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Sad You're Gone, Happy You're Home

Sometimes working in rescue can be a draining and daunting task. There are so many babies in need and it can be hard to give so many pieces of your heart to each animal that crosses our threshold. It's with the help of the people of Siouxland, all of you, that we are able to do what we do. It is with your support – social media shares and financial donations – that heartaches turn into loving homes.

Those sad puppy dog eyes turn into snuggles on the couch and that homelessness turns into a lifetime love. Hamish was one of our length of stay dogs, he was even adopted for a short time and sadly had to be returned. This boy needed us and we needed your help to find him a home. Through your shares a home was finally found and we are so grateful to the Reed family for being that home. After 3 long months of surviving on just the love of shelter staff and volunteers, this kiddo finally has the love of a real home. This boy is a reminder of what makes rescue so rewarding.... the smiles as they walk out the door and onto the rest of their lives!



APPLE UPDATE

Due to the pandemic and current restrictions and guidelines the Siouxland Humane Society had to make some tough decisions regarding the 2021 apple project. We have determined that we can only make 2000 apples to ensure we stay within group guidelines, that social distancing is in place and the safety of those that participate in the production. We have reached out to our top volunteer sellers to take pre-orders and

all of the apples have been spoken for at this time. We sincerely apologize as we have appreciated your past support of the shelter and the apple project. As most of you are, we too are hoping and praying that this pandemic will soon end and we can get back to somewhat of normalcy. Please watch our social media pages for information on new and/or additional ways to support the shelter.

HUGE NEWS, DID WE SAY HUGE!

The cats went crazy, the dogs delirious and the staff are in a stupor from the whisperings of the great news they heard! Please check out our Instagram, Facebook or website on February 15th for the Shelter shaking, earth shattering news! We think your heart will be overflowing when you hear about this exciting heartfelt announcement of love and devotion!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

January **Renew your city pet licenses at City Hall!**
23 PetSmart Adoption Days

February **Prevent a Litter Month**
27 PetSmart Adoption Days

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

NOTE FROM MISSIE FISCHER

I would like to thank all of you that helped make Paws 'n Claus such a success! We can't thank Larry Book enough for donating the location! Special thanks to Krissy Bearce, Kristin Dacres, Michael Northrup, Britton Hacke and Tonya Mathews. These photographers donated their time to take pictures to raise money for the homeless animals at the Shelter! We greatly appreciate Shay Gebauer, Ed Tryon, Rob Powers, Steve Nelson and Dave Preston for playing Santa and making this an event to remember! This is a very warm and itchy job (the beard and hair can be pretty uncomfortable). A special thanks to Jordan Ireland at Clear Path Financial

group for sponsoring the event, we appreciate your financial support. Thanks to KMEG, the Sioux City Journal and Avery Brothers for the promotional pieces. We couldn't do it without you!

A huge thank you to everyone that has supported us along the way, we have had to be creative coming up with ways to bring in funds to help replace the canceled events and lower attendance at those we were able to have. We couldn't do this without your help, rather financial, volunteering or attending our events. Hold your families extra tight this Holiday Season and I pray everyone stays safe and we have a better new year!

GIFTS FROM THE HEART



AVERY'S PAWSITIVE CHANGE: Meet Avery Sontheimer. She is 13 years old & started her mission back in March by donating gift cards to random animal shelters. She was so kind as to make us a part of her mission!



WORK HARD, PLAY HARDER! We want to thank the Harder family. These two brought supplies, food and treats plus a nice donation which they selflessly collected instead of asking for birthday gifts. Thank you from our staff!

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In 2020 we learned a lot about ourselves, our community and incredible supporters as we navigated the pandemic together. You have helped make a huge difference in the lives of both pets and their people and we couldn't be more grateful.

I am so touched by the resilience of staff and volunteers as we adapted to meet the needs of our community. As we limited Shelter access, our focus changed to providing services to pet owners in need. We provided over 13,000 pounds of free pet food, supplies, veterinary and spay/neuter assistance, emergency boarding and so much more. All thanks to your support!

While things are far from normal, we are moving forward knowing we have supporters like you on our side. For 131 years we have provided programs and services that promote the humane treatment of animals in the Siouxland area. With your support we'll continue this mission through the pandemic and beyond.

I hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy. I am looking forward to impacting even more of Siouxland's animals this year with you by our side. As always, thank you for your ongoing support and if you ever need our help during these times, please give us a call.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT – SAVING LIVES, ONE LITTER AT A TIME

Kim Olson and her husband got involved with the shelter after their dog Max passed away in 2005. They both loved the idea of helping animals in need and decided to volunteer. Kim and her husband's main focus was to foster dogs in need. Over the years they have fostered over 100 dogs, mainly puppies. Kim says it's a lot of work but very rewarding. They love how they are able to provide these dogs with a safe and

loving environment until the puppies can be adopted. Kim most recently joined the SHS board in 2020. Kim and her husband Tom along with their dog Nick, reside here in Sioux City. The Siouxland Humane Society is so ever blessed to have such a devoted, dedicated volunteer wife and husband team that work together to save so many lives one litter at a time! We can't say thank you enough!

