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PAWS N' CLAUS WINTER PHOTOSHOOT: CAPTURING JOY FOR A CAUSE!

Mark your calendars for a heartwarming winter experience at Paws n' Claus! Bring your loved ones, both human and furry, for a magical photoshoot that supports a great cause.

Freeze the moment with Santa (or without) and your cherished pets amidst a festive winter scene. Also, we will have the Grinch at a few of our sessions as well! Don't have a pet? That's ok! Come on down and take holiday photos with friends or family! The warmth of the season and the joy in your hearts will be beautifully captured! Sessions are \$35 each and you will receive an SD card with all of your amazing photos!

Your participation will directly contribute to shelter pets, helping provide them with the care and love they deserve. And don't forget to try your luck at our raffles, filled with exciting prizes and treats!

Paws n Claus will run for 5 days – November 15th through the 19th! All appointments can be scheduled by going to our event calendar at www.siouxlandhumanesociety.org. You can also visit our Facebook page or email our Director of Development Maddy@siouxlandhumanesociety.org for help with booking. We will be located in the Ho-Chunk Center at 600 4th St. Suite 109. Parking is available in the bank parking lot or on 4th St.

We want to extend our sincerest gratitude to Jordan Ireland at Clear Path Financial for being our main sponsor for Paws n' Claus. Also, a huge thank you KMEG and Verde Sign Company for being our media sponsors for this event!

Join us at Paws n' Claus, where smiles are frozen in time and compassion warms every heart.



SCHEDULE

November 15th- 5:30pm-8:30pm November 18th- 10am-5pm

November 16th- 5:30pm-8:30pm November 19th- 10am-5pm

November 17th- 5:30pm-8:30pm

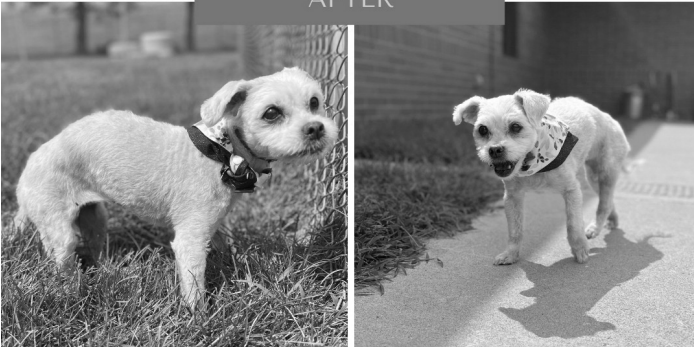
TAILS OF SUCCESS



BEFORE



AFTER



PROGRAMS & SERVICES SAVE LIVES

Our programs & services make a difference in the lives of the people, pets – families we serve. Recently our pet retention services helped both Maggie and her Mom! Maggie was matted, her nails overgrown and skin infected. Her owner was struggling to keep up with the expense of a senior dog. After grooming, veterinary checkup, vaccinations and medication for her skin infection she was ready to go back to her mom – this is why we do what we do! We want to keep people, pets – families together, especially senior pets.



SPECIAL IN EVERY WAY

Coco is the tiniest little 2-year-old lovebug. Sweet, full of spunk and special needs. She came to us as her owners were not sure what to do. The veterinarian determined she either had previous head trauma, or congenital brain disease. They suggested we monitor her for some time to see if there were any other symptoms. The GOOD NEWS, she wasn't. So, after two months of care here, she found that special home she so much deserved!



AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

Being a senior is one thing but being a senior pet and being adopted is priceless especially at 17 years of age! Baby Girl now has her family to live out her golden years. A cozy place to curl up in and a lap to claim as hers. This lovely senior has definitely hit the lottery and won it big!

HO HO HO HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendar for our annual Howliday Open House! Join us on Saturday, December 9th from 10am to 4pm and Sunday the 10th from noon to 4pm.

Stop by for some spiced hot apple cider, cold punch and treats. There will be a bake sale along with some great Christmas gifts for your pets and for us humans too. Come do some holiday shopping and support the homeless pets!

We'll also be running a "Help the Homeless Pet" Drive to fill a kennels with supplies. Everyone who brings 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 and support a great cause!



KELLY'S KORNER

Okay, I have to admit that Fall is my favorite season. The beauty in the leaves changing, the mum's in my flower bed showing off their vibrant colors, the smells of pumpkin spice and a bon fire with family, friends and a dog named Axel.

A trip to a pumpkin patch and picking out your own pumpkins. Checking out apple orchards doing taste testing as you go. To getting signed up to take part in a haunted hayride! Anticipating seeing the little ones dressed up in their Halloween costumes.

What is there not to love about fall? Enjoying the simple things in life such as the beautiful vibrant colors, the smell of spices, warmth of a fire, comfort food and being around the people that touch your life in one way or another – PRICELESS!!

Do you know what else is PRICELESS? Knowing you could be a part of a wonderful team that is making a difference in a pet's life, changing that pet's life for the better! Believing in a cause and going forward with that mission. We are always looking for compassionate, loving, dedicated volunteers who are ready to push their sleeves up and be a part of our winning team!

So, if you are not volunteering – WHY NOT? Now's the purrfect time, go to our website Siouxlandhumanesociety.org, Be Involved, Volunteer and fill out an application. Ready, Set, Go.

Enjoy life! For some of us it's the littlest things that keep us going!!

PRESIDENTS LETTER

It's one of my favorite times of the year... FALL!!! The dog days of summer are behind us as we find ourselves in a season we can enjoy outdoors with our pets, mainly our dogs, but if you have a feline that loves walks, you are in luck! Getting outdoors with your pets has so many benefits for your animals as well as you! Recently we held Pet's on Parade, an event held annually in late summer/early fall. I enjoyed seeing you all once again at Riverside Park, and if for some reason you missed it, mark it down for next year. I want to thank Maddy Nettleton who coordinated the event and all the shelter staff and volunteers who helped make Pet's on Parade a successful event as well a big thank you to all the vendors who came out. It was so fun to see so many different dogs and I had a blast watching the pet

contests. It should be noted that the success of these events throughout the year are what continue to monetarily support the shelter! There are many other ways you can support the Siouxland Humane Society, the most common way is to donate through a cash donation. However, you can give stocks, bonds and other types of investments or as simple as in-kind donations of cat or dog food, cleaning supplies, etc. to help keep our operational costs down. However, you decide to help, we thank you. Soon enough our next great event, Paws N Claus, will be here. Be on the lookout for all the Paws N Claus information on our website soon knowing the money you donate will stay locally in Siouxland for the animals.!

Rob Powers, Board President

Did You Know?



In the first six months of 2023 –

We have helped 61 families keep their pets by helping with veterinary assistance in the amount of \$8,774.87.

Our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program has paid out \$10,347.84 to help with costs for families in Siouxland needing help.

The Pet Food Bank has helped 301 families feed their pets by providing over 5000 lbs. of food, cat litter and supplies.

So far, we have spent \$27,496.49 on pets surrendered to our care for veterinary care and services to make them healthy, happy and adoptable.

Supporting the homeless, abandoned and neglected Shelter pets!

-Anonymous
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LIGHTS-CAMERA-ACTION

The KTIV crew was greeted with some furry kind of business on Tuesday! Who doesn't like a cuddly, snuggly kind of day? In return KTIV was so kind to volunteer helping out the pets here at the shelter! Thank You KTIV for spoiling our pets and making their day even more special!



SWEETNESS OVERLOAD:

A big thanks goes out to the amazing crew from Wells Blue Bunny for their Service Project Day here at the Shelter. Some got their paws dirty with outside work while others worked on ribbons for our apple project. It was a sweet deal having them here helping with projects.



THE GOLDEN ARCHES WAY

Meet Big Mac, McChicken and McNuggets – the McDonald's siblings! Our staff can't resist a litter named after our favorite foods. The local McDonald's saw our special of the day and couldn't resist sponsoring them. Thank you, McDonalds, for making our day even more delicious!

