

# Quilt Auction to raise funds for homeless pets in Siouxland



Mark your calendar to attend the seventh annual Siouxland Humane Society Quilt Auction Thursday, June 4th at the Sioux City Community Theatre at 1401 Riverside Boulevard.

Quilt viewing begins at 5:00 p.m. with the auction starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. A special thanks to Brock Auction Company for donating their auctioneering services for the event.

Gorgeous one-of-a-kind quilts will be up for auction giving you the opportunity to help support the lives of Siouxland's homeless pets. This spectacular group of quilts includes wall hangings, table covers, baby quilts, lap quilts, twin, full and king size bed quilts both hand and machine quilted. There are a number of exceptional collector hand stitched antique quilts on the auction that are simply exquisite. All the quilts have been donated by generous pet lovers in our area. If you would like to donate a quilt, please drop it off at the shelter or contact Missie Fischer at 712-252-2614 ext. 16.

Free refreshments and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served along with a cash bar. All purchases are tax deductible, we accept cash, checks and all major credit cards- MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express. All proceeds go directly to help care for the nearly 3000 homeless pets that reside at the shelter each year. R.S.V.P.'s are preferred but not required, feel free to just stop by the day of the auction. Please contact Missie

with table reservations. The quilts can be viewed now on our Facebook page, Siouxland Humane Society. As we receive quilt donations; we will continue to add pictures and descriptions up to the day of the auction.

Unable to attend but would still like to bid? We can do the bidding for you! Contact us with the quilt number or numbers you would like to bid on and the maximum amount you would pay for each quilt. If the bidding does not go to your maximum bid, you will win the bid at the bid last placed; you will not be billed for your maximum bid unless that is where the bidding stops. Contact Missie by phone at (712) 252-2614, ext. 16 or by email at [melissa@siouxlandhumanesociety.org](mailto:melissa@siouxlandhumanesociety.org). She will accept bids up to noon on Wednesday, June 3rd. Sponsors include Artisan Press, Brock Auction Company, the Sioux City Community Theatre and all our quilt donors.

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# Greetings from the Director of Development

I am very excited for the opportunity to meet each of the volunteers and friends of the Siouxland Humane Society. I cannot even explain the gratitude I have for being offered the position as your new Director of Development! My love and passion for animals and 20 years' experience in fundraising and volunteer management is why I applied for the position. I come to you from another local non-profit organization, Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa. With my extensive background in fundraising and volunteer management, the position felt like a natural fit.



My husband, children and I live in Bronson, Iowa. I have 2 sons, Skyler is 18 and Hunter is 13, a senior and a 7th grader at Lawton-Bronson High School. Dave has 2 sons, Ty is 17 and Coby is 15, a junior and a sophomore at Kingsley-Pierson High School. To make our family complete, we have Asia, our 4 year old silver lab and Ranger, our 4 month old Australian Shepherd-Visla mix.

My family and I are very excited to join the Siouxland Humane Society; the boys cannot wait to volunteer. The staff has been very welcoming and I am so fortunate to be part of this amazing team! While I still have a lot to learn, I would love to hear from anyone that has fundraising ideas and opportunities for me to explore. Please contact me at any time by email at [melissa@siouxlandhumanesociety.org](mailto:melissa@siouxlandhumanesociety.org) or by phone at 712-252-2614 ext. 16.

My first organized fundraiser is Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 6:30PM. A collaborative effort with Poppin' Bottles n' Brushes, we will host a painting party at Doxx Warehouse, 1219 5th Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101. The cost is \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door, 15% of the proceeds will go back the Shelter! Doxx will provide a free nacho bar and no painting experience is needed! You can register online through Event Brite, [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or stop down and pay cash or check at the Humane Society office. Come join the party, we are going to have a blast!

