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Pictures are worth a thousand words...

Pictures with your family, animals, Santa and more...

Let's capture them at Paws N Claus!

Fall is here and it's almost time to get ready for the Holidays! What comes next is a unique opportunity to take pictures with your pets, Santa and/or just of your family and help raise funds for the Shelter! This event is Paws N Claus. With a new winter scene, you are sure to catch the perfect pose with or without your pet!

Paws N Claus will be held on two consecutive weekends, Friday, November 3rd through Sunday, November 5th and then again Friday, November 10th through Sunday, November 12th. Our NEW location will be 819 Gordon Drive Suite A. Next to Cosmo Prof in the Woodbury Center strip mall. Same strip mall as last year but on opposite end.

We invite you to bring your family, your pets, and anyone

else you want to include in these one of a kind photos. Professional photographers will take pictures against a beautiful winter themed backdrop that are perfect for cards, gifts or just a lifetime memory of those you love.

For just \$35.00, you receive three printed photos with a digital CD copy of the photos for you to use however

you like, better yet, purchase 2 sittings for \$60 and get 6 printed photos and the CD copy. Gift certificates are available for purchase too! To book appointments, call the Shelter at 252-2614 ext. 7. Appointments are first come first serve.

A huge thank you goes out to Principal Financial group for sponsoring this year's event.

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Dates and Sitting Times:

Friday, November 3rd.....	5:30pm to 8:00pm	Saturday, November 11th.....	10:00am to 4:00pm
Friday, November 10th.....	5:30pm to 8:00pm	Sunday, November 5th.....	10:00am to 4:00pm
Saturday, November 4th.....	10:00am to 4:00pm	Sunday, November 12th.....	10:00am to 4:00pm

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Many thanks to our many friends for your generous gifts from 7/24 to 10/6/17. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy of this list. Let us know if corrections are needed.

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HOLIDAY PET TIPS

The holiday season is upon us, and many pet parents plan to include their furry companions in the festivities. As you gear up for the holidays, it is important to try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. Also, please be sure to steer pets clear of unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations.

Be careful with seasonal plants and decorations. Make sure to anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing injury to your pet. Avoid Mistletoe and Holly as they can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Use artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet. Avoid tinsel which kitties love. A nibble leads to a swallow, which can lead to surgery. Don't leave lighted candles unattended and keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach.

Avoid holiday food dangers. Skip the sweets, by now you know not to feed your pets chocolate. Keep your pets away from unattended plates of food and secure the lids on garbage cans. Leftovers, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. Be careful with cocktails as they can be appealing to your pets. Select special treats for your pets at the holidays. Stick with chew toys or Kongs that can be stuffed with healthy foods designed to be safely digestible. Surprise kitty with a new ball that's too big to swallow or a stuffed catnip toy.

Give your pet his own quiet space to retreat to—complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle. Shy pups and cats might want to hide out under a piece of furniture, in their kennel or in a separate room away from the activity. However you celebrate during the holiday season, be mindful of your pets and their safety and have a happy holiday season!

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FETCH LIST



Donated items are needed at all times of the year. To view the full Fetch List visit our website at siouxlandhumanesociety.org under Ways To Give, Fetch List tab!



Cat/Kitten Care Items:

Cardboard pop flats, cat litter (clay-type), cat toys, Frontline/Advantage Flea & Tick Topical.



Dog/Puppy Care Items:

Kibbles n Bits dry dog food, Kongs, Milkbones – Small & Large, Frontline/Advantage Flea & Tick Topical.



Shelter Supplies: Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Febreze type spray, Dish Soap, Glass Cleaner, Scrubbing Bubbles Cleaner, Gift cards for discount stores or pet stores.

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. An envelope is enclosed in this newsletter!

All donations to the SHS are tax-deductible.

