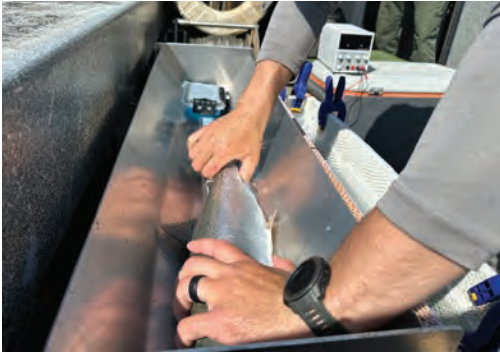
Lake Pend Oreille anglers can contribute valuable data on rainbow trout populations during the 2025 season and become eligible for great prizes

Idaho Fish and Game is calling on local anglers in the Panhandle Region to help support the state's premier trophy rainbow trout fishery in Lake Pend Oreille — and have a chance to win prizes in the process.

Through the 2025 Lake Pend Oreille Angler Science Program, anglers can contribute valuable data to fisheries management while enjoying time on the water and earning rewards for their participation.



Lake Pend Oreille continues to produce more rainbow trout over 20 pounds than anywhere else on Earth, making it a destination fishery for anglers. To ensure this world-class fishery remains healthy and productive, Fish and Game biologists collect monitoring data to track population trends and angler success. But traditional survey methods only tell part of the story — and that's where anglers can make a difference.



## About the Angler Science Program

The Lake Pend Oreille Angler Science Program partners with the fishing community to gather information that helps biologists better understand rainbow trout catch rates, harvest and survival. Participants primarily contribute by recording catch data in logbooks and reporting tagged fish.

To date, angler participation has provided valuable insights. For example, catch rate of rainbow trout greater than 32 inches in 2024 was twice as high compared to 2023, and rainbow trout over 25 inches represented 50% of the total catch.

“Anglers play a critical role in helping us understand and sustain the trophy trout fishery on Lake Pend Oreille,” said Andy Dux, Regional Fishery Manager for Fish and Game’s Panhandle Region. “The information they provide directly informs our management decisions and ensures future generations can enjoy the same world-class fishing opportunities.”



## Prizes and Rewards

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## How to Participate

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- The Lake Pend Oreille Angler’s Club Fall Derby runs Oct. 29th–Nov. 2nd
- The Lake Pend Oreille Idaho Club’s Thanksgiving Derby runs Nov. 22nd–30th

Completed logbooks must be submitted by Dec. 10 to qualify for the free raffle.

For anglers not participating in a derby, free logbooks are available at the Panhandle Regional Office, 2885 W. Kathleen Ave., Coeur d’Alene.

Full program details can be found on the Fish and Game website.



## Report Tagged Rainbow Trout

Fish and Game is also conducting a tagging study to better understand rainbow trout dynamics. Tags are located on the backs of fish and include a unique number, phone number, website and — on select tags — a reward value.

Reward tags are worth \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$200. Anglers who catch a tagged trout are asked to report the tag number and capture location to Fish and Game.

## Get Involved

Participation is free, and every data point submitted helps biologists make informed management decisions.

For more information about the Lake Pend Oreille Angler Science Program, contact the Panhandle Regional Office at (208) 769-1414 or visit the Fish and Game website. Follow the Panhandle Region Facebook page for ongoing program updates and fisheries news.

## About Fish and Game

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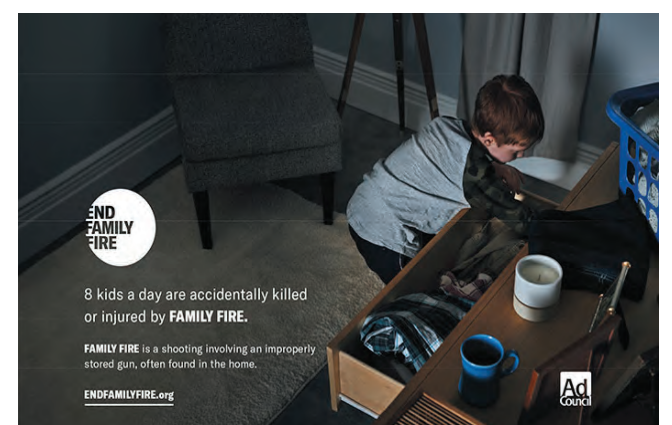
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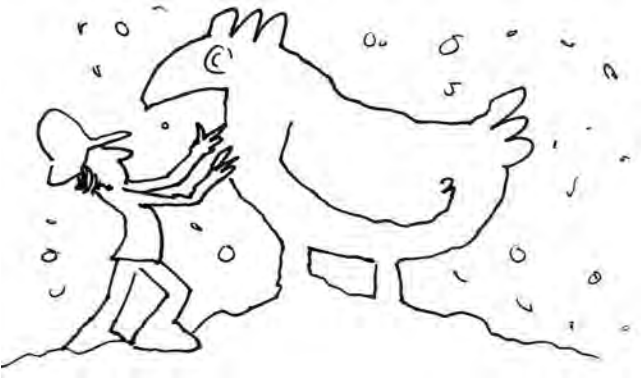
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*Serves 4*