## 10 Things You Didn't Know About: SHS Adoption Program

- 1 In 2014 there were 1033 cats, 894 dogs and 174 other animals adopted. We found forever homes for 100% of the adoptable pets.
- 2 Besides the Siouxland tristate area pets were adopted to Missouri, North Dakota, Illinois, Alabama, Texas, Kansas and Florida.
- 3 Small animals adopted included rabbits, finches, ferrets, parakeets, cockatiels, hamsters, gerbils, rats, mice, guinea pigs, turtles and chickens.
- 4 PetSmart adopted 126 cats and Petco adopted 47 cats from their adoption cat adoption centers last year. We are at PetSmart 6 months of the year with 10 cats onsite. Petco has 2 cats on site year round.
- 5 Offsite adoption events are held monthly at Petco, PetSmart and the Southern Hills Mall. These events netted new homes for 53 dogs.
- 6 Adoptions include initial preventative vaccinations, deworming, microchipping, free veterinarian health examination, spay/neuter discount and an adoption packet/new parent guide.
- 7 You can check out the adoptable pets and other news and information on our website, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn.
- 8 Cat and kitten adoptions include a pet carrier to take your new pet home and for use for your free veterinary health examination which comes with your adoption.
- 9 Over one-third of the pets adopted are already spayed/neutered. Part of your adoption fee is refunded to you on those that are not. We also have a spay/neuter assistance program for those that adopt from us.
- 10 We have a Senior Pet adoption program which provides special pets to Senior citizens. Select pets that are mature settled adults are the perfect companions for senior citizens. These pets are fully vetted before placement.



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# Thanks For Being a "Loyal Friend"!

The following gifts were received between December 5, 2014 and April 9, 2015. We have made every effort to print an accurate list. If we have made an error, we apologize, please let us know. Please note that future gifts will be printed in the summer edition of Pawprints.

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1-31 Microchip Your Pet Month  
21 Poppin' Bottles n' Brushes  
Painting Party

#### Offsite Adoption Events

PetSmart, Petco & Southern Hills Mall  
Check our website or Facebook for dates

### June

1-30 Adopt A Shelter Cat Month  
4 7th Annual Quilt Auction  
27-28 Rummage Sale

#### Offsite Adoption Events

Check our website or Facebook for dates

### July & August

#### Offsite Adoption Events

Check our website or Facebook for dates

### September

26 Pets On Parade Pet Walk & 5K Run

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

## Wildlife Concerns This Season...

### Lynn Mikkelsen-Posey/Wildlife Lodge and Clinic

The Wildlife Lodge and Clinic is a 100% all volunteer organization providing wildlife conservation through compassionate care and release of many orphaned wild mammals and birds; inclusive of initial emergency care and stabilization of owls, hawks, eagles and other raptors year round, both orphaned and adults.

We get many calls on unwanted bunny nests; we ask the public to visit our website for information on these at [wildlodelodgeandclinic.com](http://wildlodelodgeandclinic.com), the bunny page. There is also an information page on baby birds and fawns.

Please contact the Lodge as necessary about any orphaned wild mammal/songbird/hummingbird/raptor concerns or emergency care/stabilization for adult raptors only.

Thank you for working with nature!



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*A great big THANK YOU goes out to the Hinton Brownie Troop #387. Talk about busy beavers these girls made dog beds, cat beds and homemade dog biscuits. They even brought in much needed pet and cleaning supplies. Thanks for all your kindness; the pets love their new beds!*



*Wow, what a great group of kids. These youngsters from Covington Elementary student council wanted to give back and do something to help out the animals and make a difference and boy did they ever. They gave a number of supplies which included, dog food, laundry soap, dish soap, biscuits and a wonderful cash donation. We can not say thank you enough! Way to go kids!*



## President's Letter

This last year has brought some major changes to the shelter. Although some of the changes were unexpected and challenging we have been working on some exciting new projects that we hope to share with you soon.

For instance the shelter jumped further into the world of social media. My personal experience in this area has been limited to my recent use of Facebook; however thanks to our awesome staff we have Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube pages now available.

I invite you to:

1. like us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/Siouxland](https://www.facebook.com/Siouxland)

HumaneSociety;

2. follow us on Twitter@SiouxlandHumane-Twitter.com/SiouxlandHumane;
3. connect with us through our Linked In Business page - LinkedIn.com and
4. subscribe to our YouTube channel under Siouxland Humane Society to see videos of the pets for adoption at You Tube.com.

