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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.

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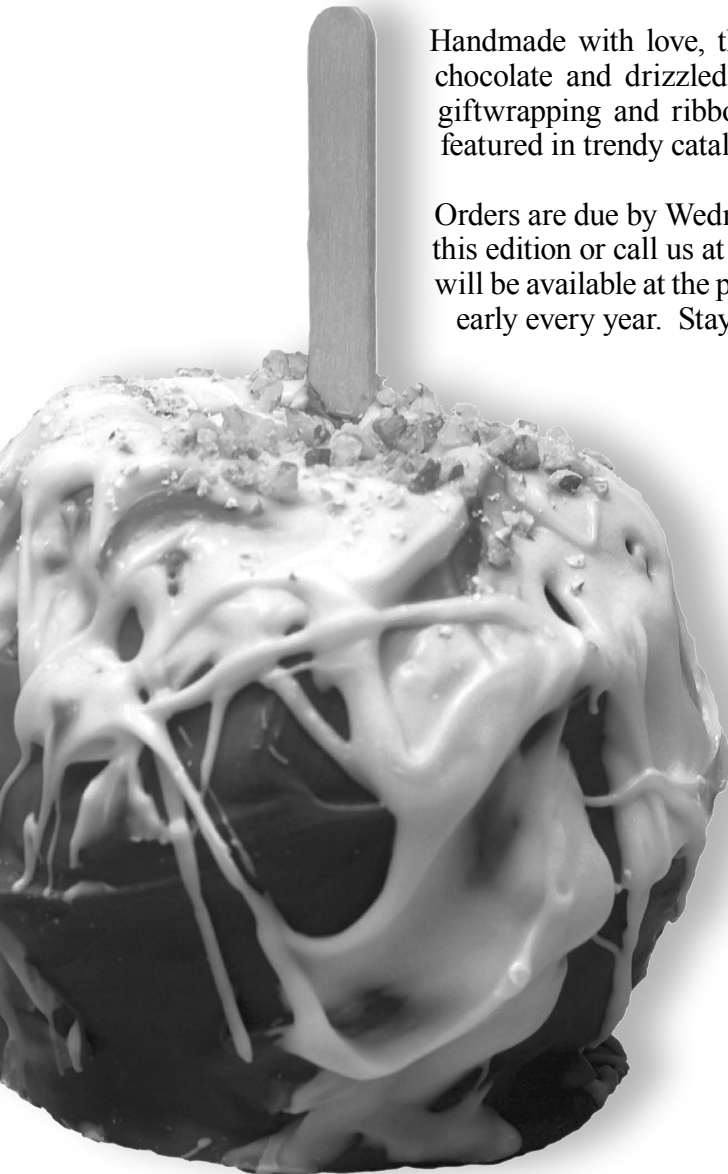
Orders are due by Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Please send in the handy order form in this edition or call us at 712-252-2614, ext. 7 to place your order. Extras, not preordered, will be available at the pick-up locations for \$17.00. Don't forget to preorder as we sell out early every year. Stay out of the doghouse and order now!

Pick up locations and times are:

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Friday, February 9th and Saturday, February 10th
from 10am to 5pm.

