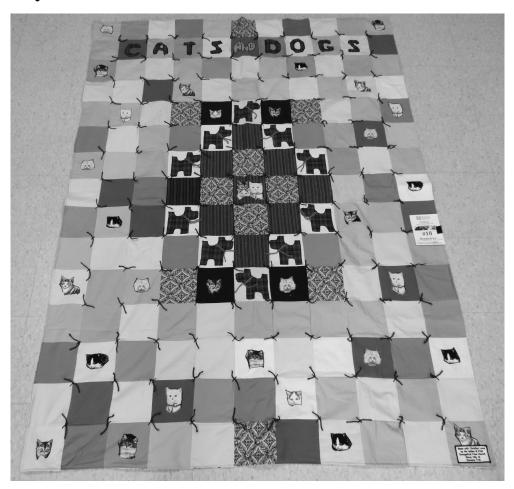
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QUILT AUCTION FUNDS HOMELESS PETS



Mark your calendar to attend the ninth annual Siouxland Humane Society Quilt Auction Thursday, June 7th at the Sioux City Community Theatre at 1401 Riverside Boulevard. Viewing begins at 5:30 p.m. with the auction starting 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, baby, lap and full size quilts, both hand and machine quilted. There are a number of exceptional pet themed and 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.

Refreshments and 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 thousands of 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 and will be updated regularly up to auction day.

Unable to attend but would still like to bid? We can bid for you! Contact us with the quilt numbers and the amount you would like to bid on each quilt. If the bidding does not go to your maximum, you win the bid at the bid last placed; you will not pay your maximum unless that is where the bidding stops. Contact Missie by phone at (712) 252-2614, ext. 16 or by email at melissa@siouxlandhumanesociety.org. She will accept bids up to noon on Wednesday, June 6th. Sponsors include Brock Auction Company, the Sioux City Community Theatre and all our quilt donors.

Gifts From the Heart§





SANTA HELPERS: Braden and Carter wanted to do something to help out the critters. With Santa's list long and lots of places for Santa to go these boys wanted to help Santa out. Boys, you did great! The critters and Santa say Thank You!!



HAPPY 99TH BIRTHDAY QUOTA CLUB: The Quota club members wanted to do something special for their 99th birthday. So they decided to buy 99 items for the shelter from our Fetch List. The items included pet items and much needed shelter supplies. Thank you so much!

A BIRTHDAY WISH: Meet Gemma & Gavin! These two awesome kids just turned 5 years old. For their birthday they made a wish. That wish was to be able to bring food into the shelter to help feed the pets. WOW!! Way to go you two! You are pretty awesome in our eyes.



WAYS TO PAY IT FORWARD: The Cherokee Middle School along with Adyson's help came up with a pay it forward program. The Siouxland Humane Society was their choice. The Class took their own money and bought cat toys, dog toys and cleaning supplies. Way to go kids!



AWESOME KIDS ALERT: This wonderful young lady for Christmas wanted to do something very special for the pets. Arcenia had her dad bring her down with a wonderful donation to show she has what it takes to be a hero of pets in need! Way to go!!



NOTE FROM MISSIE FISCHER



I want to give a HUGE Thank You to everyone that helped make the 2018 Apple Project a success, whether you volunteered, donated food, or sold or purchased apples; you are all part of the success. We sold 13,107 apples this year!

SUX on my PRIDE event is Saturday, June 2nd

at Doxx Warehouse and Firehouse Bar. Starts at 1pm and open to everyone and all ages welcome. They will have live bands, a street fair, drag queen bingo, kid's

activities, drag shows, Shade-live cooking and talk show, animals from the Siouxland Humane Society and more. We are happy to announce that we are the recipients of the proceeds from this event! I hope that you will all be able to attend and support the shelter while having a great time. We are currently taking orders for the SUX Pride T-shirts with all proceeds going to the shelter this year! Adult S through Adult XL t-shirts are \$20.00 each and 2X through 5X are \$25.00 each. You can place your order at the shelter or by phone at 712-252-2614 ext. 16. Orders must be pre-paid and will be available for pick up beginning May 31st or at the Siouxland Humane Society Booth at the Pride Event. We are taking pre-orders until Friday, May 11, 2018.

FETCH LIST OF



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 (claytype), Cat toys, Canned pate cat/ kitten food, Dry cat food, Frontline/ Advantage Flea & Tick Topical.
- Dog/Puppy Care Items: Kibbles n Bits dry dog food, Kongs, Lamb & Rice dry dog food, Milkbone biscuits, 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.