We are excited to have these social media pages available to our supporters and encourage you to tell your friends about them. Thanks again for all you do and I look forward to the upcoming year.

*Tammi L Gagnon, Board President*

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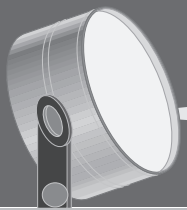
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# Volunteer Spotlight

*By Lynn Mikkelsen Posey*

## *Fostering Joy*

In 2001, Kim Maeschen was searching for a bit extra to do while home with 2 ½ year old son, Cameron. As an avowed animal lover she found the Siouxland Humane Society website and knew her quest would take her to fostering cats and kittens for the shelter. Their foster first cat, Angel, was pregnant. A good feline mother, she also became a great pet as Kim and family still have her! Fast forward 14 years with many fosters within that time span, Cameron is now 16 and daughter, Claire is 11. The kids are a big part of fostering in the Maeschen home and Kim notes “they both love kitty care and are a big help!” All agree the toughest part of fostering kittens is when they must be returned to the shelter for adoption. Kim observes “every year the kids have their favorites and every year I must say NO, we can’t keep them.” There are plenty of good reasons for that too; Kim works at

Dakota Valley Elementary school, they have 2 dogs (Jasmine and Shadow), 3 cats (the original- Angel, Rusty and Cheech) and Claire’s rabbit (Snowball). All were Humane Society adoptions or “found” the family through one avenue or another ☺.

Kim is in agreement with the rest of the Siouxland community, that the SHS does an amazing job helping animals. She says “the staff members are so dedicated and the volunteers are wonderful as well!” As one of the caramel apple volunteers herself, Kim observes how astonished she is at the number of people who participate in the apple production and sales! In closing, Kim emphasizes “the one thing I can’t express enough is to spay/ neuter your pets and keep adopting from the shelter and supporting our humane good works!” Thank you Kim and family for all your wonderful volunteerism as well!

## *Enforcement and Advocacy for Animals*

Todd Trobaugh said yes to becoming a SHS volunteer and began by doing what he does best- law enforcement. You see, Todd works for the Sheriff’s office in Woodbury County. He was and is often quite troubled by reported animal abuse and neglect many times not being investigated to the fullest extent of the law. He says “this lack, I believe, is just mainly due to lack of enforcement training in this area.” Todd carries out animal abuse/neglect investigations for three counties in the area. He also is a member of the board of directors at the shelter along with presenting K-9 demonstrations for volunteer events.

Todd has always had a bond with animals, especially dogs. His parents adopted a dog when Todd was 6 months old and she was his true friend all through school, living to be 18 years old. Following her compassionate euthanasia due to old age, Todd purchased a Vizla for bird hunting and trained another for the same purpose. He brought that passion to the Sheriff’s office where he began training a Belgian Malinois to be a police dog. Rudy was a K-9 member of the Sheriff’s office for 12 years and

won numerous competitions and certifications at police dog trials. Todd boasts “Rudy, in fact, went to the national police dog trials where he placed third out of the best drug dogs in all of the United States.” “Working with Rudy just grew my passion for animals even more.” He enrolled to become a certified trainer for police dogs and honed his training practice in Jackson, Mississippi for a month. With several dogs at home, he enjoys spending time with and training them for this special work. Upon retirement from law enforcement, Todd has a goal of starting his own training facility for police dogs.

A staunch advocate for changing the laws for animal abuse/neglect and puppy mill breeders, he notes “the laws are weak for enforcement action and have little recourse for a violation of the abusers or bad breeders.” Todd has written legislators in an attempt to strengthen these laws, but needs our help and the backing of the public and officials as well to make these changes a reality. Todd, your actions to improve the lives of abused and neglected animals on all levels is greatly appreciated!

