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## The Perfect Gift – Gourmet Apples!

Give the gift of love for Valentine's Day this year – a Gourmet Double Chocolate Caramel Apple! Show your love for your valentine and the animals at the shelter, all proceeds go to help the homeless and often neglected pets in Siouxland.

It's often a hard decision on what to get that special someone for Valentine's Day. Flowers are nice, but they cost a fortune and they die within days of getting them. I can think of no better way to show those in your life how much you care - loved ones, co-workers, friends, Gourmet Apples are 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 are still a bargain at only \$15 each!

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

Orders are due by Sunday, February 7, 2016. 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 preorder as we sell out early every year. Stay out of the doghouse and order now!

## Be Part of The Fun!

Last year over 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 Missie at 712-252-2614, ext. 16 or email her at:

melissa@siouxlandhumanesociety.org. Thanks so much!

#### Pick up locations and times are:

Siouxland Humane Society Shelter and Southern Hills Mall Center Court

Tuesday, February 9th and Wednesday, February 10th from 11am to 6pm both days.

# Gourmet Double Chocolate Caramel Apples Siouxland Humane Society





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Clip & Save Reminder

# **Thanks For Being a "Loyal Friend"!**

The following gifts were received between October 6 and December 10, 2015. We have made every effort to print an accurate list. We apologize if we have made an error. Please let us know by calling Amanda at (712) 252-2614, ext. 13 or by emailing office@siouxlandhumanesociety.org.

#### PEOPLE MEMORIALS

Curtis Sloan, Irene Fisher ~ Mark Clause, Cathy Christman, Jayne Marie Burnight, Patricia & Vernon Roberts, L & L Book Properties, L.C., Judith Clause, Carol Mackey ~ Carlton Pierce Smith Jr., Karen Chesterman, Sandra Rodawig, Karen Lohry ~ Margaret Crow, Jennifer Johnson, Robert & Kim Carnes, Mark & Susan Nielsen, Bonnie Wiltse, Robert & Patti Baczwaski, Bruce & Sue Fey, Raymond & Karen Fude, Barbara & Thomas Rowse, John & Nancy Jacobs Jr, Kathy Morgan-Kaminski, JAA ~ Ellie Cantrell, Janice Herrick, Monette Harbeck, Robin Young ~ Don & Betty Smith, Brad & Jerrilyn Miller ~ Maxine Polak, George Polak ~ Nancy Sar, William & Sue Conner ~ Michael Moeller, William & Sue Conner ~ Ed & Wilma Winkler, Tim & Michelle Rolfes ~ Justin Williams, Betty Smith & Cynthia Hansen ~ Leora Udell, Ann & Leroy Learing, Marie Scott, Ann & Leroy Learing, Dr. Robinson, Ann & Leroy Learing ~ Pam Robinson, Sandra Schreiber ~ Gretchen Johnson, Dr. Robert Billiar ~ Harry Keller, Margaret Moran & Vibeke Jensen ~ Mary Yanacheak, Carol & Ralph Yanacheak ~ Thomas Burns, Verona Burns ~ Phyllis Franzen, Julie Humbert ~ Joseph Campbell, Vivian Joyce McCormick, Rod McCormick ~ Rosie Bales, Terry & Linda Bearce ~ Marilyn Upton, Lacy Bryce ~ Joe Campbell, Jack & Mary Campbell ~ Joyce Safin, Kathy Safin