DID YOU ADOPT FROM USP

We are adding to the picture boards that are already through the Shelter and would like to feature your adopted pet and family. Please email us a digital picture of your pet and family! Photographs need to be really clear from a digital camera at the highest setting and it needs to be a 5 mega pixel camera or



better. Email them to jerry@siouxlandhumanesociety. org. By submitting a picture you are giving your consent for us to use it. Thanks so much!

KELLY'S VOLUNTEER KORNER

If you are like me you are probably scratching your head and saying okay Mother Nature "What did you do with spring." With that being said it is time to brush the dust off your tennis shoes, get them laced up and head on down to the Shelter. It's time to make that commitment to help change and make life better for a pet!

Each, pet that comes into our Shelter has his or her own story to tell. However each pet has one thing in common and that is someday to be in a home that they can call their very own. How can I help – you may ask? Simple – providing a pet with some comfort and joy while he or she is waiting for their new home. Regardless if it is reading a story to a pet, brushing out mats, helping socialize a pet that is scared, bathing one that is not as clean as the others, or just sitting in a kennel on the floor petting the dog to build up their confidence, it all adds up!

Many of you have signed up to become volunteers and we would really like to help you get started on your next journey to becoming that great volunteer! Let me know how I can help you get started? You know the old saying – once you put your right foot forward it's a walk in the park. Same goes as signing up to be a volunteer. Signing up is one thing and getting started is just as easy, I promise! I will put on my tennis shoes and walk through the process with you! If you have any questions or suggestions that would make our volunteer program even better, let me know.

With the many volunteer programs we have In Shelter, Fundraising, Humane Educators, Animal Advocates, Pet Facilitated Therapy Visits, Foster Care, Out Reach Events we truly do need people that we and the critters can count on – we need YOU!!

Kelly Erie, PR & Volunteer Manager

ADOPT A SHELTER CAT



June is adopt a shelter cat month. Each spring thousands of kittens join the millions already in shelters across the USA. That means we have tons of cute cuddly kittens, in addition to all the

mellow mature cats and everything in between. Our friendly shelter staff are ready to help you find your furry forever loving newest family member! Always remember to Adopt Don't Shop!

If you can't adopt here are some easy things you can do to help!

- 1. Donate and be a Pet Sponsor for a pet that may be a harder to place pet. Maybe a pet that is an elderly pet, a special needs pet or a pet that has been at the shelter for a length of stay.
- 2. Sign up as a foster parent or shelter volunteer and tell your friends.
- 3. Contact us and help purchase items off of our Pet Fetch Wish List.
- 4. Donate \$\$\$ for our spay/neuter program or other programs & services. Promote the importance of spay/neuter to reduce pet overpopulation.
- 5. Share with your friends and family Adopt Cat Month information from your Facebook.

BARGAINS BENEFIT RUFUS & FRIENDS

Rufus, Fluffy and all the other homeless cats and dogs at the shelter will benefit from the proceeds of the sixth annual rummage sale! Make sure to mark this on your calendars for Saturday, June 23rd 8am-2pm and Sunday, June 24th 9am-2pm. Come check it out, get here early for the best buys! We are accepting newer or slightly used items. NO clothing, bedding, smaller knick knacks or older TV's or electronics please. We always have a great selection of both new and used people and pet related items.









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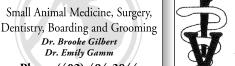
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September

22 **Pets On Parade Family** Fun Walk/Run

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





Many thanks to our many friends for your generous gifts from 12/13/17 through 4/24/18. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy of this list. Let us know if corrections are needed.



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President's Letter



This being my last newsletter as your President of the Siouxland Humane Society, I would like to take a moment to thank the staff. entire board directors, volunteers, and SHS supporters for their commitment to our cause. It takes a village to make a

difference in the lives of our homeless pets and when everybody works together, things turn out on a very positive note!

We have had wonderful success in our fund raising events; which not only brings in needed dollars to take care of our animals, but gets public awareness of our mission.

One of the things that we as an organization are involved with is getting stronger legislation against puppy mills in the state of Iowa. Can you imagine forcing your dog to live his or her entire life in a small wire cage with no human companionship, toys or comfort, and little hope of ever becoming part of a family? That is what life is like for a puppy mill breeding dog. I would encourage all of you to visit the Iowa Friends of Companion Animals web site at www. wp.iafriends.org There is great information on this website on how to get involved!