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup skim or whole milk
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
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Preheat oven to 425 F. Let one of your kids count and crack the eggs into a mixing bowl. Inspect it to be sure that there are no remaining shells. Beat eggs

with a beater until they're light and pale. Another child may measure and gradually beat in the milk, flour, sugar and salt.

Meanwhile, place butter in a 10- or 12-inch cast-iron or ovenproof skillet, or a 9-by-13-inch oven-safe glass baking dish. An adult should place it in the oven until it is hot and the butter sizzles.

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As you can see, mountains are extremely important. Sadly, however, climate change and over-exploitation threaten our majestic mountains. As a result, the livelihood of those who live in the mountains is also under threat. Mountain people are among the poorest in the world. These threats to their home make it even more challenging to survive.

One of the best things you can do to help conserve mountains is reduce your carbon footprint.

**How To Observe #InternationalMountainDay**

Mountains are found in many countries around the world. Countries relying on their mountains for food, water, tourism, and habitats host various events on this day. The Albanian Alps Alliance chairperson has given an interview discussing the importance of mountains in his country. Researchers at the

University of British Columbia in Canada convene each year on this day to discuss mountain ecosystems and the need to preserve these environments. Hiking excursions, film festivals, bonfires, and photo concerts are also held.

- To participate:**
- If you live near the mountains, go camping or hiking.
  - Reflect on a trip you took to the mountains. What impact did it have on you?
  - Challenge your friends and family to name as many mountains as possible.
  - Learn about the importance of mountains and the threats they face.
  - Set a goal of climbing one of the world's most climbed mountains including Mt. Fuji, Mt. Hood, and Mt. Kilimanjaro.
  - Listen to songs about mountains including "High on a Mountain Top" (Loretta Lynn), "The Mountain Song" (Jerry Garcia), "One Tree Hill" (U2), "Mountain Music" (Alabama).
  - Share a beautiful picture of a mountain on social media with #InternationalMountainDay.

**International Mountain Day History**

In 1992, the UN held the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD). As part of the CSD, the UN adopted a document called "Managing Fragile Ecosystems: Sustainable Mountain Development." Due to the emphasis on the importance of mountains, the UN declared 2002 the UN International Year of Mountains. In 2003, the United Nations General Assembly designated December 11th as International Mountain Day. The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is responsible for leading the observance of this day. Recent themes have included:

- 2019: Mountains Matter for Youth
- 2018: Mountains Matter
- 2017: Mountains Under Pressure: Climate, Hunger, Migration
- 2016: Mountain Cultures: Celebrating diversity and strengthening identity
- 2015: Promoting Mountain Products for Better Livelihoods



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# Pets

## Pets of the Week: Rigby and Shadow

— Companions Animal Center —



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**AKC FRENCH BULLDOG** puppies just in time for Christmas. Check out our Black Friday specials! [www.oceanbluebulliesllc.com](http://www.oceanbluebulliesllc.com)



**DO YOUR RESEARCH!** Make sure you are really ready for a new pet before bringing one home! Also consider adopting a pet from a shelter: They are full to bursting with many pets just waiting for a family to take them home and love them!

