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# PAWS N CLAUS – New Backdrop!

Grab the pets, family and come take festive photos to celebrate the 2022 holiday season! You don't have to own a pet, or even bring them to participate - holiday photos of any kind are welcome. All proceeds go directly to help the animals in our care at the Shelter.

Santa will be available if you would like to add him in a photo or two! What about the Grinch? Yes, we will be adding the Grinch to a few sessions. We will post on the appointment site what days he will be available! We are still looking for volunteer Santa's and Grinches, contact Missie if you are interested! We provide the costumes and accessories.

Paws N Claus is one week – Wednesday, November 16th through Sunday, November 20th. All appointments must be scheduled online and paid for. Schedule your appointment by going to our event calendar at [www.siouxlandhumanesociety.org](http://www.siouxlandhumanesociety.org). If you need help scheduling, please call the shelter at 712-252-2614, ext. 0. This year we will be in the Ho-Chunk Centre at 600 4th Street, Suite 109, near Wells Fargo Bank. Parking is available in the bank parking lot or on 4th Street.

Professional photographers will take pictures against a beautiful new winter backdrop.

Photos are perfect for cards, gifts or a lifetime memory of those you love. When you finish your session, you receive a memory card with your pictures on it so you can make copies as you wish! Price is \$35.00 per session! If booking 2 or more sittings, you will receive a \$10.00 off coupon to be used at the event or at the shelter towards a retail purchase. A huge thank you goes out to Clear Path Financial, Verde Sign Company, Ho-Chunk and KMEG for sponsoring this year's event.



## Dates and Session Times:

Wednesday, Nov. 16th  
5:30pm to 8:30pm

Thursday, Nov. 17th  
5:30pm to 8:30pm

Friday, Nov. 18th  
5:30pm to 8:30pm

Saturday, Nov. 19th  
10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday, Nov. 20th  
10:00am to 5:00pm

# Gifts From the Heart



**TEAM PLAYERS FUR SURE:** The Sioux City Xpo Logistics teamed up to help donate much needed supplies for the Siouxland Humane Society. Way to go guys! The critters are so lucky to have you on their side! Thank you for making a difference.



**IT'S NOT ALL BUSINESS:** We were invited to the Crary Huff Law Firm for a stress reliever day for their staff. Who could pass up wet sloppy kisses from an adorable puppy, loud purrs from a lovable kitten or snuggles with a precious guinea pig – which by the way was adopted by one of their very own staff. Thank you for the invite and for the kind donation. We and the critters very much enjoyed our outing.



## TAIL WAGS, CAT PURRS, A DAY OF CELEBRATION

The Siouxland Humane Society was invited to a presentation at Royal Canin. This was a big day for the Royal Canin employees as they meet with the Royal Canin Management from all over the world/globe. There were people there from Canada, England, Russia, and France. It was a day of celebration as they were telling the Royal Canin employees how important they are and the work they do makes a great impact on families & pets! The celebration did not stop there as we were presented with a check for \$10,000.00 by Royal Canin and their employees. We and the pets can never say thank you enough for the big surprise we got! Being able to shake the hands of others from around the world to help paws in need will always be a moment to treasure for us.



## A NOTE FROM MISSIE



Goodbye Summer, hello Fall! I can't believe how fast the weather changed this year! While enjoying all the fall activities be sure to schedule your 2022 Paws N Claus pictures! We are adding the Grinch this year to a few sessions, we will keep the appointment site updated as we secure volunteers! Scheduling your photos is simple, just book an appointment or two on our appointment site. Paws N Claus is a special fundraiser that raises funds for homeless animals in Siouxland.

We are still looking for volunteers, if you are interested please contact Kelly or Missie. If you are unable to volunteer, but would still like to help in some way, consider donating some snacks for the volunteers to enjoy while at the event.

Don't forget about all the awesome holiday themed retail we have available during the event, stop by and grab the animals a stocking stuffer or that special someone a handmade gift item, you don't have to get your pictures taken to stop by and purchase some retail! All of it helps the animals.

We simply couldn't do what we do without your support, a huge thank you for your continued support of the animals. I hope to see you this year, I look forward to this event every year.

## KELLY'S CORNER

One thing I have realized as I get older is how fast time passes us by. Often you will hear people say "In a blink of an eye you will miss it!" Boy you don't get that theory until you grasp the reality of it!

Take more pictures, cherish more time with your family and never take one minute for granted. Make as many precious memories as you can, as someday the precious memories will be a lifetime full of treasures.

As my sister Dawn, who I refer to as a wise young owl, would say "Go to that grandkids ball game, they grow-up way to fast, move away and just like that off to college. Go on that family vacation as someday your body will not allow you to. Do a girl's day out as someday your circle won't be complete. Don't think of all the excuses of the why not's but instead come up with the answer for why NOW!" Yep she is one smart cookie.