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President's Letter by Robin Beller

A few tips to keep your pet warm and safe this winter . . .

Winter is coming and with it, snow, ice and those nasty whirling gusts of freezing air. Don't be left out in the cold on properly caring for your pets during winter months. Just like warmer summer temperatures cold weather poses potential health and safety risks to animals. With that in mind here are tips to help keep your pets warm and safe this winter.

1. Never leave your pet alone locked in a cold car for a long period of time.
2. Put a doggy sweater on smaller short-haired pets for short walks, maybe even booties.
3. Use pet friendly ice melt and never let your pet off leash on ice or snow. Pets can slip and fall and possibly get hurt.

4. Antifreeze has a sweet taste that attracts pets, but is a deadly poison. Wipe up any spills.
5. Shovel an area for your pet to relieve themselves so they aren't walking in snow drifts.
6. Avoid exposing your pet to long periods outdoor, they are just as susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia as people.
7. Watch your pet's food intake and always have fresh water available.
8. Check your pets' paws for cracks or redness between toes and use petroleum jelly for paw protectant.

And always report if you see winter outdoor animal neglect.

KELLY'S KORNER

With 2020 being a year full of uncertainties and unknowns I want to do one thing to kick off the new year hoping to brighten the days that seem so cloudy and gloomy! We want to start the year saying THANK YOU to all our volunteers and donors who stood by our side when we needed you the most. Helping with vet expenses, sponsoring pets, donating in honor/memory of someone special or helping at a fundraising event, you never failed us. When most people think of super heroes they often think of people running around in capes or having super powers – not the case here. Our heroes are made up of people who come together to help those that need our help the most, those that don't have a voice and need to be heard! YOU, are our super heroes.

As 2021 is kicking off, if I could ask only one thing that would be just be kind to one another! Especially now when nothing is promised including tomorrows! The world as we know it needs a lot of healing right now. Smile, even with your mask on, it does the body good and it refreshes the soul! If you want to volunteer [ordonategotoourwebsitewww.siouxlandhumanesociety.org](http://www.siouxlandhumanesociety.org)! Here is to a brighter, better New Year! Stay safe and hope to see you soon!

SHELTER DIVERSION THROUGH PET RETENTION

We have a great facility and work hard to provide the best possible care for those that come to us, but a shelter or any new environment is still a stressful place for some pets. There is a shift in the animal welfare industry to divert animals from entering the rescue/shelter systems when possible. That reserves the space and resources for the animals that need it most.

Our vision is to bring people and pets together and keep them together. Our Pet Retention Program is intended to provide assistance and resources to pet owners who wish to keep their pets but are experiencing a hardship. Our focus is to provide programs and services to the Siouxland community, and continually expand on our pet retention programs.

Home is the best environment for every pet. But we also know there are many reasons this is not always possible. We are here to help people and pets who need us in more than one way, and encourage responsible pet ownership. In 2020 we touched the lives of thousands of people, pets – families. Please check out our website for all the available programs and services.

HOW YOU'VE HELPED US HELP THEM



We've had a big uptick of special needs pets coming to us the last few months. Thanks to your help these pets received the care they desperately needed and found deserved loving homes.

Rosie, Gracie, Princess & Dixie needed to be spayed after lives of breeding. They weren't from the same home, but similar situations. They were all altered and these girls found loving homes.

Pepper, Nala, Harvey and Daisy needed dental surgeries, cleanings and extractions. The oral pain they were living with was evident and we're pleased afterward they found their forever homes.



Jasper Kitty & Baby the dog came to the shelter with diabetes. After exams, blood work and insulin Jasper found a great new home! Sadly, Baby's body lost the fight. However, her memory lives on in the hearts of shelter staff, who she meant the world to.


Yobanny & Pepper came to us with thyroid issues. Yobanny Kitty was hyperthyroid (high) and Pepper the dog was hypothyroid (low). Both these little loves were treated and were adopted.


Times are hard for many families lately and we understand it's tough to make ends meet. Even now, with so many impacted, you keep finding a way to give. We would like you to know that what we are able to do truly stems from your generosity and dedication to those without a voice. Thank you for all you do for us... and them!

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:** Cat litter (clay-type), Cat toys, Dry cat food, Pill pockets.

 **Dog/Puppy Care Items:** Kongs or rubber balls, Pill pockets, Peanut butter.

 **Shelter Supplies:** Paper Towels, Lysol spray, Dish Soap, Air freshener spray, (did we mention paper towels)! Gift cards for discount stores or pet stores.

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