

Shelter Spotlight: Building Update

Work is nearing the end on our new building! We cannot wait until we move in, and if all goes well we should only be a couple of months away! In August we were at the point where dry wall and



brick kennels were ready to be painted. We put out a call for volunteers and many of you answered that call! This included the South Dakota Highway Patrol who chose to paint for us for their annual community service project. We then continued painting with other

volunteers for a full weekend and several days on and off for several weeks afterwards! We are still working on some final paint details, but for the most part it is complete. It's tough work and we cannot say THANK YOU enough to those who helped alongside our board of directors. We figure we saved around \$7000 by not having to pay a professional service! The next steps to be completed inside the building include plumbing fixtures, flooring, dog kennel gates and cat kennels, cabinets, countertops and trim. Outside the building will still need the outdoor dog kennels as well as the final siding, soffets and trim. The very last step will be contacting everyone who donated and secured naming rights. When we contact you, you will have the opportunity to finalize wording for the permanent plaques in our building. It is not too late to show your support by purchasing naming rights and donating to this project! Visit anewleashonlife.net/building or email aahsboard1200@gmail.com for more information. Our mission to shelter homeless animals, place animals into good homes and to rescue animals from abusive situations would not be possible without the generosity of our supporters!

2021 MEMBERSHIP RATES

Become a member or renew today! Here are examples of how far your dollars can go to help animals in need:

\$30

Single: Feed a dog and cat for one month

\$40

Family: Vaccinate one pet

\$100

Business/Organization: Spay/neuter one pet

\$200

Fat Cat: Cover 1 month's water/garbage bill

\$350

Top Dog: Cover 1 month's electric/gas bill

\$700

Patron: Begin rehabilitation after abuse

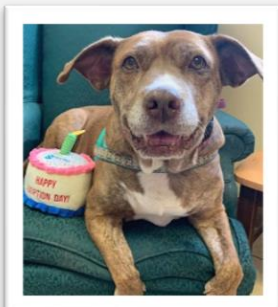
\$1000

Charter: Cover 1 emergency surgery

\$1500

Grand Poopaw: Cover 1 month's vet care

Suzie



In an earlier News Bites issue you may recall an article about senior pets and the love they have to give. Suzie was one of the pets featured in that article. Suzie came to us in February and we quickly identified health issues that she needed to overcome. She was very much loved while in our care. In fact, with love, good care and a healthy environment, Suzie overcame many of her health issues without medicine! Patiently we waited for her perfect owners. One day a family came in to help friends find a pet. The family had no intentions of adopting a dog. Then they met Suzie. They fell in love and this rest is history!

YEAR-TO-DATE SHELTER REPORT

JAN 1 – SEP 30, 2021

Dogs In: 195
 Cats In: 202
 Other Critters In: 32
 Dogs Adopted: 177
 Cats Adopted: 186
 Other Critters Adopted: 32

Recent & Upcoming Events!

Here is a look at our recent and upcoming events. If you would like to volunteer to help with any activities please contact a board member directly or email aahsboard1200@gmail.com!

Recent

Puttin' For Paws

Our third charity golf tournament was a huge success! Held on July 17th, 10 AM at Rolling Hills Golf Club, the 18-hole, 4-person scramble was a friendly competition benefiting a real good cause! We had prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. And an honorable mention to our last place team who won a free entry into the 2022 tournament! **Dakota Financial Services** was ready to award a cash prize to anyone who hit a hole-in-one. Unfortunately, no one made it happen; maybe next year! We want to thank our tournament sponsors **JDH Construction & Haar Plumbing & Heating!** We also thank our hole sponsors: **Great Western Bank, Insurance Plus, Aberdeen Dermatology, Quest, Mehlhoff Insurance, Aberdeen Appraisal, AFLAC, GeffDog, Kens Superfair Foods, Fay's Refrigeration & Heating, Merxbauer Dental, Thatzza Pizza, DSC, McQuillen, Southern Shack Designs, Dacotah Bank, Co-op Architects and Plains Commerce.** Finally, a thank you to all those who donated prizes: **Lang's TV, Mavericks, Ponders, Twin City Fan & Thatzza Pizza.**

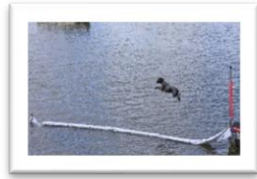
Gone to the Dogs Pool Day

Every year, the Aberdeen Aquatic Center sets aside two hours at the end of their season for dogs to swim in the pool! It's one of our favorite days of the year! Unfortunately, the August 22nd weather would not cooperate. We got about 10 minutes of swimming in before we had to send everyone home due to thunderstorms. For those that did make it and donated, thank you!!

Dock Diving Competition

Our 2nd Dock Diving Competition was held at Richmond Lake on August 29th!

