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# Paw Prints

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## LIGHTS, CAMERA ... PAWS N CLAUS

The Holidays are upon us and so is Paws N Claus. What a wonderful way to capture special times with your family or pets. A spectacular new set will give you a beautiful backdrop to create those family memories. Gather everyone up and come on out for your holiday photo shoot. Bring the pets or leave them home and get a great people only photo!

Paws N Claus will be held on two consecutive weekends this year, Friday, November 14th through Sunday the 16th and then again Friday, November 21st through Sunday the 23rd. That way you have twice the opportunities to get your holiday photographs and have two times the fun as well! We will be at the Spalding Center at 4131 Gordon Drive. (Next door to

Earl May Garden Center).

We invite you to bring your family, your pets, or whoever you want included in these one of a kind photographs. Professional photographers will take pictures against a beautiful new backdrop perfect for Christmas cards, holiday giving or a lifetime of memories for your enjoyment. Gift certificates for Paws n Claus sittings are also available for early holiday gift giving.

The price is still a great deal at only \$30.00! You will receive three printed photographs and a digital CD copy of the photos for you to use however you like. To book appointments call the Shelter at 252-2614, ext. 7. Call early to get the best times available!



### Dates and times for sittings:



Friday, November 14th – ..... 5:30 – 8:30pm  
Saturday, November 15th – ..... 10:00am – 6:00pm  
Sunday, November 16th – ..... 10:00am – 3:00pm

Friday, November 21st – ..... 5:30 – 8:30pm  
Saturday, November 22nd – ..... 10:00am – 6:00pm  
Sunday, November 23rd – ..... 10:00am – 3:00pm

***New location – Spalding Center at 4131 Gordon Drive. (Next door to Earl May Garden Center).***

To schedule a sitting call 252-2614, ext. 7 from 10am to 5pm Tuesday thru Saturday or noon to 5pm Sunday.

## Calling All Quilters

What a great way to spend the cold winter months – making a quilt for our auction to help save pets lives. Do you have a quilt to donate? Do you quilt or know someone who does? We are asking for your donations for our annual auction which will be held in June of 2015. Quilts can be of any design or fabric, new or antique. The larger quilts and the animal themed quilts are extremely popular. Please contact LaVon at 252-2614, ext. 16 with any questions. Thanks so much for your support!



# President's Letter *by Tammi L. Gagnon*



*My Name is Ogden. I love to snuggle and to stretch out on the floor.*

Most of the individuals who will be reading this newsletter treat the cats and dogs in our life as part of the family. We believe that they are ours to love and cherish until they pass from this life. Unfortunately not every animal is that lucky. The shelter plays a vital role in making sure that pets find a new forever home. We see all types of dogs and cats of all ages, sizes and various backgrounds.

Let me introduce you to Ogden and Blueberry. They are a couple of old timers that I adopted from the shelter this last year. One look at these adorable pictures is all it takes to fall in love.

I want to tell their story to encourage the adoption of older cats and dogs from the shelter. Both of my boys were removed from their long time homes and left in a strange place. At approximately 9 years old they were classified as hard to adopt because of their age. Every year we see older cats and dogs surrendered and then they are left to compete with kittens and puppies to find a new home.

There is a wide variety of reasons for these older pets to be surrendered. It is often due to the health or death of their owner. By no fault of their own the older pet is removed from the home they have known for years and their longtime companion disappears. Next time you are in the shelter please consider adopting an older animal. Although the younger ones may be more curious and cute please remember that the older ones are scared, confused and just looking for a new best friend.

An older cat will not terrorize your house like a kitten will by climbing your curtains. Instead

they will sleep most of the day and welcome the opportunity to sit on your lap after you have a long day. In addition, many times they are already declawed and spayed or neutered unlike their younger competition. At the same time an older dog will welcome the opportunity to take a nap with you. They typically won't chew your slippers or potty inside the house like the creatures with puppy breath and are often spayed or neutered. The most important thing to them is to find a new individual to be a loyal companion to.

In our hectic lives we often think we don't have time to commit to a new pet. What we forget about is that the older cat will almost take care of themselves if you make sure there is food, water and a warm place to curl up for a good nap. If you are a dog lover, throw in a good backyard and a front door to wait for you to come home by. In closing I ask you to remember the following when you or someone you know is looking for a new pet. Kittens and puppies are fun but please don't rule out the love and companionship an older cat or dog will give you unconditionally.