NOTE FROM MISSIE FISCHER



What a great turn out for this year's 15th Annual Pets on Parade! A huge thank you to all of the volunteers, participants and attendees that helped support the event! Thanks to Rob Powers for donating the DJ services and MC the event, Ms. Worldwide 2017 for helping to judge the pet contests. Thanks to Bob Prince for timing the 5k run,

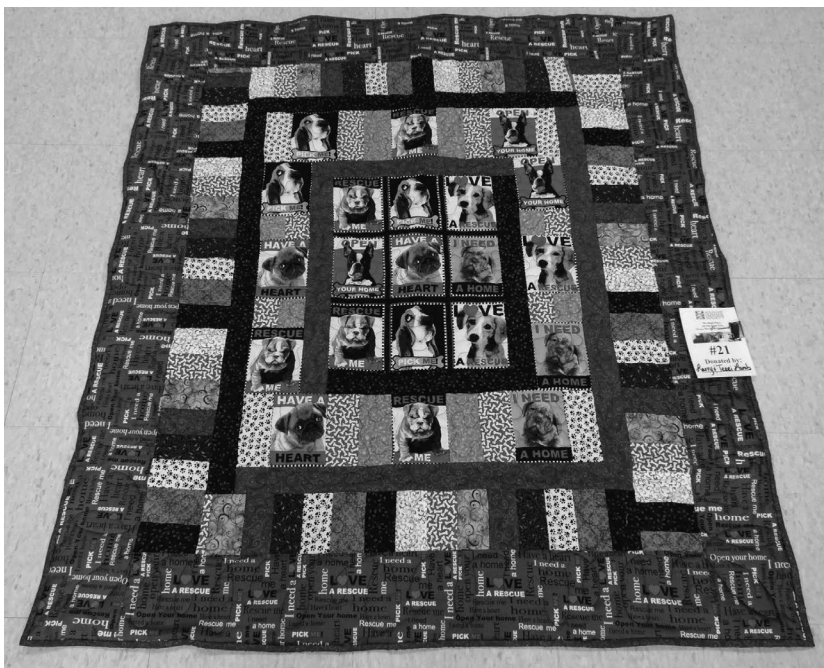
to the sponsors, businesses that donated Silent Auction items and anyone that helped pull this day together to raise funds for our furry friends at the Shelter. A huge thank you to Bear Grove Chainsaw Carvings for the demo, table and donation of the amazing bench. Lastly,

thank you to the vendors that came out to help celebrate the cause as well as our sponsors that hosted a table!

We have had several events this year and want to thank each and every one of you for your support and to the businesses that have partnered with us to make them happen!

Don't forget to get your Younkers Community Day Coupons, they are \$5 each and all proceeds stay with the Shelter. The coupons are good during Younkers Community Days, November 8th through the 11th and have exclusive savings that are well over \$500 in savings. Please spread the word to your family, friends and co-workers to purchase their booklets from the Siouxland Humane Society. You can even purchase online using this link- <http://bit.ly/2hEvEFm>

CALLING ALL QUILTERS



Fall is here and winter is not far behind, many quilters spend the winter months quilting away, a way to stay inside yet still productive. We know this is early, but if you are making quilts over the winter, please consider making a quilt for our annual Quilt Auction in June of 2018.

Please consider donating a quilt to the Shelter to help raise money for homeless and often abused and neglected animals in Siouxland. For more information, please contact Missie at 712-252-2614 ext. 16 or by email at melissa@siouxlandhumanesociety.org. We appreciate you sharing this information with your family, friends, co-workers and quilting groups.



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Gifts From the Heart



AWESOME KIDS ALERT! Meet Nathan & Lauryn. These great kids wanted to do something to help pay it forward while on summer break so they did a lemonade stand. With their hard work they wanted to share their earnings and help out the animals. Great job kiddos!!



KIDS WHO ROCK! This is Korbyn. This young lady wanted to do something very special for her birthday! She wanted to pay it forward and bring in treats for the pets and supplies that the shelter was in need of! Thank you very much. Can we get big paws up for this young lady!



BIRTHDAY WISHES: This young lady had many wishes for her birthday. Her main wish was to help out the animals in the shelter. So Sami asked her guests to please bring animal related items to her party. Thank you!! Kiddos & Happy Birthday!!