If you have not volunteered your time with us – what is holding you back? Volunteers are needed for the many projects that we do to help make life better for pets! For more details please go to our website [siouxlandhumanesociety.org](http://siouxlandhumanesociety.org), be involved and click on volunteer. Hope to see you soon.

Cherish every day, minute, second as in life there is no repeat button!

## TAILS OF SUCCESS

Indie & Lily, Humane Society alumni, found their paw-fect fit in the Theisen family! Indie was adopted last August and she lives with Lily also a Humane Society Alumni. The family stated, "A year ago someone might have said it's just a dog and I would have agreed. She's not just a dog, she's my whole life, my family, she's been there for every moment good or bad, she was there when I cried and when I laughed. She was there for me when no one else was, so no she's not just a dog."



# LOVE REUNITED



Mya has been reunited with her family, after being lost for 3 years! Mya found herself here at the shelter as a stray. Luckily, Mya was microchipped and we were able to contact her owners using that information. When we reached out to her family, they were shocked and overjoyed to hear she had been found over 100 miles away from home and 3 years later! They had assumed the worst and hearing Mya was safe and sound brought them to tears. This is a great example of why microchipping your pets is so important. We are so happy we could help Mya find her way back home!

## HONORING MYA AND HER FAMILY

For the month of November, we are running a microchip special for chipping and lifetime registration. Regular price is \$35.00. For November we are taking \$10.00 off. So, for only \$25.00 you can rest assured your pet has a permanent ID! Call or stop by the Shelter.

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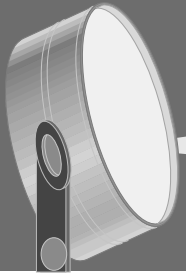
The majority of animal shelter workers leave the industry in 2 ½ years or less due to stress related and other factors. Currently our staff of 19 boast a combined 157 years of caring for the animals in Siouxland. This is an 8.26-year average. Three have been with us between 21 to 29 years and many are in the teens. Daily I applaud the hard work of this outstanding group of caregivers!

In 2021 over 7500 pounds of cat and dog food were given out to hundreds of people, pets – families that short term could not afford to feed their pets. Additionally, small area shelters/rescue were given food to help with their needs too.

# **HO HO HO HOWLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual Holiday Open House! We invite you to join us on Saturday, December 10th from 10am to 4pm and Sunday the 11th from noon to 4pm. Stop by for hot cider, cold punch and treats. There will be a bake sale along with some great Christmas gifts for your pets and animal loving people. Come do some holiday shopping and support the homeless pets! We'll also be running a "Help the Homeless Pet" Drive to fill one of our kennels with supplies. Everyone who brings cans of cat food, bags of cat or dog food, paper towels, laundry soap or bleach will be entered into a drawing for a door prize! Come join in on the fun.





# Volunteer Spotlight

## *LOVE FOR ANIMALS FROM THE VERY START*

Kathryn Sitzmann got involved with the SHS after moving from California to Sioux City in 1998. She had been involved with shelters and rescues since she was old enough to volunteer. She has been rescuing animals since she was old enough to walk to school.

Kathryn had served on the SHS Board. She volunteers for outreach events, fundraisers and fosters mother dogs with puppies. She has been taking care of litters since she bought her house 17 years ago. Kat especially enjoys fostering and taking animals to offsites for adoption events.

She is an English, Second Language Teacher here in Sioux City. Before that she taught 5th thru 8th grade in

inner city Long Beach for 10 years. Kathryn currently has Mayli, the calmest and sweetest chihuahua anyone has ever seen, a “foster failure.” She also has a rat terrier named Skip another, “foster failure.” He was abandoned when his family moved away in the middle of winter. He was starving and had been hit by a car. Skip is a good old man and both have been with Kathryn for over 10 years.

The SHS is dear to her and she wants people to know they have many wonderful people all working for the benefit of homeless animals. Kat wishes the SHS continued success in placing all adoptable pets in homes. Their hard work and dedication make a huge difference for the animals in their care and our community.

## *SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!*

Tracy Boever got involved with the shelter when approached by board member Terri Kjeldseth. Terri knew of her love of animals, especially dogs! Tracy has done volunteer work in the past and feels it important to be a contributing member to the community but had never volunteered at the Humane Society previously. Tracy always had pets growing up and in adulthood. Her dad raised German Shorthairs and field trialed them so dogs have always been a part of her life.

Tracy is a member of the SHS Board and on the Executive Committee. Her background is in marketing and PR so any social media she loves. She truly had no idea about all the Humane Society programs and services until she became a Board Member. Tracy likes to be an advocate of the additional services that the HS performs above and beyond adopting pets.