On our website, as a reminder, we provide a number of programs and services that are vital to the Siouxland area.

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- Emergency Sheltering
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- Pet Facilitated Therapy Microchipping
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- Pet Food Bank
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- Lost & Found

It has been truly an honor to have been your President this past year. I know the future of the Siouxland Humane Society is bright and we have a solid foundation to continue to build on. Thank You!



- Volunteer Spotlight

RETIRED TO VOLUNTEER!

Donna Bertrand knew that when she retired she wanted to get involved with volunteer work and giving back to the community. Her first choice was the Siouxland Humane Society and she loves helping get the homeless animals a new home.

She has always had dogs, as a child and an adult as well. Her favorite breed is a Sheltie and she has had the pleasure of owning three. Her current little man is Henry and he is a sweet, handsome three year old guy.

Donna can usually be found at our offsite adoption events. She thrives on finding as many homeless pets a new home as she can each and every event. She also understands the importance of our Fundraising events and is always there to help out where she can. One of her favorites is the apple project.

She is retired after 40 years of working in the health care field. Donna has 3 adult children and 1 very precious grandchild. She loves spending time with her children and especially her grandchild and enjoys traveling. As a pastime Donna says, "I try to golf...sometimes more successful than other!" Thanks Donna, for picking homeless animals to help after retirement!

HARD LUCK STORIES!



This poor sad fellow came to the Shelter very skinny and not feeling his best. He was tested and sadly found to be heartworm positive. He is going through heartworm treatment for the next couple of months. He just needs some time and extra TLC! We hope he is soon well and on his new journey – a happy, healthy life.



Charlie thought he had the world by his paws but things quickly changed. He was found to be heartworm positive. This was so devastating to everyone involved. So Charlie is not up for adoption right now, he is undergoing heartworm treatments, and hopes to be well and find a loving home once he finishes his treatments and given a clean bill of health.

These two stories are a great reminder to get your pets tested and on heartworm preventative. You can help the underdogs (cats too) through our Sponsor a Pet Program. Check it out on our website or call us for details!

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

Frequently we get asked if we are a "no kill" shelter. This is a hard one to answer, but probably not for the reason you are thinking. There is no industry standard definition or set measurement of "no kill". Many mistakenly believe this means that no animals are euthanized for any reason. A commonly used guideline for "no kill" is 90% of surrendered animals are adopted, returned to owners or sent to other organizations. In other words 10% or less are euthanized. The definition from Maddie's Fund which is most widely used and regarded in animal welfare states "saving both healthy and treatable cats and dogs, with euthanasia reserved only for unhealthy and untreatable animals."

For the past several years, SHS has met this definition. One hundred percent of the 2000+ healthy and treatable pets in our care have been adopted, returned to owners, or placed with other animal welfare or rescue organizations. In other terms, our live release or save rate was 94.91% for the last year. The 113 cats and dogs that were humanely euthanized were either

too ill or injured to be treated or had behavior issues that made them a danger to the community.

So are we going to start calling ourselves a "no kill" shelter? No, we will not. The term can be misleading and deceptive to the community and it creates conflict between shelters/rescues and animal lovers when we really all have the same goal. Our commitment is not limited to a term, but to our animals and our community. We will continue to be honest and transparent with our shelter statistics so people can see what we do and what good our programs and services provide, not what we call ourselves.

Saving the lives of thousands of animals a year is no easy task, but a labor of love by our dedicated staff and volunteers. Thank you to the Siouxland community for supporting the SHS by adopting, volunteering, donating generously and advocating for shelter pets! You make this a better place to live for the four (and two) legged friends! Gratefully, Jerry

























SPRING/EARLY SUMMER WILDLIFE

By Lynn Posev of the Wildlife Lodge and Clinic (WLC)

Although rumored spring may not arrive in 2018, one of our favorite times of year has come indeed! The songbirds, raptors and indigenous mammals are building nests and the monarch butterflies are on their incredible migration north from far southwest Mexico. **Spring** warms delights and transitions the populous decidedly outside at last! Baby mammals and avian species are born during spring and early summer in our area. At times, when truly **orphaned**, these babies need our help pending the mother's disappearance. Wild mothers have marvelous maternal instincts and do not abandon their nests/young, unless by force or killed.

The following information is to help if you come across what is perceived as an abandoned nest or young wild ones.

