



1ST QUARTER 2018 NEWSLETTER – JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

Shelter Spotlight Briana Hotzler

In the spring of 2016 my rescue dog, Buster, passed away at the age of 13. The two of us were inseparable, and I was absolutely lost without his companionship. In an attempt to get my mind off the grief, I started spending all of my efforts working toward my dream



job: becoming a shelter veterinarian. I stumbled across the AAHS on Google and decided to call out to ask if I could shadow their veterinarian during surgeries. Instead of an answer to my question, I was offered something better: a job. I struggle to find the words to explain how much I adore my job. Sure, 80% of my work involves poop of some sort, but I can't fathom doing anything else. There are times when it's arduous, physically and emotionally straining, to stomach some of the situations our animals come from but at the end of the day, there is nothing else in the entire world I would rather be doing. This is my dream job and I cannot express enough how thankful I am to end up here and how deep my love is for animal welfare as well as the AAHS.

2018 MEMEBERSHIP RATES

Become or renew your membership 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 routine vet care

Fifteen Minutes of Fame

Chances are you heard about River. In case you didn't read the newspaper, watch the local news or search the national news headlines, River was a stray dog found by hunters at the Sand Lake Wildlife Refuge. She got their attention by retrieving a bird for them, despite her own hunger and injuries. The hunters picked her up and Sand Lake Refuge staff ensured she made it into our care. Her story went viral.

We literally fielded hundreds of phone calls, emails, and messages from across the country, from Idaho to Michigan to Florida, all people who were concerned or willing to adopt River. The support was so appreciated and so humbling!

We also hope people remember that we have a shelter full of "Rivers" right now, each with their own story! We hope those who were considering adopting River will open their heart to another shelter animal or consider a monetary donation. We can't do it alone!

Most importantly, we are happy to report, River was adopted and is now comfortably retired in her 'forever' home!



YEAR-TO-DATE SHELTER REPORT

JAN 1ST – MAR 31ST, 2018

Dogs In: 72
Cats In: 28
Rabbits In: 2
Dogs Adopted: 77
Cats Adopted: 39
Rabbits Adopted: 1

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

2018 Bow Wow Boogie

One of our most successful Bow Wow Boogie's ever was held on February 10th, 2018! AAHS supporters from near and far

came out to show their



support! We even had so

many at-the-door tickets sold we had to setup a couple of extra tables – this is a GREAT problem to have!! Attendees were welcomed by piano music from the talented Carlyle Richards, decor by Nicole Olsen at Love Repurposed and they were entertained by the one and only emcee Dan Richardt. Val Jark led the live auction with items including NSU Football Season Tickets, Blackhawk Concert Tickets, a kids Denali Ride-On from Steven Lust Chevrolet, Dakota Motor Sports gear, wonderful artwork, and even a handyman for a day – yes, that's right you could bid on a human to work for you for a day thanks to Dave Borchard! We also raffled off a half a processed pork thanks to Northern Plains Animal Health and the silent auction featured tons of AMAZING items, too many to list off here. Mark Remily ended our night with karaoke fun! We cannot thank our volunteers, businesses and organizations enough for donating time, money, and auction

items. We couldn't do it without you! Funds raised at the Bow Wow Boogie allow us to keep the shelter doors open, lights on, heat running, and animals safe and healthy until we can find their "forever" home! We look forward to the 2019 Bow Wow Boogie! See you there!

Upcoming

2018 Spring 2nd Paw Sale

Aberdeen's largest second-hand sale returns to the Brown County Fair Grounds Clubhouse on April 28th, 2018 9am-3pm.

Donations may be dropped off at the Clubhouse Apr 16-20 & Apr 23-24 from 3 PM to 7 PM & Apr 21 from 1 PM to 4 PM.