Want to Help? Here are some suggestions:

Volunteer

We have lots of fun opportunities. Work with animals, assist with fundraisers, offsite events and so much more!

Monthly Donation

Make automatic

donations. Done through our website. Use the Give tab, Donate!

Estate Gift

Estate, retirement or will, make a gift to the Shelter. Talk to your attorney or financial planner.

Donate Supplies

Donate items from our Fetch List. Much needed items and every little bit helps

Fetch List

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Dish Soap

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Glass Cleaner

Soft Cat & Dog Treats

Dry Cat & Dog Food

Canned Kitten Food

Gift Cards

Thanks to our many friends
for your generous gifts from
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Every effort has been made
to ensure accuracy of this
list. Let us know if
corrections are needed.

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SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

While our staff is active inside our shelter working hard to continue placing 100% of the adoptable pets in new loving homes, we are also dedicated to working outside our shelter walls to focus on increasing programs and services and helping impact more animals in our community.

One of our many focuses is to help keep people, pets – families together. We believe everyone deserves to have the companionship of a pet, no matter what hardship they are facing.

In 2022 our veterinary assistance program helped 96 families by providing help with vet care in the amount of \$15,420.48. Our public spay/neuter program paid \$22,094.27 in costs to help owned pets get fixed.

The Pet Food Bank provided over 13,000 lbs. of food to families needing a bit of help. Area shelters/rescues also received surplus foods – such as one using canned dog food to administer medications. Keeping a regular supply of pet food is a challenge.

We also work with area human services agencies to provide emergency pet boarding for those displaced from their homes, be it from domestic violence situations or natural disasters. Dozens of families benefitted from this service last year.

We can't do this alone. It really takes a community to help a community. That's why your donations are so important!

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ON THE FRONT LINE OF LIFE SAVING: BIG DOGS

We have a problem. A big problem. A “BIG DOG” problem. It is taking longer and longer to find adopters interested in the love of a big dog. Noticing this trend, we took a look at our animal data.

Since January 1st the length of stay at the Siouxland Humane Society for small and medium dogs is at 8 days, puppies 5 days. The length of stay for large dogs is 20 days. The length of stay for large dogs with even a minor behavioral or medical issue is even much longer!

Other shelters in the Midwest are experiencing the same thing. Big dogs have been a topic of discussion many times during monthly coffee chats with shelters in the tri-state area. The scale of the problem is frightening. This puts big dogs at the front of the line for life saving efforts.

Some shelters limit length of stay, with any longer than the set number of days being euthanized. At the Siouxland Humane Society we don't believe in that and are dedicated to continuing to find forever homes for 100% of the adoptable pets.

We have no limit on length of stay. That said, we do have limited resources – both financial and in terms of kennel space. The cost of a big dog staying with us several months is enormous. Minimum daily care for 20 days costs around \$300.00.

To help as many dogs as possible we need to increase the speed of big dog adoptions. People need to know how great it is to love a big dog. Some are couch potatoes, many are giant cuddle bugs!

Big dogs are the most vulnerable group in animal rescue today. To save their lives, all of us need to work together. In the coming months you will see more social media, more articles and more focus on the joys of loving a big dog.

Please join us in this effort by telling your friends about the importance of adopting big dogs and by continuing to support our work.

FUN WITH MADDY

Dear Everyone,

I am overflowing with gratitude for the incredible support and enthusiasm you showed at my first “Pets on Parade” event. It was an absolute delight to see all the adorable pets and their owners coming together to celebrate the joy that our furry companions bring into our lives.

Your participation and enthusiasm made “Pets on Parade” an event to remember, and I couldn't have asked for a better turnout. Seeing the community come together and share their love for their pets was truly heartwarming.

ITS FINALLY FALL! Fall is my favorite season! I love sweaters and scary movies! I am so excited for what the rest of the year has to bring. I celebrate 6 months with the shelter this month. Wow! Time flies when you love your job! I'm so glad to be here and making a difference in the lives of animals and the community every day.