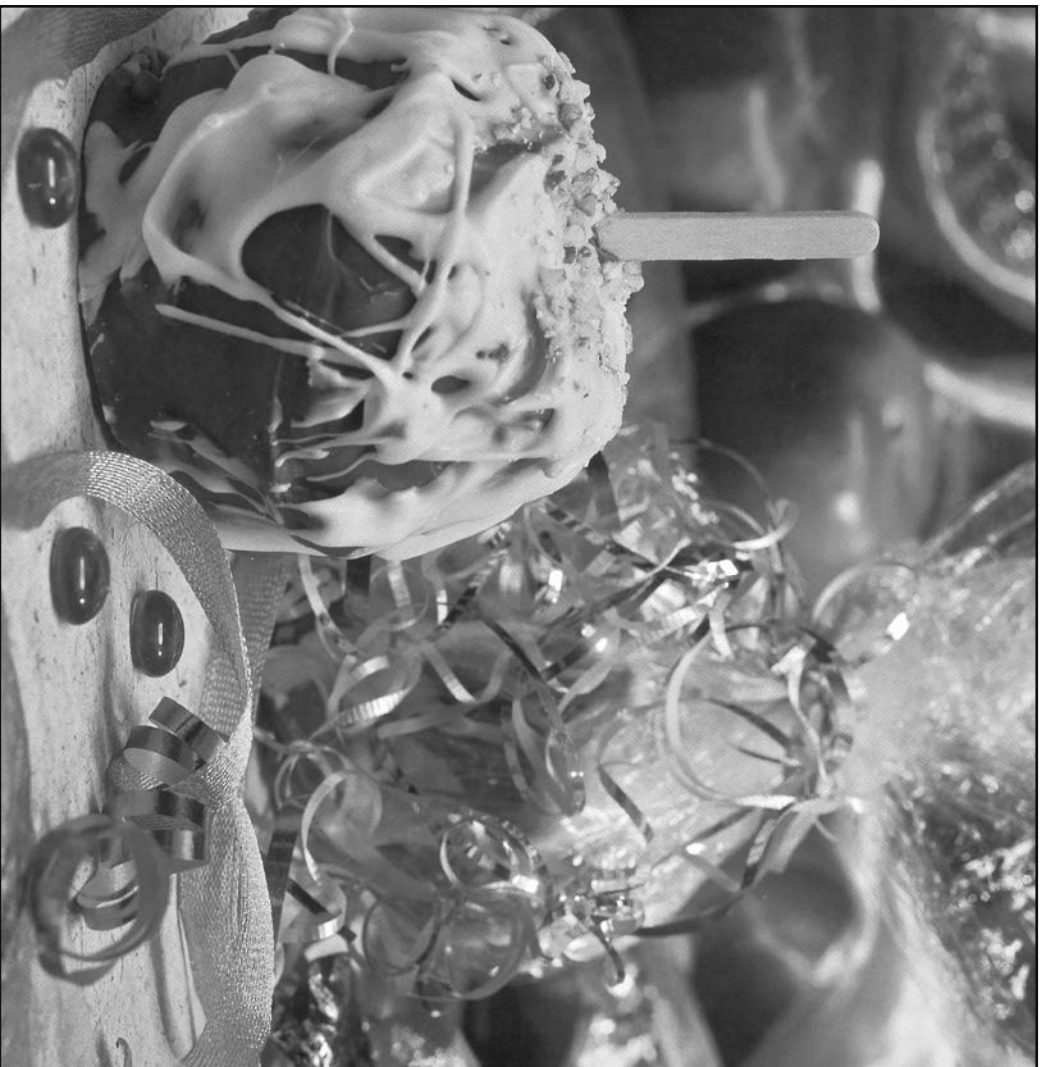
Be Part of The Fun!

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. We will be making apples, February 1st through the 7th. Please note the difference in the schedule and we will be needing weekend help this year! 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!



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NOTE FROM MISSIE FISCHER



I would like to thank all of you that helped make our annual Paws 'n Claus event such a success, we had over 50 volunteers and 255 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, Michael Northrup, Liz Barrett, KJ 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, Jim Sullivan, Ed Tryon, 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 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 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!

FETCH LIST



Donated items are needed at all times of the year. To view the full Fetch List visit our website at siouxlandhumanesociety.org under Ways To Give, Fetch List tab!

-  **Cat/Kitten Care Items:** Cardboard pop flats, cat litter (clay-type), cat toys, Frontline/Advantage Flea & Tick Topical.
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-  **Shelter Supplies:** Paper Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Febreze type spray, Dish Soap, Glass Cleaner, Scrubbing Bubbles Cleaner, Gift cards for discount stores or pet stores.

