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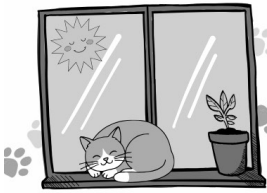
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**WIZARD OF PAWS
VIRTUAL AUCTION**



6TH ANNUAL VIRTUAL AUCTION JUNE 15TH THRU JUNE 24TH!

There's no place like a forever home—and you can help make that a reality by joining our Wizard of Paws Virtual Auction. Bidding opens June 15th at noon and runs through June 24th at noon, with all proceeds directly supporting the animals in our shelter. From themed gift baskets and pet items to gift cards and sports packages, there's something for everyone to bid on while making a meaningful impact.

The Siouxland Humane Society receives no city, state, or federal dollars. We also receive no United Way funds or any financial support from national animal welfare organizations. We rely on things like this auction to make certain that we can continue doing the amazing things we do!

We rehome 100% of adoptable pets and ensure that while in our care they are happy, healthy, and well-loved before being sent off with their new families. Proceeds also provide pet retention services to the community helping keep families together.

You can start browsing all available items beginning June 1st at <https://onecau.se/wizardofpaws2026>, so you can plan your bids ahead of time. Every winning bid helps provide care, comfort, and second chances for pets waiting to find their way home.

Whether you're bidding on something fun for yourself or picking out the perfect gift, every click helps move an animal one step closer to a safe, loving home. It's an easy way to get involved, make a difference, and be part of something that truly matters for the pets in our care.

If you have any questions, please reach out to maddy@siouxlandhumanesociety.org or call 712-252-2614 ext 16. Thank you for helping us give every animal the chance to find their own forever home!

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WIZARD OF PAIN'S
VIRTUAL AUCTION



TAILS OF SUCCESS



NEW JOURNEY- Ozzy (formerly Flash) from recovery cones to cuddle bugs! Flash, now known as Ozzy, is officially home and absolutely thriving. This sweet boy is the kitty who bravely went through eye surgery and seeing him now makes every step of that journey so worth it. He's a certified cuddle bug. From surgery to his forever home – this is the happy ending we dream of for every animal who comes through our doors.



PURFECT BEGINNINGS- After a long journey, Precious is finally where she belongs—home. She battled chronic upper respiratory issues, needed extra care, extra patience, and a lot of love. She waited through good days and tough ones. Long stays aren't easy—but happy endings like hers make every single day worth it. We couldn't be more grateful to everyone who supported her along the way, and for the family who chose to give her the home she so much deserves!



LIVING HIS BEST LIFE-From rescue pup to living his best life. Buddy – formerly known as Scotty - was one of the dogs from the big rescue we were part of back in September and look at him now! His family says he's officially a girls' dog... he loves all the ladies, and especially his littlest human. Best friends forever! This handsome boy has settled right into family life, soaking up all the love and giving it right back. It's so clear that this match was meant to be!



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DIRECTOR LETTER

Spring is in the air and with that we experience growth and change all around us. It is no different here at the shelter. As I step into the role of Executive Director I am honored to continue serving the Siouxland Humane Society – a place that has been close to my heart for many years. Working alongside our dedicated staff, volunteers and supporters has shown me the compassion our community holds for animals in need.

I want to extend heartfelt gratitude to Jerry for his 30+ years of leadership and dedication. His tireless work built the solid foundation we stand on today and his impact will continue to guide our mission for years to come. We are deeply grateful for the legacy he leaves behind and we wish him well as he embarks on his next chapter.

As we approach the halfway point of the year, we're proud to share that not only have we found

homes for 100% of our adoptable pets, but we've also helped many families keep their beloved pets through our pet retention services. Through May our Pet Food Bank has distributed over 3,300 pounds of food to 250 families facing financial hardship. In addition, we've provided support for veterinary expenses, including \$8,200 in emergency care and \$5,700 for spay and neuter assistance. These vital services would not be possible without the support of people like you.

I look forward to meeting many more of you and working together because together we are making a meaningful difference for the animals and people of Siouxland. Thank you for your continued support and belief in what we do.

