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PAWS N CLAUS – New Backdrop!



Dates and Session times:

Wednesday, Nov. 17th
5:30pm to 8:30pm

Thursday, Nov. 18th
5:30pm to 8:30pm

Friday, Nov. 19th
5:30pm to 8:30pm

Saturday, Nov. 20th
10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday, Nov. 21st
10:00am to 5:00pm

Bring the whole family, humans and pets alike, for festive photos to celebrate the 2021 holiday season! You don't have to own a pet, or even bring them to participate - holiday photos of any kind are welcome. All proceeds go directly to help the animals in our care at the Shelter.

Santa will be on site for 2 dates only, Wednesday, November 17th and Saturday, November 20th. If Santa isn't your favorite holiday celebrity, we can politely tell him to take a break for milk and cookies. (He can't turn that down, right?) If Santa is your thing, feel free to bring a letter for him to take to the North Pole! Safety measures will be in place!

Paws N Claus is one week – Wednesday, November 17th through Sunday, November 21st. All appointments must be scheduled online and paid for. Schedule your appointment by going to our event calendar at www.siouxlandhumanesociety.org. If you need help scheduling, please call Missie at 712-252-2614, ext. 16. If you are scheduling your appointment and will have a large group, please let Missie know. This year we will be at 823 Gordon Drive in the Woodbury Center strip mall by I-Hop, same place as last year!

Professional photographers will take pictures against a beautiful new winter backdrop. Photos are perfect for cards,

gifts or a lifetime memory of those you love. When you finish your session, you receive a memory card with your pictures on it so you can make copies as you wish! Price is \$35.00 per session! If booking 2 or more sittings, you will receive a \$10.00 off coupon to be used at the event or at the shelter towards a retail purchase. A huge thank you goes out to Clear Path Financial, Avery Brothers and KMEG for sponsoring this year's event.



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SIouxLAND NEWS



NOTE FROM MISSIE FISCHER

I can't believe that fall is upon us already, pumpkin patches, bonfires, football and more! While enjoying all the activities that happen in the fall, we must stop and plan ahead for holiday photos!

We can make that super easy for you and the family, just book an appointment or two during our 2021 Paws N Claus event. It's simple, fast and also raises money for homeless animals in Siouxland.

We will ensure all safety measures are followed. We will repeat the process from last year and ask that you come and

check in before bringing your family and/or pets into the event. We will be looking for a handful of volunteers to help with Paws N Claus, if you are interested please contact Kelly or Missie.

Quilt Raffle tickets will be 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10.00 and can be purchased online or at the event, do not need to be present to win. Drawing will be held on the last day of Paws N Claus, Sunday, November 21, 2021. What a great holiday gift idea!

I honestly can not thank you enough for your ongoing support of our fundraising efforts throughout the year!

KELLY'S KORNER

Bring on the colorful fall leaves, hot chocolate and sitting by an open fire next to your furry companion. I am so proud of the organization the Siouxland Humane Society is and has become. Did you know that the Siouxland Humane Society is part of a National Network Organization that helps pets across the United States?

When mother nature is at her worst, people are not the only ones affected by such devastation. The pets and animal shelters are affected as well. August 29, 2005 when hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana it was beyond what anyone could even imagine the path of destruction, the loss and the tragedy of that catastrophe. Our organization stepped in by taking in dogs, twice. We also got the call to help with the January 2018 Texas flooding, October 2018 South Carolina hurricane and the latest September 2021 Hurricane Ida where our shelter has so far received 9 dogs and 6 cats.

While standing on the run way at the Sioux Falls airport waiting for the Hurricane Ida pets to be air-lifted in I found myself surrounded by people from many different shelters. What I saw was pure emotion and what I felt was pure bliss. What a great feeling to have, surrounded by people who share the same compassion and feelings for the animals as you do. We also have a great partnership with rescues/shelters in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas that when they are overcrowded and we have the empty cages we will help take pets in. We also work locally with the tristate area rescues and shelters regularly transferring in both cats and dogs. One shelter helping another shelter one paw at a time!

What are some ways you can help? Adopt, Donate, Volunteer or Foster. We are always looking for volunteers to help us with our many volunteer programs. It's simple- go to our website-siouxlandhumanesociety.org, get involved, volunteer.