#### PET MEMORIALS

Mary, Patricia Windeshausen ~ Cocoa, Jackie & Dennis Sieverding ~ Laurie Teutsch's Kitty, Lena Tsiovkh ~ Kasey, Betty Berigan ~ Maggie Welch, Don & Ruth Kingery ~ Max, Mary Ellen Miller ~ Pinky, Anasara Henry ~ Muffin, Scott & Lynelle Bieber ~ Twinkle, Patricia Jendrick ~ Heidy, Jane Winter ~ Peanut & Cuckelburr, Nancy Schallau ~ Silky, Berneice O'Connor ~ Wrigley, Bert & Kay Lewis ~ Tina, Larry & Gail Meinen ~ Kodi & Katlyn, Drs. Kristi Walz & Keith Weaver ~ Yougo, Donald Petersen ~ Auggie, Evey & Jerry Thompson ~ Scamper, Jack & Mary Campbell ~ Suzie, Charles & Barb Christenson ~ Lady the cat, Chad Glouser ~ Pita, Janice Albright ~ Midnight, Jo Sprowl ~ Bo, Amy Ellsworth ~ Kelly, Muffin, Mandie & Missy, Doris Samuelson ~ King & Snoopy, James & Karen Swanson ~ Sophie, Robert & Patricia Blessing ~ Snow & Hercules, Kathy Donaldson ~ Sassy, Bev King ~ Daisy, William & Lori Riecken ~ 4 Sweet Dogs, Helen Schuck ~ Libby, Heather Langschwager ~ Black, William & Jill Flynn ~ Jake, Scott & Cynthia Patten ~ Charlie Boy, Shirley Watson, Audrey Fenton ~ Chipper, Kacie Varilek ~ Pita, Janice Albright ~ All my precious Bull Dogs, Sally Simpson ~ Inky, Larry & Donna Fuller ~

#### DONATIONS

Paula Bonham ~ Loess Hills Miniatures ~ Robert & Marie Thomsen ~ In honor of "Bella" by Patricia & Mark Hubbard ~ Deanna Daniels ~ Charles Bohlke ~ Larry & Rosemary Radloff ~ Jeff Arnett ~ Roger & Susan Christiansen ~ Emily Heeney ~ Linda & Richard Hirchert ~ Lawrence Delperdang ~ Harlene Mahaney ~ Tina Reed ~ Dave & Marcia Wenberg ~ In honor of their Wedding by Holly Petersen ~ Julie Davis ~ Petco ~ Terri Post ~ Allen & Sheri Whitcomb ~ George & Gretchen Hirchbach ~ In honor of Lady the Cat by Chad Glouser ~ Joseph & Buertess Beals ~ Bernardine Burke ~ The Wellmark Foundation ~ In honor of Marjorie Kay Manker's birthday by Lisa McCardle ~ Nancy Boysen ~ Joan Kinney ~ Amy Twillman ~ Roel & Deborah Andriessen ~ Jack & Mary Campbell ~ N.E Vanmeter ~ American Bank ~ Russell & Debbie Robinson ~ Gary & Clarisse Sutherland ~ David Nettleton ~ Adair & Ruth Countryman ~ Yvonne & Michael Trudo ~ Janel & Wilfred Gerking ~ Arthur & Claire Miethke ~ In honor of "Mickey & T-Bone" by Violet & Gene Pennell ~ Ralph & Margaret Semerad ~ Annette Rasmussen ~ Annette & Jeffrey Custer ~ Janet Sawyer ~ John & Pam Hughes III ~ James Haritage ~ Ken & Carolyn Carlson ~ Peggy Davis ~ James & Beverly Cosgrove ~ Deanna Daniels ~ Loess Hills Miniature ~ Wells Fargo ~ Alycen Treloar ~ Roberta Caldwell ~ In honor of Lilly by Ashley McCarville ~ Lucy Blessing & Josie Holgrate ~ In honor of Mark Clause by Linda Taylor ~ Sally & Dudley Conner ~ Robert & Dorthy Elaine Pedersen ~ Laura Gerkin ~ The Place on State ~ Sonya Dierenfeld ~ Megan Harris ~ Allison Rossow ~ William Schneiders ~ Paul Stoneburg ~ Michael Turner ~ Cassandra Thompson ~ Terri Kjeldseth ~ Katy Chartier ~ Jo Sprowl ~ Rosalie Schlichting ~ Robin Suing ~ Amy Kleinberg ~ Amy Ellsworth ~ Davis Klinkenborg ~ James & Ann Gregory ~ Charles Bohlke ~ Damon & Janice Ott ~ In honor of Kitty, Casey & Baloney by Jacob Salmen ~ Robert & Fay Continued on Page 4