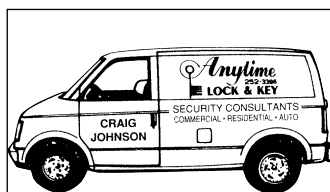
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KELLY'S VOLUNTEER KORNER

They say it is the simple things in life that make our lives complete. Who would've known that volunteering would make such an impact in the lives of people let alone animals. They often say always be grateful for things in our life no matter how big or small. I am grateful for all of you that have volunteered your time and talent to help those that need our help the most.

With the New Year among us, have you asked yourself what can I do to help make a difference? Maybe you are looking at becoming a happy healthier you! Don't let that resolution fall by the road side or that positive vibe go north. Stick to the program and move forward! VOLUNTEER your time. We are always in need of volunteers – no matter how big or small the project is. We have several volunteer programs that consist of the following: In shelter animal socializing, Fundraising – rolling them sleeves up and being a part of a warrior team, Pet Facilitated Therapy Visits – help make a resident's day, Foster Care – helping with litters, Outreach Events – matching pets with their new beloved owners, Humane Educators, and Animal Advocates.

So, if you have what it takes and truly want to step up and help out a furry friend who is counting on you get signed up today, we would be glad to have you aboard a winning team!

Kelly Erie, PR & Volunteer Manager

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

On Thursday night October 19th the Siouxland Humane Society honored our terrific volunteers with an appreciation dinner, program and some great door prizes. This annual event was held at the Long Lines Center and a yummy meal was provided by Heaton's Catering. There was a great turnout of volunteers, staff and Board Members. During the program a couple individuals who have made outstanding contributions to our mission were recognized.



They often say it takes an army to get things in tip, top shape! Or, you could say it takes volunteers who are committed to helping us make a difference in pet's lives! Joyce Rasmussen does just that. She was given the Volunteer Spotlight award for 2017 at the dinner. She has been involved in a number of volunteer projects. No matter if it is sharing a story with a dog in the back yard or talking to kids about volunteering she is one that wears her heart on her sleeve.

We would like to say Thank You Joyce for helping us think outside the box. Joyce has spent countless number of hours at the shelter socializing with the pets making them better canine citizens which in return equals a lot of pets finding their new forever loving homes! Congratulation again Joyce.



Dr. Robert Billiar D.V.M. was named a Lifetime Honorary Board Member of the Siouxland Humane Society. This award is given out by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors to those who have given extraordinary service to the organization. He joins an elite group of only four other Honorary Members. He is a longtime supporter and served on the board for many years. Dr. Billiar served in the role of Chairperson of the Building Committee that worked several years planning the new Humane Society building. He was instrumental in overseeing the new building being built in 1995. Dr. Billiar also served as a member of many other board committees over the years as well. He enjoys his role of volunteering for the Shelter. When he is not busy helping out with our many fundraising projects, you can find Dr. Billiar also doing pet-facilitated therapy visits to area nursing homes and care facilities.

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- 20 Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day
- 27-28 PetSmart Adoption Days

February Prevent A Litter Month

- 12-25 HyVee Operation Helpful Smile
- 14 Valentines Day Gourmet Double
Chocolate Caramel Apples!
- Offsite Adoption Events
- Check our website or Facebook for details.