*My name is Blueberry. I love to snuggle and to try and catch mice.*

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The following gifts were received between 7/8/14 and 10/6/14. We have made every effort to print an accurate list. If we have made an error, we apologize. Please let us know at [adopt@siouxlandhumanesociety.org](mailto:adopt@siouxlandhumanesociety.org) or by calling (712) 252-2614, ext. 7 so we can print a correction.

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# What's Happening?

## October

28 Cherry Berry fundraiser

## November

3 Texas Roadhouse fundraiser

8-9 Petco Adoption Days

14-16\* Paws N Claus – Call for an appointment\*

15 Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day

21-23\* Paws N Claus – Call for an appointment\*

22-23 PetSmart Adoption Days

\*Paws N Claus - two consecutive weekends for your convenience.

## December

6-7 Holiday Open House

6-7 Petco Adoption Days

20 Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day

27-28 PetSmart Adoption Days

## January

City pet licenses expire, time to renew!

## February

14 Valentines Day Gourmet Double Chocolate Caramel Apples!

For more information on these and other events check out our website at [www.siouxlandhumanesociety.org](http://www.siouxlandhumanesociety.org) under the events button!

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*A BIG thank you goes out to a very generous young lady. Hannah donated pet food to help us feed the animals here at the Shelter! Thanks so much!*

*A group of kids from the YMCA summer camp brought over a donation of laundry soap, dish soap, paper towels and dryer sheets. The much needed supplies will help us care for the animals. Thanks so much! Check out our wish list for supplies that you can drop off too!*



*Josi and Lucy, two enterprising young ladies, decided to make some money to help care for the homeless pets. They took advantage of the hot summer days and set up a lemonade stand and then donated all their earnings to the Shelter. A big thank you goes out to these two young ladies!*

## Facebook Fan?

*Make us a fan! Go to the Siouxland Humane Society Facebook page and click on "LIKE" to become a fan. Tell your friends to become fans too! Great information on pets, events, success stories and so much more!*







# Volunteer Spotlight

*By Lynn Mikkelsen Posey*

## *Two “Pugs” Up For Animals!*

*By Willie and Peggy Tryon as told to Lynn Mikkelsen Posey*

Well, our parents have left us once again for one of their fabulous international travels. So, we were pretty excited to be recruited to write the Humane Spotlight article on mom, Lucinda. Just so you know who is writing here; we are Willie and Peggy (brother and sister Pugs). Also, contrary to what is supposedly common knowledge, we are **not** spoiled!

Our mom, Lucinda Tryon credits her involvement with the SHS to Dr. Roach and Dr. Robinson – they were her mentors. She was approached to volunteer as she has always been an advocate for dogs, cats and other domestic animals to be in safe and loving homes. She is serving her second 6-year term on the SHS board. Mom, Lucinda, has sold apples since 1993, but her favorite fundraiser is Paws ‘n Claus. We are not sure as her favorite Pugs why she thinks seeing all the other animals is so fun though.... but, we digress.... You should know though that we help mom promote a “Pug Pack” for Pets on Parade, sponsor a monthly ad for the Adopt-a- Pet feature in the *SC Journal* (as did our predecessor Pug Harry), fund public service announcements on FM90 for the shelter and even helped

mom with the SHS garage sale. She likes involvement in major fundraisers and we get a nap and treats after. ☺ Our parents have also given homes and care to 3 rescue cats Morris, Turnip and Kitty-Kitty over the last 20 years.

Mom and Dad took early retirement 11 years ago from teaching so they can travel. Currently as we write; they are in Turkey which is their 40th international trip. (No wonder we (the pugs) are deservedly spoiled ☺)! Mom and our other favorite organization is the Wildlife Lodge and Clinic, an all-volunteer group that helps our orphaned wildlife friends in season and raptors year round with medical care and safe release. We love wildlife and the neighbors say mom runs the “Tryon buffet” for them. For some reason we can’t help with the other things mom does; she volunteers at the Peirce Mansion, Friends of the Library, served two terms on the board of Friends of FM90 and answers phones for them for their friend- raisers. At the Tryon house, like mom Lucinda, we are all committed to making sure that less fortunate animals (than us) will be cared for far into the future. Pugs Hugs to you all!