**POCKET/ XL BULLY:** Looking for the perfect gift this holiday season? I have 4 XL/ Pocket Bullies ready to bring joy and love into their new homes! 1 beautiful female and 3 handsome males. These pups are healthy, playful, and full of personality, making them the ultimate companions for the new year. Price: \$900 each. Give your family the gift of loyalty, love, and endless cuddles this Christmas. Don't miss out! Message me today to reserve yours and make this holiday truly unforgettable. Vivianna, 509-975-4111

**BOXER PUPPIES** Available Jan. 7th! 7 handsome boys and 2 sweet girls. Healthy, playful, and raised with love. Reserve your pup now and bring home your new best friend! 509-948-0689



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**AKC TOY POODLE**. Charlie is great with small dogs, kids and warm laps. Super sweet, loving, smart. \$1200 to the perfect forever home. Full registration, shots, 7 weeks. 208-771-2732, CdA

**PUGS READY TO GO:** I have 2 male and 2 female playful Pugs ready for their new homes! They are 13 weeks old, have their first shot and have been dewormed. They are searching for their loving forever homes and families. We are asking \$500 each. Please contact 541-561-8816

**BOSTON TERRIERS:** (2) females available, 9 weeks, dewormed and vaccinated, \$500. 509-594-2656, Yakima



**GERMAN SHEPHERD** Great Pyrenees puppies. Will be 8 weeks Dec. 7th, \$200. Located in Bonners Ferry, 208-217-1159

**YORKIE FEMALE**, TWO years old, approximately 4.5-5 lbs. Smaller boned, uses doggy door, kids and other small dogs okay. Crate and house trained. Perfect little lap or emotional support dog. \$800. 509-833-1725. Pick up in Yakima

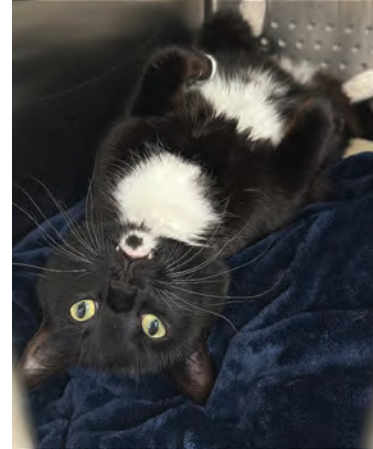


**TEXAS CATTLE DOG AND Red Heeler** puppies ready to go on Dec. 2nd. 6 weeks old, shots and wormed, 4 females, 3 males; blues, reds and whites, mottled and spots! \$400 cash only! Spirit Lake! Call Sandy 307-262-5378

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**Rigby: three year old male.** Rigby is a young black Labrador mix with a goofy charm and a whole lot of love to give. He's still figuring out the world, so he can be a little shy at first—but once he warms up, his playful, affectionate side shines through.



**Shadow: five year old male.** Shadow is a loving, friendly guy. He wants all the attention and would prefer to be the only cat. We do not yet know how Shadow does with dogs. Shadow would do best in a home with adults or respectful older children.



Adoptions by appointment. Companions Animal Center is located at 10275 N Atlas Rd, Hayden, ID. We are open to the public Tuesday-Saturday noon-6pm, Sunday noon-4pm, and closed Mondays. Visit [www.companionsanimalcenter.org](http://www.companionsanimalcenter.org) or call 208-772-4019 for more information.

## Community Calendar

**Theater: "Little Women"**, 2pm and 7:30pm on various days, Nov. 21st-Dec. 7th, at Lake City Playhouse, 1320 E. Garden Ave., CdA. Come see this timeless classic come to life on Coeur d'Alene's oldest stage. Tickets available at: [www.lakecityplayhouse.org](http://www.lakecityplayhouse.org)

**3 C's Coeur d'Alene's Choral Concert**, 2pm Sunday, 7pm Friday, Dec. 2nd and Dec. 5th, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 N. 5th St., CdA. Get in the Christmas mood with this free musical program, directed by Sheila Wayman and accompanied by Ruth Clark. Donations are accepted to benefit 3C's cause (cancer and community charities). More info at: <http://3cscda.com/>

**History Hour with Jacob Eberlein**, Wednesday, December 10th, 5:30pm, Coeur d'Alene Library, 702 E. Front Ave., CdA. As part of Museum of North Idaho's lecture series, a study of Christmas in CdA, based on paintings of Fr. Nicholas Point during his initial visit in 1842 with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, will be presented. How did Christmas here compare with Christmas' celebrated in Europe or other parts of the U.S.?

**Wreaths Across America**, 9am Saturday, Dec. 13th, at Pine Grove Cemetery, 6693 Highway 53, Rathdrum. To honor the brave men and women who served in our Armed Forces, a ceremonial wreath will be placed on each gravesite. More info - call Eric at 208-687-2399, Rathdrum Parks & Rec.