Independent Organization

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and all other national animal welfare organizations are all separate organizations unrelated to the Siouxland Humane Society (SHS). The SHS is not an umbrella organization or local chapter of any national animal welfare organization nor are we governed, ruled or regulated by them. The Siouxland Humane Society has a local Board of Directors and is governed by our own articles of incorporation, bylaws, mission statement, philosophy and programs and services. Our focus is on the adoption of animals to the general public through the operation of a shelter and to educate the general public on spaying and neutering their pets as well as other pet related topics. We receive no financial support from the HSUS or any other animal welfare association, nor do we financially support these organizations. The Siouxland Humane Society is an independent private 501c3 non-profit organization. **Any contribution you make should be made directly to the Siouxland Humane Society to support your local animal shelter.**

KELLY'S VOLUNTEER KORNER

Wow, where has the time gone. I did not want this year to go by without telling each of you how much I appreciate what you have done for us and the critters! They often say it takes an army to get things done, I say it takes a great group of people that have big hearts and knowing what it means to make a difference. So for that I say – Thank You! We are always in need of volunteers to help us out with our many Fundraising Projects, Outreach Events, In Shelter Animal Care, Pet Facilitated Therapy Visits, Foster Care, Humane Educators and Animal Advocates. If there is an area that you are thinking about but hesitant because you really don't know what that area consist of please give me a call and I will be glad to go over details with you!

Since the kids went back to school it has been somewhat quiet around here! If you have extra time on your hands and you are looking to benefit your health – then what are you waiting for! We call it a win-win situation. Did you know just petting a dog or cat lowers your blood pressure? Did you know that walking a dog burns calories? Did you know that brushing a cat can help lower stress levels and help with depression? This not only helps benefit people but, also can contribute to helping pets live a happier life! Start off the New Year right by taking steps to becoming a happier and heathier you! Again, thank you all for making a difference for us and the pets!

Kelly Erie, PR & Volunteer Manager

IS YOUR CAT A FLOOSIE?

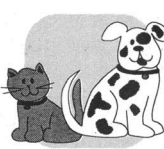
Do you “let the cat out”? Does she hang with undesirable Tomcats? Does she disappear for long periods and come back when she wants? Is she spayed? Yes, Yes, Yes and No? Then you are the owner of a feline floosie. Why? Because cats breed like rabbits. An unspayed cat can produce 12 kittens in a year, which will produce 66 cats in two years, 382 cats in three years, and over 2,000 cats in four years. This results in inevitable suffering for millions of our friendly, fluffy friends including 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.

TREATS, TOYS AND CANDY

Looking for the perfect gift for your family or pet for Christmas? Stop by the Shelter and check out our holiday gifts for both the pets and people in your life. Treats, toys and clothing just to name a few, all reasonably priced!

We are offering Decorated Dog Biscuit gift bags for just \$7.00 a bag! They are available for large or small dogs, all wrapped up in a festive holiday bag. No, we didn't forget about the felines! We also have cat gift bags full of toys for just \$7.00 a bag.



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November

- 3-5*** Paws N Claus – Call for an appointment*
- 4-5** Petco Adoption Days
- 10-12*** Paws N Claus – Call for an appointment*
- 18** Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day
- 25-26** PetSmart Adoption Days
- *Paws N Claus - two consecutive weekends for your convenience.

December Cats at PetSmart All Month

- 2-3** Petco Adoption Days
- 16** Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day
- 16-17** **Holiday Open House**
- 23** PetSmart Adoption Days

January City pet licenses expire, time to renew!

February Valentines Day Gourmet Double Chocolate Caramel Apples!

For more information on these and other events check out our website at www.siouxlandhumanesociety.org under the events button!



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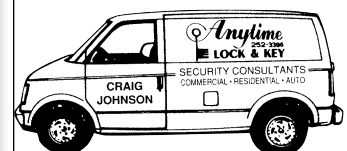
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HURRICANE DOGS ARRIVE

The Siouxland Humane Society has received to date 44 dogs from southern states affected by the hurricane and flooding, with many more to surely be on their way. These rescue effort brought dogs from many different rescue groups and shelters that urgently needed help in Texas and Louisiana.