## *Helping To Ensure Homes Through Volunteerism*

Karena Mitchell has a passion for animals! She hopes to become a veterinarian or assistant one day. Her volunteer relationship with the Humane Society began after visiting the shelter with her church youth group. She swiftly signed up, attended orientation and has been going forward ever since helping animals find good homes through volunteering for most every activity at the shelter. She is committed to the offsite adoptions, Pets on Parade, walking animals, giving flea and tick baths, cleaning cages, socializing animals, being around the super-cool shelter workers and then enjoying the fruits of her labors when the animals are adopted out to good homes.

Her number one relationship, she observes was with a Chihuahua/ Min- Pin named Sophie. With social issues, Sophie needed a lot of encouragement. Cooperatively, Karena and the shelter employees got Sophie socialized to a place where adoption was

possible. This particular pooch was adopted by Karena’s neighbor (the dog came with good references ☺). Now, seeing Sophie grow, enjoy being loved and develop her personality is most rewarding. Although she counts this as one great success, she self admittedly “falls in love with pretty much all the animals.” Just ask any of the shelter workers!

Karena is a sophomore in high school. Her family is composed of her parents – “the best in the world” she muses, 3 brothers, a sister and their 3 year old dog. Her hobbies include; the SHS at the top the list, reading, drawing, making bracelets and “hanging out with the family and dog.”

Karena loves to see volunteers help at the shelter. She says of the employees “they are just such awesome people, but can’t do everything at once, so volunteers are appreciated.” Her goal is to see all the shelter animals go to good homes and be loved and cherished.

# FETCH LIST



**In addition to monetary donations we are also in need of many other items to help care for the homeless animals we receive each year. Here is a list of our current needs:**

- ✓ Beer or Pop Cardboard Flats
- ✓ Bleach
- ✓ Kibbles N Bits Dry Dog Food
- ✓ Laundry & Dish soap
- ✓ Paper towels
- ✓ Pre-paid gift cards for discount stores, pet stores
- ✓ Scrubbing Bubbles
- ✓ Toys for cats and dogs
- ✓ \$\$\$ to pay for veterinary costs for injured animals



Monetary donations are always greatly appreciated!  
**An envelope is enclosed for cash donations!**

## Ho, Ho, Ho-liday Open House!

Join us for fun, food and festivities at our holiday open house on Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 – 5:00 and Sunday the 7th from noon – 5:00. We will have refreshments and treats plus special adoption prices and behind the scenes tours of the Shelter. This will be a great time to also grab a gift for your pet or pet lover in your life. Don't miss out on the bake sale with all sorts of holiday yummys too! Check out a new pet for the holiday or just stop by for some goodies or to pick up some toys for the pets. Please come take a tour, visit with staff and go home with a big smile!

## Is Your Cat a Floosie?



Do you “let the cat out”? Does she hang-out with an undesirable lot of Tomcats? Does she disappear for long periods and come back when she wants? Is she spayed? Yes? Yes? Yes? And No? Then you are the owner of a feline floosie. Why? Because cats breed like rabbits. An unspayed cat can produce 12 kittens in a year, which will produce 66 cats in two years, and 382 cats in three years, then 2,000 cats in four years, 73,000 in seven years. Result? Inevitable suffering for millions of our friendly, fluffy friends. Homelessness. Starvation. Disease. And death from cars, larger animals, pranksters, and more.

Obviously at this rate there are not homes for all of them and you can help stop these generations of suffering. Have your female spayed and your male neutered. Don't allow litters. We have a Spay the Mom Cat Program that will pay 100% of the spay cost. Stop by the Shelter or call us for an application. We would much rather help you get your floosie fixed than have unwanted litters with no homes. There are few qualifications to this program and most that apply qualify so check it out!

## Treats & Toys Time



The Shelter is the place to shop for holiday gifts for both the pets and people in your life. Check us out for both your four and two legged friends! Treats, toys, clothing and games just to name a few, all at

ridiculously reasonable prices!

We are also offering Decorated Dog Biscuit gift bags which feature coated and decorated dog biscuits available for large or small dogs in a festive holiday bag. We also have cat gift bags full of toys your feline friends will love. The cost for each bag is only \$7.00.

We will also be selling stocking stuffers for pet lovers as well. We will be offering delicious candy bars for \$2, eat one now, stocking stuff later! They will be available at most area veterinary offices and at the Siouxland Humane Society at 1015 Tri-View Avenue, Sioux City.



