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PAWS 'N CLAUS WINTER PHOTOSHOOT: MAKING MEMORIES, SAVING LIVES

Get ready to capture the joy of the holiday season with your pets at the Paws 'N Claus wintertime photoshoot! From November 20th to November 24th, join us in Suite 109 at the Ho Chunk Center, located at 600 4th St, for a festive experience you and your furry friends won't want to miss. Whether you're looking to create a lasting holiday card or simply want to capture some precious moments, this event is the perfect opportunity.

For just \$35, enjoy a professional, heartwarming photo session, and walk away with an SD card of your photos to cherish forever. Your pets are more than welcome to join in the fun—whether they decide to sit still for pictures, or their shots are in motion, it's sure to be a memorable shoot!

In addition to the photoshoot, there will be raffles and a wide selection of holiday themed retail items so you can find the purr-fect Christmas gift for your furry friend! From toys and treats to winter accessories, you're bound to find something special! Most importantly, all proceeds from the event go directly to helping shelter animals in need. By attending Paws N Claus, you're not just creating magical memories—you're making a difference in the lives of pets waiting for their forever homes.

To book your session, visit our event page at www.siouxlandhumanesociety.org.

You can also check out our Facebook page or email Maddy@siouxlandhumanesociety.org for additional information and help with booking!

Join us for this pawsome event and spread holiday cheer while supporting a wonderful cause!

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Wednesday, November 20th
5:30pm to 8:30pm

Thursday, November 21st
5:30pm to 8:30pm

Friday, November 22nd
5:30pm to 8:30pm

Saturday, November 23rd
10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday, November 24th
10:00am to 5:00pm

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KIDS ON A MISSION

These two amazing kiddos know exactly how to make a difference for both the people and animals at the Siouxland Humane Society! They brought us a wonderful load of goodies that our furry friends will absolutely love. You two are the best! We are beyond grateful for your generosity - acts like this remind us how lucky we are to be part of such a supportive community!



HOME GROWN SWEETNESS

Meet Randi, a thoughtful and sweet young girl who grew and harvested tomatoes to sell, using the money she earned to support us! With her generous donation, she provided cat food, dog food, cleaning supplies and paper towels. We are incredibly grateful to Randi for her kindness. It's young people like her who will change the world, one animal shelter at a time. Thank you, Randi, for your heartwarming and generous contribution!

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

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, the time of year in which we can take stock of our many blessings. My blessings include my family, my church family, friendships, and health. I'm also so very grateful for my Shelter staff, Board of Directors, our many dedicated volunteers and our loving adopters.

And of course, I'm most grateful to you for your generous financial support of our mission and to those who keep us stocked with pet food and many other supplies all year long. Without your help the thousands of animals we serve annually would still be struggling to find new loving homes. Instead, so many get to spend Thanksgiving with their families.

I'm also thankful that thousands of people, pets and their families have access to our pet retention programs and services. Spay/Neuter, Veterinary Services and Emergency Sheltering Assistance are all available thanks to you. And hundreds of pet owners have been able to feed their pets during tough times thanks to generous donors to our Pet Food Bank.

On behalf of all of us at the Siouxland Humane Society, a huge thank you for helping find so many pets new loving families and for helping so many pets stay in their homes this year. Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving!

BEAUTIFY – SPA DAY

We welcomed three sweet doodles who came in pretty rough needed a grooming! We can't say thank you enough to Tiffany with **The Dogwood Pet Hotel and Day Spa** and Cam with **Ruff Love Dog Grooming** for stepping in to help! These pups got the fresh start they needed, and they look AMAZING - not to mention how happy they are now!

To show our gratitude, Maddy and one of the doodles made a stop at **Scooter's Coffee** and when the staff there heard what she was doing, they donated the coffee for the groomers and even threw in a pup cup for free! Talk about paying it forward in a heartwarming way!



COMMON MYTHS

Animal welfare is surrounded by misconceptions that lead to confusion about how best to care for pets or understand how shelters work. Here are a few common myths and the reality behind them.

Myth: Humane Societies Are All Associated, Government-Funded, and/or Can Take in Any Animal

Reality: Many people assume humane societies are government-funded and part of a national organization, but this is often not the case. For example, we operate independently, solely relying on community donations. Additionally, we are unable to accept stray animals from Sioux City and other cities/counties with animal control services due to their rules and regulations. Stray animals must be reported to the animal control facility in the jurisdiction where they were found. This gives owners a singular location to check for their lost pets.

