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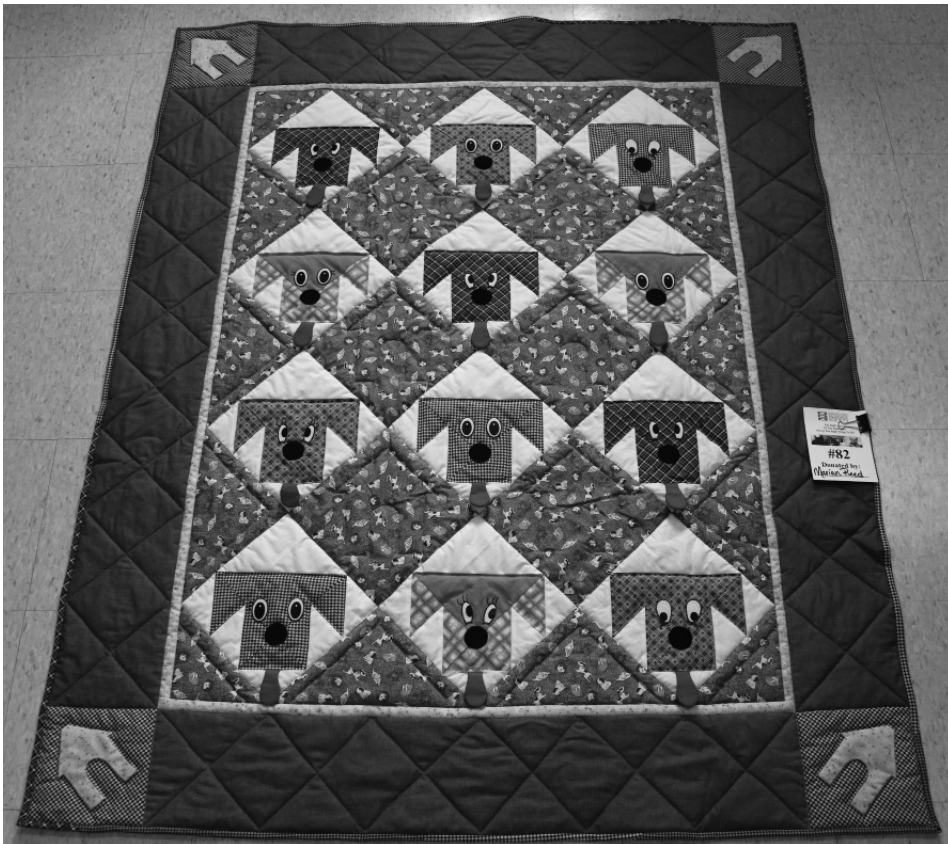
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QUILT AUCTION FUNDS HOMELESS PETS



Mark your calendar to attend the tenth annual Siouxland Humane Society Quilt Auction Thursday, June 6th 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 night 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. Bids will be accepted until noon on Wednesday, June 5th. Sponsors include Brock Auction Company, the Sioux City Community Theatre and all our quilt donors.

Gifts From the Heart



AWESOME KIDS ALERT: The students from Odebolt (top) & Perry Creek (bottom) Elementary were working on a community service project as a way of giving back. These kids wanted to make toys for the pets for the holidays so the pets could have a Christmas present! You guys rock!



PAYING IT FORWARD: Meet Addy Bass. Addy shared a story with us about how this is a tradition for them. They put names in a hat and who's ever name they choose is the winner. We won! We are so lucky to have such amazing kids out there that help the animals in need.



A WORD OF THANKS: We would like to give a special thank you to the kind folks at F&M Bank in South Sioux City, NE. The Siouxland Humane Society was nominated as their recipient for their check giving from their Jeans Day! The critters truly appreciate you all! Paws to you!!



FILL THE WINDOW PROJECT: Century 21 ProLink in Le Mars came up with a project they called Fill the Window. People come in with donated supplies to help fill the window- while- helping out pets in need! We can't say THANK YOU enough to all those that donated.

GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



I want to give a HUGE Thank You to everyone that helped make the 2019 Apple Project a success, whether you volunteered, donated food or sold or purchased apples; you are all part of the success.

SUX on my PRIDE event is Saturday, June 1st 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 online, 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 Sunday, May 12th.

President's Letter

Hello Siouxland Humane Society volunteers, supporters and friends. It's has been an honor and a privilege to represent the SHS as Board President. As spring approaches so does the time for me to step down from President and help the SHS in other ways. In the next month the board will be electing new board members and planning the next year. New board members will be announced in the next newsletter.

Spring starts motivating us all get outside and enjoying the weather. Pets too find the outdoors refreshing. Be sure to start thinking about your pet's yearly shots and securing an appointment with their vet

for flea and tick and heart guard protection. Ticks will be the first to come.

