



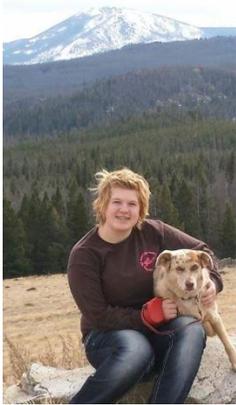
Aberdeen Area Humane Society

NEWS BITES

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Shelter Spotlight

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Manager of Kennel Care



6 years ago, my mom took me to the Aberdeen Area Humane Society. We were supposed to meet a husky, but it had turned out she was already adopted. Walking down the kennels, I saw a small, brown,

spotted mutt sitting in the corner of his kennel. I asked shelter staff if I could meet Hank and they brought him up to the visitation room. I don't much believe in love at first sight, but if there is such a

thing, this would be it. He went home with me that night. Fast forward 5 years, and I was offered a job at the Humane Society. My family and friends often joke that I pick up dog poop for a living, but this is so much more than that, so much more than a job. I love getting to help animals come out of their shells, helping them learn to trust people. I love that I get to help people find their forever friends, the way that Hank found me. Because even on the bad days, when we get in a sick, starving dog or a cat that was frozen to the road, I still find it surreal that I get to help them. I've been very privileged to be allowed to work with the amazing individuals on our team, from board members to staff, to the adopters and supporters who help us do the things we do. None of this would be possible without a group effort and I am forever thankful to be a part of something bigger.

WHAT DOES MY DONATION PROVIDE?

\$10

Will provide treats for our animal guests!

\$25

Will vaccinate one dog per month!

\$50

Will cover one spay or neuter surgery!

\$100

Will help rehabilitate an animal abuse victim by providing food, shelter, veterinary care and placement in a new loving home!

South Dakota Highway Patrol Service Project



Every year the South Dakota Highway Patrol spends one day of the year giving back to the community. This year their annual service project was spent at the Aberdeen Area Humane Society. They worked hard trimming trees, mowing, fixing kennel fences and many other odd jobs around the shelter. Our place looks great! Thanks South Dakota Highway Patrol!

YEAR-TO-DATE SHELTER REPORT JANUARY 1ST – MAY 31ST, 2017

Dogs In: 106

Cats In: 68

Dogs Adopted: 90

Cats Adopted: 58

Rabbits In: 2

Rabbits Adopted 2

Summertime Weather Is Here!



The "dog days of summer" is a phrase used to describe the hot and humid days of summer. It can be traced back to the days of the Roman Empire. It refers to the dates from July 03 - August 11, which is 20 days prior and 20 days after the star Sirius rises and falls in conjunction with the sun. Sirius was known as the "Dog Star", because it is the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (Large Dog).

The dangerous heat and humidity of these "dog days" can be harmful to not only humans, but our pets as well. Here are a few things to keep in mind during the "dog days" this summer.

If possible, bring pets inside on those really hot days. If your pet must be outside, provide a shady place to lay and

access to plenty of clean, fresh water.

A common misconception is that giving your pet a buzz cut in the summer is a good idea, but that may not be best for your pet. A pet's coat acts as insulation, the several layers of the dog's coat keep the heat out and air circulating. If you remove the natural cooling process the dog will have a harder time coping with the heat. Check with a vet or groomer to find out what's best for your pet.

Hot asphalt or cement can burn an animals paws, so try to minimize walking your pet during the hottest part of the day. Not sure how hot the asphalt is? Place the back of your hand on the asphalt - if it's too hot for you, it's too hot for them.

Pets, just like humans, can suffer from heat illness. A few signs of heat illness in pets are rapid or irregular heart rate, excessive drooling, lethargy, refusal to eat, or excessive panting. If you notice any of these signs of heat illness move your pet into a cooler environment. Apply cool towels to the pet and provide plenty of cool fresh water, but be careful not to chill the pet. Call your veterinarian, heat illness can be a life or death situation.

Last but not least, NEVER leave a pet unattended inside a vehicle. The temperature inside a vehicle can rise very quickly and is just as dangerous for pets as it is for people. Rolling down the windows is not a safe alternative.

Keep these things in mind and have a safe and fun-filled dog days of summer!



Join Us!

The Aberdeen Aquatic Center is going to the dogs on Aug 20th, 5:30pm to 7:30pm! Bring your dog for a swim in the pool before they close permanently for the season! Adult supervision is required for all pets.



Heat

Pet Safety

Never leave your pets in a parked car!




weather.gov/heat

Safety Tips For Your Pets



Watch the humidity



Limit exercise on hot days



Provide ample shade and water



Don't rely on a fan



Watch out for hot pavement

HONORARIUMS

Carl & Lisa Anderson In Honor of Deb Geramita's Birthday
Dennis & Rae Nelson In Honor of Black Lab Girl Izzy
Lynn Stuke In Honor of Our Precious Cat Missy
Bernie Burt In Honor of Roy Burts Birthday (building fund)
Sharon Brady In Honor of Buster, Fluffy, Twinky
Garry & Lorraine Liedle In Honor of Dwane Lipp

