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Pets on Parade

The Fast and the Furriest



Join us for our 13th annual Pets on Parade event on Saturday, September 26th at the River Front in Sioux City. Last year we added a 5k run to the event, this year we are timing it! This is a pledged Run/Walk. Those that do not want to compete in the 5k can join us for a 1 mile color fun walk; participate with or without a pet. We are adding a Siouxland Humane Society alumni parade and hope many participate.

We encourage you to form or join a team, ask family, friends and coworkers to join you. The more money raised, the better the prizes and the more you help homeless pets in Siouxland! As an individual, you have to raise a minimum of \$30.00 in pledges, to participate as a team/dog pack; your group has to raise a minimum of \$300.00 in pledges. Packs get the same prizes as the individuals with an additional gift for forming a pack. We have Top Fundraiser prizes as well as a Free Pizza Party at Bob Roe's Point After for the team that raises the most money! Make it a family affair; there is no age limit on participation.

After the run/walk, free food, entertainment, parade, contests, booths and a silent auction will be going on. Encourage your supporters, family and friends to come cheer you on! You can still raise funds and get pledges even if you do not want to run or walk, do it for the animals, they rely on your support. Attention Siouxland Humane Society

Adopters!! Sign your pet up to participate in the alumni parade, the fee is just \$10.00 and goes to the shelter animals that have yet to find their forever home. Enter your pets in the contests; free to participants and only \$5.00 for those that just attend the event.

Not interested in running or walking but want to help? Volunteer for one of our many volunteer positions, contact Missie at 252-2614 ext. 16, email at Melissa@siouxlandhumanesociety.org or sign up online at the link below. For more information, see the enclosed brochure and pledge envelope. You can start collecting pledges and forming teams right away. You can also register online and send emails and collect pledges at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IA/SiouxCity/PetsonParadeTheFastandtheFurriest>

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President's Letter

I am now serving my second term as President of the Siouxland Humane Society. We are so fortunate to have a shelter of this caliber in Sioux City. Our shelter does so many things well and is often looked to by other shelters for guidance. The one thing that we don't do well though is toot our own horn.

Many members of the public still have the misconception that we kill animals at the shelter. According to the industry standard any shelter whose adoption rate is above 90% can claim to be a no kill facility. On the other hand, our goal at the shelter is to find a forever home for all the adoptable animals that come through our doors. Over the years, we have been able to consistently meet this goal by finding forever homes for 100% of our adoptable pets.

Recently we have begun to concentrate on how we can make adoptable pets out of the animals that would not have been considered adoptable in the past. I have been fortunate to be part of a board of directors that has supported the shelter in its efforts to continue to increase the number of adoptable pets from the animals that are brought through our doors.

One way we have accomplished this is by designating more funds to be used for vetting the sick and injured animals that come to stay with us. In addition, we have increased the number of animals

that we pay to have spayed and neutered. Both of these activities have allowed us to adopt animals that would not have been adoptable in prior years. By investing funds in these areas we increase the number of adoptable pets that come to stay with us and we continue to find forever homes for all of them.

Another way we have found to continue to find forever homes for animals who may not have been adopted in the past is through the utilization of rescue groups. There are a variety of rescue groups for cats and dogs. A majority of our adoptions to these groups are to mixed breed rescues and not to breed specific rescues.

There are also some specialty rescue groups that we have worked with to find forever homes. For instance, there are rescue groups who adopt pets of owners who are deceased or who had to move to a nursing home. In addition we have found forever homes by working with rescue groups who specialize in finding homes for blind and deaf animals.

We do a very good job of finding forever homes for all of the adoptable animals that are brought to us. In addition we will continue to find ways to make adoptable pets from animals that would not have been considered adoptable in the past.

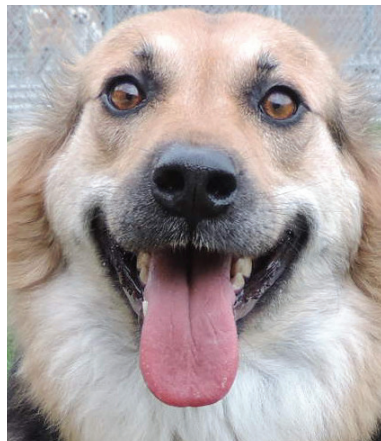
Tammi L Gagnon, Board President

Adorable and ADOPTABLE!

Check out these two adorable, adoptable pets and then head to our website to see all the adoptable pets at www.siouxlandhumanesociety.org and check out our Facebook page too!

