

Gift of Love and Hope – Gourmet Apples!

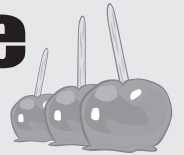
Give the gift of love for Valentine's Day this year – a Gourmet Double Chocolate Caramel Apple! Whoever said diamonds are a girl's best friend never had one of these deliciously yummy treats. Show your love for both your two and four legged friends and give hope to the homeless and often neglected pets in Siouxland.

Are you looking for the perfect way to show your love on Valentine's Day? What a thoughtful way to show those in your life how much you care – loved ones, neighbors, co-workers, friends, the perfect gift for anyone! Give the gift that keeps on giving and helps the homeless pets as well. Don't forget a couple for yourself. And they're still a bargain at only \$15 each!

Handmade with love, the large tart apples are drenched with thick caramel, then covered with milk chocolate and drizzled with white chocolate. A sprinkling of crushed toffee candy and giftwrapping and ribbons make them the perfect delectable gift. Similar apples are featured in trendy catalogs and sell for up to \$25.00.



Be A Part Of The Fun!



It takes a small army of worker bees to make the gourmet apples. Last year some 300 volunteers helped make this project a huge success. Dozens sold apples and hundreds met to help dip, drizzle and wrap. We can always use more help, particularly on the weekday daytime hours, for this project. If you'd like to help sell or make the apples, please call LaVon at 712-252-2614, ext. 16 or email her at: lavon@siouxlandhumanesociety.org. Thanks so much!

Orders are due by Saturday, February 7, 2015. Please send in the handy order form in this edition or call us with your order to 712-252-2614, ext. 7. Don't forget to pre-order as we sell out early every year. ***Stay out of the doghouse and order now!***

Pick up locations and times are:

**Siouxland Humane Society Shelter
and Southern Hills Mall Center Court**
Monday, February 9th and Tuesday the 10th
from 11 am to 6 pm both days.

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Thank you for being a “Loyal Friend” to the pets!

The following gifts were received between 10/6/14 and 12/05/2014. We have made every effort to print an accurate list. If we have made an error, we apologize. Please let us know at adopt@siouxlandhumanesociety.org or by calling (712) 252-2614, ext. 7 so we can print a correction.

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What's Happening?

January

Renew your city pet licenses at City Hall!

- 3-4 Petco Adoption Days
17 Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day
24-25 PetSmart Adoption Days

February

Prevent A Litter Month

- 14 Valentines Day Gourmet Double Chocolate Caramel Apples!

Offsite Adoption Events
Check our website or
Facebook for details.

March

- 28 Lap Dog Races – Musketeers Hockey

April

Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month

June

Annual Quilt Auction

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



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From the Director

You make the difference at the Siouxland Humane Society. Your vigilant support of our services and programs created a year of triumph and brought 2014 to an overwhelmingly successful end. Our success flows from your loyalty. This is why I look forward to 2015!

As we reflect on the past year, it has been a tremendously bright one. Our services and programs have flourished with your support. In 2014 our biggest accomplishment is that we rehomed 100% of the adoptable pets! Now that this longtime goal has been achieved, we look forward to continuing this success in the future. Our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program helped 1561 pet owners get their pets fixed. The newly expanded services helped many more pet owners financially with the burden of spay/neuter costs. Our hope is to greatly reduce pet overpopulation in the coming years.

Our Volunteer Program grew to 582 volunteers this past year. Veterinary Assistance was provided to 18 pets whose owners were unable to get them the medical attention they needed. Education was

provided to thousands of school children and youth groups. The Pet Facilitated Therapy Program made monthly visits to 18 residential care facilities throughout Siouxland. The Rescue Program placed 127 hard to adopt pets this year. Our Pet Food Bank provided food to 168 pet owners who were struggling to feed their pets. We microchipped over 2200 pets so that if they become lost they would easily be reunited with their owners. Other programs such as our Emergency Sheltering, Pet Loss Support, Euthanasia/Cremation and Cruelty/Neglect Investigation literally helped thousands of people and pets this past year.

As we look forward we will continue to do our part for the pets and the people that love them. We are excited to celebrate another record breaking year. 100% of the adoptable pets lives were saved and we owe a large part of that success to our community and supporters like you. Please consider making a donation in the enclosed envelope so we can continue this important life-saving work.

Gratefully yours, Jerry



Love Quilting

Quilting – a great winter project – can save pets lives as well! We are asking our pet loving, quilting friends to donate a quilt for our 7th Annual Quilt Auction. Quilts can be of any design, fabric, new or antique. Remember the larger animal themed quilts are the most popular. Please contact LaVon at 252-2614, ext. 12 for details.