The first Mobile Transport Team to bring us dogs made their way into still flooded areas of Texas within days of the hurricane and brought us 11 dogs. The next Transport Team came from Louisiana, where they experienced severe flooding. They arrived with 18 dogs on a Monday after a long overnight drive. Volunteers and Staff spent Monday getting them settled in with an outdoor romp for exercise, a warm bed to sleep and full bowls of food and water for their first night in a new place. Several weeks after the hurricane another 15 dogs made the journey from Texas to Iowa.

These dogs were already in overcrowded rescues and shelters before the hurricane hit. Moving them to us was to help make more room to help the animals who

were now homeless due to the hurricane. We are in close communication with rescues and shelters throughout Texas and Louisiana to offer our assistance. We have also been in contact with organizations in Florida as well. This means we will be transferring more dogs as they need help. Unfortunately, many pets lost during the hurricane will not be reclaimed and the rescues and shelters will remain overcrowded.

By first sending dogs in their care before the hurricane, it helped free up space for them to help the local animals affected by this tragedy – and will ensure more families are reunited with their pets in the process. After a minimum 30 day hold pets not reclaimed will need homes and will begin to be sent out. We have always stepped up to meet the needs of animals wherever they are and we will continue to do so. Our animal welfare partnerships are both near and far and with your help we have been able to touch the lives of these homeless pets thousands of miles away!



President's Letter



At the time of this letter, the Siouxland Humane Society has completed the Pets on Parade event held in Riverside Park on September 23. A big thank you to Missie Fischer who coordinated the event and all the Shelter staff, volunteers, and vendors who

made this event successful. It was fun to see all the animals and their owners participate in the various events that were held. If anyone has suggestions to make this event even more positive, please contact Missie or myself.

As most of you have seen in the news, the hurricanes that have hit Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico have been

devastating to both humans and animals. Recently we have received at the shelter a number of dogs from a southern Texas rescue that were displaced due to the hurricane. Please keep the animals in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to assist the animals and rescues that have been displaced in these areas with monetary donations, please contact Jerry at the shelter for more information.

To keep up on the latest news at the Shelter, please visit the Siouxland Humane Society's Facebook page or go to www.sioxlandhumanesociety.org Enjoy the fall weather with your furry and non furry friends!

Steve Liebetrau, Board President

VET CORNER – PET EYE CARE

Taking care of your pets eyes is an important part of maintaining their vision and well-being. There are times when you should not delay in seeking veterinary care. I will cover a few of the instances where it is important to get help as soon as possible.

Glaucoma is an elevation in intraocular pressure that can cause permanent damage to the optic nerve and severe eye pain. Unfortunately in pets the initial warning symptoms may be subtle and hard to detect in animals that often hide their pain. Your pet's eye may look swollen or bulging. Your pet may seem withdrawn and may have a poor appetite. Sudden loss of vision can occur. Your veterinarian can use a special instrument to measure eye pressure to determine if there is a problem. Unfortunately 40% of affected pets will lose vision in the affected eye within a year of diagnosis, even with treatment. It is still important to seek help as this is a very painful condition.

Proptosis is the displacement of the eyeball out of the eye socket. Proptosis often occurs following some sort of trauma. Certain breeds are more prone to proptosis because of differences in facial conformation. It is imperative you seek veterinary help immediately

Corneal ulcers are abrasions to the clear layer of tissue on the surface of the eye. Symptoms of ulcers can be squinting of the eye, increased discharge from the eye, cloudiness to the surface of the eye and eye pain. Your veterinarian will perform an exam to determine if there is an underlying cause and prescribe proper medications. Your pet may have to wear an Elizabethan collar to protect the eye while it heals. Left untreated ulcers worsen and potentially lead to loss of vision or even loss of the eye.

Penetrating foreign bodies occur when a foreign object enters the globe. Trauma to eye structures and introduction of infectious material can occur. If you think a foreign object has entered your pets eye you should seek help immediately.

At times your veterinarian may find it necessary to refer you to a veterinary ophthalmologist. This is a veterinarian who has received advanced training in caring for your pet's eyes. When treating eye conditions it is important to follow your veterinarian's treatment plan and follow through with any necessary exams etc. This will give your pet their best chance for a successful outcome and restoration of eye health. After all, who doesn't love looking into those expressive beautiful eyes!

