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The Wizard of Paws is going to be an annual event, replacing our annual Quilt Auction. We will have a few quilts on the virtual auction so those that loved our quilt auction will still have the opportunity to purchase or bid on what we have available. We are in the process of securing donations and will continue to update the site as those are received. We hope that you will register to view the items now however bidding does not begin until June 10th at 1pm and will go through June 19th at 1pm. Our new platform will allow us to send text messages to remind you of when bidding starts, when you have been outbid and will allow you to schedule a maximum bid for items you are interested in.

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You can view the donations we have in on our website event page or at <https://one.bidpal.net/wizardofpawsauction/welcome>

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Your gifts of love were heard all around Siouxland! A match challenge was made by an anonymous donor in the amount of \$25,000.00. Siouxland animal lovers were up for the challenge and we did meet and match the challenge. We and the critters want to send out a big thank you to all of you that were involved in the gift of love to help us meet that match. We couldn't have done it without you! Lots of loud purrs and tails a wagging. Thanks so much to our anonymous donor and to you for making this gift of love happen!



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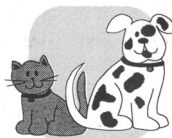
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# From the desk of...*Jerry Dominicak, Executive Director*

Behind the thousands of animals we care for each year, are the hundreds of thousands of people we care for as well. Your continued support of the Siouxland Humane Society enables us to provide loving care to the thousands of animals that come into the shelter each year and provide services and programs that keep people, pets – families together.

We have a long history of being there for both the animals and people. Our mission is to provide programs and services that promote the humane treatment of animals in the Siouxland area. The support of the Siouxland community is what ensures that we are able to answer the call when pets or people are in need. We steward your support to make as large an impact on our community as possible and we depend on your support to continue this work.

In the quarterly newsletters and on our Facebook and other social medias you will always find heartwarming stories about the many lives you've helped save. There are stories of how abuse or neglect turn into unconditional love and stories of how the most injured or sick animals receive veterinary care, recover and find loving homes.

This year we will see thousands more animals come to us seeking comfort, refuge and care. This year we will see hundreds of thousands of people rely on us to help them keep their pets. And this year your support will enable these pets, people – families to receive the help, care and love they deserve. Thank you for your continued support of our work!

## NOTE FROM MISSIE FISCHER

A huge thank you to everyone that has supported our fundraising efforts this past year! We had to come up with many different ways to raise funds and we couldn't have made them successful without all of you! While things might be getting back to a "new" normal, we will still be hosting some different virtual things and selling different themed packages to supplement lost revenue. We simply could not do what we do without you!

I am so excited to announce our Pets on Parade date of Saturday, September 18th at Riverside Park. Now is the ultimate time to start a dog pack and plan to participate; a dog pack is a fun term we use that means gather friends, family, co-workers together and raise funds for the shelter. Pets on Parade is a pledged walk/run and you earn awesome prizes based on the amount you raise. There are no age requirements, so include the kids too! We will have vendor tables, music, food and pet contests too!

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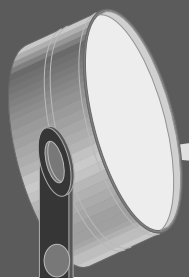
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# Volunteer Spotlight

## *Designing a Picture of Love!*

Growing up in Houston Shiloe's mom took her to the shelter where they adopted their first pets. That day on Shiloe knew she would never be without a pet and that's when her love for animals truly began! She was obsessed with Animal Planet, finding sea turtles, catching frogs and rescuing animals. When she moved to South Dakota she volunteered at Heartland Humane cleaning kennels, walking dogs and assisting with adoption events.

Shiloe Tramp is on the Board for the Humane Society, the volunteer services committee and assists with social media and marketing. Shiloe's favorite project is the Apples fundraiser (because they are SO delicious) but is especially excited about our first virtual auction, The Wizard of Paws!

A Texan girl at heart, Shiloe was raised in Menno, South Dakota! She moved to Sioux City in 2013 to attend WITCC and Briar Cliff receiving her B.A.S. in graphic design and marketing. In 2019 she landed her dream job at

Aventure Staffing as Marketing Coordinator, supporting 8 Midwest locations. She says it's incredibly humbling to work for Aventure. They work hard to connect individuals with employers, helping families get back on their feet. She's grateful that her work culture is engrained with a philanthropic approach to give back. Weekends she operates Photography by Shiloe Revae, specializing in weddings and lifestyle portraiture and assists non-profit organizations, like The Sanford Center.

