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SWEET WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



The Siouxland Humane Society's Gourmet Apple Project has become an annual tradition, bringing together people who share a sweet tooth and a passion for helping those in need. This decadent treat combines layers of creamy caramel, rich milk chocolate, a swirl of white chocolate and a sprinkle of love aka toffee! At just \$22 each, these treats aren't just a delicious indulgence—they're a powerful way to support the shelter!

The Apple Project is not just about raising money, it's about raising hope for individuals, families and furry friends who rely on the shelter's many amazing services. Every apple purchased contributes not only to programs such as emergency vetting, spay/neuter assistance and our pet food bank, but also the day-to-day care for all our residents. Feeding, vetting and caring for a shelter full of pets every day is not cheap!

What makes this project truly special is the blend of joy and generosity it inspires. When you buy a Gourmet Double Chocolate Caramel Apple, you're not just treating yourself or a loved one—you're also investing in the well-being of your community. The project has become a staple of the year, reminding everyone that something as simple as a sweet treat can have a lasting impact.

Don't miss the chance to be part of this heartwarming tradition. Whether you're gifting an apple or enjoying it yourself, you're helping to make a meaningful difference. Together, we can ensure that the shelter continues to be a source of comfort and support for those who need it most.

Orders are due by Wednesday, February 5th. Send in the order form in the newsletter or you can also purchase through our website www.siouxlandhumanesociety.org or call us at 712-252-2614 ext. 0. Don't forget, these decadent treats go FAST so get your orders in now!

PICKUP TIMES AND LOCATIONS:

Siouxland Humane Society and
the Southern Hills Mall

Sunday, February 9th from 12pm-5pm
Monday, February 10th from 11am-5pm

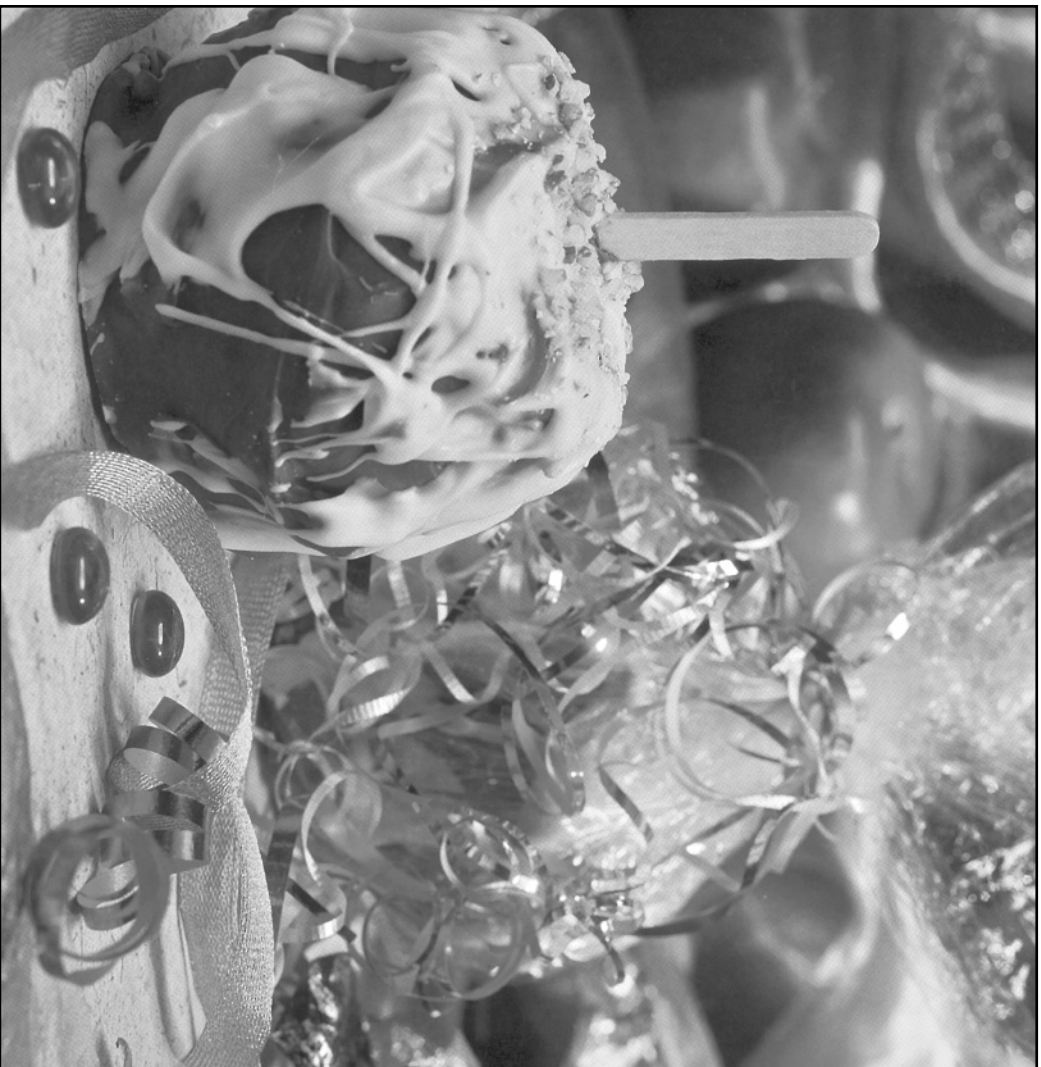
WANT TO DO MORE?