Did you know that all adoptions includes their initial preventative vaccinations, deworming, microchipping, free veterinarian health examination, spay/neuter discount (if they are not already fixed) and an adoption packet/new parent guide.

Stop on down anytime, the staff would love to visit and show you around. We are located in downtown Sioux City at 1015 Tri-View Ave between the Tyson Event Center and Hamilton Boulevard.



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Thanks For Being a “Loyal Friend”!

The following gifts were received between April 9th and July 13, 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 next edition of Pawprints.

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What's Happening?

August

- 8-9 Petco Adoption Event
 15 Southern Hills Mall Adoption Event
 22-23 PetSmart Adoption Event

September

- 26 Pets On Parade – The Fast and the Furriest

Offsite Adoption Events

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

October

- 1-31 Adopt A Shelter Dog Month

November

Paws N Claus! Dates to be announced!

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

Dollars For Dogs

Where you work could make a big difference for the homeless animals in Siouxland! Many employers offer grants or dollars to your selected organization for your volunteer hours or support. Check with human resources if you are unsure, here are a couple we know of for sure. Shopko has Teammate Community Service Grants, each grant is \$1,000! You qualify if you have volunteered at the shelter for at least one year and have been employed by Shopko for at least 6 months. Mid-American Energy and Walmart have volunteer give back programs as well! All funds would go towards the cost of supporting the homeless animals, medical care and the continuance of our amazing programs. Contact Missie Fischer if you will be designating funds to the shelter.



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Gifts From the Heart



Meet the Girl Scout Troup 67. These lovely girls came in with arms loaded full of dog food for us. We can't thank you girls enough for doing such a great deed. I know the dogs are very grateful for your wonderful donation! Way to go girls and thank you for making a difference!



A big thank you to these great kids. Jaelyn was so kind to give a donation in memory of her cat "Henry" and also a donation in honor of her birthday. She did not want gifts; instead she wanted the pets to get something special. Her sister Grace also has a big heart when it comes to animals and wanted to donate her birthday money as well. WOW! What amazing girls you both are! Happy birthday Jaelyn & Grace!



A group of volunteers from Baird Private Wealth Management spent an evening sprucing up the grounds of the Shelter. Baird employees weeded, pruned, planted, mulched, sprayed, weed wacked and cleaned up the entire grounds of the Shelter. What a great job they did and WOW just take a drive by and see how great the landscaping looks now. Thanks so much!



A great BIG thank you goes out to Colton Wolf! He stopped by the Shelter with a nice cash donation to help take care of the homeless pets here. The pets all say – woof, woof, meow – which means we all appreciate you very much!

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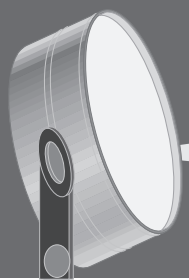
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Volunteer Spotlight

By Lynn Mikkelsen Posey

Rewards of the Heart

Shortly after adopting Sadie, their beloved yellow lab from the SHS, Sheila Plendl began her volunteerism tenure at the Shelter. While she is still assisting the Shelter, Sadie passed in 2012. As with all the dogs Shelia helps out, Sadie will be forever in her heart.

Offsite adoptions are one of Sheila's favorite activities. She recalls one most interesting case, "a young boy kept coming back to see the dog I was caring for at the adoption area. By the end of the afternoon he and his mother took the dog home with them. When I took the dog that day, I was doubtful anyone would want her due to her age and weight. That little boy proved me quite wrong! It is most rewarding to unite a shelter pet with a new owner!" The caramel apple fundraiser is another

delightful activity she enjoys, both making and selling. She has also just recently started the pet therapy program – taking shelter pets to nursing homes once a month. "It is a most rewarding time as the residents are so happy to see pets visit."

Sheila works full time as an accountant and loves to camp and motorcycle cross country. She is married to Chris and they have four children – Mike, Justin, Taylor and Jillian along with Sally a black cocker mix and Kona a yellow lab. Sheila is more than pleased that the SHS does such great work uniting pets with new owners. She is so proud to be a volunteer and encourages anyone to become one as it is extremely rewarding!