Baby **bunnies** don't do well out of their mother's care. Bunnies reside in strange places; please note mother feeds twice a day out of sight of predators (yes humans qualify as predators). It's rare indeed to see the bunny family together. Please **work** around nests in your yard as the bunnies will disperse in around 4 weeks. The WLC has a page on our **website** dedicated to bunny information.

Tree trimming and felling seems to be in spring. If you have nests in trees, please delay work until mid-July or so, if not and the mother leaves the nest; baby birds, squirrels or raccoons are homeless. If this happens, **place** the babies in an open box the next tree over or near the spot of the former nest. Mother *will* get them when no one is around. If not, please call. When juveniles are on outings with parents learning needed skills, you may see what you think are lone **mammals** or **birds**, 90% of the time the parents are watching!

We answer many **fawn** calls from the end of May until late June. Deer can choose unlikely places to leave newborns, like your front step or patio. This is a compliment that your property has been given the "good safety seal" from deer! If you end up in this situation, move the fawn to a close **safe place** to where originally found and the mother will return around dusk or right after dark. If injured, please call us for instructions.

Baby owls, hawks, falcons and songbirds can get **blown** out of nests after storms or predator attack. Depending on the situation, they may need our help as nests are usually **high** in trees. Be advised; in summer raptors and birds **fledge** their young on the ground. The young remain on the ground for lessons on finding food and practice flying. Adults collect these juveniles before dark.

If you have orphaned birds, raptors or mammals in need of care, a wildlife specialist can help! These **licensed specialists** are trained and experienced in emergency management of these situations and offer care exceeding the National Wildlife Rehabilitator's Standards and release into the wild. We provide **species specific** feeding, medications, IV fluids, vaccinations for certain mammals, habitat and enrichment for release to the wild. All mammals and some birds are **released** on private land suited for the species and away from humans. We release songbirds close to where found or near a rehabilitative specialist's home. Please don't make wild birds or mammals pets – it is dangerous for them and against the law.

Our **Mission** at the Wildlife Lodge and Clinic is to provide compassionate care and release of many wild orphan species. We also educate the public and callers or work with them as necessary. The DNR, Veterinary clinics, Animal shelters and the public contact us in need.

As a 100% totally **ALL volunteer 501C3** agency since 2002, we provide wildlife conservation through preservation of our indigenous species. Please visit our informative website with photos at www.wildlifelodgeandclinic.com or call us at (712) 212-1896.

WAYS TO GIVE

SPRING CLEANING? Donate any shoes you are getting rid of that are in good condition. We have an ongoing fundraiser with Shoe Box Recycling. We accept shoes of all kinds except sandals and snow boots. You can drop them off 6 days a week during the Shelters business hours.

TAKE ACTION!! Do you know the benefits and monies available from your Employer? There are so many employers that give back to nonprofit organizations. They have different processes, but if you haven't checked, please do! Most will give time off or pay you to volunteer. Some have matching grant funds and some promote volunteer opportunities and /or donate items for silent auctions or supplies. This would be tremendous support to the shelter with very little effort on your part. Feel free to contact me with questions or any information needed to fulfill a request.

CAN YOU HELP SPREAD THE WORD? Social media is the way of the future and is the fastest way to advertise not only available animals for adoption but also the programs, services, fundraisers and events we have going on. Anytime you can share our posts or an email with your contacts it reaches new people for potential support.

I always need volunteers to help with fundraisers and to call or visit businesses for sponsorship and/or silent auction items. If you have connections that can open a new door, please call me at 712-252-2614 ext. 16 or email me at melissa@ siouxlandhumanesociety.org right away! This is a great opportunity for high school and college students to earn their volunteer hours.



9TH ANNUAL SIOUXLAND HUMANE SOCIETY QUILT AUCTION

Thursday, June 7th Sioux City Community Theatre 1401 Riverside Boulevard. Viewing - 5:30 p.m. | Auction - 6:30 p.m.

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ROSIE'S PICK – GOTTA HAVE 1 OR 2 OR 3!

Spring weather is finally here and it's time to step out in your favorite t-shirt. The Shelter has several new designs this year, along with some classic oldies but goodies. So step out in style and be the envy of all your animal loving friends with a new t-shirt or two. Maybe even buy one for your bestest animal loving friend too! The biggest bonus is all the proceeds go directly to care for the homeless pets here at the Shelter.

Stop by the Shelter to check out all the different designs available and while you're here check out all the great toys and stuff for both your dog and cat too! If you are looking for a wire crate for home or travel we have a great selection at great prices. All proceeds from items in the retail shop help the homeless pets at the Shelter!

