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PETS ON PARADE



Join us for the 17th annual Pets on Parade event on Saturday, September 21st at Riverside Park Shelter #1 in Sioux City. This is a pledged Run/Walk with the timed run starting prior to the walk. Those not competing in the 5k can join us for a 1 mile walk; participate with or without a pet. Don't have a pet but would like to walk one, take one of our shelter pets that's available for adoption! They would love the exercise and

companionship while waiting for a forever home.

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 need 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. Packs get the same prizes as individuals with additional gifts for being in a pack. The Top Fundraisers for 18 and under and for 18 and over will win a \$100.00 gift card each. The Top Team/Dog Pack will win a Pizza Party sponsored by Bob Roe's! Make it a family affair; there is no age limit on participation.

After the run/walk, free food, pet contests, vendor booths, obstacle course and a large 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.

We are doing something different this year to cut back cost! Instead of enclosing the brochure and envelope, if you are interested in participating, please contact Missie for a packet. You don't have to have the brochure and envelope, any envelope will work! You can sign up online too and collect pledges online via email and social media. The more you raise the more cool prizes you can earn!

PETS ON PARADE continued...

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS...

- Promote....gather your friends, neighbors and co-workers. Participate individually or form a team "Dog Pack".
- Register...Online <https://runsSignup.com/Race/IA/SiouxCity/petsonparade2019>
Or use an envelope to begin collecting pledges.
- Raise funds...Get friends, neighbors, co-workers, businesses to sponsor you or your team; utilize online platform tools too! You do not need a pet to participate!
- Run...Run day registration is 8:30 – 9:15am. Submit your money and pick up your prizes. Want your prizes early? Drop your money at the Shelter and get your prizes before the run.
- Walk....Registration is 10:00-10:45am. Submit your money and pick up your prizes. Want your prizes early? Drop your money off to the Shelter before the walk.

INDIVIDUALS & TEAMS

Earn Great Prizes

- Raise \$30-59 Goodie bag & T-shirt!
- Raise \$60-159 Clear Tote Bag with zipper & prizes above!
- Raise \$160-299 Picnic Blanket & all prizes above!
- Raise \$300 & Up Bag Chair & all prizes above!

"DOG PACKS" OR TEAMS

Raise \$300 or more as a team to qualify. Each member that raises money, receives individual prizes as shown above and a lip moisturizer ball!

All Pets are welcome but must be friendly, leashed and be current on their vaccinations.

Not running or walking but want to help? Volunteer for one of our many positions, contact Missie at 252-2614 ext. 16, email at melissa@siouxlandhumanesociety.org or sign up online at <https://runsSignup.com/Race/Volunteer/IA/SiouxCity/petsonparade2019>. You can start collecting pledges and forming teams right away. You can also register online and send emails and collect pledges at <https://runsSignup.com/Race/IA/SiouxCity/petsonparade2019>.

MESSAGE FROM MISSIE



We had a great time at the 11th 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! A huge thank you to the quilters, Brock Auction and the Sioux City Community

Theatre. The top selling quilt sold for \$1,000.00, a huge thank you to Penny Fee for purchasing it.

Upcoming Events

HuHot Helping Hands – Wednesday, August 14 from 4pm to 8pm. HuHot will donate 10% of all guest checks to the Siouxland Humane Society. Be sure to tell your friends and family and make an evening of it!

Cindy Downing, the pet psychic will be at Pets on Parade again this year! You will definitely want to stop by her booth and hear what she has to say! To learn more about Cindy, check out her website at www.whisperinmyear.net

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A BIG SHOUT OUT OF THANKS: We would like to take this moment to say Thank you to “Royal Canin” for their wonderful and kind donation! Big Paws up to this amazing business!! You are all tail wagging marvelous...Thanks again for all that you do!!



IT'S AN OLE KIND OF DAY: We would like to send out a big thank you to Dawn Culver & Staff of the Sheldon Taco John's! This wonderful group did a holiday fundraiser for the Siouxland Humane Society not only raising money for us but by also collecting supplies!!! BRAVO!! You are the cheese to our nachos!



A GIFT FROM THE HEART: We can't say Thank you enough for what this amazing group did for us. FOTAS-Friends of the Animal Shelters knows and educates the public on the importance of having pets spayed/neutered. Their generous and kind donation will help us with getting many pets spayed and neutered through our SNAP Spay-Neuter Assistance Program.