The rules for dock diving are simple, the human throws a favorite toy off the end of the dock and the dog jumps. The dog who jumps the farthest wins! We had 14 dogs compete. Ace, a fun-loving pointer, took home the winning prize by jumping 18 feet off the end of the dock!! It is a true spectator sport as well, with many

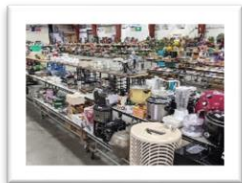


people watching from the deck or on boats and pontoons. We sure had fun!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to **Anchors Away** for being such a generous host.

Fall 2nd Paw Sale

Another 2nd Paw Sale is in the books! This fundraiser is always a big one for us, both in terms of the time and energy of volunteers, but also in terms of profit for the shelter! In fact, the two paw sales we hold every year makes up over 20% of our annual operating budget. This year we held the sale in the Expo Building at the Brown County Fairgrounds. We were offered this space at the same cost as



what we typically pay for the Clubhouse due to a scheduling conflict. We received many

compliments about the new venue and are working to try to host in the space again, depending on budget! Even in the larger space we were once again packed to brim with thousands of donated items for sale. We hope everyone found what they were looking for at the 2nd Paw Sale, as well as a few things you didn't know you wanted! Frequently board members are asked what happens to the leftovers from the 2nd Paw Sales. We try to re-cycle or re-home almost all of the items that are donated. We have delivered items to non-profit organizations in the Aberdeen area and we also make a trip out to western SD to help the native population in our state. We would like to thank all of you

who attended, donated or helped! We couldn't do it without you!

Rescue Run & Microchip Clinic

The 5th Annual Rescue Run was October 9th. We had a brief



hour break between rain showers to race! Despite the weather, it was definitely a success! This is

such a fun event for man and man's best friend! GREAT JOB to all the runners! We also held the microchip clinic afterwards, and have ensured many more pets can be found quickly if they ever get lost!

Upcoming

Paws and Claus Holiday Sale

Stop by the Aberdeen Mall West Oak store for all your gently used holiday decorations and delicious sweets & treats! November 20, 10am-5pm. All proceeds support the AAHS!

Giving Tuesday/SD Gives

November 30th, nonprofit organizations across South Dakota unite to celebrate generosity before the sun comes up and well after the sun goes down by asking their community of supporters to, together, raise as much money as humanly possible. We will be flooding our Facebook page with stories and updates and all the good things we do! Follow us on Facebook, if you don't already, and we challenge you to give on November 30th, large or small, everything helps!

Ongoing

Calendar Contest

Show off your pet(s) in our 2022 AAHS Photo Calendar Contest! Take your favorite photo of your pet and submit it along with a \$5 donation. Get your family and friends to vote (\$1 per vote). The top photos with the most votes will receive great prizes and will be featured in the calendar! Guarantee a calendar day square for your pet photo with a \$10 donation! More information at: anewleashonlife.net/calendarcontest.

HONORARIUMS

Michael & Penny Rohrbach In Honor of Tim McKintrick

Pen Pearson In Honor of Chester Cat

Keith & Kathy Sprinkel In Honor of Verna Martin's 90th Birthday

Debbie Briar In Honor of Karen Gerety's Birthday

Karen Gerety In Honor of Lisa Gerety

Deborah McNiff In Memory of Jim & Jackie Hanson's 50th Wedding Anniversary

MEMORIALS

Sharon Stroschein In Memory of Jane Engelmann

Becky Wegleitner In Memory of Jane Engelmann

Brian & Kim Kendall In Memory of Jane Engelmann

Roy & Bernie Burt In Memory of Charlotte Trebilcock

Pen Pearson In Memory of Snarf, Jack & Sam

Arnie Isaak In Memory of Goober, Mickey, & Maggie

Marla Redlin In Memory of Donnell Black & Jasper

Melanie & Scott McIntyre In Memory of Sophie & Bucky

Terry Brown In Memory of Oreo

Larae Mock In Memory of Kathleen Storhaug

Rae Feickert In Memory of Nancee Bitz

Dave Buechler In Memory of Allison Buechler

Margo & Bill Donaldson In Memory of Charlotte Trebilcock

Mary Kost In Memory of Roger Hoffman

Dorothy Fiala In Memory of Scott Emery Clark

Nancy Upton In Memory of Tripp, Beloved Dog of Lenny & Julie Willett

Carolyn Hess In Memory of Paulette Hutchings

Sharron Brady In Memory of Ardith Huber

Earl & Lavonne Kruse In Memory of Dorothy Merkel

George & Sandra Sullivan In Memory of Dorothy Merkel

Herschel & Bea Premack In Memory of Sybil Premack Balasco

Daniel & Bernadette Dreher In Memory of Jean Speidel

Vicki Thronson In Memory of Dorothy Merkel

Steven & Nancy Kjellsen In Memory of Jean Speidel

Doug & Connie Tribble In Memory of Jean Speidel

Karlton Adam In Memory of Jean Speidel

Eugene Conn In Memory of Jean Speidel

Anne Duston In Memory of Phyllis Cogswell

Brenda McEleney In Memory of Dorothy Merkel

Patricia Koscinski In Memory of Jean Speidel

Sheryl Merkel In Memory of Dorothy Merkel

LeAnne Redmond In Memory of Ralph Stevens

Marian Holty In Memory of Duane Donat

Jeff & Sandra Wagner In Memory of Sophie

Keith & Kathy Sprinkel In Memory of Aaron Breaux

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Richard Pederson In Memory of Scott Scepanski