MEMORIALS

Faye Gunther In Memory of Jackie Meyer, Cyber Division, Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers
Kris Fliehs In Memory of Dr. William Smith and Sharon Hansen
Sirena Hamel In Memory of Jackie Meyer
Barb Imberi In Memory of Albert Lux
Glen & Barb Imberi In Memory of Don Rux & Charles "Arne" Wilcox
Ted Arlt In Memory Of Marge Arlt & Beloved Dogs Carly & Tax
John & Gail Zeck In Memory Of Mick Ostermen, Diane Taylor & Jayce Haskell
Duane Riedel In Memory of Donna (Nicholas) Bicknese
Cindy & John Koerner, Roy & Bernie Burt In Memory of Roy Bernie Burt's Special Cat "Boots"
Memorial From Janice Murphy Estate
Ragdoll Cats CoCo, Diago, Bello & Hobo & Gray Tabby Rescue Cat Roscoe In Memory of Their Much Missed "Mom" and Owner Gwen Brunmaier
JDH Construction In Memory Of Laure Oostanink
Shauna King & "Doc's" Brother In Memory of Patsy & Herb Brosz's Irish Wolfhound Murdock
In Memory of Betty Bzowski
Tom & Laura Saunders, Robert & Bonnie Lamont, Eva Steen, Colleen Callum

In Memory of Rose Marie Musel
Kathelin Getty, Kimra Getty, Ann Neumann, Deb & Harry Hardy, Sherri Gross, Rick & Darnell Rainford, Salley & Kevin Isaacson, Loren & Hollis Johnson, Jay & Kristen Tobin, Barb & Tom Puepke, Beffy Pinkerton, Don & Deb Jacobsen, Penny Boulais, Kerry & Kelly Howell, Michael Burnham

In Memory of Jackie Meyer
Cheryl Lorenz, Becky Campbell, Diana Kopetsky, Edward & Rosalie Hamel, Arlene Hixon, Pat Mikkenen, Mark & Heidi Bailey, Tim Green

In Memory of Phyllis Schnorr
Lisa & Guy Trenhaile, Elaine Ramsdell, Timothy & Janette Kearns

DONATIONS

If you would like to honor or memorialize a pet or pet lover, or if you would like to donate directly to Chloe's Fund, you can learn more at: www.anewleashonlife.net/donations



Chloe, before and after surgery, February 2013

Chloe thriving in her forever home

Chloe's Fund

Chloe's fund is a special fund for the Aberdeen Area Humane Society. It was started in 2013 to cover the medical expenses of Chloe, an Irish Wolfhound, that needed extensive surgery before she could be adopted out to her forever home. With the help from generous donors like you, we were able to completely cover the costs of Chloe's surgery and ensure she could live out the rest of her life with a very loving family.

Even though it has been over 4 years since Chloe left our shelter, we

still honor this special dog by allowing people to donate specifically to Chloe's Fund. Money from this fund is only used for medical expenses. Unfortunately, we still have many animals that come in and are in need of a variety of medical attention and surgeries. Most of these medical issues are very expensive.

If you would like to give directly to animals that really need our help the most, please consider donating to Chloe's Fund in addition to your general membership payment.

Recent Events!

Second Paw Sale

On Saturday, April 29th, 2017 the Aberdeen Area Humane Society held our Spring 2nd Paw Sale at the Brown County Fairgrounds Clubhouse. It was a beautiful, sunny day with thousands of donated items for sale. Shoppers had their choice of all sorts of treasures, from alarm clocks to zip-up sleeping bags. Hopefully, you found what you were looking for, and a few things you didn't know you wanted! We would like to thank all of you who attended, donated or helped! We couldn't make it happen without you. Mark your calendars! Our Fall sale will be held September 23rd and we are always looking for individuals to help

with setup or with items to donate. As the sale date approaches, visit our website, Facebook page or contact the shelter at 226-1200 for more information.

Open House

The Aberdeen Area Humane Society's Annual Open House was held June 17th at the shelter. The staff and Board members served hot dogs, chips, drinks and desserts. Even though the day had been rainy and wet, the event was a success! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our shelter that day! We could not do what we do without your help. Thank you!

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AAHS has 4 board member seats available as of July 1, 2017. If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors please contact any board member directly.

AAHS STAFF

- Meghan Cooper
- Elaine Schaible
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- Bri Hotzler
- Amanda Johnson
- Samie Elbert

The Aberdeen Area Humane Society is a non-profit organization. We operate solely on donations and fundraisers, and all monies are used locally whether it comes from memberships, pledges, donations or bequests. No money is sent to state or national organizations. All donations are tax deductible. This newsletter is free to our supporters. To become a member or monthly donor, please call, stop by or send in this slip.

Aberdeen Area Humane Society—Membership

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Name _____ Date _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City, State, ZIP _____ Email _____

Pledge monthly \$ _____ (Help create a steady stream of income for the animals)

Single: \$25.00 Top Dog/Fat Cat: \$100.00 Grand Poopaw: \$1,000.00
Family: \$30.00 Patron: \$250.00 Donation: \$ _____
Business: \$50.00 Charter: \$500.00 Memorial: \$ _____

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ to be applied to my membership.

In addition to my membership, I would like to assist with: Grounds Maintenance (mowing, trimming, pruning, etc.) Fundraising, Work with the animals, Bake for various activities, Shelter maintenance (painting, carpentry, etc.) Other, please specify: