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Pets on Parade 2026

Mark your calendars for the 24th Annual Pets on Parade! It will return to Riverside Park on Saturday, September 12, 2026, bringing together animal lovers for a day of fun while supporting the homeless pets at the Siouxland Humane Society.

The event begins at 10:00 a.m. with our charity walk. Everyone is invited to participate – whether you're walking with your dog, another furry friend, or simply coming out to support a great cause. You can register as an individual, join a team, or create your own fundraising Dog Pack with family, friends, or coworkers.

While the walk is the heart of the event, the fun continues once it is over. Browse local vendor booths, grab lunch from a food truck, enjoy music, cheer on participants in pet contests, and visit the kids and pet activity areas. It's a full day of entertainment for both two-legged and four-legged guests.

Every dollar raised through Pets on Parade directly benefits the animals at the Siouxland Humane Society by helping provide food, shelter, medical care, and enrichment while they wait for their forever homes. Participants can fundraise online or collect donations the traditional way. Top fundraisers will earn prizes, and everyone who raises \$300 or more will be entered into a drawing for a special grand prize.

Registration is now open, making it easy to sign up and begin fundraising right away. Just follow the link. <https://runsignup.com/Race/IA/SiouxCity/PetsonParade> If you prefer collecting cash or check donations, fundraising packets are available through the Siouxland Humane Society. Contact Maddy at 712-252-2614, ext. 16, email maddy@siouxlandhumanesociety.org, or stop by the shelter to pick one up.

Whether you're walking, fundraising, volunteering, or simply spending the day with us, your participation helps give homeless animals a second chance. Rain or shine, Pets on Parade is a celebration of our community's love for animals and if you don't have a pet of your own, you'll even have the chance to meet some of our adoptable dogs and cats looking for loving homes. We hope you'll join us for a day of carnival fun!



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- Go to www.runsignup.com and register to start raising money.
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Raise Money and Get Rewarded!

The more you collect, the more prizes you win!

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- If you are part of a team that raises \$300 or more, you get a special Pack Prize! Raise \$300+ and get entered in a drawing for an exclusive prize!

Top Individuals 18 & Over and 18 & Under win a grand prize!

Kid Friendly!

Get your kids involved! It is never too early to start helping the Siouxland Humane Society!

Raise money by asking teachers, relatives, coaches, etc. Kids will get prizes listed, plus we will have a special Kid Friendly Grand Prize for the top under 18-year-old fundraiser!

Not only can they raise money, but we also have a great kid zone packed with fun for the littles!

There's More! Stay For the Fun!

- Silent Auction
- Food trucks for snacks and lunch.
- Vendors with amazing merchandise.
- A Pet and Kids' zone
- Contests

Schedule

Walk Registration	10:00am-10:30am
Silent Auction	10:00am – 12:15pm
Fun Walk	10:45am
Contests	11:15am-11:45am
Grand Prize Drawings	12:45pm-1:00pm

Kids Zone, Pet Zone, Music, Food Trucks,

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COMPASSION SEALED WITH A WET KISS:

We got to spend part of Healthcare Worker Appreciation Week doing what we do best – bringing a little joy (and a lot of furry wiggles) to the amazing team of **UnityPoint Health - Sioux City**. Offering stress relief in the form of sleepy snuggles, puppy breath and Mr. Oreo, who was more than happy to be everyone's emotional support. To all the healthcare workers who show up every single day with compassion, strength, and heart – this was just a small **THANK YOU** for everything you do!



PARADE QUEEN

We think so- Diamond had a big job representing shelter pets in the Independence Day Parade! Between all the people, noise, and new sights, she handled everything like a pro and seemed to love every second of the adventure. Thank you so much to **Explore Siouxland** for including the Siouxland Humane Society and giving Diamond such a special part on your float. It was an amazing experience, and we're so thankful for the opportunity. Now let's make the next big event in Diamond's life her adoption day!



PUTTING FOR PAWS:

A huge thank you to the **Home Builders Association of Greater Siouxland** for choosing the Siouxland Humane Society as the beneficiary of this year's President's Charity Golf Outing! Because of everyone who participated and supported the event, an amazing \$1,940 was raised to help the pets in our care. We are so grateful for your generosity and support. Thank you for making a difference for the animals!

TAILS OF SUCCESS



A LOVE MATCH FROM A FAR: Five years ago, a family made the trip from Rapid City to meet a dog they had fallen in love with from afar. That dog was Rosey. Now, five years later, Rosey has officially celebrated her 7th birthday. According to her family, Rosey has changed their lives for the better. From exploring the beautiful Black Hills to soaking up every adventure that comes her way, Rosey has traded shelter life for a life full of love, memories, and countless miles of happy trails.



BEFORE & LIVING HER BEST LIFE: From neglected to absolutely thriving! Do you all remember Felice? She came to us alongside Morgan (now Ranger) the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel in heartbreaking condition. Both dogs were severely matted and suffering from infections. Look at her now! Her beautiful coat is growing back and the spark in her eyes has returned. It's amazing what proper medical care, good nutrition, patience, and love can do. Seeing transformations like Felice's is one of the most rewarding parts of what we do. Thank you to her family for taking amazing care of this sweet girl.