Myth: A Dog's Behavior in the Shelter Always Reflects Its True Personality

Reality: The shelter environment can be overwhelming, leading to behaviors that might not represent their true nature. Noise, strange surroundings, and other animals can cause dogs to feel stressed or overexcited. Once in a calm, stable home, most dogs become more relaxed

and affectionate. This is why it's important not to judge a dog solely based on its shelter behavior.

Myth: Indoor Cats Don't Need Vaccines or Flea Prevention

Reality: Cats living indoors benefit from vaccinations and flea prevention. Although they may not be exposed to other animals, viruses and parasites can still enter the home on shoes, clothing, or through windows. Diseases can be prevented with vaccines and fleas can be an issue even for indoor cats, especially if there are other pets in the home.

Myth: A Dog's Breed Determines Its Behavior

Reality: While breed can give general insights into a dog's temperament or energy level, it's not a definite predictor of behavior. Many factors, including upbringing, environment, and individual personality, play a significant role as well. So, it's important to evaluate dogs on an individual basis rather than relying solely on breed stereotypes.



FOR SOME IT SEEMS LIKE AN ETERNITY

After 192 days at the shelter, Tiger finally found his forever family! He showed his best behavior, worked on his manners, and patiently waited while other pups found their homes. Then, he met the Carr family—and before long, he completely stole their hearts. Now, he's part of their family, ready for all the snuggles, playtime, and love he deserves. We couldn't have asked for a better match. Carr family, you're amazing and exactly what Tiger needed!



What's Happening?

November

- 2** Petco Adoption Day
- 16** Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day
- 20-24** Paws N Claus – Call or go online.

December

- 7** Petco Adoption Day
- 7-8** Holiday Open House & Bake Sale
- 21** Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day

January City pet licenses expire, time to renew!

February Valentine's Day Gourmet
Double Chocolate Caramel Apples!

KELLY'S KORNER

As one season ends, another begins, bringing countless blessings to be grateful for! The vibrant colors of the changing leaves, the comforting scents of pumpkin spice, and the joy of cozying up in a warm blanket with a bowl of homemade soup, what could be better? Of course, no perfect day is complete without your furry companion by your side. I know my Ax wouldn't have it any other way, and neither would I. Pets have a special way of bringing out our inner peace.

With winter just around the corner, we all know the cold weather can bring on the winter blues. So why not beat the gloomy days before they start? Join us for a fulfilled day of wet kisses, wagging tails, and loud purrs. Even better, leave with a smile on your face, knowing that you've made a real difference for a pet in need.

You ask how do I get involved? How do I sign up? Easy. To become a volunteer, just go to our website siouxlandhumanesociety.org, be involved, volunteer, read & submit your application. Yes, it is that easy. With all the projects we take on, we simply couldn't succeed without the generosity of our amazing and kind volunteers. What a wonderful way to make new friends, help our furry friends in need and make an ever-lasting impact. A great cause for pets in need.

We will be needing volunteers for our Paws & Claus Event, which is where pet owners and their beloved pets can have their photos taken with Santa. Watch your emails for more details and get yourself signed up to help lend a paw or give me a call at 712-252-2614, ext. 13 I will be glad to assist you.

Enjoy life to the fullest, make everlasting memories and remember to be kind to yourself.

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The Siouxland Humane Society (SHS) has received national recognition for our live release rate from the Best Friends Animal Society! A plaque was awarded for 2023, naming the SHS a no-kill shelter.

The SHS achieved an official save rate of 98.90% by Best Friends for 2023, far exceeding the national average of 82.60%. We were the only shelter/rescue in the area recognized in 2023. We have been a no-kill Shelter since 2014 with save rates exceeding 90% annually.

This accomplishment represents so much more than a number. It represents our culture of caring and compassion. Dedicated staff and board, committed volunteers and motivated supporters. This number represents cherished family members who are only alive because of our community's work, dedication and support.

Best Friends is dedicated to helping every shelter and every community become no-kill by 2025.

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Lucy came to us severely malnourished and emaciated, weighing only 42 pounds. Her feet were splayed, from spending most of her time in a kennel, and she had sores and ulcers all over her rear. But we knew she was in the right place, ready for the love and care she desperately needed. After a few weeks of regular feedings, antibiotics, and steroids, we're thrilled to share that Lucy has gained 30 pounds and her ulcers have healed. Her journey is a testament to the incredible transformation just a few weeks of TLC can bring. We're also proud to announce that this big bundle of joy has found her forever home!