BELLA'S BAT MITZVAH: Bella chose to help animals with her project as she has been a lifelong lover of all animals. She gathered much needed items for the Shelter. Part of her efforts was creating a power point presentation, speech and poster to persuade her parents to adopt a dog. After researching, planning and becoming fully committed on a rescue dog, just look at that beautiful proud pet owner!



LOADS OF KINDNESS & COMPASSION: The students from Mrs. Swenson Morningside Elementary Kindergarten Class came up with a project of paying it forward and helping out those that need help the most. What a great way to give-a donation & many supplies to help the pets! YOU GUYS ARE THE TRUE SUPERSTARS! Can we please give these guys big stars!

KELLY'S VOLUNTEER KORNER

Did someone say "On Your Mark, Get Set, and Go!" That's right, Pets on Parade is right around the corner. We are looking for volunteers and groups that are interested in doing a dog pack, walkers and runners! This is your day to shine with your pet! Some pets come dressed in their favorite football team while others come dressed in their favorite tutu! It's not only fun but the bigger picture is you see animal lovers supporting a great cause and raising much needed funds! To make this project a success we need all hands on deck to help steer the boat! Go to Vic center and get signed up today! If you have any questions please feel free to email me at Kelly@siouxlandhumanesociety.org or give me a call at (712) 252-2614, ext. 13.

Dog days of summer – we're not sure why they call it the dog days of summer, because most pets can't handle this heat! As temperatures rise this summer it's important to keep yourself and your pet safe! Here are few extra precautions you and your four legged family

member can do to have a happy and safe sun-filled season. On hot days leave your pet inside with the air conditioning and if your dogs must stay outside make sure your pet has access to shade and water. While Fido jumps for the opportunity to go for a joy ride, leaving any pet alone in a parked car during the warm weather can be deadly. Temperatures in a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On a day that is 85, inside your car with the windows cracked open, temperatures can reach 102 degrees within just 10 minutes. So leave Fido at home! Go for walks in the early morning or late evenings, hot pavement can burn the pads of your pet's paws. The best place for your pet to be during the heat is inside with you, keeping cool! Here is wishing you and your pet a safe fun filled summer!



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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.

NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP



The Siouxland Humane Society Board of Directors has elected officers and board members for the 2019-2020 year. Judy Grimsley, with Thompson Electric Company has been elected President of the board. Other officers are Vice President Robin Beller, Royal Canin; Treasurer Paula Kleen, Security National Bank and Secretary Rob Powers,

IHeart Media.

Newly elected board members are Paula Kleen, Jordan Ireland, Tammy Loberg DVM, Kelsey Plueger, Pat Tibboel and Bob Nettleton. These individuals will join existing board members Debbie Currier-Scollard, Brooke Gilbert DVM, Lisa Hauswirth, Tori Jackson, Al Joens, Stephan Liebetrau, Betsy Malin, Lori Noltze and Lucinda Tryon.

Also recognized for their years of service were outgoing board members Terri Kjeldseth, Tammi Gagnon, Loan Hensley and Mark Rawlings. Honorary board members are Andrea Waitt, Ken Roach, Richard Robinson, Robert Billiar and Wayne Farley.

What's Happening?

August

- 17 Southern Hills Mall Adoption Event
- 25 PetSmart Adoption Event
- 31 ArtSplash – See Us There!

September

- 7 Petco Adoption Event
 - 21 Pets on Parade Fun Day!
- Offsite Adoption Events
PetSmart, Petco & Southern Hills Mall
Check our website or Facebook for dates

October

- 1-31 Adopt A Shelter Dog Month
- Offsite Adoption Events Monthly
PetSmart, Petco, Southern Hills Mall
Check our website or Facebook for dates

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!

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PRESIDENTS LETTER

Let me introduce myself as the new President of the Siouxland Humane Society. It's a nice title to have but what I am more proud of is my volunteer work for the shelter. Anyone can run board meetings and set policies and procedures. Volunteering to help the animals is what really makes a difference. The Siouxland Humane Society's large group of volunteers is what keeps this organization so successful. Here are a few of the things I enjoy.

