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PETS ON PARADE

Join us for the 18th annual Pets on Parade event on Saturday, September 19th at Riverside Park Shelter #1 in Sioux City. This is a pledged Walk/Run 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! Make it a family affair; there is no age limit on participation.

After the run/walk, pet contests, vendor booths, music and a silent auction will be going on. These will all be well spread out for social distancing. 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. If you are not comfortable coming out to a live event, please still collect pledges, get the great prizes and take your pet for a walk from home!

If you are interested in participating and would like a packet, please contact Missie at 252-2614, ext. 16, email at



melissa@siouxlandhumanesociety.org. You don't have to have the brochure and envelope; any envelope will work to collect pledges! You can sign up online too and collect pledges online via email and social media – <https://runsignup.com/Race/IA/SiouxCity/2020PetsonParade>. The more you raise the cooler prizes you can earn! Event may become a virtual event should things change with the pandemic.



The Dogwood Pet Hotel & Day Spa in North Sioux City is the Premier Sponsor for both this year and next for Pets On Parade. A huge thanks for your support of the homeless animals!

Here's How Pets on Parade Works...

- **Promote....**get friends, neighbors, co-workers. Participate individually or as a team "Dog Pack"
- **Register...**<https://runsignup.com/Race/IA/SiouxCity/2020PetsonParade> or contact Missie for a packet, or make it easy and use any envelope to begin collecting pledges.
- **Raise funds...**Get friends, neighbors, co-workers, businesses to sponsor you or your team! Individuals raise a minimum of \$30.00; teams raise a minimum of \$300. You do not need a pet to participate!
- **Run/Walk...**Register, submit money and pick up your prizes. Want your prizes early? Drop your money off to the shelter and pick up!
- **Event Day....** Face coverings recommended. Event will be spread out for social distancing practices.

If you are not feeling well, diagnosed with or been in contact with someone with covid, please do not attend.

Earn Great Prizes as Individuals & Teams

Raise \$30-159	Goodie bag, T-Shirt & 2 12oz Slim Can Koozies
Raise \$160-299	Vacuum Sealed Cup & 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 earn a surprise gift!

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.

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THIS IS GREATER THAN ANY OF US, IT WILL TAKE ALL OF US!

The past few months have been very busy at the Siouxland Humane Society, and with the many challenges that COVID-19 has brought, our work this summer is even more critical, as we give additional assistance to struggling pet owners.

Thanks to friends like you, we've distributed more than 10,000 pounds of pet food to Siouxland families and animal welfare organizations in need during the COVID19 pandemic. Hundreds of families have stayed together because of veterinary assistance, emergency boarding and other programs and services we have offered.

In this time of hardship, your donation provides the resources that keep pets with the families who love them. With your ongoing support, we can provide shelter and medical care for all the animals who need us and we can provide our community with resources to



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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



What's Happening?

September

19 Pets on Parade Fun Day!
Check our website or Facebook for offsite adoption events

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!



NOTE FROM MISSIE





Thank you for everyone's support these past few months! We have been finding non-traditional ways to bring income into the shelter to help replace some of the income lost from canceling our events the past few months. We couldn't do it without your continued support.

With Pets on Parade being the 1st live event since March 2020, we would like to take the time to thank the amazing businesses that have sponsored us! We want to ensure everyone that all safety measures are in place to hold the event, will have hand sanitizer stations in place throughout the event and will practice social distancing. Should anything change regarding group events and guidelines, we will hold the event virtually.

FETCH LIST

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:** Capstar, Cat litter (clay-type), Cat toys, Canned pate kitten food, Dry cat food, Frontline or Revolution Flea & Tick Topical.

 **Dog/Puppy Care Items:** Capstar, Kongs or dog toys, 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.

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

A quarter of a century, 25 years, both sound like a very long time. August 14, 1995 was my first day with the Siouxland Humane Society. Looking back, I sometimes think it's been a long 25 years, other times, I think time has flown by when you are doing something you love!

Reminiscing with those that were around in the beginning really makes one realize how far we have come in a relatively short amount of time. Kelly, now Public Relations and Volunteer Manager and a handful of volunteers have been with us this whole time. I remember my first day – I met the then Board President at the Shelter. We walked in and I was given a key to the Shelter, introduced to Kelly and was told to call if I had any questions. Kelly has been a rock and I owe her a lot of credit for helping me along and sticking with us all this time!