# Top 5 Holiday Dangers to Pets

The holidays are a festive time for us and our pets. It's a time to easily overlook potential dangers to our four-legged family members. Take preventive measures to protect your pets. Being aware of these top five dangers could save you a trip to the vet.

**Holiday Tinsel and Ornaments** – while not toxic, are very attractive to cats. Once it's consumed, it can cause serious injury to your pet. In addition, tree ornaments can attract your pet's curiosity. Place glass ornaments higher up on the tree.

**Holiday Lighting and Candles** – are another source of danger to your curious pets. Electrical shock may occur when a pet bites an electrical cord. If you have candles on display, place them out of reach of your pets so they don't burn themselves or create a fire.

**Gift Wrap Ribbon** – It's best to discard ribbons and

bows from gifts so that your pets won't be enticed to chew or swallow them. Ingested ribbon can cause problems leading to emergency surgery and even death.

**Food Hazards** – Festive events mean edible treats — and lots of them. Unfortunately, many holiday goodies, such as chocolate, bones and nuts, can be extremely toxic or fatal to pets. Fat trimmings and bones are dangerous for dogs. Certain nuts should not be given to pets.

**Toxic Holiday Plants** – may be pretty, but some holiday plants are poisonous—even deadly. As little as a single leaf from any lily variety is lethal to cats. Others to avoid are pine needles, holly, mistletoe and poinsettias.

Taking precautions with pets during these festive times can help ensure that you and your family will enjoy a happy — and healthy — holiday season!

## Memorial Garden & Donor Wall

Are you looking for a way to permanently honor and remember a special pet or animal lover who has touched your life? If so check out the Richard L Robinson Memorial Garden or our donor wall.

The garden, funded by a gift from his estate, was born out of his love for animals, working in his yard and being outdoors. We have many different giving levels and naming opportunities available including paver bricks, nameplates on the memorial wall, trees, benches and the rain garden.

We also have a donor recognition area inside the Shelter. This wall will be used to recognize general gifts to the Shelter with several giving levels recognized. This is a cumulative wall and as you continue to give and reach the next level of giving; your nameplate will be moved to the next level.

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# From the Director

The “provide services and programs” part of our mission is as important as the “promote the humane treatment of animals” part. Part of what the Siouxland Humane Society has been working to do is to strengthen and develop our services and programs to fit the needs of the people we serve and to benefit their pets.

For years we have provided services and programs to the community, whether it's helping spay/neuter their pets, helping them find a lost pet, investigating cruelty/neglect, providing vet care or pet food, or a variety of other services and programs. However, many do not know we are here to help and have these available to help both the people and pets we serve. We have not done a good job getting the word out.

For example our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program does not just help shelter adopted dogs and cats but has

been expanded to include a Spay the Mom Cat Program. We will pay 100% of the spay cost to help prevent unwanted litters. Perhaps the best known is our adoption/surrender program. We take in nearly 3000 pets annually and place 100% of the adoptable pets into new homes.

We are excited to be strengthening and expanding the many services and programs we provide to the community. Check out our website – [siouxlandhumanesociety.org](http://siouxlandhumanesociety.org) or our facebook page to see all the services and programs we provide. We couldn't continue to do this important work without your continued support. Here's to another life-saving and record-breaking year!

For the animals,  
*Jerry*



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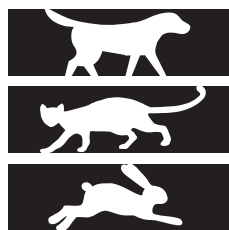