# Painting Party!



This painting is a great excuse to call up your friends and get out of the house for a night of FUN! Paint, Sip and recharge the batteries as our Poppin Bottles Artists and Assistants walk you through painting this acrylic masterpiece step-by-step. No painting experience needed! Painting starts at 6:30 p.m. at DOXX Warehouse, 1219 5th St., Sioux City, Iowa. Come early for the free nacho bar and great drink specials! 15% of the proceeds will benefit the Siouxland Humane Society!

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Limited seats are available for each event. A 48 hour cancellation notice is needed to receive reimbursement less a processing fee or we can transfer your tickets to a future event. You can register online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or to avoid the service and processing fees, you can register in person at the Shelter with cash or check only.

Raffle tickets will be sold the night of the event for your chance to win some awesome prizes! Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00, we will feature the raffle items on our Facebook page within 2 weeks of the event. Contact Missie Fischer with any questions you may have at 712-252-2614 ext. 16 or [melissa@siouxlandhumanesociety.org](mailto:melissa@siouxlandhumanesociety.org)

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June is Adopt a Shelter Cat Month. What better way to celebrate than saving the life of a shelter cat! If you've been thinking about adopting a cat now is the perfect time. Each spring during "kitten season," thousands of newborn kittens join the millions of cats already in shelters across the country. That means we have tons of cute, cuddly kittens, in addition to all the mellow, adult cats. Shelter staff are ready to help you adopt your very first cat — or to bring home a friend for another beloved cat! Can't adopt? How about donating to help spay/neuter or provide veterinary to one of the cats here at the Shelter?

# FETCH LIST

To help us reduce costs you can make donations of supplies and products. We appreciate any help you can give. The following are some of the needed items. All donations to the SHS are tax-deductible.

-  **Cat/Kitten Care Items:** Canned cat food (pate style), Cat litter (clay-type), Frontline/Advantage Flea Preventative, Cardboard pop flats, Cat toys
-  **Dog/Puppy Care Items:** Kibbles n Bits dry dog food, KONGS, Frontline/Advantage Flea Preventative,
-  **Milkbones** – Small and Large
-  **Small Animal Care:** Small animal food for all species, bird food.
-  **Shelter Supplies:** Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Febreze type spray, Dish Soap, Dishwasher Soap, Glass Cleaner, Scrubbing Bubbles Cleaner, Paper Towels, Gift cards for discount stores, pet stores

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







# Cinderella Pet Tales..... From Rags To Riches

Jackie came to us with both ears severely infected and a horrible skin infection too! The vet put her on both oral and topical medication and she was groomed, given medicated baths and daily medications. Now she is in a happy new home recovered!

Victor had limited use of his back legs. Vet exam, tests and X-rays determined back trauma, spinal compression and previous pelvic fracture. Diagnosed for a good quality life with specific placement. Rehomed in a single level home with no other pets or kids with a physical therapist that is working with him on building up his limb muscles and use of his back legs!



  
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## A Note from LaVon

First and foremost, I would like to say thank you for making this year's apple project the best ever! Together we made and sold over 13,000 apples in just 6 days! That is an amazing task and again, I cannot stress enough the importance of our volunteers!!! We truly could not do this without you!

It is with deep sadness that I will be leaving the position of Director of Development at the end of March. I have enjoyed meeting and working with all of you. I will treasure the friendships I have made over the years. Animal people are the best. They are the most caring and giving people I have ever met. Thank you for helping make my time here a success and for all the support you have given me and our four legged friends.

*Please keep in touch! Gratefully, LaVon Stroh*

# From the desk of... *Jerry Dominick, Executive Director*

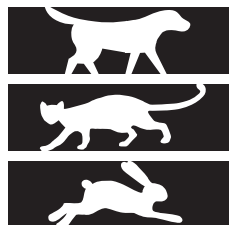
The more things change, the more they stay the same it seems. There has been a lot of changes around the Siouxland Humane Society lately. Most notably, we have undergone some changes in employees.

Both LaVon Stroh, Development Director and Amy Hanson, Shelter staff have left us. They both were with us for nine years and will be missed. LaVon is focusing on family and her craft and antique business. We feel lucky that she will be volunteering for some of her favorite things such as offsite adoption events, transporting and cat rescue. Amy has moved to the Reno Nevada area and decided it's a bit far to commute to work! I told her that Amanda does it every day from Sioux Falls but that didn't sway her much!