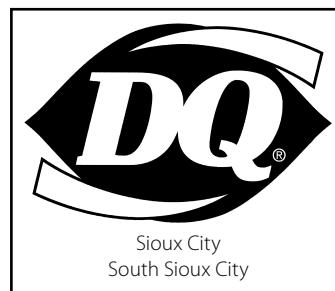
Fundraising Events – We have a few big events throughout the year where it's all hands on deck! Paws and Claus and Pets on Parade are two events that are fun to work. Both these events need a lot of volunteers to make them run smoothly. It gives you a chance to interact with people and their pets and also meet a lot of shelter alumni. And then there is our Gourmet Apple Event. It really does take an army to make 10,000 apples!! We run several shifts from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. so you can sign up for as many as you like. It is a lot of hard work but we really do have fun doing it! And it is a labor of love to help the animals!

Fundraising – Of course we need to raise funds to keep the shelter going. Our biggest fundraiser is the Gourmet Double Chocolate Caramel Apple sales. Once you start selling these you will realize that they really sell themselves! They are so delicious people look forward to them year after year. We are always looking for more volunteers to sell apples for us. Whether you sell 5 or 500 you are making a difference in the lives of the homeless animals. Pets on Parade is a fundraiser that is fun to get involved with. Put together a team or as we like to call it a "dog pack" and ask people and businesses to sponsor you to walk your dog on event day. It is a great way to help the animals and get friends together for a great time on walk day. That's a win-win!

Foster Care – I think my most rewarding volunteer activity is foster care. Being in the foster care program means taking animals in to your home that need special care. Maybe they have an injury and need time to heal, maybe they are sick or have been neglected and need time to get well again or it could be a pregnant mama that needs a comforting home to have her babies. And then there are the orphaned or abandoned kittens and puppies. This is my specialty. I take them home for round the clock care including feedings every few hours for the newborns. It is time consuming, sleep depriving, messy, stinky and oh so worth it! When you look into the eyes of an animal that would have died had you not been there for them there is no better feeling. It is then that you know you truly made a difference.

These are just a few of the volunteer activities the Siouxland Humane Society offers. There are many people that volunteer to walk, exercise and play with the dogs and cats. This is invaluable to the animals. Every minute of socialization makes an animal more adoptable. If you are thinking about volunteering I encourage you to contact the shelter and get signed up. I will leave you with a quote I saw that goes something like this... "Saving one animal will not change the world, but that one animal's world will be changed forever."

Judy Grimsley



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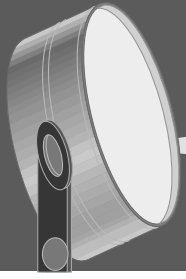
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Volunteer Spotlight

REALTOR REFERRAL!

Tori Jackson got involved with the shelter when she was referred by a past board member Mary Baklund. Some of the activities you can find Tori doing is attending board meetings, helping with fundraising projects and sponsoring pets through our Sponsor a Pet Program. Tori and her husband Brad have been married 18 years in July. They own Sioux City Sprinkler located in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa which they purchased in 2008. They service and install lawn sprinkler systems in the Siouxland Metro area since 1977. Tori is also a real-estate agent and has been since 2008 which she truly loves.

She has two beautiful girls, Brandee 26 and Kayla 23 along with 3 wonderful grandchildren Aleigha & Amiiya both 6 and their first grandson Holdynn who

is 8 months old. Tori can't express enough how much joy and love her grandchildren have brought into their lives. Living on acreage with plenty of room to roam her family had horses, cats and dogs. Now that they are empty nesters their labs Babe and Harley keep them busy. Her love for animals runs in the family. Her grandfather Roy Newman trained dogs for a living and was also the light weight boxing champion in the 30's under the boxing name of "Kid Newman".

When they are not working you can see them boating or riding their Harley. Her hobbies include anything outside. She wants people to know if you can get involved it doesn't matter how small, as whatever you choose it's BIG to the animals, board and the shelter!!!

ANN ADORES ANIMALS!

Ann Blum became involved with the shelter because of the history of her animal relationships as well as her passion for animals. Her first experience was becoming an adoptive pet parent in 1996. Ann's Humane Society pets are her beloved family members Kramer, Chloe, Sadie, Evelyn and Margaret, who blended with pets adopted as strays over the years. She wants people to know the rewards of giving adoptive pets a forever home are immense for both the pets and their human families!

You can find Ann doing Pet Therapy at Brookdale Retirement home. Due to her love of animals she also fosters mother cats and their litters. Starting with A, she named the litter with a subsequent letter of the alphabet. She is waiting to follow up with the "L" litter. Ann was a Foster failure only one time, when she adopted a mama cat now named Margaret, who couldn't find a forever home after three weeks at the shelter.