Tracy and husband Jason have been married 25 years. They have two boys, Jack who is a senior at the

University of Iowa and Cael who is a senior at DMACC and plays baseball. The couple also have two dogs Cali, a Shih-poo that is 9 years old and Mabel, a 6-month-old Shih-chon. The Boever's recently lost their 14-year-old Shih tzu, Irish to cancer.

She is the Senior Director of Marketing for JOLLY TIME Pop Corn and has been there for the past 19 years. The Smith Family, owners of JOLLY TIME Pop Corn are strong believers for their employees to volunteer in the community and are incredibly supportive. The couple enjoy golfing and walking with their dogs.

Tracy's wish is that the Humane Society had unlimited funds to do so much more in Siouxland. She wishes folks truly knew how hard the Humane Society staff works on behalf of the animals and all they do. Plus, when you add the transparency of leadership as well as the financial literacy and the Siouxland Humane Society is truly a gold standard for a non-profit!



# From the desk of...*Jerry Dominick, Executive Director*

Greetings! Quite a bit has been happening around the shelter since our last newsletter.

Pets on Parade was held in September and was a great success and lots of fun. We also brought back the Quilt Auction as many had asked about it. What a fun evening with so many nice quilts all donated by animal loving friends. Also, we will be having a fun-raiser at Iowa Barbeque Company on October 29th. Missie, Kelly and staff have been quite busy!

In addition to fundraising events, we rely heavily on donations that come throughout the year. We appreciate you thinking of the homeless pets! Recently we have purchased more enrichment toys, treats and beds for the cats and dogs to make their stay more comfortable. Without your help this would not be possible.

We've had a big fall with events. We participated in ArtSplash and the Multicultural Fair. We held several offsite adoption events. We visit Petco, PetSmart and the Southern Hills Mall each month. We also visited the Explorers, Fleet Farm and a couple other small businesses. This promotes the Shelter in the community

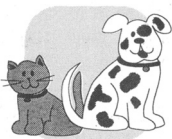
and finds forever homes for the homeless pets.

So far in 2022 we have adopted out 451 cats, 863 dogs and 187 other animals maintaining our 100% placement rate. We are on a roll but there are always more animals to help. Since our last newsletter we have had 3 abuse/neglect cases. Two cat hoarding cases, one in Charter Oak and one in Sac City and most recently a dog neglect case near Vermillion. These end up consuming lots of time and money. Thanks to great partners in our Tri-State Cooperative Coalition we didn't tackle these alone. A huge kudos to staff for the extra work they do when these come up!

On a lighter note we had several groups that we visited and several that came to the shelter for educational programs. We take great pride in our staff so we invest in animal welfare education for them. Recently we closed for a day and had a great seminar by Tierney Sein with Best Friends Animal Society. She talked about dog – relationship building, assessments, handling, foster, enrichment, dog to dog play and behavioral modification. Several other shelters/rescues also attended.



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## DID YOU KNOW?

Our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program has paid through September of this year \$20,409.23 in assistance to help S/N pets in Siouxland. Our Spay the Mom Cat program pays 100% of the spay costs.



# FAQ....

- What national organization regulates you? Which national animal welfare organization are you governed by? When I see commercials on TV of the abused animals and send money out of state it funds you here locally, right? Where is your national headquarters? How are you associated with the Humane Society of the United States? These are all questions that we often hear and feel the need to clarify for our many animal loving friends and supporters.
- The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and all other national animal welfare organizations are all separate organizations unrelated to the Siouxland Humane Society (SHS). The SHS is not an umbrella organization or local chapter of any national animal welfare organization nor are we governed, ruled or regulated by them.
- The SHS has a local Board of Directors and is governed by our own articles of incorporation, bylaws, mission statement, philosophy and programs and services. Our focus is the adoption of animals to the general public through the operation of a shelter and to educate the general public on spaying and neutering their pets as well as other pet related topics.
- We receive no financial support from the HSUS or any other animal welfare association, nor do we financially support them. The SHS is an independent private 501c3 non-profit organization. Any contribution you make should be made directly to the Siouxland Humane Society to support us here locally. Your support is appreciated to help us continue to save the lives of the homeless, abandoned and often neglected animals



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### November

- 5** Petco Adoption Day  
**16--20** Paws N Claus – Call or go online\*  
**19** Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day  
**26** PetSmart Adoption Day

### December

- 3** Petco Adoption Day  
**10-11** Holiday Open House & Bake Sale  
  
**17** Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day

### January

City pet licenses expire, time to renew!

### February

Valentine's Day Gourmet Double  
Chocolate Caramel Apples!