****New This Year, Accepting Sneakers****
(see Shoe Drive below)

No clothing, large appliances, magazines, encyclopedias, metal desks, exercise equipment or old TVs accepted

Questions? Contact: Nancy, 605-380-6414 or Carole, 605-216-1215

2018 Shoe Drive

New this year, the AAHS will be participating in a shoe drive! Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new sneakers/tennis shoes. How does it work? The AAHS will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of shoes collected. The shoes are then picked up by Funds2Orgs, an organization that works with developing countries to help them create, maintain and grow small businesses. The shoes we collect will be headed to Haiti. It's a win-win situation! Beginning April 14th, shoes will be collected at the Aberdeen Area Humane Society. Shoes can also be dropped off at the Brown County Fair Grounds Clubhouse during the 2nd Paw Drop Off



Times: Apr 16-20 & Apr 23-24 from 3 PM to 7 PM & Apr 21 from 1 PM to 4 PM.

Spring Cleanup

Calling all volunteers!! Our spring clean-up day will be May 19, 2018. Help us with various cleaning and maintenance tasks. Details will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

Open House

Save the date for Wednesday, June 20th and plan to attend our open house! Details coming soon!

Hub City HotShots Baseball!

Take me out to the ball game on Thursday, June 28th! The HubCity Hot Shots are the new collegiate baseball team in town and they want to help earn a little money for the AAHS! On June 28th, the Hotshots take on the Souris Valley Sabre Dogs at 6:35 p.m. at Fossum Field. When you purchase bleacher tickets at \$7 each to the game, half the ticket proceeds go directly to the AAHS. Go to this website to purchase tickets:

<https://tickets.hubcityhotshots.com/events/7366-sabre-dogs-hotshots> then use the promotional code "Humane" to purchase your tickets online before they go on sale to the general public. You'll receive your tickets in a .pdf through e-mail. If you'd like to support the program but can't attend the game, you can forward your .pdf ticket to someone who can. The Hotshots would also like you to know that the team is still looking for host families for their players and intern staff this summer! If you've got an extra bed or room and want some great perks from the Hotshots, contact Mayra Heeman Mayra@hubcityhotshots.com and she will fill you in on being a host family!

Fall 2nd Paw Sale

In case you don't find everything you need at the Spring Sale, September 22nd is the date set for the fall sale, mark your calendars!

Rescue Run

The 2nd Annual Rescue Run 5K is scheduled for October 6th. Start training with those pooches now!

HONORARIUMS

Jack & Diane Thompson in Honor of Shannon Koehler
Nancy Lamont in Honor of Buddie "The Cat Who Came Back"

Elaine Frey in Honor of Pam

Claudia Merthan in Honor Cat Jerry

Nancy & Mike Barondeau in Honor of Mali

Doug & Peggy Walz & Carla Bourdon in Honor of
Cameron Johnston's 99th Birthday

In Honor of River: Mary Rumsey, Lou Danes, Barbara
Nohrenberg

Debra Stoley in Honor of 1 Year Adoption Anniversary of
Bullet, Beloved English Springer Spaniel

Four Seasons Healthcare Center Employees in Honor of
Boss, Sonya Lang

Marcia & Jeff Sveen in Honor of Jayne Herther's Birthday

Lyle & Megan Biegler in Honor of Cooper's Birthday

Jeff & Sandra Wagner in Honor of Loren & Suzanne
Beard

Pam Voegele in Honor of Kelly Busing

Colleen Broach in Honor of John Aman

MEMORIALS

Dawn Brush in Memory of Joyce Brush

Lex & Brenda Pierson in Memory of Fur Babies Fluffy,
Larry, & Spooky

Steve & Cheryl Cameron In Memory of Our Animals

Larheta Fulker In Memory of China, Beloved Pug of
Joyce & Bob Bucholz

Fran Coppersmith in Memory of Tigger Who Came from
AAHS & Gave Years of Happiness

