



## Shelter Spotlight 2<sup>nd</sup> Paw Volunteers



The Aberdeen Area Humane Society 2<sup>nd</sup> Paw sales continue to be two of our biggest annual fundraisers. The only way we can pull off such a large rummage sale is with the help of some very dedicated volunteers! There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes! The planning and prep works starts months before the sale date. The actual fairgrounds

clubhouse setup typically begins two Saturdays before the actual sale day, which requires hauling tables, shelves carts and other supplies out of storage and to the fairgrounds where they are strategically arranged so donations can be displayed nicely. Donations then come streaming in the following Monday, and we have people working almost every day for the next two weeks sorting, pricing and arranging donations. Not to mention other volunteers

who run around town and help us collect items! When sale day arrives, it is all hands-on-deck selling, loading, and cashiering! All in all, it takes an average of 70 volunteer hours a day to pull off such a large sale. We could NOT do this sale without the dedication of all our volunteers. THANK YOU, each and every one of you!

## 2018 MEMBERSHIP 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

## YEAR-TO-DATE SHELTER REPORT JAN 1ST - SEPT 30TH, 2018

Dogs In: 217  
Cats In: 102  
Rabbits In: 7  
Dogs Adopted: 216  
Cats Adopted: 105  
Rabbits Adopted: 7

## Adopting Senior Pets



Midnight, age 12



Scotty, age 12



Peanut, age 10

People often overlook senior pets because, let's face it, none of us want to get attached to a pet that may not have many years with us. While saying goodbye is the toughest part of loving any pet, the seniors who come into our care have typically been owned and loved for much of their lives and the shelter setting can be quite stressful, so we try to find them homes quickly. Plus, there are many benefits to adopting a senior pet! House training and basic commands are already learned, older pets are typically calmer, and seniors are usually ready to be instant companions who will love you unconditionally. Do you have room in your heart for a senior pet?

# Recent & Upcoming Events!

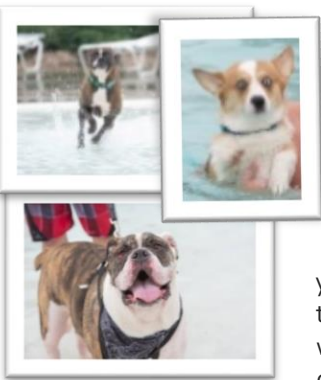
Here is a look at our recent and upcoming events. If you would like to volunteer to help with any activities please contact a board member directly or email [aahsboard1200@gmail.com](mailto:aahsboard1200@gmail.com)!

## Recent

### Gone to the Dogs Pool Day

On August 20th the Aberdeen Aquatic Center closed for the season, but then reopened their doors from 5:30 to 7:30 pm to allow humans and DOGS enjoy the pool together! The weather was a little rainy and cool, but that didn't stop

people and pets from heading to the pool, after all, it only happens once a year! Thanks to everyone who came out! The AAHS took



home a car load of donations!

### Fall 2<sup>nd</sup> Paw Sale

On Saturday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> we held our Fall 2<sup>nd</sup> Paw Sale at the Brown County Fairgrounds Clubhouse.

We once again had thousands of donated items for sale, and once again shoppers were happy to brave the brisk morning air to come out and find a few treasures! We want to especially thank Matt & Mary Svensen with **Purple Ribbon Cookies and Brownies** for setting up a table of AMAZING baked goods that they sold for a free will donation to the AAHS! Also to **Jimmy John's** for sandwiches! The Paw Sales continue to



be our biggest fundraisers and help ensure the shelter doors remain open, the lights on and the animals happy and healthy!



### Gypsy Days

Cold, rainy weather continues to be a theme this fall. Unfortunately, that was no exception for the Gypsy Day parade.

Either way, the AAHS was well represented with a float, and both current shelter dogs and past shelter dogs! We had a blast!



### Rescue Run

Yet another cool fall day greeted us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rescue Run on October 6th. This is such a fun event for man and man's best friend! New this year we ran a 10K course along with the 5K course. GREAT JOB to those who ventured the long course! We also had our youngest ever 5K runner, Hannah, age 4, your future is bright! To all the runners, thank you for making this event so successful and helping AAHS rescue pets in the process! We were even able to start Octoberfest a little early with food and drink after the race! A very special thanks to our Rescue Run Sponsors: **DFS Insurance, Steven Lust Automotive, Dakota Structured Cabling, Tractor Supply Co, Ken's SuperFair Foods, Leonard & Cindy Suel, and Geffdog**. Thanks to **Runnings**



for supplying bottled water **Starbucks** for coffee and to **Dakota Territory Brewing Company** for beer sampling! Also, thanks to **Centennial Village** for hosting!

### Microchip Clinic

Right after the Rescue Run on October 6<sup>th</sup> we held a microchip clinic. Microchips provide permanent identification for your pet, so they can be easily found if they get lost. Many dogs and cats took advantage of this service at a discounted rate! If you missed the clinic and would like to have your pet microchipped, call the shelter at 605-226-1200.

## Upcoming

### Shoe Drive

Our shoe drive will run through at least October 14! Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new sneakers/tennis shoes. The AAHS will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of shoes collected. The shoes are then picked up and shipped to Haiti to help those in need. It's a win-win situation! Shoes can be dropped off anytime at the AAHS. Also check local fitness clubs for participating locations.