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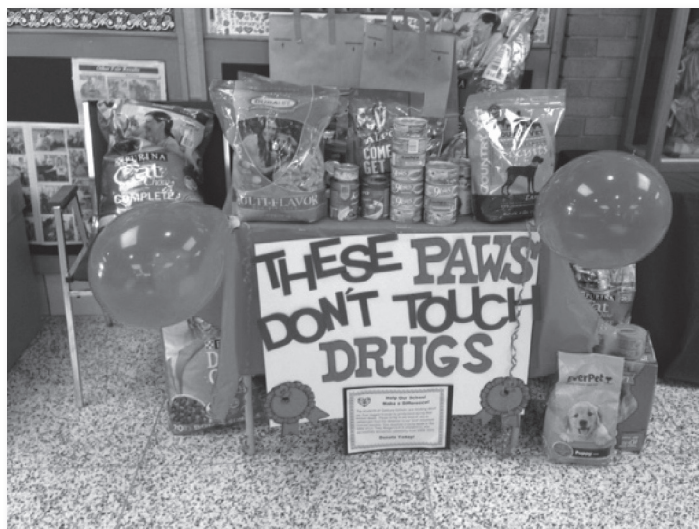
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treatment of animals in the Siouxland area.



Emma, Maddie and Makenna became door to door saleswomen! That's right these three young ladies went door to door in their neighborhood and sold people on donating to the Humane Society. They collected a nice size donation and brought it to the Shelter to help the homeless pets. Thanks so much!



The students at Danbury Catholic were thinking about the four legged friends by giving back during Red Ribbon Week. They asked for donations of dry or canned pet food for the Siouxland Humane Society. This donation was made in honor of Lt. Tony Wingert's K-9, Chewbacca, who successfully served his community from 2008-2013. Thank you kids for all your hard work and dedication, we would like to thank you Chewbacca for your services over the years!



The students at Mater Dei Nativity School picked the Shelter to receive the money they raised from a school dress down day. Due to their love of pets and enthusiasm to support our cause they raised over \$1,000.00! Thank you all so much for your hard work!

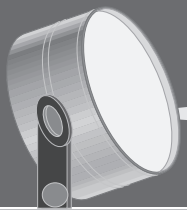


You Can Be A Star!

If you adopted from the Shelter we would like a picture to use here at the Shelter or for a television commercial. Family shots are best showing them as a part of the family. For the shelter we need pictures of dogs and any small animals that you have adopted. For our new KTIV television commercial we need cat, dog and small animal pictures along with the family as well.

The photographs need to be digital at the highest setting and it needs to be a 5 mega pixel camera or better. HD video resolution is 1920 wide by 1080 tall. Email them to jerry@siouxlandhumanesociety.org. Email or call (712) 252-2614, ext. 12 if you have any questions. Submission of the pictures gives your consent to use them for display. Thanks so much!





Volunteer Spotlight

By Lynn Mikkelsen Posey

Pawprints On The Heart!

Tom and Lois Wright got involved with the Siouxland Humane Society when they adopted Rocco, a Siberian Husky, in July. They brought their Alaskan Malamute, Leah, over to meet Rocco to make sure that the two would get along. "The level of professionalism and love for animals that the staff showed during our adoption process of Rocco was amazing and really made us think about how we could start giving back", says Tom and Lois. Their animals, Rocco, Leah, and yellow lab Sasha, have given them so much they felt they owed it to them to give back to other animals that were in the situations their animals had been in before they joined their "pack".

They love to help out and volunteer for pretty much everything! They do pet therapy at the Kingsley Nursing and Rehab Home in Kingsley, offsite adoptions as often as possible and regularly visit the animals at the shelter. They also helped with Pets on Parade and Paws N Claus this year. So far they say its been an amazing ride!

Tom and Lois have been married for 8 1/2 years and

have 4 amazing children, Brandon 15 yrs, Joanna 13 yrs, Christina 11 yrs, and Rebecca 6 yrs and 3 dogs Sasha 11, Leah 4 and Rocco 2. Lois works as Housekeeping and Laundry Aide at the Kingsley Nursing and Rehab Home and Tom works as a Meat Cutter for Fareway. Lois is a Navy Veteran who proudly served for 7 yrs and Tom is an Army Veteran who proudly served for 4 yrs. Lois enjoys crocheting, quilting, baking, and cooking whereas Tom enjoys bow hunting and dog walking.

"Our love of animals only grows with each animal we help find a loving forever home. We have found that even though we can't bring every one of the animals home with us, they each teach us something and leave a paw print on our heart. When we hear that those animals get adopted into loving homes we are relieved and satisfied that we have saved another animal from the lonely life of being unloved." The SHS thanks you for leaving a paw print on so many pets' hearts too!

A Perfect Fit!

Jill Miller became involved with the Siouxland Humane Society around 1992 when she joined the Board of Directors. She has always been an animal lover and knew this organization was a perfect fit for her.