Our annual quilt auction will be June 6th. Each year quilters and talented seamstresses bless us with beautiful quilts they have been making during the cold winter months for our quilt auction. These are one of a kind and many quilts reflect the animals we adore so much. Please consider coming to Riverside Community Theater this year for dinner, silent auction and a live quilt auction.

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KELLY'S VOLUNTEER KORNER

The old saying goes March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb! I think March has left most of us speechless to say the least. No matter if you are watching TV or scrolling on Facebook we all have seen the devastation that part of our community, sad enough went through and is still dealing with the aftermath. First, I would like to say my heart totally goes out to all those that have been effected by the flooding. Living here in the Midwest we have seen a lot and been through a lot. One of the many good things I can say about our community is that we always seem to be there for those that need a lending hand. The amount of response I got back through a simple email asking for those to be a temporary foster home for the pets that needed a safe haven was amazing to say the least. I can't say thank you enough for wanting to step up to the plate and open your heart and home to a pet and a family you didn't even know, but just wanted to be there to help! That speaks volumes!

With the nice weather here, now would be the purrfect time to get out and about! Our dogs/puppies would love a good walk in the back yard. Maybe a good story read to them while you relax in our gazebo. Your best conversation sometimes can be with a pet. Sit, visit with or brush out a cat and make yourself a new feline friend. We really do count on the help of our volunteers! Rather it's socializing with animals, working a shift at one of our fundraising projects or helping a pet find it's loving forever home – it all makes a difference! So if you are not volunteering yet get signed up today and be the one that is making a difference!

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 **Dog/Puppy Care Items:** Capstar, Kongs or rubber balls, Lamb & Rice dry dog food, Frontline or Nexgard Flea & Tick Topical, Soft dog treats.

 **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.

Fundraising Wish List

With many fundraising events we host raffles and/or silent auction items. We could use small supplies or donations to help fill those baskets!

- \$5-\$10 gift cards to restaurants, gas stations, movie theaters, etc.
- New or gently used baskets and decorative tissue paper

ROSIE'S PICK

Rosie is here to help. Well spring has sprung and nice weather is upon us. After a long winter of being cooped up its time to get out and enjoy the weather. Have the old dog and cat toys seen better days? Well throw them out! I would like to show you some new products we have down here at the shelter. I just know your animals are going to love them, so please come check them out. We have something for everyone. Stop by the shelter and see me or one of the staff for some new toys, treats or Country Vet Naturals dog food. See you soon, Rosie!



What's Happening?

May

- 1-31 Microchip Your Pet Month
- 4 Petco Adoption Event
- 18 Southern Hills Mall Adoption Event
- 26 PetSmart Adoption Event

June

- 1-30 Adopt a Shelter Cat Month
- 1 SUX Pride Family Event
- 6 Quilt Auction
- 29 Baby Goat Yoga

Offsite Adoption Events

Check our website or Facebook for dates

July

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September

- 21 Pets on Parade Family Fun Walk/Run

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MORE WAYS TO GIVE

FACEBOOK – Do you or someone you know have a birthday coming up? You can set up a Birthday Fundraiser and choose the Siouxland Humane Society as your charity to raise funds for! It is simple, fun and helps the homeless animals in Siouxland! On the Left hand side of the Facebook newsfeed screen, click on the fundraisers icon.

You will start creating your fundraiser, choosing the Siouxland Humane Society as the non-profit you are raising funds for. Tell your story – why this important to you; tell a little bit about what the Siouxland Humane Society does. Pick a cover photo and select create! The final step though is the most important; you have to invite your friends to donate and share in your news feed! It is as simple as that! Money raised will come directly to the Shelter! Please let Missie know you have created a fundraiser and when it will end so she can document the funds raised!

TAKE ACTION! Do you know the benefits and monies available from your Employer? There are 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.

SPREAD THE WORD? Social media is the way of the future and 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.

ANIMAL SHELTER TIDBITS

Terms like “humane society” or “SPCA” are generic. Shelters that use those names are not part of the ASPCA or The Humane Society of the United States. Currently no government agency or animal organization tabulates animal statistics, nor is there a specific way all shelters count and report their statistics. Here are some estimates which vary from shelter to shelter and state to state.

- Approximately 6.5 million companion animals enter U.S. shelters every year. Of those, approximately 3.3 million are dogs and 3.2 million are cats. This is a decline from about 7.2 million in 2011. The biggest decline was in dogs.
- Each year, approximately 1.5 million shelter animals are euthanized (670,000 dogs and 860,000 cats). This has declined from approximately 2.6 million in 2011.