Shiloe's lucky to be a mother and wife! Married to Andrew, their hearts and hands are full with two cuties, Kellan (7) and Novella (2). Counting the fur-babies, add three more to the list of children! Two kitties, Ivory and Jasper (JJ). Ivory is Queen of the House and JJ is just there for the neck scratches and snuggles. In addition to the kitties, they recently adopted their first puppy Chevy! His new home is full of floor snacks, children as playful as him and a whole lot of love!

## *Mother & Son Volunteer Duo Rock It*

Andrea & Randy Waldner started volunteering because they wanted to get out in the community and work on communication and job skills for Randy and help build for the future towards getting a job. Randy graduated high school last year with Covid 19 going on and it was a huge accomplishment for him. His family is so very proud of him. Andrea loves seeing Randy smile and laugh while they volunteer. He is very shy and quiet at first but once you get to know him he is a wonderful person with a big heart especially when it comes to animals. He enjoys reading Manga Anime books and spending time with the shelter cats. Being able to play, socialize and seeing all the different personalities cats and kittens have is quite amazing for him. However, their all-time favorite thing is seeing the animals go to good loving homes.

They have a dog named Sammy who will be 8 years old. Randy takes Sammy on daily walks with his grandfather. They also have a cat they rescued 4 years ago. Andrea works full time for Sunrise Retirement community which she says is a very rewarding place to work. Weekends she, enjoys coming to the Humane Society with Randy to volunteer. She also has another son who is 14 and involved with Tiger Rock here in Sioux City and they do get out into the community with events and activities around the Siouxland area. Andrea & Randy wish the best for the future at the Humane Society with animals finding forever homes and hoping donors out there keep donating and helping the Humane Society keep moving forward.

# Gifts From the Heart



**SUPER STARS!** Pooh Bear & the Siouxland Humane Society want to give a big shout out to Country Vet Naturals & Consumers Supply Distributing for the awesome blankets that were made for the pets here at the shelter! Thanks for thinking of the needy pets!



**KIND KIDS!** Leave It To Beaver Achers Group were so kind to put their mission in gear and help the animals in need. They collected items for the pets and also other items that the shelter much needed. Tuff and Titan Tonga and all of the group that participated are rock stars!



**BEARING GIFTS!** Ashley & Jennifer came bearing gifts! They are from the Pipestone Veterinary Services of Orange City. They surprised us with 2 checks and had a Hope Tree in their clinic where clients could put items for the pets in need! We can't say thank you enough!



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# President's Letter by Robin Beller

As my term comes to an end, let me begin in saying how privileged I feel to have had the opportunity to serve as president of the board. It was a very challenging year due to the Covid pandemic, and by all coming and working together we survived it, when many were not as fortunate. I would like to thank my board members, along with Jerry – Executive Director, shelter staff, and all of our volunteer's, for their dedication, hard work and their support this past year. And through all of the restrictions put in place due to Covid, the shelter was still able to serve and help the community. It was truly a pleasure serving as your president and has been a most valuable experience. I'm looking forward to serving another 3 years on the board.

The shelter is super excited to announce that our much-awaited upcoming big fundraiser, our virtual auction, is right

around the corner, coming in June. How exciting and safe is this, no masks, no social distancing, nor the spreading of Covid, just go online and bid. Stay tuned to the shelter website, radio, and media, and help support us by spreading the word to family & friends, whether they are local or from afar. With your help, support, and the shelter staff and board members continuing to work diligently, we can make up what we did lose due to the pandemic, along with continuing to uphold our mission, which is to provide services and programs that promote the humane treatment of animals in the Siouxland area. Help us make this virtual auction a huge success, for you too can make a Better World for Pets.

## KELLY'S KORNER

I am happy to report we are getting back to some normalcy here at the shelter. We have opened up timeslots during the day for volunteers to come in and do In-Shelter Volunteering. Socializing with pets and getting lots of wet kisses and loud purrs in return. The dogs are loving their walks and cats are enjoying being brushed. Make sure if you have not yet completed your orientation – now would be a great time to do so. Dust off them tennis shoes and let's get moving.

This time of the year we are seeing pregnant pets, pets with litters or orphans that are seeking a foster home! When a pet needs foster care it could be a couple weeks or possibly 7-8 weeks depending on the situation. We, always need good foster homes and we supply you with all that's needed to care for the pets. It's a great feeling to know you've helped those that don't have a voice, thrive and get strong and move on to their next chapter.