*For more information on these and  
other events check out our website at  
[www.siouxlandhumanesociety.org](http://www.siouxlandhumanesociety.org)  
under the events button!*



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# PRESIDENTS LETTER

Hello All! We're coming into the fall season and my family and I are very excited as fall is our favorite season...well my favorite season anyway. We love fall activities like Saturday Hawkeye games, Sunday morning coffee watching the fall colors appear, spending time in the outdoors, picking the vegetables from the garden, Halloween & Thanksgiving and pumpkin spice everything....ha-ha, ok there is NO pumpkin spice in our house! On that note, we took a couple of years off from planting a garden and decided to get back to it this year. We have had on and off success with gardens over the years which is a little weird because my wife has always had a small jungle inside our house with plants growing to the ceiling and in every other direction. Anyway, this year the garden was somewhat successful with lots of beans and tomatoes and 5 pumpkins. At the beginning of September, we would go down to the garden and pick tomatoes most every day and we started to notice half eaten tomatoes most every time. I haven't seen any rabbits so I was beginning to wonder who was getting to our tomatoes. Around this time we noticed our dog (Tiffany's soul mate) Charlie going missing for several minutes after our trips to the garden....hmmmm.... something is going on here I think. Last week we were sitting on the porch enjoying the evening, my wife had picked a big bowl of tomatoes earlier and placed the bowl on the porch, I looked out in the yard and Charlie was eating a big red tomato and enjoying it! I asked my wife, "did you give him a tomato"? She replied with, "he just wanted a snack, so he grabbed one out of the bowl". I then proceeded with "well I guess we know who has been raiding the garden" and yes, she replied with "it's not Charlie, he would never do that without asking, he's perfect, just don't worry about what he likes for snacks....ok then. I hope your fall is filled with fun and happy times. If your tomatoes are going missing, remember it's not Charlie Go Hawks! Happy Thanksgiving!



## WAYS TO HELP

We are Siouxland's only 501(c)3 non-profit full-service open admission animal welfare organization and all donations help locally to provide services and programs to thousands of people, pets – families each year. We can't do what we do without you! Here are ways to help!

- **Fetch needed supplies** – Check out the Fetch List on our website at [siouxlandhumanesociety.org](http://siouxlandhumanesociety.org) under Ways to Give, Fetch List tab!
- **Cat/Kitten Care Items:** Cat litter (clay-type), Cat toys, Dry cat food.
- **Dog/Puppy Care Items:** Toys, dog treats, Lamb and Rice dry food, Kibbles and Bits dry food.
- **Shelter Supplies:** Paper Towels, Laundry & Dish Soap, Febreze type spray, Glass Cleaner, Scrubbing Bubbles Cleaner.
- **Gift Cards** – to pet stores, discount stores or anywhere we can purchase shelter supplies.
- **Donate Gifts** – Did you receive a gift you can't use or just plain don't like? Donate it for one of our fundraising auction events. Suggest those that give you gifts to donate in your honor.
- **Make a Donation**
- **Website** – Visit [www.siuoxlandhumanesociety.org](http://www.siuoxlandhumanesociety.org) and click on "Give" & "Donate!"
- **Mail** – Use the enclosed envelope!
- **Call Us** – To learn about other giving opportunities, at (712) 252-2614, ext. 13!
- **Planned Giving** – Talk to your financial advisor about ways to support the Humane Society.

# Pets on Parade Pictures



On your mark, get set, run! Runners and pets take off for the early morning 5k run at the Pets on Parade event held in September. The fastest timed runner won with his dog running with him!

There were many activities going on both people and pets alike. Pet adoptions, vendors, food, entertainment, kids' area, contests, psychic pet readings and so much more!



The Dogwood Pet Hotel & Day Spa was the Premier Sponsor of Pets on Parade this year. The Dogwood and many other vendors were set up for participants to shop.

Some of the walkers along the route – both coming and going. They did a mile walk, with a turnaround at the half mile point. Both big and small dogs along with their owners walked the route all at their own pace.



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## *Did You Know?*

Since 2014 we have rehomed 100% of the adoptable pets! Shelters placing over 90% may use the terminology of “no kill”. The official reporting standards and live release rate qualifications have been set by our peers in the industry who are from all over the country. In 2021 we were not able to save 11 animals out of the 2077 that were brought to our shelter. Of the 11, some were extreme medical cases in which we sought evaluation and advice from a veterinarian and euthanasia was recommended. Others were extremely aggressive biters with a high chance of reoccurrence. The risk for injury to people and other animals was too great. Under the current “no kill” guidelines, the Siouxland Humane Society and comparable size shelters having euthanasia numbers of 200 or less would be put in the no kill category. We are proud to far surpass the standard in that statistic. We go the extra mile to excel and exceed expectations and will continue to do the outstanding job we do saving pets lives. We want to save them all!