HO HO HO HOWLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our Holiday Open House! We invite you to join us on Saturday, December 11th 10am-4pm and Sunday December 12th noon to 4pm. Stop by for hot cider, cold punch and treats. There will be a bake

sale along with some great Christmas gifts to look at for your pet and animal loving people. Come do some holiday shopping and support the homeless pets! We'll also be running a "Help the Homeless Pet" Drive to fill one of our kennels with supplies. Everyone who brings cans of cat food, bags of cat or dog food, paper towels, laundry soap or bleach will be entered into a drawing for a door prize! Come join in on the fun!

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about all these happenings throughout this newsletter and volunteer attention and care. You can learn more of extremely sick or injured pets that needed extra staff Mixed into all this were an overwhelming number dogs and people.

more adoptable through the socialization with other for the dogs during their shelter stay and makes them to play. This vital activity improves the quality of life began the journey of running groups of dogs together underwent two days of dog play group training and all staff, several volunteers and board members imagery, language and pet biography writing. Recently

Pet Marketing for Maximum Impact. This covered Staff participated in a training webinar – Shelter the staff and volunteers.

Parade was a fun relief but still lots of work for all of League events. In September our annual Pets on month and we participated in Art Splash and Miracle Offsite adoption events kept us busy 3 weekends a homeless pets airlifted to us to find safe refuge.

We scurried off to the Sioux Falls airport to pick up 15 Another plea to help animals came with Hurricane Ida. transporting 78 dogs and 35 cats to us for adoption. and shelters along with Texas and Oklahoma groups by We helped overflowing local tristate area rescues that has gone on.

newsletter we have been on a roller coaster ride with all me inside out and round and round! Since the last reminds me of the song – Upside Down. Boy you turn celebration at the shelter in the past few months. It There has been much excitement, turmoil and

PRESIDENTS LETTER

Hello Fall!!!! Fall blows in as the perfect season for you and your pet. I find myself using the excuse all summer long that it's just too darn hot outside to get the dogs out for exercise. Well, now I don't have that excuse, the cooler weather allows for my husky and labs to get more outside time than they normally would on a hot summer day. Recently we held Pet's on Parade, an event held annually in late summer / early fall. It was another successful event at Riverside park on a cool Saturday morning. First, I would like to thank Missie Fischer who coordinated the event and all the shelter staff, and volunteers who worked the morning off. It was so fun to

see so many different dogs for the walk/run and the pet contests as well a big thank you to all the vendors who came out. I encourage you, if you are not already, to leash up your dogs and get that heart pumping now with the weather being a bit cooler, it's good for you and your companion. Fall never seems to be long enough and before you know it Paws N Claus will be here. So, I guess I could use this time to get in a bit better shape for my Paws N Claus photos as well as getting out to just enjoy the beautiful fall weather with your furry and non-furry friends!

Rob Powers, Board President



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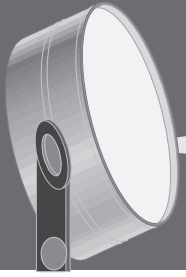
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Blake Meacham always had dogs and cats growing up. Now that he's married, He and his wife have two golden retrievers; a two-year-old girl named Frankie and a three-year-old boy named Finley. When Al Joens approached Blake about being on the board for the Humane Society, he knew it would be a great chance to "give back" for all the happiness that his pets have given to him over the years.


Blake serves on the Board of the Humane Society and on the committee to ask new members to join the board every year. He and his wife love coming to the Humane Society to spend time with the animals. It breaks their hearts, but fills them up at the same time knowing that those pets are going to find a home very soon thanks to the fantastic effort of the employees at the Humane Society.


Blake and his wife, Haley have been married for 3 years. Their two dogs keep them very busy. He is currently an Account Executive at KTIV Channel 4 and his wife is the Director of the Miracle League of Sioux City, and does photography on the side. Blake is pretty involved with worship ministry at Sunnybrook Community Church and he is also in a local cover band called Above the Covers.


He is thankful to be a part of an organization that is so successful in finding animals the homes they deserve. It truly is inspiring to see the care that Jerry and his team put into their daily tasks to make sure every animal that comes through those doors, eventually goes back out to a beautiful home.

FETCH LIST

In an effort to reduce costs and improve operations we accept donated items at all times. To view the full Fetch List visit our website at siouxlandhumanesociety.org under Ways to Give, Fetch List tab!

 **Cat/Kitten Care Items:** Cat litter (clay-type), Cat toys, Dry cat food, and Pill pockets to give medications.

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

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BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE – Thank you so much to the fine folks over at Siouxland Federal Credit Union in South Sioux City, NE. The employees put money in a jeans fund and picked our mission. Thanks again for believing in and supporting our great cause! A big paw up to you all!