#### Paw Prints

Mohrhauser ~ Clark Elementary School, Radine Wassell, Gary & Kim Buryanek ~ Barbara Bell ~ Carole Broyhill Platt & Janet Goodrich ~ In honor of Shiloh by Ann Naber ~ Sanford Hospital ~ Zachary & Chelesa Sittig ~Sandy, Tom & Lucy Keane ~ Joann Stoltz ~ Jean Biernbaum ~ Janet Christensen ~ Dan & Suzane Henderson ~ Donald & Donna Holck ~ Allan & Virginia Sewalson ~ In honor of Luke's birthday by Everette & Becky Vardaman ~ Norman & Sheila Bernstein ~ Terri Post ~ Lisa Mascarello ~ Ann Porterfield ~ In honor of LuLu and Holly From Fred & Mary Hauswirth ~ Barbara & Donald Lehmann ~ Rebecca Group Morningside Presbyterian Church ~ Janet Sawyer ~ Mark & Colleen Stanek ~ In honor of Dr. Neils by Secret Santa ~ Linda Brinkenhoff ~ Sue Stevenson ~ In honor of Loretta & Pudge Peterson by April Dwyer ~ In honor of James L. Bales by Terry & Linda Bearce ~ Sharon Overgaard ~ Lois Wilkerson ~ Lavern & Marilyn Sondgeroth~ Robert & Marie Thomsen ~ Gary & Clarisse Sutherland ~ Chad Glouser ~ Audrey Fenton ~ Rosalyn Smith ~ Julie Ogburn ~ In honor of Spencer Goeden by Frank & Diane Gruber ~ Kollars & Lewon, PLC ~ Chris Jensen & Beth Harms ~ Norma Coon ~ In honor of "Miss Lucky", Kathy Safin ~ Penny Lundell ~ Patricia Leamer ~ Karen Nelson ~ Terri Stolpe ~ Larry & Barbara Jones ~ Gloria Goeden ~ Judy Fredinburg ~ Gerald & Linda Benjamin ~ Arthur & Claire Miethke ~ Luanne & Jospeh Giesler ~ Vickie & Vincent Henrichsen ~ Dr. Paul & Penny Fee ~ Larry & Gail Meinen ~ Nancy Boysen ~ Bonnie Crisman ~ In honor of Heidi & Holly by Lavonne Keleher ~ Michelle Bower ~ Nancy Bekin Vakulskas ~ Loess Hills Minatures ~ Diane & Scott Frick ~Cara Mahaney ~ Maliyah Hacker ~ John & Barbara Holdren ~ Richard & Anita Triplett ~ James & Doris Krogman ~ Clara Ahlers ~ Mr & Mrs Art Huser ~ Allen & Pamela Mickelson ~ Kimberly Kobberman ~Rodney & Mary Terrill ~ Colleen Bonnes & Patricia Garbe ~ Jeff Arnett ~ Connie Beeghly ~ Sundae Braunger ~ Jerald & Donna Goehring ~ Linda Smith ~ Beverly & Donald Arnold ~ John Huntington ~ Charles & Lynnette Hoffman ~ Daniel & Debra Dees ~ Ruth Sherrill ~ Gerald Lapora ~ Jodi Gorsett ~ Jerry & Joan Hicks ~ Judith & Bradley Keizer ~ Ernest Hicks ~ Sandra & James Sward ~ TJ Jimmy & Debi Bell ~ P. Windeshausen ~ James Lalley ~ Roma Kroll ~ Dolores Lemke ~ Karen Annis ~ Jerry Stroup ~ K.G. Perley ~ Christina Hall ~ Robert & Cheryl Zobel ~ Sandra Fravel ~

#### **IN-KIND DONATIONS**

Avery Brothers ~ Ben Fish Tire Co ~ Country Vet ~ Dakota Dunes Times ~ Dunes Animal Hospital ~ Elk Creek Animal Hospital ~ Guarantee Roofing ~ Family Pet Hospital ~ Hawarden Independent & Ireton Examiner ~ KCAU TV Channel 9 ~ KSUX ~ KTIV TV Channel 4 ~ KMEG Channel 14 ~ KWIT ~ Leader Courier ~ North Sioux City Times ~ Petco ~ PetSmart ~ Roto Rooter ~ Moville Vet Services ~ Siouxland Animal Hospital ~ Sioux City Journal ~ South Sioux Animal Hospital ~ Thompson Electric ~ Winnavegas Casino