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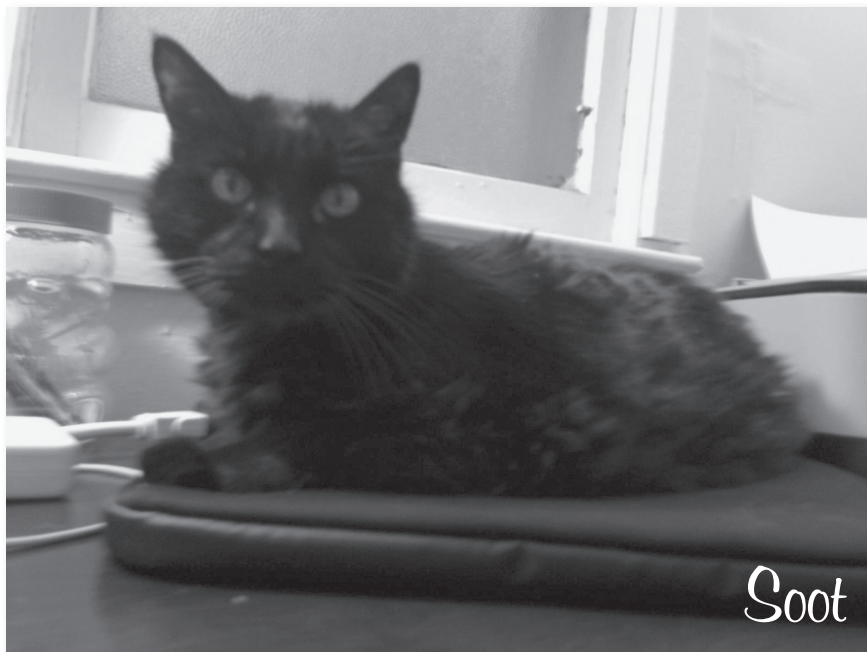
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# A FAIRY "TAIL" ENDING!



Soot, named for his smoky black color, came to us as a stray in April. Friendly, forlorn and in need of medical attention he was off to the veterinarian. There it was determined that he was about 8 years old and would be needing medications for the remainder of his life. He spent several months in what we will call "extended foster care" and then back to us for a permanent home. Soot was ADOPTED in October to a wonderful caring lady who will love him forever

Jake was a hungry homeless hound when he came to stay with us. He had several bad cuts on his head and neck area. A trip to the vet had him on the road to recovery. The vet looked at him and all the cut areas were shaved down and cleaned up good. Daily topical and oral medications had him on the mend. The best news of all – ADOPTED!



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# A Note from LaVon

I would like to thank each and every one of you that helped with our Pets On Parade 1 Mile/5K Fun Color Walk/Run! We had a beautiful day. From the people and businesses that sponsor the event to the volunteers, the vendors, the walkers, runners and even our little furry friends that attend, you all make this day very special. It is a day of celebration for the love and companionship that our furry friends give us and a day to help remind everyone that our furry friends here at the shelter continue to need our help. Each and every pet that enters this facility deserves a second chance to find a warm, comfortable loving home! To all of you that help make this possible, thank you from the bottom of all our hearts.

Although it doesn't seem possible Paws 'n Claus is just around the corner. Please mark your calendars for Friday, November 14th, Saturday, November 15th and Sunday, November 16th and Friday, November 21st, Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday, November 23rd. We will have a new

beautiful background. Call and make your appointment today!

I can't stress enough to all of you how important you are to all the pets here at the shelter. Each and everything you do help to ensure their future is a good one! Please consider volunteering at our offsite adoption programs. Getting the word out about our wonderful shelter pets really helps! Thanks again to all of you for what you do!

Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

Tuesday, October 28th Cherry Berry on Hamilton will be donating 10% of all proceeds from their sales that evening to the Siouxland Humane Society. Please come out and show your support!

Monday, November 3rd Texas Road House in Lakeport Commons will donate 10% of all proceeds for the evening to the Siouxland Humane Society. Again, please come out and treat yourself and also show your appreciation of these businesses!

## HELP PETS LOCALLY


Our hearts are always touched by the print and TV ads being run by the Humane Society of the United States and the ASPCA. However, we think it's important for you to know that our local shelter receives NO funding from either of these national organizations. We do lifesaving work here and need your support. Please use the envelope enclosed to send us your donation to help the sick, injured and homeless pets here in the Shelter. We are not an umbrella organization or local chapter of any national organization nor are we governed, ruled or regulated by them. Please support us locally!




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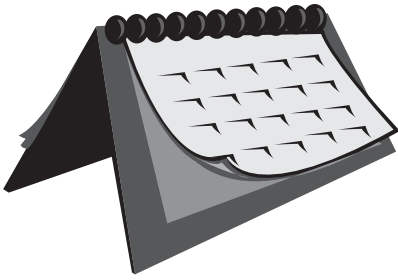
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*Walkers and runners alike enjoyed the day for the 1 Mile/5K Fun Color Walk/Run! Individuals and teams received great prizes for their efforts!*

*A group of walkers along the walk route at the riverfront. The runners were a mile ahead! It was a beautiful day for a nice walk to raise funds for the homeless pets!*



*People and pets start to gather after the walk to sit and enjoy the entertainment and contests.*