March

- 13 Woofstock – DOXX Warehouse
- 17 Lap Dog Races – Musketeers Hockey

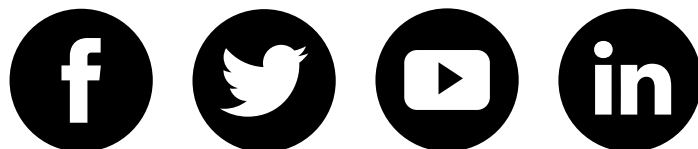
April

- 6 Roaring 20's – Drag, Theater & More!
- 28 Dog Medium/Communicator

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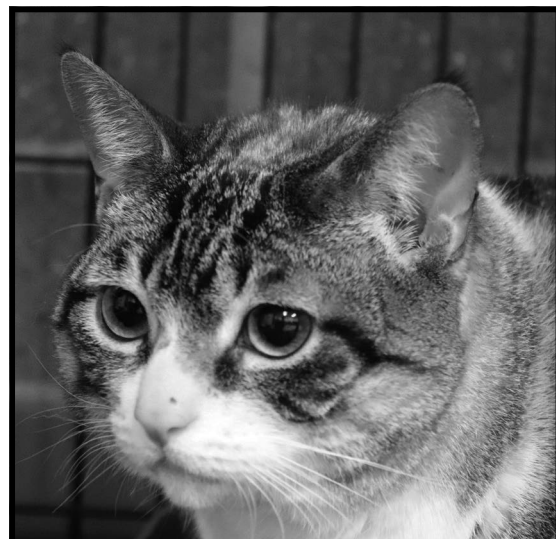
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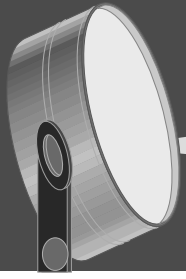
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Volunteer Spotlight

SANTA – APPLE MAKING GOOD FELLOW!

Ron LaCroix found out about the many volunteer opportunities at the Siouxland Humane Society from Rosie Zastrow. Rosie told Ron and his wife about helping with the Valentine Apples, which in return they now have been involved with helping with for the last 6 years now. The couple says the Humane Society is such a great asset to the Siouxland area. Both Ron and his wife know of family and friends that have adopted dogs and shared many years of furry friend furrever love.

Along with helping make Valentine Apples, Ron also fills-in for Santa at Paws N Claus. He is currently an Assistant District Unit Commissioner for the Mid-American Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Ron

and his wife Marci, live in South Sioux City with their rescue dog Eevee Cupcake LaCroix. Their daughter Tarynn lives in Los Angeles, CA after graduating from college. Ron is a Senior Drafter in the Grain Department at Wilson Trailer Company and has been there for over 20 years now. He is certified as a TyKwonDo instructor and achieved the Rank of 2ND Degree Black Belt. In his spare time he enjoys video games, and walking their puppy.

There are so many great people at the Humane Society and Ron wants everyone to know he is so glad to be able to help and plans to volunteer for many years to come. Thanks Ron for all your help!

EIGHT YEARS AND GOING STRONG!

Mark Cord became involved with the Shelter around eight years ago through a couple Board members he knew well through his law practice. The family has adopted four of their canine family members over the years. The first, Alex, was adopted in Iowa City in 1988 and was their boy for 13 years. They didn't think they could love a dog so much until they adopted Ginger, a golden/chow mix from the Shelter when she was two. She was a great helper to Mark in the yard and gave them much joy until she was 18 years old! They then adopted two wonderful English Bulldogs, Brutus (4) and Arnold (2) from the Shelter. Arnold lives with their daughter Allyson now. Brutus lays around on his "throne" most of the day and is a very happy boy even though he is on 6 medications for his COPD, arthritis, and stomach issues - but his kisses are so worth it!

This is Mark's third term on the board of directors. He has been President, Vice President twice and on several committees including chairperson of Policies

& Procedures for several years and the nominating and finance committee. Mark said, "I'm kind of an administrative and policy wonk, and enjoyed the behind the scenes work to update the policy manual and coordinate a review of the shelter's long range plans. I was very proud to serve as president during the time we worked to open the Richard L. Robinson Memorial Garden." He also enjoys the annual quilt auction serving as a quilt model with his modelling partner Shay