### Calendar Contest

Also, ongoing now through November 1<sup>st</sup>, enter your pet in our photo calendar contest! See page three for details!

### Quilt Raffle

Quilt raffle tickets will be sold through November 19<sup>th</sup>. See page three for photos and details!

### Cat Yoga

Don't miss out! The first Saturday of every month is Cat Yoga at Profiling Beauty Health & Wellness. Our resident felines head to the studio! Class is free with a donation to the AAHS!

### Holiday Sale

November 17-18th is the date set for the holiday sale! Come shop gently used holiday décor and our bake sale. \*Note\* the venue has changed this year and we will be setting up at the Briscoe Building across from the Aberdeen Civic Arena.



## HONORARIUMS

Joan Hibben in Honor of Finnegan Dog  
Thomas & Marcia Gohn in Honor of the Cooper Animal Clinic & the care they put into "Mikey"

## MEMORIALS

Shauna King in Memory of Eleanor Rigby, my German Shorthair  
Marla Redlin in Memory of Sylvia Doblin  
Mary Gillette in Memory of Jax  
Terry Brown in Memory of Oreo  
Angie Sombke in Memory of Jake McKiver  
Dennis & Rae Nelson in Memory of Jake McKiver  
Barb Imberi in Memory of Jake McKiver  
Mary Fuhrman in Memory of my mom, Judy Pehl  
Glenn & Barb Imberi in Memory of Doug Bahr  
Lonald & Marva Gellhaus in Memory of Joe Gruenstein  
Kevin & Heidi Fiedler in Memory of Storm  
Scott & Sharon Goodspeed in Memory of Chuck Godfrey  
Jeff & Marci Sveen in Memory of Eleanor Rigby, beloved pet of Shauna King  
Janice Opfinger in Memory of my Dad's dog "Jacks"  
Steve & Cheryl Cameron in Memory of Jean Hanson  
Rev. Raymond Pomplun & Joann Pomplun in Memory of Chuck Godfrey  
Sheila Richards in Memory of Chuck Godfrey  
Joan Terry in Memory of my cat Barney. He was adopted from AAHS in 2001.  
Etta Bassinger Memorial: Clarence & Kathy Remily, Gordon & Sharon Goetz, Ron & Penny Boulais, Nancy Upton, Jane Campton  
Donation in Memory of Flo Kumpf who loved animals  
Dacotah Bank's "Give Where You Live" Initiative: Aubrey Iverson, Jeff Kleven  
Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice(R) Program: Ellen A Fastenau, Jacqueline P Hanson, Linda R Post, Rebecca L Roso, Jay E Schlagel, Valerie A Veland, Antoinette M Winther

## Winter Hours

Please note that we have switched to winter hours at the shelter. For the cool months we will be open from:

- **Tuesday-Saturday** 1pm-5pm
- **Sunday** 1pm to 4pm
- **Monday** closed for cleaning

## Tractor Supply Company

Thanks to the Tractor Supply Company for inviting us to be part of their annual Pet Appreciation Week! They invited us over to help celebrate all animals! We were able to set up a table and take a few of our furry friends over for the day!

# "All Wrapped Up" Quilt Raffle

Who would not want to be all wrapped in a warm dog themed quilt this winter?? Well you certainly can have a shot at this beautiful quilt! Raffle tickets will be sold from now through November 19<sup>th</sup>! Tickets can be purchased at the shelter, from any board member or on our website:

[www.anewleashonlife.net/QuiltRaffle](http://www.anewleashonlife.net/QuiltRaffle).

Tickets are \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20. A limited number will be sold so don't wait to get your tickets! A HUGE thanks to Barb Imberi for making and donating the quilt and to Mary Ellen Mohr of Mohr's



Quilt front

Quilt back

Quilting for donating the quilting. The talents of both women have benefited the AAHS for many years and we appreciate all they have done!

## Photo Calendar

Here is your chance to show off your pet(s) in our 2019 AAHS Photo Calendar Contest. Take your favorite photo of your pet (only pets, no people!), submit it to us along with a \$5 donation and then get your family and friends to vote (\$1 per vote, see rules page). At the end of the contest, the top photos with the most votes will receive great prizes and will be featured in the calendar! Want to guarantee a spot for your pet photo, or honor a memory, birthday or other hallmark? With a \$10 donation you can reserve a calendar day for your photo. Details at:

[www.anewleashonlife.net/calendarcontest](http://www.anewleashonlife.net/calendarcontest)

## A special thanks to...

- CC Lee Elementary
- **Northwestern Energy & Charitable Contributions Committee**
- **State Farm Linda Shoup**
- Dacotah Bank "Give Where You Live" Initiative
- **Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice(R) program**
- **Malchows Home Furnishings**

## Kennel Sponsors

The "Sponsor a Kennel Program" is a reoccurring 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**
- **Culvers of Aberdeen**
- **Famers Insurance**
- **Nick & Lauren Rhodes**

## Our Generous Youth!

We are always humbled by the kids who show such compassion, not only to the Aberdeen Area Humane Society, but to our community as a whole! THANK YOU for your selfless donations!



# Aberdeen Area Humane Society

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AAHS has 2 board member seats available as of Sept 30, 2018. If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors please contact any board member or email [aahsboard1200@gmail.com](mailto:aahsboard1200@gmail.com).

## AAHS STAFF

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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](http://www.anewleashonlife.net/membership) or visit the AAHS.

## Aberdeen Area Humane Society—Membership

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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):

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