

Ear infections in pets

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Ear problems in dogs and cats, usually involving inflammation of the ear canal, are estimated to affect up to 20 percent of all dogs and up to seven percent of cats. Dogs with floppy or hairy ears, such as cocker spaniels, are affected most often because their ears don't air out as well as erect ears such as a German shepherd's ears. According to "The First Aid Companion for Dogs and Cats," ear infections are common because cats' and dogs' ear canals are shaped like an L and can trap moisture, which creates a perfect

environment for bacteria, fungi, and parasites such as ear mites. Clean, dry ears stay healthy. But water, soap, excess wax, or foreign objects like seeds, ticks, or wads of hair can lead to infections. And sore, itchy, swollen ears can also be a sign of allergy. Dogs and cats commonly shake their heads or scratch their ears from the intense itching. Most dog ear problems are caused by an overgrowth of yeast, a kind of fungus that's normally found inside the ear canal. But when the yeast grows too rapidly, the ears get hot and inflamed and look kind of "goopy." They may have a strong odor or a sweet

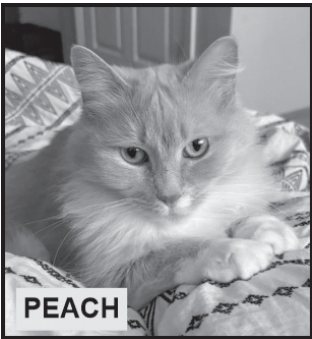
yeasty scent. Ear mites, tiny spider-like parasites that suck lymph from the skin of the ear canal, are another common cause of infections. Mites make pets' ears itchy and sore, and though you may not see the bugs, you'll notice crumbly brown or black material, which is a mixture of mite waste and wax that is a reaction to irritation. Ear mites and mild yeast infections can be helped with first aid. Constant scratching or head shaking can damage the normal protective skin surface so that bacteria can infect the ears. Bacterial infections need medical attention, because putting the wrong medicine in your

pet's ears could make the problem worse or even cause hearing loss. Be alert for any type of discharge that's light brown, yellow, greenish yellow, or dark and bloody, with or without head-tilting or loss of balance. The more serious infections can smell like fermenting fruit or chocolate. A dark brown to black waxy material that's runny and smells rancid probably is a yeast overgrowth. Yeast and fungal infections are very common in dogs but less often diagnosed in cats. Return your pet's ears to their normal acidic pH with a 50/50 vinegar-and-water solution twice a day. Put the mixture in

a spray bottle, lift the ear flap, and spritz the ears with the solution. Then wipe out the portion of the ear that you can see with a cotton ball or gauze pad. If you don't see improvement in 24 to 48 hours, take your pet to the veterinarian. When the ears are very itchy and you can see a dark, crumbly material just inside the ear, chances are good that your pet has ear mites. There is a wide range of over-the-counter ear mite medicines sold at pet stores, or your veterinarian may prescribe ointments containing neomycin sulfate. They have ingredients that kill the mites, and the ointment also soothes the inflam-

mation. Sometimes a pet may have both an ear infection and ear mites and this should be treated by a vet. Pet owners should never probe or clean a pet's ears with a cotton swab unless directed to do so by a vet, who will instruct you on how to clean ears without fear of injuring an eardrum. Your veterinarian also has liquid ear cleaning solution to help wash out your pet's ears. Cleaning ears can be a challenge for some pet owners, especially if they don't have help available. Pets seldom lay still if their ears are sore and itchy, and they don't like liquid squirted in their ear. If you can't find help, take your pet to the vet.

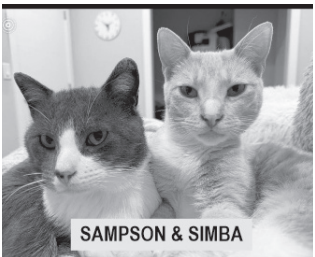
**PEACH:** This beautiful long haired girl is Peach and she has been looking for her forev-



er home since February! That's too long to wait to find her forever family! She is a very affectionate girl and won't waste any time jumping up in your lap and showing you lots of love. Peach loves to nap and make biscuits. She doesn't mind dogs. She is approximately 8 years old, spayed,

vaccinated and microchipped. **ADOPTION FEE** (Effective June 1st) \$107.50 (\$100.00 + tax). Call SVFA @ 840-5047.