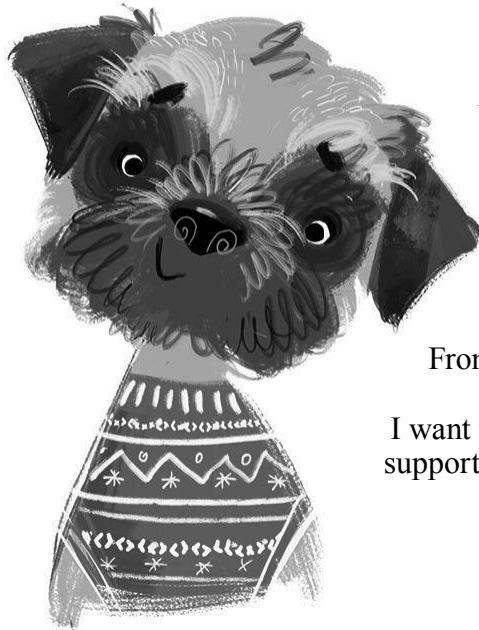
He has been married to his wife Summer for 29 years and they have two great daughters, Allyson (26) and Madeline (21). He is a partner at Moore Heffernan law firm and Summer is imaging director at CNOS. He enjoys music, theatre, exercise and time with family and friends. They are enjoying empty nesting, but look forward to their daughter's coming home for weekends or "bullysitting" for Arnold. He really enjoys his time in service to our animal friends.

President's Letter



A Puppy's Christmas Message

Courtesy of Phil Snyder, Executive Director Suncoast Humane Society



'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,
A puppy is squeaking an old rubber mouse.
The wreath which was merrily hung on the door,
Is scattered in pieces all over the floor.
The stockings that hung in a neat little row,
Now boast a large hole in each one of the toes.
The tree was subjected to bright colored whims,
Although still splendid it's missing some limbs.
I catch him and kiss him "be good" I insist,
With a wag of his tail he scampers off to see what he's missed.
And now as I watch him the thought comes to me,
This puppy's the spirit that Christmas should be.
Should children and puppies yet show us the way,
And teach us the joy that come with this day?
For they bring the message that's written above,
That reminds us most of all CHRISTMAS IS LOVE.
From those that can-not speak for themselves, Merry Christmas to all!

I want to wish all of our staff, board members, countless volunteers, and our supporters a very happy holiday season. Please keep all the homeless, ill, and mistreated animals in your prayers.

Steve Liebetrau, Board President

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

There is nothing we love more than updates about pets adopted from us. We are thrilled to hear about their new lives and see how happy (and spoiled) they are in their new homes. If you have professional quality photos of the family and adopted pets please email them to us to use in Shelter on one of our collages.

MAKING SHELTER ANIMALS COUNT!

The Siouxland Humane Society is involved in a new effort to benefit animals in shelters nationwide. Shelter Animals Count is a national database that collects and reports data for shelters across the country. The goal is to create data to enable a greater understanding of issues shelters face. More than 3,000 shelters in all 50 states have signed on and are reporting data.



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

It's been a very busy and exciting year at the Siouxland Humane Society and I can't thank you all enough for your continued support. Thanks to your generosity and commitment we provided care to thousands of homeless animals this past year and continued to find forever homes for 100% of the adoptable pets.

We continued to work to improve the lives of the people and pets here in Siouxland. We made many improvements this past year to better serve the community. A volunteer shelter was built in the backyard for better dog socialization. Improvements were made to the exercise area for the dogs. Improvements were made to our End of Life Services. We focused on improving the quality of life for all the cats in the Shelter. Upgrades were made to both our Volunteer and Animal software, allowing us to better manage these areas. Several staff were promoted to provide better care and service. Kelly, a fixture here for 24 years, was promoted to Volunteer and Public Relations Manager. Christy, a part of the team for 10 years, became a Shelter Supervisor and Steve, now at

15 years, became the Maintenance Supervisor. All of these changes will help us fulfill our mission and help us continue to provide so many vital programs and services to the Siouxland community.