**Community Christmas**, 10am-noon Saturday, Dec. 13th, at The Heart (CdA Campus), 772 W. Kathleen Ave. For years, Market at The Heart has

been serving our community with holiday meals and Senior Stockings. This year, during the Christmas season, we want to create a Community Christmas encounter for all families big and small. Free photos for families, cocoa and cookies, and crafts for kids. Is your family in need of a Christmas Dinner? Sign up at: [theheartonline.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3280832](http://theheartonline.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3280832)

**Holidays at MONI** at Museum of North Idaho, 11am-3pm Saturday, Dec. 13th, 720 E. Young Ave., CdA. Celebrate holiday cheer with hands-on holiday crafts for kids, cocoa/cookies, a wheel spin, and view "Deck the Table" centerpiece display. Free admission for those donning a Christmas sweater.

**Pinehurst Christmas Festival**, 3pm-7pm Saturday, Dec 13th, in Christmas Town Square (bike park and playground on Division Street). Family activities include cookie decorating, cake walk, s'mores, Christmas light parade at 6pm followed by a tree lighting ceremony and photos with Santa.

**Pinehurst Christmas Light Parade**, 5:30pm line up; 6pm start, Saturday, Dec 13th, in Christmas Town Square (bike park and playground on Division Street). Be a spectator or join the lineup! String lights on your vehicle. Build a float for your business. Dress up your family, friends and pets. Let's light up the city of Pinehurst, brighter than ever before! The lineup will be at the Lions Building in Pinehurst starting at 5:30pm. Tree lighting ceremony and photos with Santa following.

**A Pinehurst Christmas: Open Air Christmas Market**, Saturday, December 13th, noon-7pm at the bike park/basketball court on Division St., Pinehurst.

*Courtesy of Coeur d'Alene Insider. For more extensive calendar, visit: [www.cdainsider.com/calendar](http://www.cdainsider.com/calendar)*



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**SHIH TZU PUPPIES!** (6) males, 3 females, available Dec. 4th, first shots, dewormed, very friendly, socialized, \$1000. Post Falls, ID, [www.northidahoshihztzus.com](http://www.northidahoshihztzus.com)

**FEMALE FRENCH Bulldog**, full AKC registration, 11 weeks old, up to date vaccinations, located in Pasco, WA. \$2300. For more info, call/ text 509-274-0860



**BIRD HUNTING** Machines. German Shorthaired Pointer/ English Pointer. \$500 (\$200 deposit). Whelped Nov. 5th, ready Dec. 30th. 7 males, 2 females. Sire AKC German Shorthair Pointer, fantastic bird dog, strong resilience and drive, natural retrieve. Grandsire (on sire's side) field trial and NAVHDA champion. Dam AKC English Pointer, fantastic bird dog, great drive, natural retrieve, all her littermates are proven hunters as well. Grandsire (on dam's side) field trial grand champion. Pictures available, 505-681-3086, CdA

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Pets

AKC GOLDEN RETRIEVER puppies born 10/21/25, ready for forever homes 12/16/25. Family raised. Will be vet checked and receive first shots. Located in Kingston, ID, \$800-\$1200. Call or text 208-818-6152 for more info



MINIATURE SCHNOODLE puppies, 10/7. Current on vaccines and wormings. Non-shedding, hypoallergenic, soft wavy/ fluffy coats. Adult size estimated 17 to 22 lbs., \$800/\$1000. For information call/text 509-936-4184, Hunters, WA

SECOND CHANCE PETS, Inc. All dogs spayed or neutered. Hank 2 year black Lab, very friendly, medium size, short coat; Floki, 1.5 year purebred male Catahoula, gorgeous, black and rust coat, one-person dog; Eb, 2 year male black German Shepherd, great friendly dog! Charko, 3 year Basque Shepherd mix, beautiful dog! Bruno, 4.5 year male purebred Blue Great Dane, 140 lbs., best as an only dog; Sam, 3 year male English Bulldog/ Boxer mix (Valley Bulldog), cute fat face, fawn and white coat; Delilah, 11 month female black Lab mix. Mitzi, 8-10 month female yellow Lab/ Whippet cross, sweetest girl! Summer, 2 year female Boxer/ Shepherd mix, fawn with black face shorthair; Autumn, 1 year female Boxer mix, beautiful short fawn coat, small/ medium size girl; Snickers, 1 year female black and rust wire coat, medium size Terrier mix, looks like Benji; Bugsy, 1 year female Mini Idaho Shag, could possibly be an Aussiedoodle, soft wavy blue roan non-shedding coat, 23 lbs. You can visit ID06.petfinder.com or email i dahocoondog@yahoo.com for information