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In the ever-changing world of animal sheltering, we are constantly on the lookout for new programs and services to make our shelter better, and of course that includes making a pet's stay at the shelter as less stressful as possible. With this in mind we began the process of creating an outdoor play area for the dogs in our care. We were fortunate enough to receive grants from Petco Love and the Gilchrist Foundation to begin building two fenced in areas complete with tire obstacles, doggie pools and a playhouse.

The stage was set, so to speak, and the dogs were ready to play. The last step was for all our staff to receive training from a nonprofit called Dogs Playing for Life (DPLF). DPFL is an organization rooted in the notion that a dog's natural instinct is to play and we are able to provide them that opportunity through dog playgroups. With the help of a grant from Animal Farm Foundation, we were able to hold a two-day seminar here at the shelter. Not only did all of our staff attend and a few of our volunteers, we also offered the seminar to other area shelters. Brenda and Wade from Noah's Hope Animal Rescue and two staff from Heartland Humane Society joined us for the training.

The DPFL instructors, Kodi Sadler and Willian Sadler, spent two days at the shelter working with our staff and the dogs in our care. Training began with a classroom presentation on the theory behind the play. Next, it was out to the play yard for a hands-on training session. Runners brought the dogs from the kennel to the yard and, at the instruction of the DPFL lead handler, move dogs from one area to another if the chemistry isn't working. During this process our staff and volunteers were taught how to assess dog behaviors to create doggy playgroups. We also learned how to implement playgroups on a regular basis and have continued to do so since training. This additional enrichment has been so beneficial to them. When the dogs attend playgroup, they are happier and less stressed. We are also able to learn more about each dog and how they interact with each other through playgroups, which helps us match them to the best home.

We are also looking for more volunteers to assist with playgroups. If you are interested please contact Kelly at 712-252-2614 ext. 13, or email at kelly@siouxlandhumanesociety.org.



The newly built play areas, which consist of two fenced off yards, feature obstacles suited for both large and small dogs.



Staff member Marissa runs a play group full of rough and rowdy dogs after training has ended.



Kodi and Willian observe staff members, Ann and Marissa, moderate playgroups in two separate areas.



Kodi and Willian observe the dogs playing on the tire obstacles while Ann tentatively watches two dogs playing.



Willian talks to volunteers, Tammi and Eric, about the different play styles of each dogs.

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17–21 Paws N Claus – Call or go online*
20 Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day
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December

4 Petco Adoption Day
11-12 Holiday Open House & Bake Sale
18 Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day

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OPERATION SUNFLOWER BRINGS RAY OF HOPE

Two of the Siouxland Humane Society staff members assisted with Operation Sunflower – the rescue of animals affected by Hurricane Ida. Greater Good airlifted pets to the Sioux Falls, SD airport for rescue efforts to begin. These pets had already been surrendered to hurricane shelters and adoptable. In disasters this is the first step, moving out adoptable pets to make room for those involved with the disaster. Shelters working

together one paw at a time! That precious cargo contained 90 homeless pets, 15 of which came to our Shelter – 9 dogs and 6 cats. They were greeted at the airport by two staff and met here at the Shelter by a dozen volunteers who took the dogs for walks and socialized with the kitties and got them all settled in to feel welcome. The best news to share is they all have been adopted and are enjoying a place that they now can call home.



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MAGIC AT IT'S FINEST: Hank tried to make himself a big, scary boy in his kennel for 2 months holding off to show his true colors to who HE picked. On September 9th Hank finally chose his family. We knew that he was just a big meatball and when the time was right, the family would be right. We're so glad that Hank knew, too! Thanks for teaching us that valuable lesson Hank... that with a little bit of love, patience and learning... a little bit of magic can happen. Thank you to the Theisen family for meeting this big brute and for giving him exactly what he needed... a chance. And a home!



NOT JUST A CAT – A LOVING SOUL: In rescue there are a few reoccurring phrases that you are likely to hear. "It's okay if this dog is aggressive with cats, we don't like cats" or "Why are you so worried, it's just a cat?" Cats are smart... too smart. They're loving, clever, funny, snuggly and just as loyal as their canine counterparts. A kitten named Dobby was surrendered to our shelter after escaping the house and being rolled by a semi. We got him to a vet where it was found that two of his legs were crushed. The vet performed the surgery to fix the legs and made him comfortable, but he has a long road of recovery ahead of him. Thank you for all that you do to help us help the animals that come into our care!



PAWS N CLAUS – New Backdrop!



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