Thanks to our many friends
for your generous gifts from
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A FOSTER TURNS INTO FUREVER LOVE STORY

Beau had a hernia that caused some of his organs to slip into a pouch outside his body, preventing him from absorbing nutrients properly and surgery was needed. Thankfully, Siouxland Animal Hospital performed the surgery, which cost around \$300. We are beyond thrilled to announce that Beau was adopted by the family who fostered him during his recovery! A huge thank you to the Sitzmann family for caring for him when he was down on his luck and giving him the perfect home. And thank you to everyone who donated to help make his much-needed surgery possible!



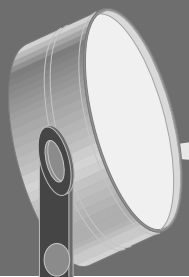
HO HO HO HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendar for our annual Holiday Open House! Join us on Saturday, December 7th from 10am to 4pm and Sunday December 8th from noon to 4pm. Stop by for some 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 – FILL THE KENNEL with supplies. Come join in on the fun and support a great cause for the paws!



PROTECT YOUR PET DURING THE HOLIDAYS

1. Keep people food away from your furry legged friends.
2. Keep candles and open flames out of reach.
3. Avoid using water additives with real trees.
4. Fence off areas of decoration or trees if you have curious pets.
5. Use shatter-proof decorations to help prevent injury.
6. Consider using plastic plants instead of real ones.
7. Place lights and electrical cords where pets cannot chew on them.
8. Provide a quiet, safe area for pets to get away from stressful activity.
9. Never force your pet to interact with other guests or animals.
10. Microchipped pets return home more often if they get loose during the holiday.
11. Take out trash with food or decorations as soon as possible to avoid ingestion.



Volunteer Spotlight

VOLUNTEERING WAS HER CALLING

Rhonda Myers knew it was her calling to get involved with volunteering at the shelter due to her love of animals and it would give her a great opportunity to work hands on with all the beautiful fur babies. Some of Rhonda's volunteer duties include lending a paw at an offsite adoption event. She says it's a great way to get the animals out of the shelter and meet the public. Not to mention she loves seeing them find their forever loving homes. You may also see her at one of our many fundraising events helping where and when help is needed.

Before coming to Sioux City, she also lived a beautiful life in Minnesota. She currently lives in Sioux City with a cute little Terrier Beagle Mix pup named Somer who she adopted from the Siouxland Humane Society back in 2010. If anything, her message to people would be animals give wonderful unconditional love and bring so much joy to anyone looking to open their heart and home.

Want to help the Siouxland Humane Society? Consider Leaving an Estate Gift!

Legacy gifts are an important source of funding for our organization. Like most non-profits, we are deeply affected by downturns in the economy, boom and busts, and unforeseen impacts caused by natural disasters and pandemics. By naming us as a beneficiary in wills, insurance policies, IRAs, bank accounts and more, people can ensure our longevity and the good work that we do. A legacy gift need not be a million dollars – small gifts are deeply appreciated and can be very impactful. Beneficiary designations are simple to do and don't necessarily require a will. Just ask your attorney, insurance agent or financial manager how you can leave a gift to the Siouxland Humane Society and ensure your legacy lives on.

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PRESIDENTS LETTER



Welcome to fall, a beautiful time around Siouxland as the colors of the trees start to turn and the evenings get cooler. It's a great time to get your dogs out for a walk or run. Well, each quarter I am tasked with writing a short blog for this newsletter. Sometimes the blog is easier to write for me then other times because the shelter has some kind of an event going on that I can talk about... sometimes it's a bit tougher. This time around I want to talk about my Ella! Ella is a lab straight from the Siouxland Humane Society. She has been with my family now for almost 7 years. If you didn't know, I work for KG95 and each week the shelter would bring a puppy into the radio station for us to talk about on the radio in hopes someone like you would adopt them. Well, this puppy came in and just loved all over me... wouldn't stop licking and jumping around, tail wagging nonstop... just something special about her, I just knew she was coming home with me. I brought her home, introduced her to the rest of the pack and she fit right in. She has been so good with our kiddos not having any issues when they would jump around and fall into her, pull her ears or tug on her tail. Well, Ella started limping a month or so ago and after a visit to the vet was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma, a big word... bone cancer. I have been through this before with another one of my pups, so I know how the next couple months will play out. Dogs definitely do not live long enough but the time you get with them has so many benefits from improved moods, better social interactions,

companionship, even better health if you get out and go with them. I share this story with you for a few reasons... Shelter animals are freaking amazing, outgoing, and ready to love on you and your family. Pay attention to your animals, any kind of limping or them just not being themselves should be a sign for you to get them into a vet to be checked out, especially as they age. When that day comes you be with them, you lay with them while they take that step to their next journey, and you be there for them with all the love you can give them.