- Approximately 3.2 million shelter pets are adopted each year (1.6 million dogs and 1.6 million cats).
- About 710,000 animals that enter shelters as strays are returned to their owners. Of those, 620,000 are dogs and only 90,000 are cats.
- 34% of dogs are purchased from breeders, while only 23% of dogs and 31% of cats are obtained from an animal shelter or humane society.
- Results show the top seven reasons both dogs and cats are surrendered to shelters are the same. The leading reasons are moving, landlord not allowing pets, too many animals in household and cost of pet maintenance.

(Estimates courtesy of ASPCA)



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Volunteer Spotlight

LOOKING TO HELP!

Elizabeth Giles got involved with the shelter when she initially signed up to volunteer at the Paws and Claus Event. She was looking for a way to get involved and after volunteering for that one event she was hooked. Some of the activities you can find Elizabeth helping out are the Paws & Claus Event and the Out Reach Programs. If you ask her what her all-time favorite volunteer program to do is – she will tell you it's the Out Reach Programs. A fun way to spend the weekend is to snuggle up to animals and help them find their forever loving homes. Elizabeth gets the biggest kick out of transporting the dogs to the offsite events. The dogs are as happy as can be as they enjoy taking in the fresh air and the view.

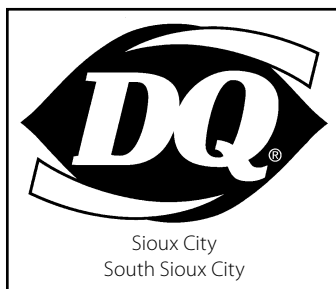
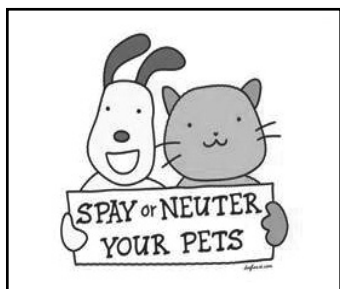
Elizabeth is a clinical social worker in Sioux City. She is originally from Connecticut but has called the Midwest her home for the last 14 years. She is a proud mom of a USAF Airman and a rescue mom of 2 cats and a Chihuahua/Basenji mix. Elizabeth has been involved in working with the feral cat community providing educational information about TNR. Her cat Rick is a former failed feral with the ear tipped badge of honor. Rescue is so important and close to her heart. She is very passionate about the TNR and educating people why it is so important. Her larger hope is that we see more TNR with cats, more adoptions and less purchasing of pets across the board. Thanks Elizabeth for all you do for us!

KITTEN LOVE!

Roberta Miller knew growing up she had a love of animals that she acquired from her mother. Her home was always full of foster critters. The hardest thing she had to learn is that she couldn't keep them all. Roberta got involved with the shelter with our Pets on Parade and helping with the Apple Project by selling apples. She discovered as time went on her favorite thing is being a cat/ kitten foster parent and helping with the Adoption Offsite Events. With a full time job, a husband and 3 kids it just doesn't give her much extra time. However

she feels something is better than giving nothing.

Roberta says that kitties just make her happy. She also enjoys teaching her kids how to take care of pets and to be responsible. Being a foster parent with her kids they have learned to jump into action with helping feed and clean up after the foster babies. The most important thing she can tell people is to have your pets spayed and neutered. Roberta loves kittens however she knows she can't take them all! As foster care time arrives we thank Roberta so much for all she does!



From the desk of...

Jerry Dominick, Executive Director

Our staff is a group of special people whose love for animals is on a way different level. They nurture, train, rehabilitate and bond with the animals. They have the compassion to repair the damage done to neglected animals and have the knowledge and expertise to rebuild the animals' trust in humans. And, on rare occasions, it is staff that lovingly comfort and hold animals that must be humanely euthanized because of severe illness or extreme behavior problems.

The jobs of our staff members are incredibly difficult and yet their dedication and compassion for animals is unwavering. Their work is often dirty and smelly as well as thankless and heart wrenching. Yet they witness daily the gifts that animals offer us. The animals greet the staff and put smiles on their faces – the dogs dance and wag their tails and the kitty tail flicks and purrs are heartwarming. One of our employees' greatest joys is watching a family fall in love with a shelter animal, particularly one that has been here a long time, and getting to send them off to a new permanent loving home. Our staff vows to continue finding homes for 100% of the adoptable animals.

It is staff and dedicated volunteers who go to schools and educate students about animals and how to be a humane citizen. Our staff takes pride in being able to help keep families – the people and their pets – together by educating, counseling and providing vital services such as veterinary assistance, spay/neuter assistance, pet food and supplies or emergency sheltering. They have so much devotion to and care for both the people and pets they help.