In August 1995 we had a budget deep in the red, a dilapidated building and a 50 % adoption rate. After a couple months I was ready to quit. There was dissention amongst the Board, and staff and volunteers were not happy. It seemed no one wanted change, and believe me there were lots of changes being made! I will forever be indebted to Dr. Richard Robinson, who visited or called daily and stood beside me with advice and support. Without him I can honestly say I would have been gone.

Turn the corner, huge successes - less than 4 years later, spring of 1999, we had raised over a million

dollars and had built and moved into our current new state of the art building. In 2013 we expanded the Shelter with much needed program and service space. After 21 years most visitors still think the Shelter looks brand new. Our adoption numbers have soared – we place 100% of the adoptable pets. Our programs and services have flourished, growing by leaps and bounds, letting us help more abused, neglected homeless pets and helping people and pets stay together as families. Our volunteer program boosts over 700 active volunteers, which makes executing all our expanded programs and services possible.

As the saying goes – “It takes a village”, I have to credit our successes to some very important people. First, I have the BEST staff and support group anyone could hope for. Together we are a team that I think is unbeatable! Volunteers amaze me with what they do and how much they accomplish and contribute to our successes! The Board of Directors contribute so much, are always there to offer guidance and support and let us explore some ideas that sometimes may be a bit out of the box. Lastly, a huge part of our many successes are due to you.

I am especially thankful for all of you who contribute financially to make all these wonderful things happen for the homeless, neglected and often abused animals!

Gratefully yours, Jerry Dominicak

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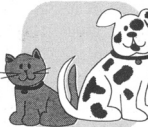
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Many of us have been blessed by that special pet that comes along once in a lifetime. Some of us have a special loved one whose passion and love for the animals was an inspiration to all. The SHS memorial garden is a way for you to permanently honor and remember that special pet or animal lover who has touched your life.

For a permanent legacy at the SHS, we are pleased to offer a variety of naming opportunities. Your gift will support our mission and help preserve our vital programs and service, while ensuring that your generosity will be recognized for years to come. A range of naming opportunities are available for individuals, families, organizations enabling donors to recognized someone special in their life.

What a beautiful and lasting way to forever remember how they touched our lives. We encourage those to please stop in and take a look at our beautiful

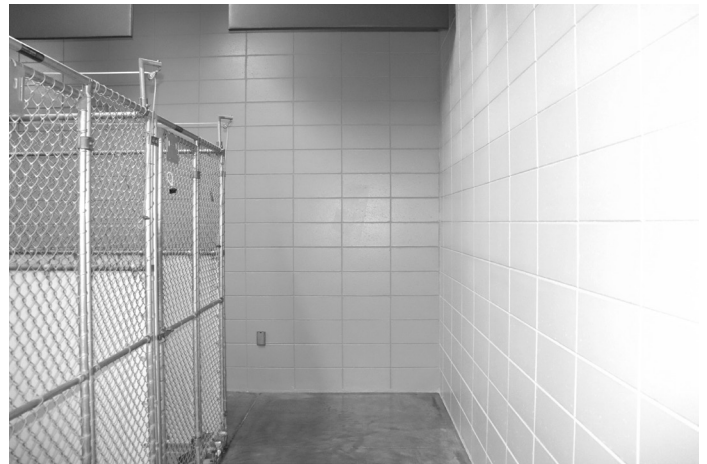
memorial garden and if you have any questions about naming opportunities please visit with Kelly at 712-252-2614 ext. 13



BIG Shelter and Staff Changes!



We are seeing changes all around and here at the shelter is no different. After being in our current building for over twenty years some areas needed some TLC. We recently painted all of our dog kennel areas and even added a bit of color this time by included a bright orange accent wall. The pet visitations rooms are now a vibrant green and some new plants add extra décor to the hallway. When you first walk into the shelter you will also notice pops of color on the floor from the new tiles that have been installed. We want the shelter to feel warm and welcoming as you enter and we hope these, along with other updates, accomplish that! Next time you stop by the shelter be sure to check out all of the updates we made and let us know what you think.