We are getting back into the groove of doing our Pet Offsite Adoption Events. At these events it takes friendly volunteers with great smiles and a passion to put their best paw forward to help find the critters their new fur-ever loving homes. It's a win-win for everyone involved including the volunteer seeing the pet's new family.

I am hoping by reading this you will find yourself very intrigued about getting involved and being a part of the Siouxland Humane Society volunteer program as the rewards are very reaping with lots of wet kisses, thumps of a tail, kneading paws on your leg followed with lots of loud purrs. To sign up as a volunteer, go to our website, get involved, volunteer. What are you waiting for! Let's make a better life for those that need our help!

## DAPPER DOXIE!

Chester is an 8-year-old dachshund who was hoping for a special home. He is both deaf and blind but can see shadows. He came from another shelter because they didn't think they could get him placed. His heart wrenching story really touched us. His family moved out of state and returned to their empty home monthly to check on him. Supposedly weekly a neighbor fed and watered him. When the original shelter went in, Chester was stranded on a high bed stuck in his own feces. The veterinarian that treated him said all the hair he lost was due to sitting in his own feces and to lack of care. Miracles do happen – Chester has been adopted to a wonderful family that is going to love him like the true gem he is!



# AGE IS JUST A NUMBER, LOVE IS ENDLESS



A senior pet should be part of everyone's life! They offer so much, no matter the time they have left. These "Boys" came to the Shelter three years ago as a pair – at the ages of 17 and 19 years. We knew they needed a special home to get lots of special care, so we reached out to one of our many partners and here is their story 3 years later.

Take the Lead Animal Rescue got the call 3 years ago to take them and they did. A foster, Ed Laumeier, jumped to action and drove the long trip to rescue them. The Rescue became attached to the duo and decided not to place Buddy & Chico up for adoption but made them part of their family. Both dogs give us so much! They are both over 20 and act like puppies!

Buddy, the black Chihuahua, is known as "killer"! As wild turkeys appear in the yard, he charges snarling all the way! He is in hot pursuit! He has to have his ducks in a row before he eats! He looks at the food, drinks, goes to the bathroom, looks at the food and in about 15 minutes eats. He eats separately so as not to be disturbed!

Chico sleeps with his master and waits to be put to bed. Buddy chooses to sleep on one of many dog beds. He rolls up in a blanket like a tootsie roll. When he can't be found we go unroll blankets! Both dogs get massages at bedtime and before getting up to get the blood rolling! Chico shows no signs of arthritis and Buddy is a little stiff.

Both had horrible teeth, had dentals and are pretty much toothless. They enjoy soft homemade foods and receive organic olive oil and vitamins. Some days Buddy likes organic chicken broth on his. It will be sad when they are gone, but, we will have many fun memories. Now, they are giving more to us than we could ever give to them!!

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**Pets for Seniors** – We have a program that matches seniors with senior/special needs pets.

**Sponsor a Pet** – Make a difference through our Sponsor a Pet program. Your donation will help a pet here at the shelter or help them get adopted!

**Spay/Neuter Assistance** – We aid families who have a financial hardship. Our Spay the Mom Cat program pays 100% of the spay cost.

**Veterinary Assistance** – We offer funding assistance that helps cover the cost of a veterinary exam for sick and injured pets.

**Pet Food Bank** – Helps people who may have fallen on hard times and occasionally need help feeding their pets. We help, on a temporary basis, pets in need.

**Emergency Sheltering** – We offer temporary boarding to those in shelters, domestic violence or disaster cases.

**Volunteer** – People volunteer here at the shelter, at offsites or at fund-raising events. If interested go to our website and click the Get Involved tab.

**Breed Rescue** – We work with shelters/rescues to find homes for pets struggling to get adopted. It may be special needs, length of stay, older or just harder to place pets.

**Pet Facilitated Therapy** – Each year our volunteers and shelter pets visit thousands of people in nursing homes and care facilities. It does wonders for both the people and pets.

**Education** – We offer tours or classroom visits, teaching responsible pet ownership and care and explain the role of the Humane Society in the community.

**Cruelty Investigation** – We work with law enforcement to bring justice for all animals. We assist with investigations of abuse/neglect in Woodbury and surrounding counties.

**Pet Surrenders** – We have resources to help you keep your pet. However, if you can't we never turn pets away, and we find forever homes for 100% of the adoptable pets.

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