

July 2009
Summer Edition

The Paw

A Newsletter for the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society

Monthly Meetings:

September 7th, 2009

October 5th, 2009

**313 S. Pierre St.
7:00 pm**

Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area

Humane Society

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Dog Days of Summer is Coming!

The Pierre-Ft Pierre Area Humane Society is preparing for our 3rd Annual Dog Days event on August 15th at Steamboat Park. We had so much fun last year that we decided to make the event bigger and better this year. We have added more games for dogs, kids, and adults including a dunk tank, Trivia Pursuit, temporary tattoo booth, and much more. We will also have a food court, dog contests, and raffle prizes again this year. The fun and games start at 10:00 pm and last until 2:00 pm. Hope to see your family and furry friends there!



Tour-de-kota and Oahe Days Events

The PFPAHS held fundraising events at both Tour-de-Kota and at Oahe Days in June. At Tour-de-kota, a food booth was setup to sell taco salads, vegetables with dip, and nachos and salsa. Taco Johns generously donated several items for the event, and the St. Charles restaurant volunteered their licensed kitchen so members could prepare the food. Even though it rained throughout the day, the event was a success, raising several hundred dollars. The Humane

Society also had a booth at Oahe Days. Not only did several items get sold to raise funds, but a couple of the dogs found their new owners!



Get to Know Your Board Members!

Kathy Hammond – President



Kathy and her daughter, Kelsey, began volunteering by cleaning at the shelter, and Kathy now assists in cat adoptions and care. Along with her husband, Mark, they have adopted two cats and one dog, and have taken a stray cat into their home. Kathy gets back a great amount of joy in seeing animals rescued and then going to good homes!

Dana Gissal – Vice President



Dana is the co-chairperson on the fundraising committee and also a co-chair of the sponsorship program. Dana and her husband, Tom, share their home with one cat. She feels that all animals deserve a second chance, and the Humane Society is a way to make a difference!

Emily Ward – Secretary



Emily started volunteering for the organization by becoming a member of the fundraising committee, and is also on the building committee. Emily and her husband, Michael, adopted one dog and two cats, and also have one more dog and two additional cats. She enjoys fostering both cats and dogs in her home, while also participating in events to raise funds for rescuing animals!

April Smart – Treasurer



April is the co-chairperson of the fundraising committee and has fostered kittens for the shelter. Her family includes her husband, Matt, and eight cats, five which have been adopted from the shelter. April likes to see animals go to families who will love and care for them!

Monica Ortbahn



Monica has volunteered at the shelter for the past two years by working and loving the cats, and is now a member of the grants committee. Monica's family includes her husband, Jerry, and her young son Nolan. They have adopted four cats from the shelter, and also have a blind pug and three birds. Monica loves working with the volunteers who share the same passion and drive to save animals as she does!

Bonnie Stroh



Bonnie started volunteering for the Humane Society in 2007, and regularly volunteers for events, at the shelter, and on the volunteer/membership committee. Bonnie adopted two cats shortly after she began volunteering. Her favorite thing about volunteering is sitting on the couch in the shelter, completely covered with cats, so no one can find her!

Debby Bouchie

Debby's volunteer activities include managing the shelter food program, fostering cats, assisting in cat adoptions, speaking on behalf of the organization, and being a member of the spay/neuter committee. Debby and her husband, Clayton, have three children, Lindy, Heather, and Logan. Their small country acreage has over sixty rescued cats along with several foster cats and one adopted dog. Debby loves how the animals are able to give their joy and happiness back to her every day!

Spay and Neuter Program is Up and Running!

The low cost spay and neuter program has begun. Low cost certificates for a dog or cat spay or neuter are available to people who are unable to get their pet altered. To receive a certificate, one must fill out an application and submit it. The Spay and Neuter committee reviews the application, and upon approval the person will receive a certificate. The costs of these certificates are:

- Cat Spay \$40
- Cat Neuter \$20
- Dog Spay \$50
- Dog Neuter \$40

The certificates are available to residents of Stanley and Hughes counties, and there is a limit of two certificates per household per year. A person must pay for their share of the procedure once they pick up the certificate, and it must be used within 90 days of issuance.

To raise money for the certificates, a free spay/neuter/microchip raffle was held. This raised almost \$1000! Several hundred dollars were donated through the Winter Snowmen memorials as well.

Thus far, the program has been a real success! Fifteen certificates have been distributed, and eight of these certificates have already been used. For every animal that is fixed, 45,000 unwanted births are prevented!

If you are interested and would like to apply, call us at 605-223-CATS (2278), or send an email to pets4adoption@yahoo.com.



Cans for Cats and Dogs

This spring, the fundraising committee began a year-round fundraiser of collecting popcans. Thus far, the fundraiser has been a huge success! A local area business built and donated a can dropoff bin for the shelter, which has been placed behind the building. Businesses throughout the community have agreed to donate their can collections to the shelter. The fundraising committee has discovered that the bin fills very quickly! The Humane

Society is collecting and reselling enough cans every month to be able to neuter at least one animal!