**SIMBA & SAMPSON:** Sampson and Simba are the BEST of buds!! Sampson loves to snuggle and can't seem to get close enough to



you. Simba is playful and very social. These boys were found together and it is apparent that they enjoy and find comfort in each oth-

er's company. If you're looking for an amazing, well-mannered, easy-going duo, these are your guys! They are both neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. **ADOPTION FEE:** (Effective June 1st) \$80.63 (\$75.00 + tax). Call SVFA @ 701-840-5047.

**MIKA:** This handsome 10 year old ginger boy has been waiting for his forever home



since December 2024.

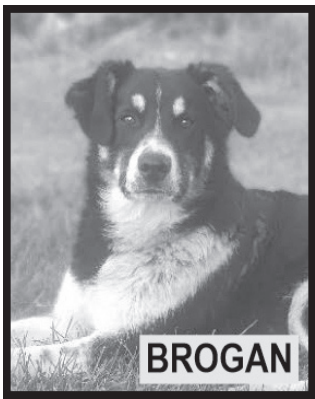
Mika is a loyal & affectionate boy. His favorite hangout is the tippy top of a cat tree! He would do best in a calm home. He is neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated. Call SVFA @ 701-840-5047 for adoption details. **SENIOR CAT ADOPTION FEE:** \$53.75 (Effective June 1st) \$50.00 + tax.

**DEXTER:** Dexter is a 2 year old male Rat Terrier that weighs about 20 pounds. He loves all people and dogs! His tail wags all the time! He loves to cuddle and also explore outside. Dexter would make a great family dog. He is neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Dexter requires daily



medication for seizures given twice daily every 12 hours. The seizure medications are inexpensive (\$18.00 for 1 1/2 months). **ADOPTION FEE** (Effective June 1st): \$161.25 (\$150.00 + tax). Call SVFA 701-840-5047.

**BROGAN:** Meet sweet Brogan! He is a 10 month old Border Collie cross weighing in at 41 pounds. He gets along with other dogs, kids and cats. He is house, kennel & leash trained.



It takes time for Brogan to come out of his shell, but when he does you'll find a sweet, loyal friend who wants to please you! He'd do best in a home with another dog or where someone is home most of the time. Brogan is neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. **ADOPTION FEE** (Effective June 1st): \$161.25 (\$150.00 + tax). Call SVFA @ 701-840-5047.



Celebrating Father's Day, one day late..

By Paul McDonald  
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It's never too late to celebrate Father's Day,

and yes this comes from a Father! We want to wish Donovan Krueger a Happy Be-Lated Father's Day. And thank his daughter Pamela Fettig for sending us a

photo of her dad Donovan Krueger with wife Teresa and all of their grandkids. I hope all you dads had a great Father's Day!

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Barnes County – Planning And Zoning Minutes – May 13, 2025**  
Members Present: Mike Schwehr, Jeff Erickson, Vern Roorda, Dave Carlsrud, Darrel Brudevold, Bill Carlblom, Jeff Bopp Also Present: Jessica Jenrich, Matt Olson, Emmett Olson, Arvid Winkler, Rod Haugtvedt Meeting called to order by Chairman Schwehr at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Carlsrud, seconded by Brudevold to approve the April 7, 2025 minutes. Motion carried Meeting recessed for Devin Weber for a Drain Tile Setback Variance of less than 75' but out of the road right of way from the center of township roads 125th Ave SE & 30th St SE. No one appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Carlsrud, seconded by Roorda to approve the Variance of less than 75' but out of the road right of way from the center of township roads 125th Ave SE & 30th St SE. Motion carried. Meeting recessed for Matthew Olson for the Creation of Triple E Subdivision & rezone to residential & a Structure Setback Variance of 150' from the center of township road 31st St SE. Mr. Olson was present to answer any questions. No one appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Bopp, seconded by Brudevold to approve the Subdivision & Rezone as he did come back with what he needed to do to be able to have a house in that area. Motion carried. Motion by Bopp, seconded by Brudevold to approve the Variance request of 150' from the center of the township road 31st St SE as there is already a house to the east that is a lot closer than the request. Motion carried. Meeting recessed for Dustin Theurer for a Drain Tile Setback Variance of less than 75' but out of the road right of way from the center of township road 40th St SE. Mr. Haugtvedt was present to ask the board about draining into a federal water easement which he owns to the East of this project. The board and Mr. Haugtvedt do know the board can not make that decision as that should be brought up somewhere else, the only thing P&Z