AKC SCOTTISH TERRIER puppies born 6/27/25. Hypoallergenic, nonshedding, parents health tested, starting at \$550. 208-610-5162



(3) MINI GOLDENDOODLE puppies! 5 weeks old. 2 girls and 1 boy. Great personalities. Smart. Playful. Estimated weight 20 lbs. Want to find them nice homes for the holidays! Please call or text for more info! 208-610-6812, Sandpoint, ID

BICHON POODLES: Beautiful males and females available for their forever homes end of Dec. Adult weight approx 12-13 lbs. max. Dam is white mini Poodle with natural short tail. Sire is Bichon Poodle. Will be going home vaccinated and wormed. Care package included, \$700 and \$900. Deposits accepted. Located in Granger, WA. Call/ text 509-515-6997



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I'M SORRY IF YOU THINK I'm a puppy mill. Please forgive me. I'm an old man and don't get much social security. I need to sell a few puppies to pay my taxes and get some firewood. I have 3 Mastiff puppies. I can't carry the big puppies anymore, so I started raising a few Chihuahuas. I love my puppies and take good care of them. I'm asking \$600 for Chihuahuas and \$800 for Mastiffs. 208-627-9424

JACK RUSSELL PUPPY, great markings, shots, dewormed. Ready for new home, \$400 OBO. Text/ call 406-529-2827, Heron, MT

YORKIE PUPPIES: (2) males and 1 female, 10 weeks, ready for their forever homes. Come with 2 shots and deworming. Tails docked and dewclaws removed. Males \$750, female \$900. For more info text 541-571-7747

# Pets of the Week: Belle and Eddie

— Better Together Animal Alliance —



Meet Belle! Belle is a beautiful and affectionate 2-year-old cat with the perfect balance of playful energy and loving charm. She's a skilled mouser, so if you're looking for a cat who can help keep your home critter-free, Belle's your girl! While she enjoys spending time

with people and soaking up attention, Belle can be a bit selective about her feline friends. She would do best in a home where she can either be the only cat or live with another cat who respects her space. Belle isn't a fan of dogs, so a pup-free home would make her happiest. Belle is litterbox trained, well-mannered, and adaptable - she's comfortable living both indoors and outdoors. Whether she's lounging in a sunny window or exploring your yard, she'll bring warmth and companionship wherever she goes. If you're looking for a sweet, independent, and loyal companion, Belle is ready to meet you!



Meet Eddie! At 8 years old and 53 pounds, Eddie is full of playful energy and charm. He loves kids and gets along wonderfully with dogs, making him an ideal fit for a family home. His favorite

pastime? Exploring wide open spaces and taking in all the scents-he's a true adventurer at heart! Our dog walkers describe him as affectionate, friendly, and excellent on leash. He's shown great social skills with other dogs during his walks, happily greeting them with a wagging tail. While Eddie is a social butterfly, he's not recommended for a household with chickens or cats. If you're looking for a loyal, loving companion who's always ready for both adventure and cuddle time, Eddie might just be your perfect match!



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FEMALE FRENCH Bulldog, full AKC registered, located in Kennewick, WA. 8 weeks old, vaccinated and dewormed. \$2300. For more info, call/ text 509-274-0860

PUREBRED MINIATURE Schnauzer puppies! Born 10/22/25, first shots given, perfect for Christmas! Dad is white and registered, mom is silver/ salt and pepper, both on site. Call/ text 509-237-1362



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MALE PUG, EIGHT WEEKS old. Vaccinated and dewormed, located in Kennewick, WA. For more info, please call/ text 509-274-0860



OUR LITTER OF CAVAPOO puppies is ready just in time for Christmas. Check off that Christmas gift for that special someone! Vet checked, first shots, born on 10/01/25. 5 males, 2 females, \$800. Online pictures at nickelsworth.com. Call or text 816-896-9985 for more info

(9) PARAKEETS FOR SALE, different colors, \$100 for all 9. Gary, 208-661-8244

FEMALE FRENCH Bulldog, full AKC registration, 11 weeks old, located in Pasco, WA. \$1700. For more info, call/ text 509-274-0860