We do not receive government funding and rely solely on gifts from animal lovers like you who want to create a more humane world for the homeless animals in Siouxland. Your generous support can do so much in our life-saving mission for the animals. You will find an envelope enclosed with this newsletter. Please use it to place your apple orders or to send in a donation to help continue our work. Please consider starting a monthly donation through our website that allows convenient, automatic donations every month. Under the "Ways to Give" tab pick "Donate Now" and go to "Type of Donation" choose "Monthly Recurring"! Please know that your gift makes a difference in the lives of thousands of people and pets right here in Siouxland.

Gratefully yours, Jerry



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♥ Gifts From the Heart ♥



KIDS WHO SPARKLE BRIGHT: Meet Nola Rubel. This young lady was on a mission to help out her four legged furry friends. So for her birthday she asked her guests for cash donations to help out the animals. Big paws up for Nola for being AWESOME!!



Sorry Downward Dog, this Yoga class was all about the cats! Supporters of the Shelter got a good workout while in the company of some of our adoptable kitties. The class provided a unique yoga experience and the cats received one-on-one socialization away from the Shelter. Thank you to Underground Yoga for sponsoring this event.



UPCOMING (FUN)DRAISING EVENTS

February 12th through February 25th – The shelter will be the recipient of **Operation Helpful Smile** at all Sioux City and South Sioux City Hy-Vee Food Stores and Gas Stations. We receive all the money donated in the donation jars at each register. Hy-Vee matches this up to \$1,000!

March 13th – **Woof Stock #2** at DOXX Warehouse for a fun night of shopping, sipping and snacking! Tickets will be \$5 each and include a free drink and entry for door prizes. All proceeds from the ticket sales go to the Shelter.

March 17th – **LAP DOG RACES** during the first intermission of the Musketeers game. Great fun, great hockey and great entertainment! Prizes for all participants with the top three getting special prizes too! Register at the Musketeer office or the Shelter by March 16th. Fee is \$15.00.



April 6th – An evening of Drag, Theater and more! Not your traditional Drag Show, we've added some flare! The cast will be acting out a movie themed production with some Drag Show acts incorporated! This year we will even have the option for dinner.

April 28th – Have you ever wondered what your pet is thinking? Maybe you have wanted their advice a time or two? Bring your pet, or a picture, and you might just find out! We have a Pet Communicator/Medium booked and are in the process of planning the event.

June – **QUILT AUCTION!**

Quilting – a great winter project – can save pets lives as well! We are asking our pet loving, quilting friends to donate a quilt. Quilts can be any design, fabric, new or antique. The larger animal themed quilts are popular; however we appreciate any donation!



Watch our website and Facebook page for more information on these events! For information call (712) 252-2614, ext. 16 or email melissa@siouxlandhumanesociety.org. Please remember to tell everyone you know and help us promote them via your social media.



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COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

Siouxland winters aren't very pet friendly. To help prevent dangers from affecting your pet's health, please follow this advice from the experts at the ASPCA. Coming in from the cold into the heat of your home can cause itchy skin. Keep your home humidified and towel dry your pet as soon as he comes inside paying close attention to his feet and toes. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. If your dog is short-haired, consider getting him a coat or sweater. Take a towel on walks to clean off stinging, irritated paws. After walks, wash and dry your pet's feet and stomach to remove salt and chemicals. Bathe your pets as little as possible during the cold. If your pooch must be bathed use a moisturizing shampoo. Use petroleum jelly or paw protectants on paw pads before going outside to protect from salt and chemicals. Booties provide even more coverage. Use pet-friendly ice melts whenever possible. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for pets. Be sure to clean up vehicle spills and use pet friendly products. Pets burn

extra energy to stay warm in wintertime. Feed your pet more during cold months to provide extra calories. Make sure your pet has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from drafts. A cozy bed with a warm blanket is perfect. Remember, if it's too cold for you, it's too cold for your pet, so keep them inside. If left outdoors, pets can freeze, become disoriented, lost, injured or killed. In addition, don't leave pets alone in a car during the cold, as cars act as refrigerators that hold in the cold.

