



Summer Edition '07

# THE PAW

*Newsletter for the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society*

## ~Abandoned Animals~

On a typical Saturday morning you may walk into the Humane Society on Pierre Street and be in the presence of many curious cats. You will see a variety of colors, ages and different breeds roaming around. Some are begging for attention, while others are content lying in cat beds.

After deciding to pet a couple of the cats trying to get your attention, you look around the shelter. Cats are lounging in the morning sun and a few kittens are playing with a toy mouse. After looking up at the front window you notice posters of available dogs for adoption taped to the front window.

You start to wonder how all these wonderful cats and dogs make it to the shelter as homeless animals. They don't look like there is anything wrong with them. How did they wind up this way, what happened?

This is a question many of us pet lovers ask ourselves. Why and how can this happen to these innocent creatures? The majority of Humane Society cats and dogs have ended up at our shelter due to pet overpopulation.

They have come off the streets as strays, wandering for shelter and food just to keep them alive. And some have been abandoned by their previous owners or dropped off in the country to fend for themselves.

Pet overpopulation is a growing problem in the United States and we need to do our part in preventing this from becoming more out of hand. The easiest thing for you to do as a pet owner is spay and neuter your own pet and urge others to do the same. If you are ready to expand your family by getting a new pet, look into your nearest Humane Society. If it's a specific breed your interested in, check out the closest 'Rescue' for that breed.

Be a responsible pet owner. If you are moving out of town or just to another part of town, make sure where you will be moving to is a pet friendly environment. If this is absolutely impossible, try checking around with family members or friends that may take your animal temporarily or permanently.

Fortunately, the animals rescued and brought to the Humane Society have a good chance at a new life. In 2006 we saved 73 dogs and 150 cats! We are a no-kill shelter which means we will keep the animal until it's adopted, no matter how long it takes.

Even though some of these animals have had a rough start, doesn't mean they won't be great pets. I know this as a fact.

In 2002, I was looking at the HS website daily just waiting for a small dog to come into the Humane Society so I could adopt him or her. One day I was so excited when I saw a picture of a little 'Benji' looking dog. I called right away to see if I could go look at him. It turned out that he had just been adopted shortly before I called.



**'Tipper' scared after being rescued.**

The lady taking my call told me that they had just got a little mixed breed dog in that day. I was told that the dog had been

abandoned by her previous owners and wasn't in the best of health due to having no food or water. She told me I could come down in a few days when she was doing better and see her if I was interested.

Of course I jumped at the chance. I stopped down at the facility and the staff introduced me to this little terrier, not even a year old they had named 'Tipper'. She was skinny, but full of life. I spent some time with her and was overwhelmed by what had happened to her. I just had to adopt her and give her a second chance.

I decided I had to give her a different name, 'Tipper' just wasn't very fitting. I decided from that point on her name would be 'Ginger Rose'.

Every day since then, I have been so pleased with Ginger. She has truly been the best dog in the whole world! I am not just saying that because I am her proud 'momma'. She is very intelligent and loyal, and not your typical stereotype 'hyper Terrier'.



**'Ginger Rose' 4 - happy years later.**

It is still very sad because she has not forgotten that she once had been abandoned. She has come along way, but never lets me too far out of her sight in fear that I to may leave her. They don't forget and they too have feelings.

Ginger has been enjoying her new life and I definitely have been enjoying her company. I hope those of you who have or will be adopting a new pet feel the same way about your special animal as well because you are making a big difference in their life.

## **BankWest Employees & Customers**

In June, a group of BankWest employees set up Humane Society donation boxes as part of their community project. Near the end of June, Jill Aadland delivered more than 80 various items to the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Humane Society.



**Back Row: Todd Bowman, Cheryl Stone, Doug Evenstad, Angie Bohls, Linda Ellis, Laurie Reed**  
**Front Row: Shelly Nameniuk and Jill Aadland**

Humane Society President, Lindy Bouchie, said "It's a wonderful program. Not only is it exciting for us to unpack the donations, but the animals all get excited for new toys and treats!"

This is the second year a BankWest group has chosen the Humane Society. "We appreciate this even more this year as we've taken in over 60 kittens since April and have experienced an increase in dogs as well" Lindy said.

***"Animals are such agreeable friends – they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms."***

**~ George Elliot~**

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dog Days of Summer!

**Mark this event on your calendar!  
It will be a lot of fun for you and  
your family – don't forget the  
family dog!!!**

**Where:**

Steamboat Park by the amphitheatre

**When:**

Saturday, August 18th - 10am - 1pm

**10am:**

- **Entrance opens:**
  - **Tickets for games and food**  
(each ticket is 50 cents)
  - **\$1 raffle tickets**
  - **Dog show registration**
    - \$10 for 1 category
    - \$15 for all 3 categories
    - Each dog gets goodie bag
- **“Carnival” games for kids& dogs open:**
  - bean "bone" toss
  - sponge throw
  - Fishing for prizes (kids & dogs can play!)
  - face painting
  - balloon shapes
  - doggie obstacle course
- **Partial food court opens**  
(soda, water, & popcorn)

**10:30am:**

- **Full food court opens**

**11:00am:**

- **Dog show registration closes**

**11:30am:**

- **Dog show starts**
  - Talent/best trick
  - Best dressed
  - look alike

**12:45pm:**

- **Dog show awards**

**1:00pm:**

- **Final raffle drawing**
- **Event closes**

Raffle tickets are \$1 each and prizes will be given away throughout the event (**must be present to win**).

**Prizes include:**

- TOKYObay watch (\$60 value) from Debby's Gallery
- \$100 savings bond from BankWest
- Purse from Angel's Salon
- Gift basket from Main Street Market
- Cat cube from K-Mart
- Red Tango pillow (\$40 value) from Debby's Gallery
- Cut & style from Images Unlimited
- Gift Certificates from K9 Kleeners
  - **And much more!**



If you have any other questions, please email [pets4adoption@yahoo.com](mailto:pets4adoption@yahoo.com) or call 223-cats.

Check out our web address or Call (605) 223- CATS!

[www.pets4adoption.org](http://www.pets4adoption.org)



### *Upcoming Events and Meetings:*

- **Saturday, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>** – **Dog Days of Summer** – from 10am – 1pm at Steamboat Park near the amphitheatre- don't forget to bring your dog!!
- **Tuesday, Sept. 4th** – We are having the monthly general membership meeting at 7pm located at our facility on Pierre St. in Pierre.

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I hope you enjoyed your issue of 'THE PAW'. Thank you to those that helped by donating towards the expense of copies for the last PAW's issue. This was very much appreciated and helpful! Also, thank you to those that are helping at the Dog Days of Summer. We wouldn't have been able to go forward with our plans without you! If anyone would like to become a member of the Humane Society please fill out the attached form and send it back to us at the address provided.

*~Amanda Ames, Secretary of the Humane Society~*

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## **PIERRE-FORT PIERRE AREA HUMANE SOCIETY**

P.O. Box 954, Pierre, SD 57501-0954

### Yearly Membership Categories:

Student \$5 (under 18)     Senior \$5     Individual \$10 (1, over 18)     Family \$20 (2+)     Business \$50

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

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