For the Love of Dogs

The Baklunds have always had larger dogs. First there was Tarr, a black lab; Dolly, a Boxer Sharpai mix and Jesse, Mary's black lab buddy. Losing pets over the years can be so difficult with many tears shed, Mary Baklund laments. "After Jesse was hit by a car and the driver left the scene, we decided not to get anymore pets as it was just too hard to say goodbye." It was then Mary thought to volunteer at the SHS – a way to interact with animals without having one of her own. Well, fast forward a couple years and Mary's husband told her there would be a black lab for adoption at PetSmart. Eager to look, she went to the adoption site, but no black lab. Instead she found a little black and white Shih Tzu. After some wonderful interaction with Breezy staring into Mary's eyes – that was that! As previously noted large dogs were mainstay in the Baklund home, but this was the first 'little' dog.

Mary says, "While it took 3 days for Floyd to get over the little dog deal, he rapidly became a fan!" Mary likes to dress Breezy up, take her to the office and show her off after a pup beauty appointment. Mary exclaims, "I have never felt so much joy from an animal in my entire life! When I travel, she holds vigil for days at the front door." Not to be quite out done, however, Floyd adopted a teacup Yorkie, who is "his" dog and quite the daddy's girl. Even though they are small, they still take up 2/3 of the Baklund bed!

Today, Mary serves on the Board of Directors and the fundraising committee and enjoys the Quilt auction and Pets on Parade as other favorites. Floyd and Mary have been married for 39 years and have 4 daughters and 4 grandchildren. Mary is honored to be a part of the Shelter and encourages everyone to support all the fundraisers and volunteer if possible!

Sponsor A Pet

Adoption Fee, Vet Expenses or Spay/Neuter Surgery

Make a difference to pets in our care through the Sponsor A Pet Program. Your Sponsor-a-pet donation will help a pet here at the Shelter. You can choose to have your donation cover part or all of the adoption fee, vet expenses or spay/neuter surgery. By sponsoring a pet you are spotlighting a pet in need and allowing adopters to put their money toward future medical bills, obedience training or other pet care.

This is an exciting and rewarding way to watch your donation in action. You can Sponsor-a-pet in memory of or in honor of someone special as well. Sponsorships make great gifts for any animal lover. Sponsor a pet in person by stopping by the Shelter, sponsor by mail by sending in your donation, online use the donate button, or call us at (712) 252-2614, ext. 7 to use a credit card. Staff always knows which pets need help the most if you haven't picked one out in person or off our website.

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NEW BOARD ELECTED




The SHS Board of Directors has elected officers and board members for the 2015-2016 year. Tammi Gagnon, with Security National Bank has been elected as president of the board. Other officers are vice president, Terri Kjeldseth, Kjeldseth Design; treasurer,

Chris Holman, Central Bank and secretary, Paula Kleen, Security National Bank.

Newly elected board members are Mary Baklund of Baklund Insurance, Deborah Currier Scollard, Dr. Brooke Gilbert of South Sioux Animal Hospital, Judy Grimsley of Thompson Electric and Leslie Walker of US District Courts. These individuals will join existing board members Steven Merritt DVM, Mark Mohring, Pam Miller-Smith, Mark Rawlings, Ryan Ross, Loan Hensley, Stephan Liebetrau, Todd Trobaugh, Lucinda Tryon, Mark Cord and Jill Miller.

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, 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
-  **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!



A Message from Missie

We had a great time at the 7th annual quilt auction, a great big thank you to everyone that made it a success. We could not do it without the quilt donations, food donations, volunteers and of course the attendees! We had 91 quilts for auction and survey results show that animal quilts are the top sellers making us the most money! A huge thank you to the quilters, Brock Auction, Sioux City Community Theater and Artisan Press for the donations. The top selling quilt was donated by Granny Stitches with Viking and sold for \$775.00, a huge thank you to Jeanne Mattlock.

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes! It's that time of year to clean out your closet and get ready for the fall. The Shelter is recycling gently used shoes as an ongoing fundraiser. We will take anything except flip-flops, slippers and snow boots. We have a collection box at the shelter and thanks to Sheila Plendl, we have one at Gelita.

Be sure to friend us on Facebook if you haven't already as we add new events and opportunities all the time. We appreciate your support, without it, we could not help support the animals at the shelter.



Dog Pack or Team 101

- 1) Gather family, friends or coworkers to form a team of runners or walkers.
- 2) Ensure each member has a pledge envelope; members can join right up to the day of the event. Contact Missie for more envelopes if needed.
- 3) Run/walk together or individually if participating in the timed run. Run/walk with or without your pet, encourage your sponsors to attend to cheer you on!
- 4) All members will get individual prizes plus additional prizes for belonging to a team.
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Lonesome, the shelter mascot, leads off a long line of walkers who all collected pledges to help the homeless pets at the Shelter!

