



July 2008      **THE PAW**      Summer Edition  
*Newsletter for the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society*



### FIRST DAY COSTS

As a non-profit organization, we rely on fundraisers, memberships and donations to survive. For each pet adopted, be it a cat or a dog, the adoption fee is **\$50**. This is minimal compared to what it costs us just on the first day! It doesn't include room, board or any additional medical costs that many of our animals have until they are adopted.

- Cat (male): Neuter, Drontal, Revolution, FVRCP, Rabies, FELV/FIV test = **\$65.58**
- Cat (female): Spay, Drontal, Revolution, FVRCP, Rabies, FELV/FIV test = **\$105.09**
- Dog (male): Neuter, Drontal, Frontline, PHLP Parvo, Bordetella, Rabies vac = **\$109.34**
- Dog (female): Spay, Drontal, Frontline, DHLPP Parvo, Bordetella, Rabies vac = **\$119.23**

Please use the form below to help us with this great cause. Our four-legged friends rely on us to take care of them and we rely on you to help us. We have the best group of friends, members and adoptees!! Thank you for all of your help in the past, present and future!!

#### PIERRE-FORT PIERRE AREA HUMANE SOCIETY

P.O. Box 954, Pierre, SD 57501-0954  
 Yearly Membership Categories:

Student \$10 (under 18)     Senior \$10     Individual \$15 (1, over 18)     Family \$25 (2+)     Business \$50  
 Lifetime \$500 (Free t-shirt)

I cannot become a member at this time; however, I am enclosing a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to further assist the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society.

I am already a member & am enclosing a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to further assist the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society.

I would like this donation to go to the following fund(s):

- General Fund (Rent, medical, expenses, food, litter, day to day needs)
- Building Fund (We are raising funds to build a permanent HS building)
- Special Needs Fund (Sometimes our animals need extra medical attention)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_  New  Renewal      Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate whether you would be willing to be an active member:

- Yes, Call me when needed.       No, I'd rather not be actively involved

## Pet Memorials



### March 2008:

In memory of Budreau Blank, pet of Shelly Blank and Lee Miller by Merrie and Marshall Miller

### May 2008:

In memory of Houston, feline friend of Lindy Bouchie, by Molly Jahrus, Mark & Cindy Phillips, and Holly Kelly

In memory of Houston by Lindy Bouchie

*Do you have a loved one or pet that you would like to honor? How about doing so with a Memorial Gift given to the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society? Send your gift to PFPAHS/P.O. Box 954/ Pierre, SD 57501/ **THANK YOU!!!!***

Check out our website [www.pets4adoption.org](http://www.pets4adoption.org) !

## Winner of the Scooter Raffle

I want to extend a great big **“CONGRATULATIONS”** to **Kari Eisenzimmer** of Ft. Pierre, SD!! Her ticket stub was drawn by Tony of KCCR on live radio Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at approximately 12 noon. Lindy Bouchie, President, announced Kari’s name on the air and then proceeded to call her immediately. Needless to say, she was ecstatic!!! When I contacted Kari about her win, this is what she had to say (via email):



Lindy Bouchie, President, and Kari Eisenzimmer

Hi Lisa!

Thanks! The first thing I thought was “WOW! You have got to be kidding me.” I was so excited thinking I could actually be the winner. I ran outside after hanging up yelling for my husband saying “You are not going to believe this, I won the scooter!” I am really lucky because not only did I win, the purchase of my tickets will help a wonderful organization take care of a couple innocent animals for a few days. The scooter will get used everyday by my husband for work, all of the short runs around town and of course our 3 year-old is excited about getting rides on the scooter.

Kari

This is the reaction we love to see!! Someone excited about winning, yet understanding that the money that was used to purchase the ticket(s) will be used for a great cause! I would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets and also those who helped sell raffle tickets! This fundraiser was a huge success because of all of your help!!!! Once again, we would like to thank **BankWest** for graciously donating the scooter!!!



## The Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, June 8th, 2008, was a sunny, warm, perfect day to hold the "Blessing of the Animals". As the various owners, volunteers, and foster parents held leashes of their dogs and cats in their laps, you could feel the love in the air. If the animals could talk, I'll bet they would have said, "This day is about us. Check us out, we are the best!"! Pastor Susan Carr of the First United Congregational Church of Christ led us in a song titled "All God's Critters (A Place in the Choir)" and prayer; then the blessings began!!



Getting the animals ready



The kitties are content!!



Willow enjoys her blessing!



Genny McMath & Biko (front)  
Kim Kusser & Willow (back)



Pastor Susan gets love from Biko



Beth Giddings watches as  
Murphy gets blessed.



Dennis Hook & Niki



Sandy Hook & Eli



GROUP PHOTO - SMILE!!