I am so blessed to be surrounded with such a great staff and I urge you to join me in thanking and supporting the Siouxland Humane Society staff and animal shelters in general for all the good work that they do. If you know one of our staff, send them a note of thanks. If you've adopted and have a good story share it with staff and friends. Stop by the shelter and say hello. If you haven't stopped before or haven't been in for a while stop by, take a tour and see their good work for yourself. Make a donation in honor of staff! And you can always volunteer to help or better yet, let our staff help you adopt your next best friend!

THE KITTENS ARE COMING...

Can you help? Last year the Siouxland Humane Society placed hundreds of cats and kittens in foster care! Some were just days old and required round the clock care, others just needed a safe place to be until they were old enough to adopt. We'll train you and provide all the supplies you will need. Interested? Please contact Kelly at Kelly@siouxlandhumnaesociety.org or call her at (712) 252-2614, ext. 13.



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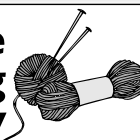
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PURRFECT IN EVERY WAY – When Zabú came to the shelter he looked like he had been through a lot and staff could tell he was not feeling well. This charming fellow at 9 years of age you could say was a diamond in the ruff. Once he had been seen by a veterinarian we knew we had one sick kitty on our hands. Zabú was a severe diabetic and appeared to be that way for some time. Once he was on the mend, eating right and his sugar level on track we had one very happy kitty. He then began his search for a new home that would tend to his special needs. Great news, Zabú found a home!

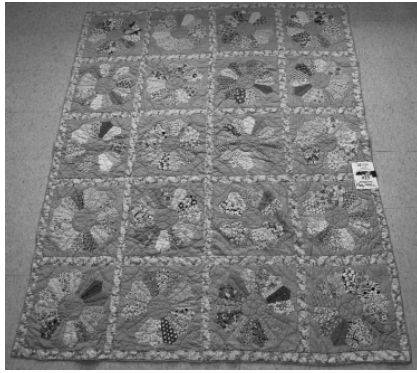
BAYOU SWEETEST – Meet Gator. When this monstrous lad wrinkles and all came into the shelter, staff could smell something was not right with him. They could just tell he was not feeling his normal self. The vet discovered Gator had a major infection in the wrinkles by his tail. Because of the severity the only option was to have his tail amputated. Surgery was a success and the infection is gone. Avoiding swamps our Bayou friend quickly mended with lots of rest, antibiotics and love from staff. Gator quickly found a new home to call his own!



We love pets and the people who love them. Don't forget that we offer pet help year round, no matter the season. We are here for the people, families and pets in Siouxland. Some of our services include:

- Spay and Neuter Assistance
- Veterinary Assistance
- Pet Food Bank
- Microchipping & Registration
- Fun events for the whole family!

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TOO HOT FOR SPOT?

“It’s hot!” you say to yourself, while you sit in the shade and sip a cold beverage while your dog looks at you pleadingly. Clearly your dog is hot and you realize their discomfort too. What can you do that will make them comfortable and protected from heatstroke?

1. **Find some shade** – A large tree, a small patio area where you can create a canopy or a collapsible shade tent can be folded and unfolded as needed.
2. **Take a dip, but be careful** – Check out the pool or lake, jump in with your dog. Enter the water slowly with just his feet in the cold water for a bit. A small child’s wading pool can be placed even in your yard or patio to allow your dog to simply stand in the water.
3. **Create a breeze** – Make summer heat much more tolerable by placing a window or box fan on the patio and create a great breeze for your dog.
4. **Try some mist** – Obviously a garden hose to wet your dog will help, but it wastes water and some dogs are afraid of the hose. Instead consider using a mist attachment that sprays a fine mist of water. These are available at home improvement centers and need not be expensive.
5. **Use a wet blanket** – A hand or bath towel that has been dampened and kept in the freezer is a great aid for cooling. A bag of frozen peas can be used to cool your dog’s head, or placed on the neck or groin where some big blood vessels live.
6. **Ice that drink** - On a hot day, you take a cool drink, share with your dog. Keep their water fresh and cool and replenish it often. You can add ice to the water bowl to help lower the temperature.
7. **Make popsicles and icicles** – Share a popsicle or frozen juice bar, but make sure it doesn’t contain a toxic sweetener. If your dog doesn’t like fruit flavors consider making frozen bars with plain water and a touch of beef bouillon.
8. **Always carry water** – Make sure that when you leave home, you carry plenty of water for your dog. A quart of bottled water can easily be frozen and kept cool in an insulated bag.

If it’s too hot for you it’s too hot for your pet. Some days are best spent indoors by an air conditioner. If your dog shows signs of overheating or you have any concerns take him to your veterinarian immediately. Have a safe and fun summer!