It takes hundreds of volunteers to make these yummy apples. We can always use an extra hand. Apple production will be February 2nd – 7th. If you would like to get involved and help sell or make apples, call Maddy at 712-252-2614 ext. 16 or email maddy@siouxlandhumanesociety.org. Thank you!



Siouxland Humane Society

Gourmet Double Chocolate Caramel Apples



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Orders Due by Wednesday, February 5th, 2025

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Or the Southern Hills Mall Center Court

Sunday, February 9th from 12pm to 5pm

Monday, February 10th from 11am to 5pm

Clip & Save Reminder

TAILS OF SUCCESS:



HONORING BELOVED PETS MEMORY: The loss of their beloved 16-year-old cat had left a deep sadness, especially for their 8-year-old son. During their grief, they decided to welcome Melly into their home. Melly gives love and companionship. Giving their love to a pet that could benefit would be a wonderful way to honor Weezy's memory.



OLIVE FINDS LOVE: Olive, aka Amora, was adopted on June 18th. She was the dainty girl hit by a car and entered into our care. After recovery, the McAllister family fell in love and knew she was meant to be with them forever! The best part? They came back in November and adopted a new best friend - Vinny - for Olive. Now she gets the love of not only her humans, but her new fur-sibling. We couldn't have asked for a better family for Olive and Vinny!



SEARCHING FOR THE PAW-FECT FIT: Mato came to us as a 9-month-old puppy. He was an energetic boy who had a hard time finding a family that understood his needs. After being in/out of the shelter for 1 ½ years, and 8 ½ months in shelter, he found the paw-fect fit in Staci! He now lives an amazing life with his new Mom and enjoys beach trips, burgers at cookouts and endless snuggles. We couldn't be happier for Mato and are so thankful he found Staci. She is everything he has ever needed in a person!

RUFF TO RICHES:

This Tails of Success story is near and dear to our hearts. Remember Rudolph, who was left in -20-degree weather, locked in a cage outside of our front door just



a couple of days before Christmas in 2022. He found his forever family in April of 2023, and has been thriving ever since. His owner recently reached out, saying they were so glad they adopted Rudy! He has certainly enriched all their lives!"

DIRECTOR LETTER

The New Year is underway, 2024 has slipped away and 2025 is here! I hope this finds you and yours happy, healthy and staying warm! Living in Siouxland it's easy to get caught up in the extra stressors of winter – the cold, snow and ice.

But pets don't care about those things, and that's one of the most wonderful things about working on behalf of animals. Pets love unconditionally and their bonds with us are unbreakable. They bring us relationships and become just as much of a family member as parents, siblings and children. Every day at the shelter I either receive or see someone receive a loving purr, face lick or tail wag of affection.