Ron & Penny Bouais & Glenn's Loyal Hunting Buddy

Ryder - In Memory of Glenn Kiefer, A Helpful Neighbor to Everyone and a Valued Friend

Donations In Memory of Phyllis Cogswell



Aberdeen City Contract Update

A few things have changed since our last update! As of October 1st, we have officially taken over the Aberdeen City and the Brown County animal shelter contracts. Our original plan was to get into the new building first, but we are flexible and our staff have come up with some very innovative ways to temporarily make this new program work in our current building. It involved a lot of rearranging! The good news is, it is only temporary until we can get into the new building. We are more than happy to provide a safe, healthy place for animals to land until they can be returned to their owners. After all, sheltering animals is what we do best! Here are some frequently asked questions.

1. **What happens when a pet goes missing or a stray animal is picked up in the city or county?** They are brought to us! Every pet owner can rest easy knowing that animals who come to us are cared for in a safe, clean environment until their owner can be found or until they can be adopted out. Food, water and a warm blanket will be ready for every animal.

2. **How do I know my pet is at the shelter?** We post all the animals on our website and Facebook page as soon as we can. Typically, under the "Daily Stray-ly" headline! Or you can call us directly 605-226-1200. We also scan every pet for microchips. If your pet has a microchip, we can call you right away (we offer microchipping at a discounted rate at the shelter!).
3. **How long are animals kept before they are adopted out?** 72 hours is the minimum hold time on all stray animals.
4. **What is the process to pick up my pet?** Call ahead! We will arrange a time between 9 am and 5 pm for you to come get your pet, this includes weekends. There are fees that will have to be paid. Currently we accept cash or check. You will also need proof of rabies vaccination. *Is your pet up to date??* Visit the city website to learn more: aberdeen.sd.us/707/Pet-Information-and-Requirements.

We are happy to answer any other questions you may have! We all have the same goal - helping animals!

A Special Thanks...

- The South Dakota Highway Patrol and all volunteer painters!
- Dakota Broadcasting Buddies on 107-7 The Shark
- Aberdeen Visitors and Convention Bureau
- Marcus Selzler - Centennial Village
- NVC Adoption Sponsorship
- Toby & Liz Doeden & the 4J Foundation
- Dacotah Bank Give Where We Live - Amber Lindner, Christy Johnson, Trevor Steen, Lynae Clark, Derek Ravellette, Erica Sauer, Rebecca McHenry, Jane Kosar, Katie Vetsch, Kathie Lassanske
- The dedicated group of 2nd Paw Sale volunteers!

Kennel Sponsors

The "Sponsor a Kennel Program" is a recurring monthly sponsorship program with a minimum commitment of \$20 a month. We will place your business, organization, group or family name on the kennel you are sponsoring. Current sponsors:

- Mark Mehlhoff Insurance
- Brian Bengs
- Gemma Jean Johnson
- Keith & Kathy Sprinkel
- Joe & Peg Coutermarsh
- Peggy Mann
- Nick & Lauren Rhodes
- Danette Marohl
- Misty Bruemmer
- Michael Opp
- Deb Gardner
- Deb & Fritz Maddock
- Ashleigh Barkans
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- Monica Jo Ptacek
- Jackie Kahre
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AAHS has one board member seat available as of September 30, 2021. If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors, please contact any board member or email aahsboard1200@gmail.com.

AAHS STAFF

- Elaine Schaible
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The Aberdeen Area Humane Society is a non-profit organization. We operate solely on donations and fundraisers, and all monies are used locally. 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, fill out and mail the form below, sign up online www.anewleashonlife.net/membership or visit the AAHS.

Aberdeen Area Humane Society—Membership

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Name _____

Date _____

Address _____

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_____ Single: \$30.00

_____ Fat Cat: \$200.00

_____ Charter: \$1,000.00

_____ Family: \$40.00

_____ Top Dog: \$350.00

_____ Grand Poopaw: \$1,500.00

_____ Business: \$100.00

_____ Patron: \$700.00

_____ Other Amount (please specify)

I would like to make a donation of \$ _____ in honor of _____

I would like to make a donation of \$ _____ in memory of _____

I would like to make a donation of \$ _____ for the building fund

In addition to my membership, I would like to assist with: grounds maintenance (mowing, trimming, snow removal, etc.), fundraising, working with animals, baking for various activities, etc., (please specify below):