In addition to improvements around the shelter we have offered extra training to all of our staff. We feel it is important to receive continuous training so we can stay up to date on all the current trends in the animal shelter world so we can provide the best possible service. Our latest training was the Fear Free Shelter Program. The goal of the Fear Free Shelter Program is to improve the experiences of animals by educating shelter staff about their emotional needs. We understand that admission to any shelter or rescue can be stressful for animals because of the abrupt change in their environment and training like this helps us to ensure every animal has the best experience possible no matter how long they are here. The safety of the animals and our staff will continue to be our priority and having regular training is an important part of that.

Volunteer Spotlight

Community Involvement!

Kelsey Plueger wanted to be more involved in the community and she felt that the SHS had a great mission to support. She has always been a dog lover with a strong concern for the well-being of all animals in general. Kelsey loves knowing that she helps to support an organization that provides lifesaving services and allows pets to find their forever homes. This will be Kelsey's second year serving on the Board of Directors. During her time, she has assisted with fundraising efforts and had her first volunteer opportunity at the Paws 'N Claus event and says she is looking forward to helping out with many of the fun events to come!

Kelsey has worked for Aventure Staffing for almost 9 years now. She began her career in operations and then 3 years ago she moved into a Human Resources role. Kelsey and her husband live in Hinton with their 4-year-old daughter, Ophelia. In their spare time they enjoy golfing, gardening, and spending time outdoors with family and friends. At this time, they do not have any pets despite her daughter asking for a puppy almost daily. Until that day comes, Ophelia gets her cuddles in with the neighbor's puppy. She wants people to know that she is very thankful to be a part of such a great organization. It's heartwarming to hear of the success stories that the SHS makes possible! Huge thanks to Kelsey for all she helps with at the Shelter!

Empty Nester Volunteers!

Ingrid Mulder got involved with the shelter when she became an empty nester with extra time on her hands. She started volunteering by walking dogs and fostering new fur mamas and their babies. Ingrid, now does pet therapy once a month at Countryside which she finds enjoyable because she gets to see residents' faces light up when she brings in a new dog for them to meet.

Ingrid has always been an animal lover. Her own dog now, Zuzu, was a former foster that she adopted because Zuzu was the sweetest dog ever. Ingrid and her husband Bruce live in Hull, Iowa, where she works at Dordt University in the library and archives. While her husband, Bruce, is self-employed as a home remodeler and house flipper. Their three children are adults and they have 6 grandchildren.


The first time Ingrid came to the Siouxland Humane Society she says was very impressed with how clean it smelled! :) She states that is a good sign that care is taken to keep the environment clean and safe for the animals. Ingrid wants people to know she has a strong sense that everyone who works or volunteers there cares for the pets and she respect the hard work that they do. Ingrid, we and all the animals say thanks you!



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KELLY'S VOLUNTEER KORNER

Today leaves me thinking of the same question that many of you are as well? Is this now our new normal! Social distance, wearing a mask, limited amount of people and functions being cancelled. I know we had to put a paw on some of our events but, there is not a day that goes by that we don't think of our volunteers or appreciate each and every one of you for standing by our side! We actually have restarted many of our volunteer activities, using CDC guidelines. We have started doing some outside pet facilitated therapy and let me tell you even though we can only see them through a window you can still see the smiles on their faces!

While limiting entry to the Shelter we have set up days and times for our in-shelter volunteers to come in and spend some one on one time with the pets! Again, to keep you and our staff safe we are limiting the number of volunteers that can come at a time. Please check out the schedule through the Volgistics VIC and if you can spare an hour or so please sign up.

Just around the corner we will be holding some Offsite Adoption and Fundraising Events that fur-sure will need some helping paws with! Woof Stock, Clear the Shelter, Pride Event, Pets on Parade, all fun = helping those that need our help the most! Saving lives one day at a time.

As I sit here writing this, my heart is breaking. I am at a loss for words as this year we lost 3 very amazing volunteers! Lynn Posey, Margaret Letsche and John Beeson. Each one shared their compassion and love for



animals. Their dedication speaks volumes about who they were. I feel not only blessed but, honored to have gotten to know and work with each of them. They will be dearly missed. We are never promised tomorrows, always cherish today! Keep doing all that you can do to help make that difference. We and the critters Thank You for your continued support.

NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP



The Siouxland Humane Society Board of Directors has elected officers and board members for the 2020-2021 year. Robin Beller, with Royal Canin has been elected President of the board. Other officers are Vice President Rob Powers with IHeart Media; Treasurer Paula Kleen, Security National Bank and

Secretary Kelsey Plueger with Aventure Staffing.

Newly elected board members are Terri Kjeldseth, Mary Baklund, Lindsey Buchheit, Shiloh Tramp and Kimberly Olson. These individuals will join existing board members, Brooke Gilbert DVM, Judy Grimsley, Lisa Hauswirth, Tori Jackson, Al Joens, Lori Noltze, Jordan Ireland, Tammy Loberg DVM, Pat Tibboel and Bob Nettleton.

Also recognized for their years of service were outgoing board members Lucinda Tryon, Debbie Currier-Scollard and Steve Liebetrau. Honorary board members are Andrea Waitt, Ken Roach, Richard Robinson, Robert Billiar and Wayne Farley.

President's Letter by Robin Beller

Let me start by saying it's an honor to be President on the SHS Board. I am an animal advocate and care deeply about the well-being of animals. My name is Robin Beller, I am married, have two sons and 2 dogs (Tiny-7yr. old Great Dane / Maggie May-12yr. old Miniature Daschund), whom are both spoiled, well taken care of. I am employed at Royal Canin, Veterinarian canning pet food facility in NSC, and have been since August 21, 1989. I have served on the board the past few years with many other organizations throughout the Siouxland area.

We are all facing a difficult time right now, the dreaded Covid, and I would like to discuss how pets help people through such a difficult time, no matter what it may be. Pets are such great comfort and there's no question, pets offer more than just a slobbery greeting, they bring joy and comfort through these tough times, or any time.

When faced with challenges in life, you can turn to your pet for far more than companionship, you can turn to them to help reduce stress, anxiety, depression, and to give you hope. Check out these ways your pet can help you, and hopefully one, or all can help you in some way.

1. **Talk to your pet**, whatever it is, dog, cat, horse, rabbit, hamster, etc. Many pets pick up on emotions and sense stress or sadness. They are great listeners - no unwelcome advice given - and sometimes, saying things aloud offers relief or help you work through troubling thoughts.

2. **Look to your pet for comedy relief**. Pets are funny, often without any effort at all. Whether chasing their tail (or each other if more than two pets in your home), hiding toys, falling off their exercise wheel, swimming in circles or fetching. Pets are often good for at least a smile, chuckle or laugh, and this is an excellent way to relieve stress.

3. **Take Fido, Fluffy or Feathers for a walk**, whether on a leash, in a stroller or on your shoulder. Some pets are more than happy to accompany you on a walk, which is currently an excellent way to get much-needed exercise due to Covid. Breathe some fresh air and greet neighbors and others from afar. Give them a big hello and a wave.

4. **Settle in for a snuggle**. We may not be able to touch humans out of our homes with social distancing, pets are safe to cuddle if both are healthy. Hugging a pet feels great, reduces depression, releases good hormones, for you, and also your pet. It helps you relax, ease tension and relieve physical pain. Curl up on the couch with your pet.

5. **Share the sweetness**. When the news and social media are filled with the sobering updates about Covid, Riots, and yes, even Political issues, a photo of your pet can bring joy to your loved ones and acquaintances, whether you share via text, email, video chat or on social media platform, there's nothing like a funny pet picture or video to create a connection with others and bring a smile to their faces, along with yours.

While enjoying extra time with your pet due to social distancing, it's important to practice good hygiene. As always, wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and use hand sanitizer before and after handling your pet. While some experts say the virus cannot be transmitted from your pets, extra care should always be taken. Help your pet practice social distancing - don't let them come in contact with people or pets outside your household. If you are ill and concerned you may have - or if you've been diagnosed with Covid-19, avoid or minimize contact with your pet, if possible. If a healthy person in your household is not able to help feed and care for your pet, wearing a mask is a good thing.

Together, we will all get through this. Stay Safe, Keep your Pets Safe, and both stay Healthy!

President, Robin Beller

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ever loving home to spend his days and lots of TLC and a blanket to snuggle & cuddle in! Great news for Peewee, he was adopted!