She helped develop Cat Yoga fundraising with Underground Yoga. This year will be its fourth year.

She is excited about the new Baby Goat Yoga that was held in June with Underground Yoga. Her dad was a veterinarian in a small south eastern Iowa town. Growing up she witnessed his dedication to care for animals. Ann developed her own passion and love for them and has passed this on to her children and grandchild. Ann is a retired elementary teacher who volunteers at the Sioux City Community School District.

Ann is involved with Best Friends in Kanab, Utah. Fifteen years ago Ann and her daughter first visited to volunteer there. She has continued her trips over the years and visited in July along with her granddaughter and daughter-in-law. She believes everyone has something to give and that by loving and caring for animals, our world can become a better place. She is moved and inspired by two of Gandhi's quotes: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated" and "Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

From the desk of...

Jerry Dominick, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We have been extremely busy the first half of the year on behalf of our animal friends and I'm excited to share this with you. We have focused on improving and growing many key programs and services such as adoptions, spay/neuters and outreach programs. We have found forever homes for more animals so far this year than in any recent years. This is because of more focus and energy to finding homes and making good matches. Our staff and volunteers are doing amazing work in this area! Some exciting things we have undertaken are to update and renew several areas of the Shelter.

The cats and kittens are getting lots of attention. Another brand new multiple cat/kitten condo is in the works. This will bring us up to three cat condos where multiple cats can reside, giving us more space to keep bonded buddies and litters of kittens together! We are also doing an overhaul of the oldest existing cat condo installing new climbing ledges and perches.

Our little furry friends will be in love with their new hangout. The small animal room, which had the old wire mesh bottom kennels that were hard on our little furry friend's feet, has been equipped with new top of the line small animal kennels. They are spacious and equipped with padded bottoms and are better lit to showcase these little guys.

The animal kitchen which is the hub for all feeding, supplements, toys and bowls has been given a much needed update. Equipment to do a better job of washing and disinfecting of the bowls and toys and new solid surface countertops have been installed to help with cleanliness, sanitation and spread of disease.

Finally, I want you to know that these updates and all the work we do for animals is only possible by your continued support and generosity. We receive no government funding and rely solely on the gifts of people like you in our community. We are grateful for your support and want you to know we continue to need your gifts. You can arrange a donation to be done each month on our website. Others write checks and send them in the mail. However you choose to make a gift, we want you to know that your gift makes a difference to every animal we serve.


With grateful thanks, Jerry

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IF ONLY THEY COULD TALK: Meet Cujo. (Top left) This pint size nugget met his fate coming into our shelter. Information provided to us was that this little one was hit by a car. Cujo had a broken pelvis and needed surgery. With your donations Cujo successfully had his surgery, now in foster care and recovery quite well.

Cujo (top right) has been a great addition to our home. He has made great progress of adjusting to us. He is very playful, cuddly and loving. He loves to be outside and loves to get attention and is protective of my kids. He has brightened up our home with his spunk! Overall he is such an awesome dog and we are proud we had the opportunity to adopt him and love him!



PURRS OF HAPPINESS: Shelter full of high fives, smiles and tears of joy. You ask why? Spot one of our length of stay kitties got adopted to this amazing man. Spot was all about showing him all kinds of gratitude! From licks to purrs you got this Spot. Congrats to you both!



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FROM A KIDS POINT OF VIEW:

Words from Osvaldo Magana. He got involved with the shelter when his mom took him to the shelter the very first time. He was hooked and wanted to volunteer immediately. He went through his orientation and got started volunteering right afterwards. Osvaldo duties at the shelter are socializing the animals to get them accustomed to people and help clean cages. His cousin has a dog that he gets to play with which is what makes him want to play with more animals. His time he enjoys the most is walking dogs with another volunteer named Joyce. This was fun as they got to talk and do something they both loved to do. They are making a difference in an animal's life whether it is making it ready to interact with people or to make it happier. He thinks the staff is wonderful because they love animals just as much as he does. One thing the shelter he feels is missing is more volunteers to help the animals. He just wishes there were more animal lovers to help make a difference



in an abandoned, stray or an unloved pet's life. Thank you! Osvaldo will be attending South Sioux High School as a 10th grader this upcoming school year.