MADDYS MESSAGE

Normally, I use this space to share what's been happening in my life or what's coming up. This time, though, I wanted to share something a little more personal.

On May 6, my best friend, Louie, made his way over the Rainbow Bridge. He would have turned 15 in June, and not a day goes by that I don't miss him. Louie was the sweetest, funniest, and most stubborn dog I've ever known. He loved food more than just about anything—especially breakfast for dinner and Little Caesars pizza. He liked bumblebees, had countless nicknames like The King of Flavortown, Scoop (or Scoopy), Bubba, and about 20 more too. He somehow made every day a little brighter.

Losing him has been devastating, and I'm still learning how to navigate life without him. While the grief is heavy, I'm incredibly grateful for nearly 9 years of unconditional love, laughter, and unforgettable memories. He'll always have a piece of my heart. I am grateful to the Humane Society for not only helping me find my best friend 9 years ago, but taking such great care of him and my family after he was gone.

RIP to my angel Louie.



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To our amazing sponsors, donors, teams, and volunteers — thank you for helping make our **2nd Annual Fur The Love of Golf** a hole-in-one success!



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PRESIDENT LETTER

As summer winds down, I always find myself reflecting on how fortunate we are to live in a community that continues to support the Siouxland Humane Society. Whether you've adopted a pet, volunteered your time, donated supplies, attended one of our events, or simply shared our mission with others, you play an important role in giving animals a second chance.

Serving as President of the Siouxland Humane Society I am reminded that behind every wagging tail and every curious cat is a dedicated team of staff, volunteers, foster families, and supporters working tirelessly to help animals find the loving homes they deserve.

As we head into one of our favorite times of the year, I hope you'll join us for our annual Pets on Parade on Saturday, September 12th at Riverside Park. It's always one of my favorite events because it brings together people who share a love for animals while celebrating the incredible bond we have with our pets. Whether you're entering one of the fun contests, visiting our vendors, or simply enjoying a beautiful morning with your four-legged friend, it's a wonderful opportunity to support the shelter and spend time with fellow animal lovers.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, thank you for believing in our mission and for helping us continue to provide compassionate care to animals throughout Siouxland. We couldn't do it without you, and I look forward to seeing many of you at Pets on Parade!

Rob Powers

President

Siouxland Humane Society



PURRS & WET KISSES: A Little Puppy Love & Kitten Therapy. Recently, we had the opportunity to visit **Royal Canin** for their Mental Health Awareness Day, and we brought along a few special guests - It's amazing how much comfort, joy, and stress relief puppy kisses or a purring kitten can bring. Employees stopped by for cuddles, smiles, and a much-needed break.

We're grateful to the team at Royal Canin for inviting us to be part of such an important event and for recognizing the positive impact animals can have on our mental well-being.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: BEHIND THE SCENES HERO

Karen Harris got involved with animal rescue, and the Siouxland Humane Society, after the loss of her parents. She needed something to fill that void and had always wanted to get involved with animal rescue. Her passion for animals felt that volunteering was a good fit for her. Karen also volunteers for two other rescue organizations, so her free time is split several ways! Her plan once she retires is to give many more hours to help all these organizations.

You can see and meet Karen at an off-site adoption event or even a fundraising event as this is what she most enjoys doing. Some of the fundraising events she has participated in are Fur the Love of Golf, Pets on Parade, and Paws N' Claus. She states this is most important to her because she can help showcase the pets needing fur-ever homes and meet other pet lovers and their fur babies!

Karen grew up in a small town in North Dakota, and she spent her summers with her family and dogs at the lake in Minnesota. They always had dogs, as her dad was a huge dog lover too. After her grandma passed, they took in her dog, and any neighborhood stray seemed to find their way to their house. Karen's mom wasn't always thrilled about that, so they usually found other homes for them.

After graduating from college, getting married, and buying a house of their own, they rescued/adopted over 10 dogs in the last 30 plus years. Currently they have five fur babies, and one human son, who is 25. Besides animal rescue, Karen enjoys being with her family and her dogs, going to the gym, reading, doing a little traveling, and spending time outdoors. All of which she will have more time for soon!

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT: STEPPING UP FUR THE CAUSE

Isaac Monterosa is a student at West High School, and while looking through some local volunteer options, the shelter immediately caught his eye. He has always been an animal lover, so Isaac wanted to step up, get involved, and see what he could do to help the pets at the shelter.

You can count on Isaac to do whatever the shelter needs, especially hanging out with the pets to help keep them company. His favorite part of volunteering is working at the Paws and Claus event and being part of the Apple Army. When we do the apple fundraiser days, his main go-to task is prepping the caramel and dipping the apples, which is always a great time.

Isaac lives with his parents and his younger brother. They have a 9-year-old German Shepherd named Kane, who is completely spoiled—getting him is really what

started the love for animals. Right now, he is finishing up high school and then plans on heading to college for law enforcement. In his free time, he usually hangs out with his girlfriend, Itzel, spending time with family, or playing with Kane.