Tammy F. Loberg, DVM

HOMETOWN ANIMAL HOSPITAL (Formerly Singing Hills Animal Hospital)

From the desk of...*Jerry Dominicak, Executive Director*

Dear Friends:

It's hard to believe that another year is close to coming to an end. We have continued to do many great things for animals this year and we couldn't have accomplished this without your continuing support. Your dedication and generosity for the animals makes it possible for us to continue our work.

Adoptions to date this year are over 1,600 pets which include many long-term, harder to place or older residents that have found permanent, loving homes. We will exceed 2,200 adoptions by year end. We have transferred in hundreds of dogs and cats from overcrowded shelters and rescues with high euthanasia rates. This frees up their space, letting them help more animals. When animals are brought here, it gives them the chance to find a loving home quickly. We continue to find forever homes for 100% of the adoptable pets left in our care.

Assistance programs have helped thousands of Siouxland families and pets. The Spay/Neuter and Veterinary Assistance programs have helped well over a thousand families with financial aid. The Pet Food Bank has helped 132 families feed their pets during times of need. We have given out over 3000 pounds of pet food to these families and helped spay/neuter their pets when needed. The Emergency Sheltering service has provided refuge to dozens of families pets that needed short term housing.

Monthly volunteers are visiting 18 area retirement centers, nursing homes and care facilities through our Pet Facilitated Therapy program. Thousands of lives are being touched by these visits. The smiling faces of the residents and the wagging tails of the pets tell us this is a win-win. Education programs reach out to school, youth, senior and civic groups about responsible pet ownership and care, importance of spay/neuter, abuse and neglect issues and our role in the community.

We are proud of all the hard work we do for the animals. Thanks to your support, we have the resources to provide these and many other vital programs and services to the Siouxland community. You are the reason we are able to help the animals, giving them a helping hand and a second chance at life. We rely on the gifts of animal lovers who want to create a more humane world for the homeless animals in Siouxland. Your generous support can do so much in our life-saving mission for the animals. We have included a gift envelope with this newsletter, our annual appeal plea will soon be in your mailbox, and you can always donate on our website or Facebook page. Please give the holiday gift of helping save more animals lives!



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TEN YEAR "TAIL" OF RUFF & TUFF!

After my old dog passed away, my husband John thought we shouldn't get another as we were nearing retirement and wanted to do some traveling. After about a year we had our fill of our quiet and very clean house and John suggested we go to the Humane Society. I told him there would be no shopping and we would be coming home with a dog. So off we went!

The staff at the shelter was wonderful. We walked through the kennels and picked out dogs that we took out on the patio to get to know. They were all nice dogs but not quite right for us. We continued our search in the kennel area and found two puppies that stole my heart. We proceeded to take them out and play with them and we knew right away. John asked which one I wanted and I said they were brothers and we couldn't just take one! He thought I was crazy but said we could take both.

The adoption process was easy. Staff handled everything and helped us get supplies that we would need. They told us their names were Ruff and Tuff. We took them home to introduce them to the extended family, friends and their new lives. They were eager to please and trained very easily.

We retired from business when they were about 7 years old and bought a large RV. Ruff and Tuff are great travelers. They enjoy making new friends, both dogs and people. We have a four foot fence around our patio and they like hanging in that area. When we arrive at a new destination we search out dog parks. Of all the parks we have visited, their favorites are the beach parks. San Diego has a great park, Ocean Beach Dog Park. Dogs are allowed off leash to run, chase, and play in the ocean. Other than checking in with us every now and then, they are off having the time of their lives. We enjoy watching all of the dogs playing together. After about an hour we load two tired, sandy dogs into the car and head to the dog wash. When we arrive home they head to their beds on the patio and sleep for several hours!

Ruff and Tuff will be 10 years old this Christmas. They have brought so much happiness to our lives. Our journeys would not have been as much fun if they hadn't been with us. Thank you Humane Society for introducing us to our boys. Christie & John Whalen





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