#### **"SPONSOR A PET" DONATIONS**

Berlioze, Community of Christ of Sioux City ~ Bubba, Chris Avery ~Chalupa, Eric Woods ~ Clyde, Heather Murad ~ Cooper, Nicholas & Debbie Schmith ~Dixie, Myra Woggon ~ Dottie, Donna Lozer ~ Duke, Taylin Dauphanais ~ Einstein, Marlys Nashleanas ~ Frances, Aiden Vande Zande ~ Hannah, G.L Joyce Bortscheller ~ Harper, Julie Swaine & Brittany Swaine ~ Lily, Kent Cameron ~ Lucky, Anonymous ~ Meow, Jocye Rasmussen ~ Mic Mac, Halle Murad ~ Molly, Maria Schoen, Karen Lohry, Paige Fastenan, Neal Station Environmental Partners ~ Pookie, Linda Taylor ~ Red, William & Sarah Schwarz ~ Snowball, Lysandra Nuno ~Soldier, Tyler Gaswint, Michelle Kuester ~ Woody, Trang Nguyen ~ Zeva, Anonymous, Clyde & Tink, Grace Riemenschneider ~ Bubba, Dottie, Reeses, Linda, Maggie, Sassy Schnee ~ Bo & Reeses, Anna Curry ~ Tigger, Jewel & Shadow, Melanie Lefebvre ~ Toby, Shadow, McKenna Moats ~



# **Gifts From the Heart**



The pets received a nice gift from our partnership school. Clark School dropped off some great gifts for the cats and dogs – food, treats, cleaning supplies, gift cards and cash! Thanks so much to all the students and teachers that donated to help the pets here at the Shelter.



Girl Scout troop 191 made beds for our dogs to lie on. What a great group of girls! Way to go girls. I know you made us happy and made the dogs tail wagging happy too! Thank you so much!!

# **UNIQUE "FOSTER HOME"**

Prince was with us for months and we could not find him a suitable home because of his energy level. Through one of our many rescue program partners, Rescued Tails Animal Sanctuary, he was placed in a "foster home" at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Rush City. He is now part of the Rush to Rescue prison foster dog program.

Prince lives with offenders and, like a home environment, goes with the schedule of the team he lives with. During the day support members 'dog sit' if a team is working. A certified trainer goes to the prison to hold obedience classes and the inmates work on the commands daily. During training the trainer also discusses any issues and progress. The inmates take Prince to fenced fields for training and play time with the other dogs in the program. Some have tasks that take them to other parts of the facility and Prince goes right along. He also joins his handlers in evening activities.

The prison dogs go on a rotating basis to adoption events and fundraisers. If an approved applicant is interested in meeting Prince or another dog, they do it in the prison lobby. The program has lots of benefits. It has increased positive interactions between offenders and staff and makes the prison environment less stressful. Of course, it also helps save more dogs lives.



Prince learns to sit! His new foster home is a win win. Both the inmates and Prince benefit from this temporary placement.

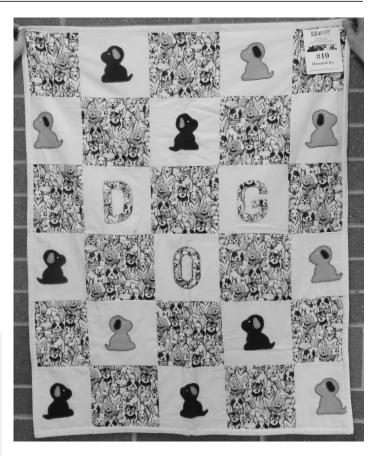


Prince takes center stage with one of his team handlers. His training is progressing and he is becoming an adoptable happy dog!