PUREBRED SHIH TZU puppy, male, 12-13 lbs., back dewclaws removed, shot record and some food. Great pet for any household. \$1000. 208-392-7275, Caldwell, ID



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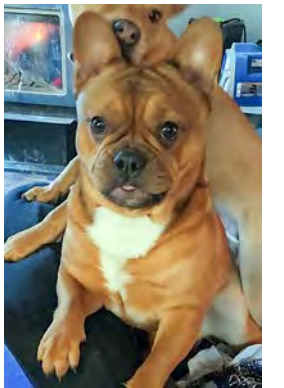
AKC GOLDEN RETRIEVER male puppy. Mid-sized, friendly and playful, but has a bit calmer of a personality. Born Oct. 4th, \$1300. Call or text Charleen, 509-540-2560, www.lilacacres.org

AKC BLACK LABS JUST IN time for Christmas! American English crosses. Both mom and dad are hunting bred and love both dry land and water, are amazing family/ farm dogs, are health and genetic tested and have their OFAs. Puppies: Both male and female available. They will come with up to date worming, age appropriate vaccines, first puppy wellness, microchip, and puppy starter pack! I have both limited and full registration available. \$1250. 509-987-2605

FREE: GREAT PYRENEES 9 month old female, wonderful dog. Free to good home. 208-625-0103

CAIRN TERRIER/ BICHON mix: I have an adorable, loving, joyful and hypoallergenic Cairn Terrier/ Bichon puppy. She comes with first set of vaccinations, dewormed, and a sample of food. Mother is 8 lb. Cairn Terrier, dad is 9 lb. purebred Bichon Frise. For more info, please call or text 509-270-2905

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# Lost & Found

MISSING YOUR DOG? Spirit Lake, Cataldo, Athol, Rose Lake, Worley, etc., anywhere in Kootenai County outside of Cda limits, check the Post Falls Animal Shelter immediately! Don't just call, your description may not match theirs; don't assume it's gone forever. Check out their adoptable dogs! 1725 E. Polston Ave., Post Falls, 208-773-3517. Facebook: Post-Falls-Animal-Shelter



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# Pets

## Pets of the Week: Tamarack and Avanti

— Priest River Animal Rescue —



**FLOKI IS A TWO YEAR** neutered male purebred Catahoula leopard dog. He came in to rescue as a puppy, was adopted and then returned and now has been here over a year! He is a beautiful dog. Kind and very smart. He's very typical of his breed. He is housebroken, obedient and quiet. Read all about him and see more photos at ID06.petfinder.com or call 208-666-6025, Second Chance Pets CdA

**POMERANIAN PUPS:** Males and 1 female available for their forever homes. Vet checked, vaccinated and wormed, parents on site, born July 28th. Located in Granger, WA. \$400. Call/ text 509-830-5239 or 509-830-5136

**FRENCH BULLDOG** Puppies: AKC registered, born 10/9/2025, ready for new homes 12/4/2025. 1 male and 4 females available. 509-380-1349



**AKC REGISTERED** Standard Poodle puppies out of Grand Champion and International Champion lines! Curly clouds of joy: bright, loyal, and hypoallergenic; ready to prance into your heart and call it home, \$2495 OBO. courey.spire@gmail.com, 307-899-6908, can travel to meet

**PUREBRED LONGHAIR** male Chihuahua puppy! Chocolate tri-color! Will be ready in time for Christmas! Ready 12/17/2025! \$700, text 509-380-8007, Post Falls

**AKC WIREHAIR** Pointing Griffons: Champion lines, 5 months old, housebroken and well started hunting. Call for info. 541-805-4607



**ST. BERNARD PUPPIES**, 8 weeks old and ready to go. First shots and wormed, parents on site, \$300, Sagle, ID. Text or call Kyle 208-946-8942

**BEAUTIFUL STANDARD** Goldendoodle puppies for sale. First shots. Ready in time for Christmas, \$900. Text 208-874-2631 for more info

**MAINE COON MIX** Kittens with shots, dewormed, litter box trained, loving, ready to go. 509-201-0885

**POMCHI PUPPIES:** TWO males and one female, under 6 lbs., vaccines up-to-date and have been dewormed. They are great with kids, seniors and other animals and are very loving and love cuddles and kisses. If you have more questions, please call or text me at 509-318-4216