Because the human-animal bond is such a special thing we are dedicated to supporting and promoting this bond. We do this with every service we provide, every program we offer, and every pet we rescue and adopt into a new home. This bond is why one of our focuses is keeping people, pets and families together.

This year I hope we will focus on the special things we all have in common – our love of pets, our desire to help them and our appreciation for everything they give to us every day. Best wishes for a wonderful 2025!

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
Laundry Soap
Dish Soap
Paper Towels
Glass Cleaner
Soft Cat & Dog Treats
Dry Cat & Dog Food
Canned Kitten Food
Gift Cards

What's Happening?

January

Renew your city pet licenses at City Hall!

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| 4 | Petco Adoption Day |
| 18 | Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day |
| 25 | PetSmart Adoption Day |

February

Prevent a Litter Month

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|-----------|---|
| 1 | Petco Adoption Day |
| 14 | Valentine's Day Gourmet Double Chocolate Caramel Apples! |
| 15 | Southern Hills Mall Adoption Day |
| 22 | PetSmart Adoption Day |



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Happiest New Year to one and all! Words can't even begin to express our appreciation of how grateful and blessed we are to have so many people believe in us and the work we do to help make life better for pets and people in need. Your continuous support is what truly makes the difference and makes us the organization we are today. So, for that we say thank you a million and one paws over!

Looking for a new journey? Start the new year off by signing up to become a volunteer. It has many benefits, rewards and life-changing moments for all those involved. Just go to our website, be involved, and click on the volunteer button.

This year, I look forward to spending more time with my family, friends, and my two favorite sidekicks: my husband Todd and our dog Axel. They mean the world to me. What I cherish most are the memories we create along the way and the countless photos we take – precious moments to look back on and hold dear in our hearts forever.

Paws up to a Great New Year! Remember kindness is free, smiles are contagious and being a part of making someone's day – PRICELESS! Keeping it paws-itive one paw at a time!

Sincerely, Kelly Erie

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE?

Email your pictures and success stories to Ann at adopt@siouxlandhumanesociety.org.

We would love to share these on Facebook, social media and in upcoming newsletters and other printed materials.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART



TATTOO'S FUR LOVE!

A huge thank you to our friend Sue who owns Inkspired Atelier. She hosted a flash tattoo event, making it pet themed asking people to donate to the shelter. Sue was so kind to us at the shelter she gave any staff who wanted one a free tattoo. She donated her time, studio, and skills to boost our employees. Not only did she do this event for us, but she also gave one of our pets their forever home! Yep, she adopted lucky Zeus! We cannot say thank you enough to Sue and all those that donated!

Supporting the homeless, abandoned and neglected Shelter pets!

-Anonymous Ad Sponsor



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Thanks to our many friends
for your generous gifts from
10/9/24 thru 12/09/24.
Every effort has been made
to ensure accuracy of this
list. Let us know if
corrections are needed.

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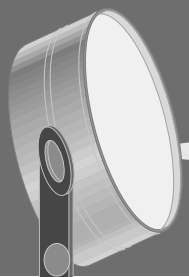
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Volunteer Spotlight

YOUTHFUL GOOD DEEDS

Devon Edwards wanted to volunteer since he was 12. His school encourages youth to volunteer. So, when Devon turned 14 years of age and started high school, he became a volunteer at the Siouxland Humane Society.

You can find Devon helping with the offsite events doing what he can to help the furry babies find their fur ever loving home. He also gives them extra attention while working there at the event. Devon can also be

seen giving it his all by helping us with some of our fundraising projects like the Paws & Claus event.

He has always had a love for animals and nature. Right now, he has 2 cats and a dog, but also in the past has had a fish & a frog. He attends Siouxland Christian School and has been known to play football, basketball and is involved in cross country. His wish for the Siouxland Humane Society is to continue to grow and succeed.

So Much To Do, So Little Time!