If you ever have any questions about events or would just like to chat please reach out! (712) 252-2614, ext. 16, or Maddy@siouxlandhumanesociety.org

Warm regards,
Maddy Nettleton, Director of Development



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TACO-ABOUT COMPASSION & DEDICATION

Eric Letsche has always been around animals from a young age, growing up on a farm near Marcus where his family raised hogs and always had a dog and cats for pets. Eric has lived in Sergeant Bluff for the past 21 years and is the corporate controller at Sabre Industries.

Mr. Letsche's first experience with the Siouxland Humane Society was through the adoption of a kitten name Taco, who is still alive and well at age 19! He has enjoyed volunteering at various fundraising events for many years, including helping set up for Pets on Parade,

making caramel apples and assisting with Paws and Claws. Eric, also recently joined the Board of Directors of the Humane Society, which has given him an even greater appreciation for the need for the services performed by the Humane Society throughout Siouxland.

Eric's favorite parts of volunteering is getting to interact with the dedicated Humane Society employees and volunteers at fundraising events and getting to see a variety of animals who have found new homes through the efforts of the Humane Society staff.

JOIN OUR MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM AND MAKE A PAWSITIVE IMPACT!

We invite you to be a part of something truly special - our Monthly Giving Program for the Siouxland Humane Society. By joining, you become a dedicated supporter, ensuring that our furry friends receive the love and care they deserve every day.

When you sign up, you'll receive a heartwarming message each month, sharing stories of the pets you've helped with your generous donations. Your support directly impacts their lives and contributes to their journey to find loving homes.

Plus, we'll keep you in the loop about the exciting initiatives and events happening at the shelter. Stay informed about our latest projects and upcoming events, making you an integral part of our extended Siouxland Humane Society family.

Signing up is simple and hassle-free. Your card will be charged once a month, taking the stress out of remembering to give. You'll receive a receipt promptly following each donation, providing transparency and accountability.

Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of these furry companions. Join our Monthly Giving Program today and let's create a future full of wagging tails and happy purrs!

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

Our work requires compassion and commitment. We have an amazing staff and volunteers who deliver that care and kindness to every pet every single day. It also takes specialized equipment and state-of-the-art facilities to ensure that our staff can provide the utmost care to every animal that needs our help. After 24 years in our "new" facility we have been making some improvements.

Here are recent improvements your support has helped make possible:

Grooming and laundry room has been updated with a new grooming table, bathing tub and commercial washers and dryers, along with needed grooming dryers and supplies.

The small animal room has received a remodel with new cabinets for storage and holding kennels for the ever-increasing number of small pets we take in every year.

A new vehicle was purchased as our trips to vet clinics, offsite adoption events, educational outings and trips to other shelters/rescues have increased.

On site security upgrades have been made to further help ensure the pets and people are safe and secure both day and night.

Kennel improvements and expansion both in our adoption kennel areas and outside dog runs. This allows us to give more room to the bigger dogs and make sure all the dogs are getting plenty of exercise on a daily basis.

As play groups continue to thrive, upgrades and expansion have been made to finish out another larger area with needed equipment, supplies and cement work.

While part of these much-needed projects has been funded from grants, a portion has been funded from generous donations from people like you.

Thank you for your support as we make improvements to our facilities, equipment and programs and services. I am so grateful to you for ensuring our animals are safe, receive top-notch care and have their best opportunity at a second chance!

What's Happening?

November

- 4 Petco Adoption Day
- 15--19 Paws N Claus – Call or go online*
- 18 Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day
- 25 PetSmart Adoption Day

December

- 2 Petco Adoption Day
- 9-10 Holiday Open House & Bake Sale
- 16 Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day
- 23 PetSmart 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 under the events button!

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Top Left: The winning dog pack that raised the most money was Family Pet at Perry Creek and Morningside. A huge thank you to the veterinarians and staff for raising so much money!



Top Right: There were lots of contests with people, kids and their pets alike! Maddy, Director of Development talks with one of the many contestants!

Bottom Left: A day of celebration for our furry friends – vendors, food trucks, contests and demonstrations!

Bottom Right: The Sioux City Police Department demonstration was a huge hit with all the fans!



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