Enjoy the fall weather and take your dogs out for a walk or run, enjoy them, their time with us is too short... Rob



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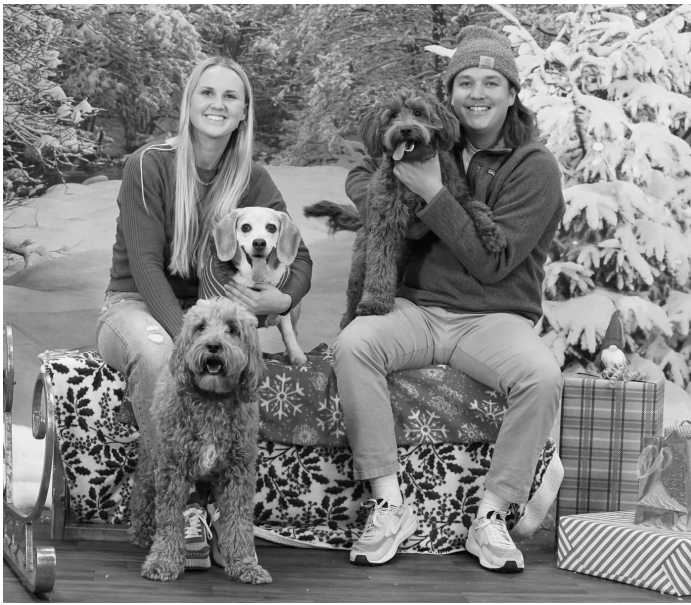


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MADDY'S MESSAGE



Hi guys! I wanted to give a HUMONGOUS thank you to everyone who had a part, big or small, in Pets on Parade this year. It was such a great event, and I was amazed at how many people and pets came out to support! It is Fall and fall is my favorite season! I love the cool and crisp weather because it gives my dogs and I more time to be outside and enjoying walks and our backyard! Plus, this time next year I have something exciting going on, I am getting married! I can't believe time has flown by this quickly! Paws 'N Claus is on the way and last year it was my favorite event! I got to say hi to so many pets and their families and it was so much fun talking with everyone! I can't wait to get my rowdy bunch back this year to get another session done! I hope to see you all there. Can you believe it... after Paws N' Claus, apples are right around the corner.....!



DID YOU KNOW?

Our programs and services make a difference. In the first nine months of 2024 –

- Veterinary Assistance – Has helped 111 families keep their pets by helping with vet bills totaling \$16,264.78.
- Spay/Neuter Assistance – Has paid out for privately acquired pets \$17,306.65 to help with costs for families in Siouxland needing help.
- Pet Food & Supply Bank – Has helped 418 families feed their pets by providing over 7500 lbs. of food, cat litter and supplies.
- So far, we have spent \$30,867.79 on pets surrendered to our care for veterinary care and services to make them healthy, happy and adoptable.
- These are just three of our many programs and services we offer the Siouxland community. With your support we can help so many people, pets – families stay together and keep pets out of area shelters/rescues.



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

Bleach
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Paper Towels
Glass Cleaner
Soft Cat & Dog Treats
Dry Cat & Dog Food
Canned Kitten Food
Gift Cards

TRAIN THE STAFF, TRAIN THE DOGS!

Staff loves to learn and lets us know areas they would like to be more knowledgeable in. We love to provide them with training whenever we can. A win-win, particularly when the big winners are the animals! Staff had mentioned some time ago more and more of the untrained, out of control, hard to handle dogs getting surrendered to the shelter. As a group we visited and they decided that we should start with some basic obedience training as a refresher, and then move

on to more of the behavioral training problems. We are nearing the end of an 8 week course here at the Shelter with a professional dog trainer coming in every week to work with the staff and help them train the dogs. Staff has learned so much and has really enjoyed the time they spend training. After each class they then implement what they have learned with the dogs in shelter daily. You can often find them out back with their favorite dog working on training and manners.



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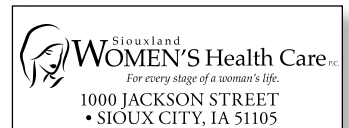


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