We take immense pride in our hardworking, dedicated, and professional staff. Our team consists of 19 members—10 full-time and 9 part-time—who are committed to providing the best care possible. Among them, our 8 management staff bring a combined 135 years of experience working at the shelter, with most having been here between 11 and 31 years. Including all staff members, we collectively hold an impressive 180 years of experience in animal welfare, averaging 9.5 years per person. This far surpasses the national retention average of 2.5 years for animal welfare professionals.

Despite the limited time available, we accomplish a great deal. Typically, we schedule between 74 to 80 hours daily, and average 520 to 580 hours per week. These hours encompass everything from daily in-shelter animal care and customer service to program administration, shelter management, fundraising, and volunteer and public

relations management. One common misconception about our closed day, Monday, is that we're not working. In reality, Mondays are among our busiest days. Monday we normally schedule more hours than days we are open. They are dedicated to deep cleaning, providing additional TLC for the animals, and completing essential management tasks without interruptions.

Most days, our team operates like a well-oiled machine. Thanks to the longevity of our staff, their ongoing education, and their genuine care for animals, we excel at what we do—finding forever-loving homes for the animals in our care. Everyone contributes and supports one another, making us a strong and knowledgeable team. We are incredibly proud of and grateful for our amazing staff. If you haven't visited us recently, we invite you to stop by, take a look around, and meet the people who make it all happen!



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PRESIDENTS LETTER

I hope you had a fabulous Holiday Season and you are off to a great start here in 2025. I want to take a moment to remind everyone that the Siouxland Humane Society doesn't get national or state funding on the regular. From time to time, we get a grant but otherwise the shelter fundraises and is supported mainly by the support of great folks here in Siouxland! With that said, it is once again time for our biggest fundraiser of the year and an opportunity for you to help the shelter all while taking advantage of our delicious gourmet apples! All proceeds benefit the shelter, and we are always looking for help to create these masterpieces. I can tell you from firsthand experience, helping create our apples is a great experience. You get to meet and chat with some amazing people all while dipping some apples in caramel or chocolate! If you would like to help all you need to do is reach out to the shelter for times and how you can be of assistance! You can be on the lookout for the sales of our apples as well and just let us know if you are in need of some delicious gourmet apples at which time we can even deliver them right to you! Remember the shelter has programs to help keep your pets in your home through tough times. Check our website for all our programs and services. Here's to a happy and prosperous new year in 2025!

FOR THE LOVE OF PETS

In 2024, we continued to explore ways to help our staff succeed and enhance our care for the animals entrusted to us for rehoming.

Our staff requested additional training in several areas, with a major focus on dog play groups. New staff underwent training in moderating these groups, while experienced staff participated in advanced technique courses. Additionally, all staff completed an 8-week obedience training program. Other training sessions included management and staff workshops on relationship building, customer service, and stress management.

Dog play groups remain a highlight for both dogs and staff. This past year, we updated and upgraded our playgroup tools and equipment, ensuring these sessions continue to run smoothly. Playgroups are held four to five times a week, and you can check out videos and highlights on our Facebook page.

We also concentrated on enrichment and equipment updates for both cats and dogs. We purchased new scales for weighing pets, leashes, collars, training treats, enrichment toys, and grooming tools. Our goal is to make the pets' lives as comfortable and stress-free as possible while they are in our care.

Additionally, we installed security cameras throughout the building. Along with our alarm system,

these cameras enhance the safety of pets when we're not on-site and allow us to monitor the well-being of pets, staff, volunteers, and guests during business hours. We also upgraded our computer system to improve efficiency.

After 25 years, it was time to reinvest in some of our mechanical systems. This year, we repaired or replaced the furnace, duct heater, condensing unit, air handler, and water heater. Thanks to annual maintenance contracts and the diligent care of our maintenance person, we were able to extend the lifespan of this equipment significantly.

Your ongoing support helps make this all happen! Please support our Gourmet Double Chocolate Caramel Apple project and help us continue to save lives and help keep families together in the community!