David & Barb Gross in Memory of Darwin Stebbins

Dan & Debbie Hepper in Memory of Beloved Cat
Jasmine

Rosemary Kraft Memorial: Scott & Evonne Gilbertson,
Mary Kay Forkel, Geri Sillman, Janice Rubino, Cash
Donations

Marv & Carole Kiesz in Memory of Tom Kelly

Kathleen Storhaug in Memory of Beloved Dog Casey

Mary Gaines & Rita Lewis in Memory of Hazell Gatzke

Glenn & Barb Imberi in Memory of Ruby, Beloved Pet of
Rick & Sherrie Humphries

Glenn & Barb Imberi in Memory of Snoopy, Beloved
Beagle of Michelle & Marc Anderson

Robert Dickes in Memory of Wife, Linda, Who Loved All
Animals

Dawn Brush in Memory of Patricia Daw

Linda Ivey in Memory of Amber Landry Ivey

Marilyn Fjelstad in Memory of Karen Tupa

Cheri Lien in Memory of Gloria Smith and All the
Animals We Loved but Couldn't Have

Deb Geramita in Loving Memory of Mickie Woods

Arnie Isaak in Memory of Dr. Bill Svenson

Keith & Kathy Sprinkel in Memory of Karen Tupa

Angie Sombke in Memory of Colleen Schnaidt

Gail & John Zeck Memorials for Troy Roettele, Shirley
Pullan, Jerry Erdman, Jerry Rix, Bert Raap & Millie Fritz

Rodney Brandlee in Memory of Colleen Schnaidt

Colleen (Hanson) Stange Memorial: Jerry & Susan Brick,
Gary & Nancy France, Mike & Donna Olson, Brick
Transport Employees, John & Cynthia Koerner

Darlene Tompkins in Memory of Cindy Eikamp

Cameron Johnston Memorial: Cheryl Hook, Shelley
Smith, Joanne Boldt, J.R. & Judy Kornder, J. Dopferpuhl,
& Hope McCarty



Plains Commerce Bank STAR Tree!

Stop by Plains Commerce Bank and check out our STAR Tree! The STAR Tree is a fundraiser developed by our friends at Plains Commerce Bank, designed to help local organizations meet their needs

by providing giving opportunities in the community. The STAR tree will be helping the Aberdeen Area Humane Society through the month of April!



3M Volunteer Match

As part of the 3Mgives Volunteer Match, 3M donates \$250 to eligible non-profit organizations for which a 3M employee volunteers 20 hours or a 3M retiree volunteers 25 hours or more per calendar year. For more information, visit www.3Mgives.com and follow us @3M.

We currently have two 3M volunteers working toward their 3MGives volunteer donation! If you or someone you know is a 3M employee or retiree and would like to volunteer your time, please contact the AAHS Board of Directors at aahsboard1200@gmail.com

A special thanks to...

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| Dakota Supply Group | Chad Bent, State Farm |
| The Charity Lunch | Northwestern Energy |
| United Health Group | 3M Club |
| Dakota Bank, "Give Where You Live!" | Department of Education Drivers Ed |

The Champ!

One lucky cat has a new home and some trophies to admire! Dawn Seiler, Aberdeen Central High School Head Basketball Coach, adopted Champ! Champ the cat can now brag about winning the State AA Basketball Championship Title and having an owner who was named a coach for the McDonald's All-American Game!



Happy Birthday!

The generosity of our kids never ceases to amaze us. We can't thank you enough for your selfless acts of kindness!



Kitten Season

Spring is our most busy time with our feline friends, and unfortunately, we are limited by our physical space. Therefore, cat prices will be reduced for a brief time. Prices will be \$50 for senior cats older than 5 years, \$80 for cats that are aged 6 months to 5 years, and the regular \$105 adoption fee for kittens that are younger than 6 months.

Aberdeen Area Humane Society

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AAHS has 2 board member seats available as of March 31, 2018. 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 _____ Phone _____
 City, State, ZIP _____ Email _____

_____ 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 _____

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):