Warm regards,
Amanda

KELLY'S KORNER

What I love about Spring is how it brings awareness to all the beauty around us. The vibrant colors in the flowers and trees, the butterflies and birds returning, the warmth of the sun. Seeing pet parents taking their furry companions on daily strolls or car rides for their favorite pup cup.

A subject no-one really talks about is that gray muzzle age thing. You know when pets start moving a little slower, getting up seems like more of a chore. But the sight of you still brings them pure joy and delight – tail wagging a mile a minute. They say a dog's face turns white because we've been kissing the color off over the years.

When looking for a new pet, always check out local animal shelters. There truly is something for everyone. Make it a point to visit a pet not on your original list. A senior pet with a heart of gold and so much hope. A special needs companion who is ready to take on life's challenges. Or a breed of a different

color – because all colors, coats, and breeds matter. Sometimes we overlook what's right in front of us. Give it a try. You might just find your perfect match.

Spring is in the air, and our critters are ready to socialize – whether it's a walk, a good brush, or simply someone to talk to. You can be part of something truly special and make a meaningful impact, sign up to join our winning volunteer team. It's easy – visit Siouxlandhumanesociety.org and get involved. There are so many volunteer opportunities waiting... the only thing missing is you. We and all our furry friends here at the shelter hope to see you soon.

Keep adding those kisses to those sugar faces. It's our way of saying thank you for the many years of unconditional love they've given us—especially on the days we needed it most.

Warmest Regards,
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MADDYS MESSAGE

Hi everyone! Spring is here and summer is on the way! We love warm weather at our house because our dogs all love to sun soak. Sometimes I have to drag the dogs inside so they don't overheat! Louie loves sunning most of all and he will be 15 in June. Even at his age he manages to keep us on our toes and still brings the sass! We can't imagine life without him. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and I hope to see you all at Pets on Parade! Cheers!

A FAVORITE HELLO & HARDEST GOODBYE

Snoopy was adopted April 18, 2010, just four months old. For 15 and a half years, Snoopy was more than a pet. She was a best friend. A source of laughs, comfort, and unconditional love. Snoopy and their cat Gary had a special bond. Snoopy passed away on November 25th, 2025, just shy of her 16th birthday. Saying goodbye is never easy, her family gave her years filled with love and a life where she was cherished! Even after adoption, she and her family stayed involved with SHS over the years and in 2024, Snoopy joined us at Pets on Parade, proudly earning the title of our oldest dog in attendance. That's what rescue looks like. And that's what happens when someone says "yes" to a shelter dog.

FUR THE LOVE OF GOLF

A huge thank you to all of our amazing golf sponsors and everyone who joined in to support our 2nd annual Fur the Love of Golf event! From the swings to the smiles, it was a fantastic day made possible by this incredible community. Your support truly drives our mission forward and helps us keep making a difference for the animals who need us most. We hope to see you all next year!

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PRESIDENT LETTER

Spring always feels like a reset – and if you’re a pet owner, you know exactly what I mean. The doors open more, the walks get longer, and suddenly your house (and your yard) are full of energy again. Around our place, Sadie, adopted a year ago from the shelter, is more than ready for it. After a long winter, she’s up to full speed – running, digging, and chasing our other dog Oliver, reminding us daily that warmer weather is meant to be enjoyed outside.

As I step into another year serving as President of the Siouxland Humane Society, I’m grateful. Not just for the opportunity, but for the people who make this mission work. The staff, volunteers, fosters, donors – this community shows up time and time again for animals who need a second chance. That’s what makes this organization special.

Spring also brings a big reminder: it’s a season of change for our pets. More time outside means more exposure – to allergens, ticks, changing diets, and just different routines. Pay attention to the little things. A change in behavior, appetite, or energy can be your pet’s way of telling you something isn’t quite right. Staying ahead of those issues can make a huge difference in their comfort and health.

With that said, I want to take a moment to recognize someone who has meant so much to the Siouxland Humane Society for decades. After more than 30 years of dedicated service, Executive Director Jerry Dominick is heading into a well-deserved retirement.

Jerry has truly been the backbone of this organization. His knowledge of how a shelter operates day in and day out is unmatched, and his steady leadership has helped shape SHS into what it is today. On a personal note, I’m incredibly grateful for the guidance he’s given me in my role as President. His insight and support have made a lasting impact, and I can’t thank him enough.