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

Despite proper care, healthy pets can quickly become sick or injured. The cost of veterinary care can be hundreds of dollars. Medical expenses are something to consider before getting a new pet. Some folks with sick or injured pets cannot afford care for them and they will allow them to suffer. We have a Veterinary Assistance Program that pays the initial veterinary examination fee for owners who cannot afford it. Contact us for more information.

Some choose to surrender these pets because they see no alternative. Good people with good intentions sometimes have pets they can't financially care for. Some pets may be chronically ill with diabetes or allergies needing ongoing medication. Others may have a situation that requires expensive surgery to treat a broken bone or other injury.

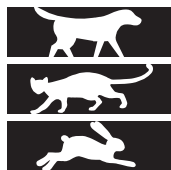
We have greatly increased our vetting budget to better care for these pets. Bruiser, an adult cat with a major skin infection spent 2 weeks on medications before being neutered and adopted. Echo, a gorgeous husky had a tumor removed, recovered and was adopted. Sarge, a big loving dog had a big open

oozing foot. It was cancer, surgically removed, recovered and adopted. Poor Baxter, a 16 year old kitty had kidney problems. Treatment gave her a chance to live out the rest of her 9 lives in a new home.

These are just a few of the sick or injured pets your donations have helped in the past couple months. Your commitment helps us to find forever homes for 100% of the adoptable pets. For this I will be forever grateful.



Goldy was brought to us with a broken leg. After vet care and volunteer foster care she was adopted!



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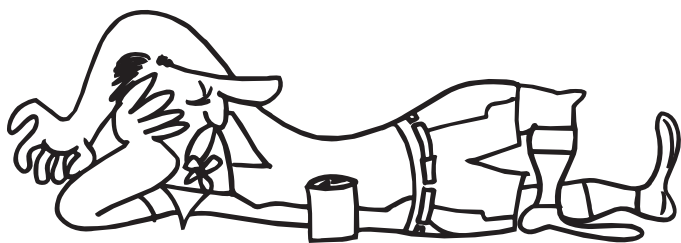
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Thinking about the plants and other elements in the garden provides a way to stay connected with your loved ones. What's more, being in nature with plants and pets helps connect you with the energy, joy and peace in your life. A rock bench in the garden is a great spot for reflection. It isn't fancy, but it is a comfortable and inviting rest spot. If you prefer to meditate in motion, take a walk round the path and enjoy the sights and smells of all the gorgeous plants.

If you love the memorial garden as much as we do consider a naming opportunity to permanently honor and remember a special animal or animal lover who has touched your life. For more information pick up a brochure at the Shelter or call Jerry at (712) 252-2614, ext. 12.



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With over 300 strong we want to shout out thanks to all the volunteers for taking time to care! We really appreciate those who continually show their love of animals by donating their time to help the homeless pets here at the Shelter. No matter how you volunteer, your help is greatly appreciated.

In Shelter volunteers are lacing up their tennis shoes and getting great exercise by walking the dogs. Cats are enjoying being socialized and being brushed. School kids are really helping out this summer with all sorts of in shelter work! **Fundraising** volunteers have started work on Pets On Parade – The Fast and Furriest! They are soliciting auction items and so much more. Call Missie at 252-2614, ext. 16 to get in on the action or to sign up top volunteer that day! The **Humane Educators** are keeping busy with summer camps and tours to boy and girl scouts, school groups and all sorts of other youth groups. **Pet-Facilitated Therapy** visits continue to put smiles on the resident faces at nursing homes throughout Siouxland as they

are getting greeted by a volunteer with a furry friend. Currently we are visiting 16 facilities every month. The **Foster Care** volunteers have gone above and beyond this year! Many litters of orphaned kittens survived because of the care they received from our volunteers. From bottle feeding round the clock to others that have taken mommas with kittens until they are old enough to adopt, you are the hero's! Recently we had 5 momma cats with litters of kittens, 8 litters of orphaned kittens, 2 litters of puppies and 1 pregnant rabbit in foster care. Out-Reach Programs are busy with three weekends each month of events! We are doing Petco, PetSmart and the Southern Hills Mall monthly along with other locations on request. 17 loving companions got their second chance and were adopted over the last couple of months.

If you have questions about Best Friends or would like to join, please call Kelly Erie at (712) 252-2614, ext. 7. Thanks for helping!