If you are interested in donating popcans to the shelter, feel free to drop them in the bin behind the building located at 313 South Pierre Street. Or, if you are unable to get them there, contact us at 223-CATS or pets4adoption@yahoo.com and we will arrange for a volunteer to pick them up!



Pets Available for Adoption

Amelie



Amelie is a two-year-old female black, orange, and tan calico cat. She is one of our special needs cats, which means she has personality characteristics which do not make her easily

adoptable. Amelie is shy, though she is very sweet once she gets to know a person. She also does not like to be picked up. However, once she makes her way to your lap, she adores whatever attention

you give her. She is a very healthy cat who is fully vaccinated and has been spayed. If you are interested, please come visit her at the shelter! You will often see her on the counter waiting to be petted!

Rocky



Rocky is a 6-month-old blue heeler/Australian Shepard mix. He is a tri-colored puppy with a white stripe on his nose and white markings on three of his feet. Rocky is a very energetic puppy who can have fun all day long. While he is being fostered, he is learning basic

commands. He enjoys playing with other dogs and people, but due to his heeling nature he may not be best in a home with small children. Rocky also travels well in the car.

Rocky is currently being fostered, so if you would like to see him call 223-CATS or stop by the shelter on Meet and Greet Days!

Rocky is fully vaccinated and has been neutered.

Cabby



Cabby is a seven-year-old black, gray, and white tabby cat who has been declawed. He is also neutered and fully vaccinated. Cabby came to us after his owner went into the nursing home and could

no longer have him. He is self-sufficient cat who prefers to hang out by himself. Cabby is learning to be more social, but still likes to sit by himself in a quiet corner. If you are looking for a big cat

who can take care of himself, then this is the guy for you. Come visit Cabby at our shelter on Pierre Street or call 223-CATS to make an appointment to see him.

Eddie



Eddie is a one-year-old black cat who has been neutered. Eddie is a very friendly guy who likes to be the center of attention. He enjoys being held and petted and his purr lets you know how much he likes you. He likes to play

as well. Since he is a black cat, he does not attract visitors like some of the younger, more colorful cats tend to. If you want a fun, mischievous boy, come visit him at the shelter or calls 223-

CATS to make an appointment to see him.

Memorials

In memory of Luella Nagel, from her children Lauren Laird and Dallas Vavra

In memory of Mary Asmussen

In memory of Mary Van Camp White, from Nicholas and Jessica White

In memory of Maxine Isenberg, from Janet Wettergren

In memory of Nanette Daily, from Wilbert and Mary Fenger

In memory of Wanda Turbiville, from Lindy Garaets, Debby Bouchie, and Molly Jahraus

In memory of Harriet Ronning, from her child Lora Ronning and her grandchildren

**We would like to thank the
following people for
sponsoring these rescued
animals:**

Tom Kennett - London (cat)

Lee & Becky Okerlund - Cabby (cat)

Edward Jones - Eddie (cat)

Anonymous - Veruca (cat)

Marty Allison - Mandie, Rocky (dogs)

Deann Randall - Angel and Luckey
(dogs)

Shelby Frame - Brinkley (dog)

If you would like to sponsor an animal,
go to our website

www.pets4adoption.org, click on the
sponsor tab, and fill out the form.

Sponsoring an animal is only \$1 per
day, and these funds go for the care of
that animal.

**Thank you for your continued
support!!**

Lost Your Pet?

Here are some things you can do in
order to find your friend who is
missing.

1. **Call the police department and file a missing animal report.** They will create a missing animal report including the animal's name and a description of it. Since the police officers in Pierre and Ft. Pierre are also animal control, they are often the first people who learn about stray animals.
2. **Call the pound.** They will be able to tell you directly whether they have an animal fitting your pet's description or not.
3. **Hang posters around town.** There are a lot of people with big hearts in the community, and instead of taking a stray animal to the pound people will instead take it into their home. Hanging posters at grocery stores, in store front windows, and at vet offices will help spread the word.
4. **Email a picture and description to the Humane Society.** We have large email list of members, volunteers, and friends in the community. When we learn about a lost pet, we forward information onto all these people so they can keep their eyes open for the pet.
5. **Place ads in the newspaper or radio station.** This will also help get the word out in the community.

Calendar of Events:

August:

7th & 8th – Snack Shack

15th – Dog Days of Summer/ Meet & Greet

22nd – Honk N' Bark Dog and Car Wash

TBA – Schwan's Fundraiser

September:

8th – Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

11th & 12th – Snack Shack

19th – Meet & Greet

19th – Black Tie Formal Event

October:

17th – Meet & Greet

17th to 31st – Pumpkin Patch

Donations Wishlist

Laundry Detergent

Paper Towels

Cat Litter

Bleach

Towels

Rawhide Bones

Collars

Toys

Grocery Sacks



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