# QUILT – SAVE PETS

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 8th Annual Quilt Auction. Quilts can be of any design, fabric, new or antique. The larger animal themed quilts are the most popular; one went for almost \$700.00! Please contact Missie at 252-2614, ext. 16 for details.





## What's Happening?

- January Renew your city pet licenses at City Hall!
- 9-10 Petco Adoption Days
- 16 Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day
- 23-24 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

- 4 Female Impersonators Benefit Jones Street Station
- 26 Lap Dog Races Musketeers Hockey

June Annual Quilt Auction

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



## **Benefitting the Community and Animals**

Five years ago Debbie Currier Scollard moved to Sioux City from Twin Falls Idaho. In Idaho, she rescued Rottweiler's and found good adoptive homes for them. She became aware of the Humane Society and in May joined the Board of Directors. Debbie notes "I am grateful for the opportunity to have a positive impact on Siouxland's animal community. For me, it is a way of giving back to all the wonderful four legged companions who have enriched my life over the years."

Debbie has been in advertising for the past 30 plus years. Her business is Debbie Currier Media/Marketing Services and handles the Dogwood locally and clients in Idaho out of her home. Debbie is also on the STARS board and loves horses. She goes back to Idaho each summer for a camping/trail ride adventure. She and husband Steve Scollard have two daughters; Morgan, a Yelp community director in New Orleans and Ashton (and new husband Josh) who is an interior designer based in Portland Oregon. They all have wonderful "fur kids" with Rottweiler's; Lulu (4), Yogi (10 months) and Harley (1) a mix rounding out their current local family.

Debbie has aided the shelter by selling Younker's coupon books, volunteering at Paws and Claws and Pets on Parade, where Lulu and Yogi were the Rottweiler stars of the Dogwood pack, while Harley held forth on the home front. Debbie notes in closing "I am very impressed with how well run the activities are and how organized the board meetings are. In being on the board, "I can only hope that by participating I can bring added value to what is already being done."

## So Many Ways To Volunteer!

After years in clinical healthcare, Ann Jorgensen felt a calling, post-retirement, to help animals. It was not a new passion, but one that would involve the Siouxland Humane Society! Her family always had animals; dogs, cats, guinea pigs, mice, hamsters and other pets the youngsters helped care for. Over two years ago, Ann started volunteering at the shelter continuing that enthusiasm of caring for animals.

Her shelter assistance encompasses cat/ kitten care, smaller dog walking, folding laundry, fostering kittens and transports. She also helps with the Apple, Paws and Claws, Bake sale and Pets on Parade fundraisers. Ann notes her favorites are the kitten fostering and interacting with the public and other volunteers.

Ann's blended family includes 4 adult children, 5 grandchildren, one cat and a dog. Besides loving to volunteer at the Shelter, she gardens, does craft projects, travels from time to time and loves to shop!

Ann says that being at the shelter has made her very aware of the many different programs and opportunities offered. She notes in particular the far- reaching line up of spay/neuter assistance, legislative action, pet food assistance, nursing home therapy and rescue.

The Siouxland Humane Society holds a special place in her heart and always will!





# LAP DOG RACES

The annual Lap Dog Race event takes place on March 26th during the first intermission of the Musketeers game against Sioux Falls. Great fun, great hockey and great entertainment! Come out and support the Siouxland Humane Society and the Sioux City Musketeers! 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 pouches get special prize packs too! Register at either the Musketeers office or the Siouxland Humane Society by March 24th. The registration fee is only \$15.00 with all proceeds benefiting the Shelter. For more information call the Shelter at (712) 252-2614, ext. 16 or email us at melissa@siouxlandhumanesociety.org.



Donated items are needed at all times of the year. Please take a look at the list below to see which items we are in need of at this time. To view the full Fetch List please visit: http://www.siouxlandhumanesociety.org/waysto-give/fetch-list/

All donations to the SHS are tax-deductible.