Isaac wants people to know that he is really grateful for the opportunity to volunteer with the Siouxland Humane Society. It has been a great experience learning exactly what the shelter does and seeing how crucial animal rescue work is. Moving forward, he hopes to see more volunteers join the team, so the pets always have the support they need. Ultimately, the goal is to get more of these animals adopted into solid, loving homes like the one we've given Kane in his home.



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DIRECTOR LETTER

Summer is one of our busiest seasons at the Siouxland Humane Society. While many families are enjoying vacations and time outdoors, our shelter sees an increase in pets needing our care. More dogs are arriving than are leaving, which means many wonderful animals are waiting longer for a home.

One of the hardest parts of my job is watching great dogs be overlooked because of how they behave in a kennel. The shelter can be a stressful place, and first impressions don't always tell the whole story. Some dogs bark, pace, or jump simply because they're overwhelmed by the sights and sounds around them. Take Roulette, for example. She's an affectionate, playful girl who loves carrying her stuffed toys around the yard and enjoys spending time with people. She does well with other dogs and has so much love to give, but like many long staying dogs, she just needs someone willing to look beyond the kennel door and get to know the dog she truly is.

As Siouxland's only open-admission animal shelter, we remain committed to giving every adoptable pet the

opportunity to find a loving home while continuing to serve our community through the many programs and services we provide.

If you've been considering adding a pet to your family, I encourage you to visit the shelter. Spend a little extra time meeting the dogs or cats beyond their kennels. You may be surprised by the connection you make. If adopting isn't possible right now, your donations help provide food, medical care, enrichment, and the loving care these deserving animals need while they wait. Every adoption creates space for another pet in need, and every donation helps us continue our mission. This summer I hope you'll stop by, meet dogs like Roulette, and discover that sometimes the best companions are simply waiting for someone to give them a chance.

Warm regards,
Amanda

KELLY'S KORNER

Summer always seems to be filled with crazy happiness. Between BBQs, family get-togethers, weddings, and the kiddos' games, life feels like chaos in high drive — like someone is shouting, "Buckle up, buttercup!" and "Fasten your seatbelt!" Honestly, I wouldn't have it any other way.

Take time to enjoy the little things that come your way. For my dog, Ax, it's going for walks, stopping to smell every leaf, car rides to Casey's for a Slim Jim, and watching out the window for DoorDash! YES... I know, but these are the simple things he enjoys.

If there's anything to take from this, let your pets enjoy the smells on their walks, the excitement of their next car ride adventure, or the company that comes to visit — like the mailman who not only leaves bills in the mailbox but also a Milk-Bone! YES... do you know how excited I get opening the mailbox and seeing **no bills, just a Milk-Bone?** Yep... it's

the simple things life offers.

If you're still looking for something simple to do that can have a huge impact, sign up to be a volunteer. Whether it's working and socializing with pets, filling a shift for a fundraising project, becoming a foster parent for a pet in need, or helping at an adoption off-site event — it all adds up to making a difference for those who need you most.

Interested in volunteering? Visit our website at siouxlandhumanesociety.org, get involved, and fill out an application. Our next project will be Pets on Parade — watch your emails for more details! Here's to saving more lives, one paw at a time — while enjoying the simple things life offers.

Sincere Regards,
Kelly Erie

What's Happening?

September

- 05** Petco Adoption Event
- 12** Pets on Parade Fun Day!
- 19** Southern Hills Mall Adoption Event
- 27** Petco Adoption Event

October

- 1-31** Adopt A Shelter Dog Month
- 03** Petco Adoption Event
- 17** Southern Hills Mall Adoption Event
- 25** Petco Adoption Event

November

- Paws N Claus!** Dates to be announced!
- Offsite Adoption Events Monthly** Petco, Southern Hills Mall
- Check our website or Facebook** for dates!

For more information on these and other events check out our website at www.siouxlandhumanesociety.org under the events button!



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WIZARD OF PAWS UPDATE:

Thank you to everyone who helped make our **Wizard of Paws Virtual Auction** another paw-sitively magical success! We're howling from the rooftops with gratitude to: Our amazing businesses that sponsored the event or generously donated auction items. Our incredible supporters that donated auction items. Our rockstar volunteers that worked a shift or 2 and of course every bidder whose finger was itching to push that "Bid" button! You are truly the cat's meow, and because of your generosity, compassion, and support, we raised nearly \$20,000 to help provide food, shelter, medical care, and second chances for the animals who need us most. From every wagging tail, happy purr, wet nose, and grateful heart at the Siouxland Humane Society...We couldn't have done it without YOU! The businesses listed below were not in the last newsletter. Please support them and all the other businesses in the last newsletter that donated.

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Beano and Sherry's
Beer Can Alley
Blank Park Zoo
Bickford Assisted Living
C. Brown Garden
Dakota Dunes Golf
Dave Madsen Magic
David Vernstein
Dawn Heaton
Double Tree Omaha
Faces llc by Shelley

Gail Bivens Rose
Great Shots
Green Bay Packers
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