**PUREBRED PUG PUPPIES.** Come with 1st set of shots and dewormed. 509-728-3246

**DACHSHUND/ WEENIE** dog puppies born November 1st. Parents on site. Located Kennewick, WA for visits. Questions? 509-948-4970



**BERNEODOODLE PUPPIES** just in time for Christmas. F1 standard pups ready for their forever homes 12/20. Vet checked, first shots, dewclaws and deworming. Fancy black/whites, \$2000. Tri color female, \$2500. Taking deposits, \$500. Kootenai Bernedoodles, Rathdrum, ID, 208-215-4460

**SHOSHONE PET RESCUE!** Darrin, young male black Shepherd/ Husky; Justice, senior male German Shepherd; Jean Luc, senior male Pomeranian; TukTuk, young medium sized mixed breed male; Corky, 2 year Shepherd mix male puppy; Russo, 7 month male Husky mix puppy; Topsy, 6 month female Lab/ Pitbull/ Hound mix puppy; Mavis, 2 year female 80 lb. black Lab mix; Megan, 7 month female 50 lb. Retriever mix. More info at www.spr.petfinder.com or call 208-512-3401



**BASSET HOUNDS** READY to go, \$2000-\$2500. Additional photos online at www.nickelsworth.com. 425-350-0825

**MALTIPOO PUPPIES:** NINE weeks, vaccines up to date and dewormed. Very social with kids and cats. These puppies are very mellow and enjoy cuddles and kisses. Text or call 509-539-6006 or 509-430-5377. Thank you



**MUNCHKIN KITTENS,** One all black male, and one black and white tuxedo male. Both are Rug Huggers with super short legs. \$1000. Part way delivery may be possible. 406-291-4225, Libby, MT



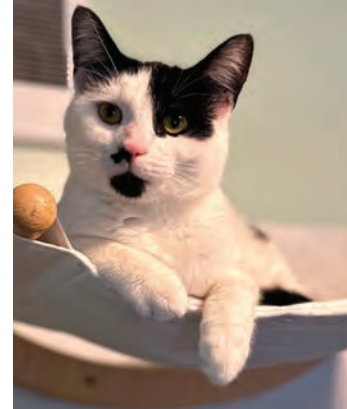
Thanks to Cheri's generosity, Tamarack's adoption fee is waived for an approved home, increasing his chances of finding a family. Tamarack is a lively, curious young dog whose playful spirit shines despite a difficult start—he was found abandoned in Stevens County with two other dogs. With patience and care, Tamarack learned to trust again and is now thriving at the rescue center. He's ready for a loving home where he can continue to grow, bond deeply, and discover the joys of life with someone who values his resilient, adventurous nature and open heart.



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## Community Calendar

**44th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony**, Thursday, Dec 4th, 4:30pm-7:30pm, at Hospice of North Idaho, 2290 W. Prairie Ave., CdA. There will be (2) ceremonies - 4:30pm and 6pm - providing a special time to reflect on love shared through words of comfort, calming music, and a meaningful luminary walk (optional) around the campus. Each family attending will receive a complimentary keepsake ornament to take home in honor of their loved one. Reserve one of the time slots for this free indoor/outdoor event at <https://hospiceofnorthidaho.org/>

**Ballet/Theatre: "The Nutcracker Prince,"** 4pm Fridays, 1pm Saturdays, Dec. 5th-Dec. 13th, at the Historic Rex Theater, 7222 Main St., Bonners Ferry. "A wonderful lesson about Christmas love and joy." This will be the first Christmas stage play at the Historic Rex Theater in nearly 90 years! [www.rextheatergroup.com](http://www.rextheatergroup.com)

**Papa's Holiday Lights**, through end of 2025, dusk-10pm, off Exit 2 from I-90 across from Flying J. Come enjoy popcorn and amazing lights synchronized to local FM radio station 90.5. Free to the public!

**Post Falls Plaza Market & WinterFest**, 4pm-8pm Friday, Dec. 5th, at City Hall Campus, 408 N. Spokane St., Post Falls. Shop for seasonal treats crafted by local artisans. Sponsored by Post Falls Parks & Recreation, WinterFest includes activities for kids, holiday tree lighting and caroling, Mrs. Claus' Kitchen, outdoor fire pits, visits with Santa, photo ops, and vendors. Free admission!

**Holiday Bazaar**, Friday-Saturday, December 5th-6th, 9am-3pm, Community Presbyterian Church, 417 N. William St., Post Falls. Warm up to 30+ local vendors in a warm, inviting holiday locale.