Cat/Kitten Care Items: Cat litter (claytype), Cardboard pop flats, Cat toys

**Dog/Puppy Care Items:** Kibbles n Bits dry dog food, Kongs, Milkbones – Small & Large

Shelter Supplies: Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Febreze type spray, Dish Soap, Dishwasher Soap, Glass Cleaner, Scrubbing Bubbles Cleaner, Paper Towels, Gift cards for discount stores or pet stores

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. An envelope is enclosed in this newsletter!



# A Note from Missie

I would like to thank all of you that helped make our annual Paws 'n Claus event such a success, we had over 85 volunteers and 275 sittings! 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, Krissy Mathieson Bearce, Carrie Hubert, Ron Nicholls, Michael Northrup and Steve Paulson. These photographers donated their time to take pictures to help the shelter raise money for the homeless and often neglected animals in Siouxland! We also have a great group of people that played the role of Santa for this amazing event. This is a very warm and sometimes itchy job (the beard and hair can be pretty uncomfortable). We greatly appreciate Shay Gebauer. Ron LaCroix, Dave Preston, Scott Elwell, Todd Trobaugh and Austin Hankins for playing Santa and making this an event to remember! A special thanks to Jordan Ireland at Principal Financial group for sponsoring this year's event, we appreciate your financial support. Thanks to KMEG, the Sioux City Journal, Harold's and Avery Brothers for the promotional pieces and printing of the photos, we couldn't do it without you!

On another note, there is a special group of people that I need to thank. These people are devoted to doing

## **President's Letter**

Where did 2015 go? I cannot believe that we are already in a new year. Now that we have made it through another holiday season we should have time to work on our New Year's resolutions. I typically don't do "New Year resolutions" because they tend to not stick around very long. However the idea of doing some new things for our self, our furry friends or our fellow human being is not a bad idea. If you are tired and need to catch up on some sleep, the winter months are a good time to treat yourself to a few cat naps with your furry feline. The cold and snow outside is not inviting anyway. However if you need to add to your exercise routine because of all the goodies you ate over Thanksgiving and Christmas, anytime is a good time to get the leash out and take your faithful canine out for a brisk walk. Your dog will find something interesting in the cold windy weather that we may not notice on our own.

There will be challenges that each of us will need to take on this year. But as animal lovers we have some of

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, 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! On behalf of all our four-legged friends here at the shelter, a BIG THANKS to everyone for their efforts!

the best methods of relieving some stress. I know my furry children always have a way of lifting my spirits or making me feel just a little better. So if you are feeling blue or overwhelmed just remember to take a moment to listen to a cat purr or play with a dog. If you do not have a furry friend right now, check into adopting one from our shelter or volunteer some time or donate some love at your local shelter. You will find that what an animal can give back to you is priceless and better than any doctor can prescribe.

For 2016 we will continue to find forever homes for all of the adoptable animals that come through our doors at the shelter. We will strive to help our furry friends find health and happiness throughout the year. Be kind to one another and remember that humans were placed on this earth to take care of the animals that occupy it with us.

Board President Tammi L. Gagnon

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

As I write this, we have just finished our fiscal year that ended December 31, 2015. What struck me most in reviewing our accomplishments is how much success we've continued to have with our programs and services. The impact they have had on improving the quality of life for the people and pets in Siouxland is more than most of us could have imagined.

Through our **Adoption/Surrender Program** we have seen our placement rate stay at 100% of the adoptable pets finding forever new homes. This is a great achievement considering we are an open admission shelter! The **Breed Rescue Program** is credited greatly for this success placing over 200 pets with other organizations this past year. We know it will take continued focus and dedication to continue, but we are dedicated to doing so.

Our **Spay/Neuter Assistance Program** has assisted hundreds of people in getting their pets fixed. This program has helped many animals including shelter adopted dogs and cats, non-shelter adopted cats and our Spay the Mom Cat Program. In 2015 our **Spay the Mom Cat Program** received a lot of attention and justifiably so – it is a key component to getting the cat overpopulation problem under control.

When people fall upon hard times and occasionally need a little help, we are there for them. The **Pet Food Bank** for example, is one service that we provide to help keep families and pets together. **Veterinary**  Assistance and Emergency Sheltering are others which help provide a way for families to keep their pets.