"My favorite volunteer activity ever was co-chairing the capital campaign for the new shelter. It was exciting to be a part of making our beautiful new building a reality. I also enjoyed overseeing the building of the Richard G. Robinson Memorial Garden. Dr. Robinson was an inspiration to all of us because of his love and dedication to animals, and I was honored to be able to help recognize his invaluable service to our organization." The caramel apples are her favorite yearly project and she loves watching all the people come together to make it all happen!

Jill has four grown sons and two male rescue dogs. She says she is definitely outnumbered in her family, so

her next rescue dog will be a female! Jill is a wonderful singer/songwriter and speaker and just recently wrote her first book which is on sale at local bookstores. She enjoys traveling around the country doing concerts and speaking engagements. In her spare time she loves to camp, do any outside activity and scuba dive. She hopes to book some women's retreats in tropical places in the near future!

Jill says, "I am amazed when I look at the progress of our shelter and our organization as I look at how far we have come since I first joined in 1992. We have a beautiful, state of the art shelter, a healthy board of directors, we are fiscally sound, and we have a staff that is truly unbeatable." Her hope is that we continue on the positive track that we are on and continue to improve our spay and neuter education programs. We are very happy that we have been a "perfect fit" and thank you for your service!

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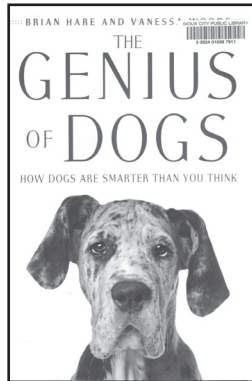
Thank you for my best friend!

@ Your Library

by Kathy Kelly

***The Genius of Dogs:
How Dogs Are Smarter
Than You Think***

by Brian Hare and Vanessa Woods.



I can summarize this book in two sentences. 1. The genius of dogs is that they got out of the cold and into our beds. 2. Dogs understand communication and are willing to play ball with us. Literally. And metaphorically, which is to say they are motivated to cooperate with us to a degree that is unique in the animal kingdom.

Given that Brian Hare is an associate professor in the Department of Evolutionary Anthropology and the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience at Duke University, and Vanessa Woods is a research scientist at the Duke Canine Cognition Center, readers can rightfully expect a thoughtful and thorough examination on the topic. Filled with fascinating tidbits, some of my favorites are: Dogs are as skilled as infants in reading human communication intentions. Not only do they learn the names of things, many understand categories and symbols: "Get the ball" can be any ball. They can infer that the name they don't know belongs to the new toy. They know front from back, they appreciate the humans' range of vision, and know when we are not paying attention. They know that if they can see our face and eyes, they can communicate with us.

Dogs are truly social creatures, the authors leave no doubt. But this social evolution has come at some expense. Dogs are not as clever as wolves in problem solving. They are hopeless when it comes to any sense of direction. They can tell a good partner from a bad one. They appreciate fairness. Read this book to find out what you don't know about your dog. Or what you think you know that isn't so.

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FETCH LIST

In addition to monetary donations we are also in need of many other items to help care for the homeless animals we receive each year. Here is a list of our current needs:

- ✓ Beer or Pop Cardboard Flats
- ✓ Bleach
- ✓ Canned pate style cat food
- ✓ Febreze type spray
- ✓ Kibbles N Bits Dry Dog Food
- ✓ Laundry & Dish soap
- ✓ Paper towels
- ✓ Pre-paid gift cards for discount stores, pet stores
- ✓ Toys for cats and dogs
- ✓ Used towels in good condition
- ✓ \$\$\$ to pay for veterinary costs for injured animals

Monetary donations are always greatly appreciated!
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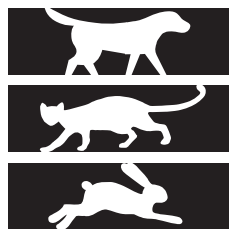


President's Letter *by Tammi L. Gagnon*

Calling all pet lovers. It is that time of the year to roll up your sleeves, find the box of bandages, load up on some ibuprofen, and get sticky. What am I referring to? The caramel apple project of course. As the number one fundraiser for the shelter we start to take apple orders in December, load up the church with supplies while the rest of the nation is getting ready for the super bowl and work like worker bees for a full week to get all the sweethearts their apples in time for Valentine's Day.

Several years ago my husband and I became part of the group of people who sell and make apples. Every year we now look forward to helping with this project. Kudos to all of those individuals who donate their time and energy to making, selling and delivering the apples. The cats, dogs and other animals that come through our shelter during the year thank you for all the blisters and countless hours put into this fundraiser.

Hope to see you there.
Tammi L. Gagnon



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Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The Siouxland Humane Society Board of Directors and staff recognized our volunteers and all their efforts with a fun evening of dinner, entertainment and some great door prizes. All the volunteers received a small gift as a token of our appreciation. Roberta Elwell was recognized as volunteer of the year for all the work she does helping out. We thank all our volunteers for their contributions. Without you we could not provide all our services and programs and place 100% of the adoptable pets. Thank you!