**Storytime with Santa Claus**, 11:30am Sat., Dec. 6th, at St. Maries Library, 822 College Ave #1720. Gather for a cheerful time with Santa, stories, fun crafts and photo ops. More info, 208-245-3732.

**Lighted Vehicle Parade**, 6pm Saturday, Dec. 6th, presented by Rathdrum Parks & Recreation. Decorated vehicles are welcome to help lead Santa throughout the Rathdrum community. More details TBA. Held in conjunction with the city's tree lighting ceremony.

**Santa & the Noteables**, 1pm Saturday, Dec. 6th, at Bayview Community Center, 20298 E. Perimeter Road. Good old-fashioned fun and presents with Santa making a special appearance. Entertainment by the renowned Noteables.

**Annual Christmas Market**, Saturday, December 6th, 9am-3pm, North Idaho Christian School, 251 W. Miles Ave., Hayden. A Christmas Wonderland featuring over 50 local vendors, concession stand with famous chili and a beautiful variety of goodies.

**Holiday Craft Fair**, Saturday, December 6th,

10am-3pm, by Rathdrum Craft & Farmers Market at Rathdrum Lions Club, 16114 N. Meyer Road. Unique gifts and goodies from many vendors.

**Kootenai County Farmers' Winter Market**, Saturday, December 6th, 10am-3pm, Kootenai County Fairgrounds, 4056 N. Gov't Way, CdA. Free admission and parking. Shop products from your favorite farmers and artisans offering locally-crafted gifts, decor, seasonal produce, meats, honey, jams, cheeses and baked goods. Live music by Bill Bozly and complimentary refreshments.

**Athol Community Swap**, Saturday, December 6th, 11am-4pm, Athol Community Center, 30355 3rd Street. Clothing, toys, decor, baby items and gifts of all kinds. Swap clean, odor-free and gently-used items. To donate, drop off items from 9am-11am.

**Merry Makers Market**, Saturday, December 6th, 1pm-4pm, Gizmo-CDA, 283 W. Hubbard Ave., CdA. Magical market of member-made beauties such as pottery, stained glass, wood carvings, felt and jewelry.

**Holiday Craft Fair**, Saturday, December 6th, 9am-3pm, Elks Lodge #1418, 628 Hwy 5, St. Maries. One-of-a-kind gifts such as handmade cards, jewelry, Christmas decor, homemade vanilla, Russian Tea and baked goods. Breakfast and lunch specials available for purchase upstairs.

**2nd Annual Christmas Bazaar**, Saturday, December 6th, 8am-3:30pm, 3rd Avenue Marketplace Senior Programs, 1215 E. 3rd Ave., Post Falls. Unique holiday gifts and festive shopping benefiting senior programs. Hot cocoa & coffee while shopping. Free sweet treat with donation of pet food or cat litter.

**Czech Christmas Mass**, 3pm Sunday, Dec. 7th, at First Lutheran Church, 526 S. Olive Ave., Sandpoint. First performed in 1796, this pastoral masterpiece tells the Nativity story through the eyes of humble Bohemian shepherds. Tickets and details: [www.sandpointconservatory.org/events](http://www.sandpointconservatory.org/events)

**Music Matters! Christmas Concert**, 6pm Tuesday, Dec. 9th, at Panida Theater, 300 N. 1st Ave., Sandpoint, IDJoin us for a festive evening of music! Music Matters! Youth Orchestra, Choir, and Percussion Ensembles take the stage at the Panida Theater to share the sounds of the season. [www.sandpointconservatory.org/events](http://www.sandpointconservatory.org/events)

**North Idaho Cowboy Christmas**, Saturday, December 13th, 10am-7pm, and Sunday, December 14th, 10am-4pm, Kootenai County Fairgrounds, 4056 N. Gov't Way, CdA. Wander through Bldgs 1, 7 and 20 to peruse unique gifts/treasures with a western flair. Handmade goods to holiday must-haves, find something special for everyone on your list. Free admission!

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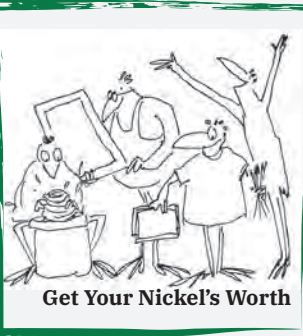
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