The **Sponsor a Pet Program** is designed to help specific pets have a better chance at adoption, pets that in years past might never have reached the adoption floor. Your donations to cover part or the entire adoption fee, vet expenses or spay/neuter surgery have helped save countless pets.

While they may not get the notice some of the others do additional programs and services are absolutely essential in helping us realize our mission. They include programs such as the Senior Pet Program, Education Programs, Volunteer, Pet Facilitated Therapy and Cruelty/Neglect Investigations. Services also offered include End of Life Services, Lost & Found, Microchipping, Pet Supplies and Pet Wish List.

What also impressed me in reviewing the past year is how much your commitment to our vision has been responsible for bringing us to the point where we are today. Your continuing support along with the dedication of our staff, volunteers and board of directors is crucial as we continue to help the people and pets in Siouxland. It will take all of us working together to get there – and we will. Thank you for your support and for being part of this journey.

Gratefully yours, Jerry



#### Paw Prints

# A BIG THANK YOU TO HY-VEE FOOD STORES

The end of October through the first part of November, the Shelter was the recipient of Operation Helpful Smile at all Siouxland Hy-Vee's. I am happy to announce that we raised \$1,592.86 in donations from the community and from Hy-Vee food stores! I cannot thank everyone enough for your support of the homeless animals in Siouxland, \$1,592.86 is very helpful to continue our mission!

# SPAY/NEUTER YOUR CAT –Get Help Here

The most important thing you can do to help save lives, solve the cat overpopulation crisis and have a healthier happier cat is to spay/ neuter. Our spay/neuter assistance programs are here to help. We offer



an array of assistance programs that include:

Shelter adopted dogs and cats, Non-Shelter adopted cats and the Spay the Mom Cat program.

**100% of the fee is paid for you under the Spay the Mom Cat program**. People interested in these programs need to complete an application and meet guidelines. For more information or to request an application please contact us at (712) 252-2614, ext. 7 or stop by the Shelter.

There are never enough homes for all the kittens that are born each year, help us solve this problem, let us help you, apply for funding and spay/neuter your cats.

Check out our new website for information on all our programs and services – Adoption/Surrender – Spay/ Neuter Assistance – Volunteer – Pets For Seniors – Microchipping – Emergency Sheltering – Veterinary Assistance – Sponsor A Pet – Education – Pet Facilitated Therapy – Breed Rescue – Pet Food Bank – End of Life Services – Lost & Found – Cruelty Investigation



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### The Perfect Gift – Gourmet Apples!

See Page One for more details and Page Two for an order form!

## 10 Things You Didn't Know About: SHS Adoption Program

- 1 In 2015 there were 1045 cats, 766 dogs and 158 other animals adopted. We found forever homes for 100% of the adoptable pets.
- 2 Besides the Siouxland tristate area pets were adopted to Missouri, North Dakota, Illinois, Alabama, Texas, Kansas and Florida.
- 3 Small animals adopted included rabbits, finches, ferrets, parakeets, cockatiels, hamsters, gerbils, rats, mice, guinea pigs, turtles and chickens.
- 4 Our Rescue program found homes for 153 cats, 33 dogs and 45 other animals in 2015. This helps us continue our 100% placement.
- 5 Offsite adoption events are held monthly at Petco, PetSmart and the Southern Hills Mall. Other offsite adoption events are held at area businesses and events as well.
- 6 Adoptions include initial preventative vaccinations, deworming, microchipping, free veterinarian health examination, spay/neuter

discount and an adoption packet/new parent guide.

- 7 You can check out the adoptable pets and other news and information on our website, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn.
- 8 Cat and kitten adoptions include a pet carrier to take your new pet home and for use for your free veterinary health examination which comes with your adoption.
- 9 Over one-third of the pets adopted are already spayed/neutered. Part of your adoption fee is refunded to you on those that are not. We also have a spay/neuter assistance program for those that adopt from us.
- 10 We have a Senior Pet adoption program which provides special pets to Senior citizens. Select pets that are mature settled adults are the perfect companions for senior citizens. These pets are fully vetted before placement.