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MADDY'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year, everyone! I hope your holiday season was amazing and everyone had a Merry Christmas! Christmas time is my absolute favorite and is always the perfect way to end the year! I wanted to give a big thank you to everyone involved in making Paws N Claus so great! It is my favorite event and I love getting to talk to so many people and meet so many new pets. We are somehow coming up on our Apple Project already! I can't believe how quickly time has flown! Last year's project was such a success and we could not have done it without all of you! Let's get geared up and get ready for another amazing year, and what better way to kick it off than with our biggest fundraiser! Cheers!

Maddy

FAQ....

What national organization regulates or governs you? When I see commercials on TV of abused animals and send money to national animal welfare organizations, it is being directed to my local humane society, right? These are questions we often hear and want to clarify for our many animal loving friends and supporters.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and 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 and philosophy. Our focus is the adoption of companion animals to the general public through the operation of a local shelter. The SHS provides programs and services to the community to help keep people, pets and families together. Funding for these services is largely reliant on donations from the public.

We are not financially supported by 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 please make directly to the SHS to support us here locally. Your support is appreciated in helping us continue to save the lives of the homeless, abandoned and neglected animals in Siouxland.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did You Know?

The Shelter features a well-stocked pet retail area offering a variety of essential items. We carry basic collars, leashes, and pet carriers, along with a great selection of toys and treats for both dogs and cats. Whether you're looking for a name brand or a new and unique toy for your pet, be sure to stop by! Our products are competitively priced and tax-free, and all proceeds directly support the care of the pets here at the Shelter.

Did You Know?

When we receive extra pet carriers, toys, and supplies that we can't use, we offer them for sale in our used retail section. You never know what treasures you might find! With incredibly low prices, it's a great opportunity to snag a bargain while supporting the pets in our care. Stop by to shop and make a difference for homeless animals!

Did You Know?

Our staff runs dog play groups year-round, even during the coldest days of winter, holding sessions four to five times a week for nearly three years. No matter the weather, you'll find them bundled up in coveralls, heavy winter coats, gloves, and hats, enjoying the brisk outdoors alongside the dogs. The play groups take place in three different play areas, each equipped with fun features like tire climbs, slides, and more!

Did You Know?

We have a meeting room available for public use for a minimal donation. The space is equipped with tables and chairs to accommodate around 18 people and includes access to restrooms. It has been used by both youth and adult groups and had a sewing group use it for several years. Contact us for details!

Did You Know?

Country Vet Naturals dog food is available for purchase at the Shelter. They have generously donated food to feed our shelter dogs for years, and we've offered it for sale for several years as well. We recommend that all puppy and dog adopters start their pets on Country Vet Naturals to maintain consistency in their diet. Our prices are highly competitive, and as an added bonus, there's no sales tax!

Did You Know?

We take in more than just cats and dogs! By the end of November, we had welcomed 131 other animals, including 61 guinea pigs, 33 rabbits, 20 birds, 12 small pets, 4 reptiles, and 1 ferret. You never know what you might find in our small animal room!



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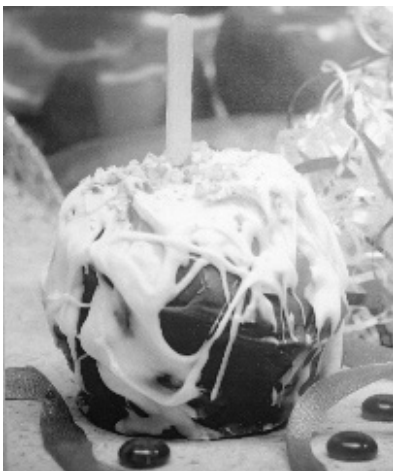
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Where else do you get a nice, sweet treat for your donation and impact hundreds, thousands of pets, people – families lives at the same time. Here is a small part of what the Gourmet Double Chocolate Caramel Apple fundraising money has done.



The newsletter goes to print in December, so this is January thru November information.

\$ Spent for Public Spay/Neuter Surgeries - \$20,863.45

\$ Spent for Emergency Fund Assistance - \$21,252.14,
helping 137 families and their pets.

Pet Food Bank – Provided 9,210 lbs. of food
to 539 families needing a bit of help.

Shelter veterinary costs and care - \$37,706.86

Adoptions – Helped maintain our no-kill status adopting 100% of the adoptable pets.