On a happier note, I am pleased to welcome Melissa (Missie) Fischer as our new Development Director. She was able to spend a week training with LaVon and has really jumped in and taken off in her

new position. She has great ideas and vision for us going forward and I am sure you will love working with her to raise money to help the homeless pets here at the Shelter. I am thrilled to have her on board and look forward to working with her for years to come.

No matter how many changes take place, however, one thing will always remain the same...we will always be here to provide programs and services that promote the humane treatment of animals in the Siouxland area. We will continue our work on adoption/surrender, education, community outreach and cruelty prevention to name a few. Regardless of what changes take place you can always count on that. We are so fortunate to have so many compassionate adopters, volunteers, donors and friends. My hope is that you will continue to join us as we venture into the future and write a new chapter for the Shelter and the pets we serve. *Thank you!*



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Hello from Family Pet Hospital (formerly Roach Animal Hospital)! I'm sure everybody is looking forward to some warmer weather in the near future, but with the changing seasons there are a few things to think about in regards to your family pet's health and well-being.

- Heartworms are transmitted by mosquito bites. Did you know that an adult heartworm can grow to 12-24 inches in length! Yuck! They can cause quite a bit of damage to a dog's heart and lungs. Most heartworm preventives are given once monthly and come in topical or oral formulations. Follow your vet's recommendation on regular heartworm testing to ensure the product is working and your pet is protected.
- Fleas and ticks will be out in full force soon. We've been seeing a few pets with fleas already this spring! Even indoor-only pets and dogs that only go outside briefly to potty can get fleas. Many wild animals (like rabbits, squirrels, raccoons) carry fleas, so fleas are common in grassy areas and you can carry them inside to your pet on your socks or pant legs. We recommend monthly topical or oral preventives – they work better than dips or collars. If your pet gets fleas, you will need to treat your home as well because fleas spend more time off of the pet (i.e. in your house!) than on the pet.
- Microchipping can be a great way to ensure your pet is returned to you if he is ever lost. Microchips don't have GPS tracking capabilities, but rather the chip is coded a unique number (like a barcode) that can be linked through the company's database to your name and contact info. Make sure to keep your contact info up to date and have your pet's microchip scanned once yearly to make sure it's still working properly.
- Heat stroke can be a life threatening condition. Start slowly with any outdoor physical activity with your pet and gradually work your way up. Make sure to take plenty of breaks in the shade and provide your pet with plenty of fresh, cool water.

Many pharmaceutical companies will have coupons, rebates, or specials on flea/tick and heartworm preventives. Call your vet's office to see what offers are available. We hope you have a safe, enjoyable summer!

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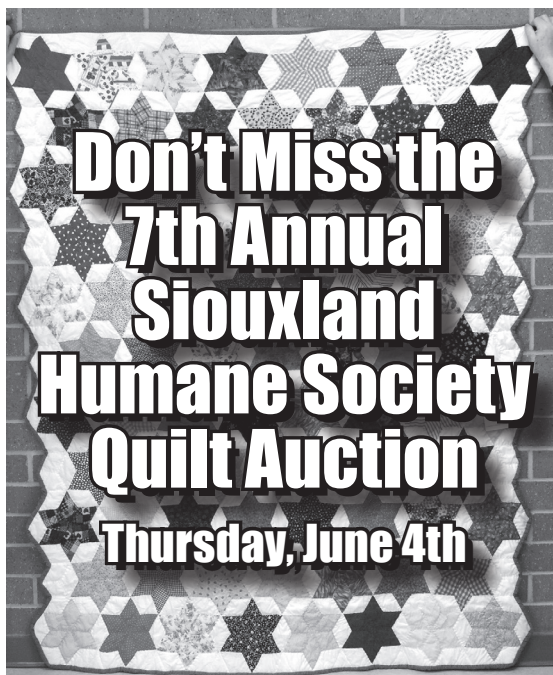
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