can do is the Variance request. No one else appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Brudevold, seconded by Erickson to table this request until next meeting so more information can be found out as far as the Federal water easement land and the landowner and drain tiling company can get this taken care of. Motion carried. Meeting recessed for John R Anderson for a Drain Tile Setback Variance of less than 75' but out of the road right of way from the center of township road 40th St SE. No one appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Bopp, seconded by Brudevold to approve the Drain Tile setback variance of less than 75' but out of the road right of way from the center of township road 40th St SE. Motion carried. Meeting recessed for John Triebold for a Drain Tile Setback Variance of less than 75' but out of the road right of way from the center of township roads 35th St SE & 120th Ave SE & to cross 35th St SE in two spots. No one appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Carlsrud, seconded by Brudevold to approve the requested Variance. Motion carried. **BUILDING PERMIT REVIEW** Brad Reed – Deck – Lot 14 Myers Sub, 35-143-58, SibleyTrail Twp; Dana Noot – Grain Bin – SW1/4, 16-137-61, Greenland Twp; Kurt Reidman – Cabin – Lt 7 Blk 1 Homestead Sub, 13-143-58, SibleyTrail Twp; Wayne Christ – Storage Building – Aud Lt 1 SE1/4 5A & 5.22A less .25A R/W, 24-143-61, Pierce Twp Motion by Brudevold, seconded by Erickson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm. Jenrich went through the proposed Development Code changes with the board and stated there will be a hearing at the next months meeting. Motion by Brudevold, seconded by Erickson to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm. Jessica Jenrich, P&Z Administrator

(June 17, 2025)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**Mill Levy Increase NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Township: Binghampton  
Date: June 24, 2025 Time: 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
Place: Fingal Fire Hall  
Polls will open at 7 p.m. And close at 8 p.m.  
**Election of Township Officers and Excess Levy**  
Excess Levy of Taxes: Shall the Township of Binghampton levy taxes for tax years 2025 – 2029 which shall exceed the current legal limit?  
2024 Income: \$99,251.09 2024 Expenditures: \$81,560.76  
2025: \$59,000.00 2025: \$56,000.00 2026: \$57,000.00 2027: \$58,000.00  
Estimated Expenditures: 2025: \$60,000.00  
Requested Tax Levy Amount: \$49,021.48 Allowable Tax Levy Amount: \$24,510.74  
Excess Levy Amount: \$24,510.74 Requested Mills: \$49,021.48 100% Mill Increase  
Pursuant to NDCC 57-15-20  
**EXCESS LEVY BALLOT**  
Shall Binghampton Township levy taxes for the years 2025 through 2029, which shall exceed the current legal limit by \$24,510.74, so that the taxes instead of being \$24,510.74, which is the limit authorized by law, shall be \$49,021.48?  
Yes ☐ No ☐

(June 10 & 17, 2025)

2025 MOTORCOACH TOURS

Mystery Tour	July 14-17
Medora 60th Anniversary	July 22-23
Folklorama	August 8-11
Mackinac Island & Duluth	September 1-6
Washington, D.C. & Gettysburg	September 12-20
Nashville/Grand Ole Opry 100th Anniversary	October 1-10
Branson Holiday #1	Oct. 31 - Nov. 6
Branson Holiday #2	November 7-13
Branson Holiday #3	November 13-19

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*Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

*Sharon Kronebusch*

Please join us for an  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
**Saturday, June 21, 2025 2-4 pm**  
**Dacotah Pavilion at Chautauqua Park**  
**933 12<sup>th</sup> St. NE ~ Valley City, ND**  
**OR**  
**Send birthday wishes to Sharon**  
**3183 106<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE**  
**Sanborn, ND 58480**