## VOLUNTEER'S CORNER

The Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society would not survive without all of its wonderful volunteers!! Let me introduce you to **Genny McMath!** She is one of our dog volunteers. She has been active with the Humane Society for over a year. Her duties include being a foster parent, taking her turn checking the messages left on the HS answering machine, walking in various parades, random fundraising events including Oahe Days, Dog Days of Summer, Zonta Fair, Dakotamart Snack Shack, selling raffle tickets and the Farm and Home Show. She also spreads the word about work the Humane Society does. She tries to get out as much information out to the public as possible. Not only to find homes for pets, but create awareness about the needs of the Humane Society and what they do for the community.

When I asked Genny what her volunteer hours included, she informed me that fostering requires 24/7 participation. She also said that volunteering for our organization gives her great satisfaction knowing that she helped save the life of a cat or dog. She also loves the thought of placing a pet in their forever home and seeing how well they are thriving after that.

Though Genny is a foster parent to our Humane Society dogs, she and her family also have 6 pets of their own. They have 3 cats: Sammi, Bruno, and Callie and 3 dogs: Shadow, Kibon and Little Dog. She is a TRUE pet lover through and through!! Thank you, Genny, for all that you do!!



Genny McMath - holding Boomer.  
Biko (foreground) is fostered by Genny

(Watch future issues for more of our volunteers! Next issue I will feature Holly Kelley, cat volunteer)



## PETS: THE BEST MEDICINE!!

I received an email from Patty Pearson and as it brought tears to my eyes, I asked her if I could share some of it with you, and she replied, "If it could get another animal adopted, then yes."

"I want to tell you about Sweetie, the dog I adopted. She is a mutt, probably part Golden Lab and part Rhodesian Ridgeback (impressive, eh?). My sister-in-law decided she has RR in her because of the ridge of hair on her back. Who knows? Who cares? I adopted Sweetie right after I

found out I had Multiple Sclerosis. I was 59 years old and had to quit my job. I was depressed and struggling. We would have to move, I wasn't ready to give up a job I loved and it would be a struggle financially. My family and friends were super great but I wanted 'someone' by my side, (whom) never judged me, always loved me and didn't care if I took a shower, combed my hair or put on makeup.

When I went to look at the dogs, Sweetie came up to me and sat on my foot. That was it. We had taken my daughter's Golden Retriever *Destiny* with us to make sure they would get along because they would be together a lot. Everything looked good.

Sweetie was 2 years old and had birthed two litters. She was tired, and slept two days. My friend thought she was going to die, but she didn't. She stayed by my side and loved me unconditionally.

This March my Mom died and Sweetie and I traveled to Indiana to spend 7 weeks with my 85-year-old Dad. Sweetie was a hit. She again gave unconditional love. I thought I might give her up for Dad, but he decided he might move to an apartment and couldn't keep her. I think it's also because she follows me everywhere, and (lies) by my side whether I am on the computer, sleeping or cooking. He knew how attached to me she was. She is not on the furniture or beds, however. My husband said no, and I understand.....

I am on medicine and retired so I am at home a lot, but I am much better than two years ago. I can get around and clean my kitchen, with Sweetie watching. She is wonderful with our 8 grandkids, ages 13, 5, 4, 1 and 5, 3, and 1.

I have read that dogs and other animals help people with depression, anxiety and other problems, and I strongly believe that. We almost always had a dog in our home when I was growing up and when our children were home,.....Sweetie is better than depression medicine. I couldn't have made it without her and now she couldn't make it without me. We were meant for each other.

Thank you Pierre Humane Society for my Sweetie.”



Sweetie and Kelbie Frederick,  
Patty's granddaughter



Sweetie – smiling pretty!!

*“Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened.”*

----Anatole France

**Upcoming Events:**

**August 4<sup>th</sup>** – General Membership Meeting  
7 p.m. – Humane Society Building/Pierre St.  
**August 16th** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dog Days of Summer  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** in July, Sept, Oct,  
Nov & Dec – Dog Showing at HS Building  
**November 15 & 16** – Zonta Fair

**Wish List:**

Kitty Litter  
Leashes/Collars  
Laundry Detergent  
Bleach  
Paper Towels  
Garbage Bags  
Bio Spot for medium to large dogs  
Rawhide Chews  
Toys (cats & dogs)

**Hot Weather Tips for your Pet:**

\*\* **Never** leave your pet alone in a vehicle. Hyperthermia can be fatal! Parking in the shade or with the windows down does not help.

\*\*Do not use insect repellent or sunscreen on your pet that is not specifically formulated for animals. Using repellent with DEET can lead to neurological problems.

\*\*Shave your dog to a one-inch length. Do not shave to the skin. Your dog will lose his protection from the sun. Cats should be brushed often!

\*\*Assign outside play time to early morning or evening.

\*\*Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool.

\*\*Do not let your dog drink pool water. The water contains chlorine and other chemicals that can upset their tummies!

\*\*Bring your cat or dog inside during the heat of the day. They enjoy that air conditioning just as we much, if not more, than do!!



*I hope you enjoyed your issue of "THE PAW"! I would like to thank everyone that helped me with this edition of the newsletter. If you would like to become a member of the Humane Society, please fill out the form on the front page and send it back to the address provided.*

*--Lisa Saylor, Secretary of the Humane Society*