At the same time, I’m excited for the future. Amanda Cook, who has been a vital part of the shelter for nearly 25 years, has stepped into the role of Executive Director. Amanda brings experience, passion, and a deep understanding of our mission, and I look forward to working alongside her as we continue moving the SHS forward.

Jerry, thank you for everything and enjoy every minute of retirement. You’ve earned it.

Thanks for continuing to support the Siouxland Humane Society. I’m proud of what we’ve built together and even more excited about where we’re headed.

Gratefully,
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VOLUNTEER OF MANY HATS

Beth Powers initial contact with the SHS was 20 plus years ago at an Offsite Adoption Event where they adopted a cat by the name of Peaches. Over the years she started to volunteer with the Apple Fundraising project, then went through the volunteer orientation and is now doing Pet Therapy once a month and helping with Offsite Adoption Events.

Some of Beth's volunteer duties include running the chocolate station for the gourmet caramel apple project as well as helping sell the apples. She is also involved with Paws & Claus, Offsite Adoption Events and Pet Therapy. Her favorite is going to Pet Therapy and seeing faces light up when the residents see a kitten or puppy. Beth says a person can go from having a bad

day to a good day all because of their interaction with an animal, and that is so awesome to watch.

She grew up in a cat household and when Beth met her husband she became a dog person also. They have 2 dogs and a bird at home. Over the years they also had fish and guinea pigs. Being around all animals, big and small, makes her smile. Beth's job has allowed her to be more involved with volunteering as she has encouraged all her employees to help and give back to the community. Beth has worked at PREMIER Bankcard for 21 years now, currently a Sr Unit Manager in Customer Service. What she wants people to know is she truly enjoys her time volunteering in the shelter and getting to know the staff.

VOLUNTEERING CROWN STYLE

Bailey Paquin got started at the Shelter when she was 14 years old. Her love of animals and a friend already volunteering is what got her started. Her mom is allergic to animals, so this was her way to get in some cuddles & snuggles. She has helped with Paws N Claus for years and loves making apples for our apple project. You also see her at our offsites helping animals find fur-ever loving homes.

Bailey has been competing in pageants and modeling since she was 6 years old and now at 17, she currently is an International United Miss Iowa Teen. On her social media she always posts about shelter pets looking for a home. Bailey has 2 dogs and a rabbit.

Promoting adoption is very near and dear to her as she believes all animals deserve love and a great family.

She promotes her platform Curvy Warriors where she helps kids that have scoliosis like her. When she's not volunteering, she spends time with her cheer squad, dancing, draws and paints. She plans to take up sewing classes this summer – she wants to be a dress designer someday.

The future for the Humane Society would be more ideas on getting animals adopted, having the pet pick the family they want to go home with. Come up with more events like tie blanket making, spring pictures like Paws & Claus and more walk events.



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AN ANSWERED PLEA! This Is Who Your Donations Help! This little face belongs to King Louie. He came to us with severe eye infections. His eye was so damaged it was protruding and was far beyond saving. The only way to take his pain away was surgery to remove it. The good news? He is healing well & proving that one eye doesn't slow him down. If you've ever wondered if your donation makes a difference... this is it. and they could never say Thank you enough!



DIMES ADD UP! The students at Spalding Park Elementary were absolutely making it rain dimes. These kids collected dimes so they can truly make a difference. Their grand total was \$1,135.00! That gift will help pets in need as well as help find fur-ever loving homes. Every single dime will help wag more tails, heal more hearts, and change lives!

What's Happening?

June

- 1-30 Adopt a Shelter Cat Month**
- 15-24 Virtual Auction**
- 6 Petco Adoption Event**
- 20 Southern Hills Mall Adoption Event**
- 28 Petco Adoption Event**

July

- 18 Southern Hills Mall Adoption Event**
- 26 Petco Adoption Event**

September

- 12 Pets on Parade Family Fun Day**

Check our website or Facebook for additional dates



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Because of the generosity of our community, our donors, and everyone who believes in our mission and the work we do, we didn't just meet the match – we surpassed it, reaching an amazing total of **\$17,175!**

Big meows and tail wags to every one of you who made this possible – you truly are the difference.