Roberta Elwell was recognized by The Board of Directors and staff as the volunteer of the year.



Volunteers enjoyed a delicious meal by Heaton Catering, a great volunteer speaker, door prizes and wonderful entertainment by Jill Miller.

Cold Weather Pet Tips

We urge pet owners to take common sense precautions to safe guard their pets against bitter cold temperatures. Your pets depend on you for protection from elements such as freezing temperatures.

- Don't leave pets outdoors when the temperature drops below freezing. Dogs and cats are safer indoors in all sorts of weather.
- Outdoor dogs need a dry, draft-free doghouse large enough to sit and lie in, but small enough to hold in body heat. The floor should be off the ground and well insulated. This will work well for outside cats too!
- Pets spending time outdoors need more food in the winter. Keeping warm depletes energy. Water needs to be fresh and not frozen. Heated bowls are available at many places.
- Warm car engines are dangerous for cats and small wildlife. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.
- De-icing chemicals are hazardous. Chemicals used to melt ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe the feet every time they come in from outdoors. Antifreeze can be deadly. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze out of reach.



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A Note from LaVon

I would like to thank all of you that helped make our annual Paws 'n Claus event such a success! This is always a favorite event because we get to see how much the pets we adopt are treasured and loved, which is our goal for all of our pets here! Special thanks this year to George Taylor, KJ Wingert, Krissy Mathieson Bearce, Doug Conrad, Eric Turner, Tom Schoening and Steve Paulson. These photographer's donated their time to create wonderful holiday memories for all those who came to have their picture taken at the event! We also have a great group of people on hand to make sure that Santa can participate in the photos. This is a very warm and sometimes itchy job (the beard and hair can be pretty uncomfortable). We greatly appreciate Shay Gebauer, Mitch Boone, Todd Trobaugh, Ed Tryon, Clark Tibboel, Carole Walton and Austin Hankins for playing Santa for us again this year.

On another note, there is a special group of people that I need to thank. These people are devoted to doing what they can to help find our pets homes. Each week they have me come on their stations and focus on certain pets here, many of them whom are special needs. They help us get the word out and help these pets find homes. Please listen to us weekly on Z98, KG95, KISSFM, 102.3 and KWIT. We also would like to thank KMEG for their Sunrise Ray of Hope program that allows us to bring a furry friend to spotlight every Friday. Also a huge thanks to KTIV for pick of the litter and sponsoring events and the Sioux City Journal for all their support as well. Time and time again, these efforts make a difference! I would also like to thank all the media that sponsor our events. We would not be a success without you!

I am looking forward to working with all of you again on our next project. Apples are just around the corner! Please save the dates, February 1st through the 7th! One behalf of all our four-legged friends here at the shelter, a BIG THANKS to everyone for their efforts!

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LAP DOG RACES & HOCKEY

The annual Lap Dog Race event takes place on March 28th during the first intermission of the Musketeers game against Team USA. Great fun, great hockey and great entertainment! Come out and support the Siouxland Humane Society and the Sioux City Musketeers and have a great time.

Participants may enter their dog in a race from the goal line to the blue line on the ice surface. All participants will receive a gift bag full of goodies for their dogs. The top three winning pooches get special prize packs too! Register at either the Musketeers office or the Siouxland Humane Society by March 26th. The registration fee is only \$15.00 with all proceeds benefiting the Shelter.

For more information call the Shelter at (712) 252-2614, ext. 7 or email us at adopt@siouxlandhumanesociety.org.


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New Year's Resolutions For Your Pets?

The New Year is here! Why not change things up a bit and make some New Year's resolutions for your pet, too? Even a couple resolutions for pets will bring a full year of benefits for the whole family.

Battle the Bulge - Pets depend on us to regulate their nutrition and activity levels. Follow strict feeding guidelines. This year vow to lay off those table scraps. Start the morning off right with a brisk walk. Even 15 minutes will give you and your dog a burst of energy for the day.

Check-Up Time - This year give your veterinarian the chance to safeguard your pet's health with a routine checkup. If it's been over a year since your pet has seen a vet make that appointment today! Ask about the importance of brushing your pet's teeth too!

Poison-Proof Your Home - With various dangers lurking in corners and cabinets the home can be full of poisons for your pets. Don't leave it up to

them to keep safe. Resolve to make your home a safe place for pets and children.

Pet Play Time - No surprise here, but your pet would love a bit more attention. Resolve to make some one-on-one time every day. This could mean an evening walk, playing their favorite game or simply giving them a brushing and belly rub.

Some people may say New Year's resolutions are made to be broken. But resolutions for pets can end up making your entire household active, happy, and healthy for the year to come.

