

Shelter Spotlight: Amelia



Working at the humane society has changed my life, in all of the best ways. When I got here, I was a broken person, searching for direction and purpose. What I found was my whole, entire heart. I will be honest, shelter life is no walk in the park, and some days I feel like it might break me all over again – but nothing good ever comes easy, and I think that’s profoundly true in the world of animal rescue.

With this perspective, I’ve learned that there is a depth to animal behavior I never knew about. They experience the world in their own way; they have language, social standards and faux pas, wants and needs, memories, and so much more that we can probably never know. Life is being lived behind those eyes we look into every day, and they learn about us the same way we learn about them. I think that even though animals are a different species from us, they are “people” too. They deserve kindness, patience, and love - and while we can’t give every single one that comes to our shelter a home, we can make sure the ones who do, know that they are safe and loved, and send them into homes that will do the same.

While working at the shelter is physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually trying - I’m grateful to be here, and there’s nothing else I’d rather be doing.

2019 MEMBERSHIP RATES

Become a member or renew 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

Local Teams Help the AAHS!



CHS Color Guard Team



NSU Track & Cross-Country



CHS Soccer Team

We’ve been lucky to have several local high school and university teams help in a variety of different ways over the last few months! The Aberdeen Central soccer team came out to the shelter and cleaned cat rooms and ran dogs, AFTER their own practice! The Northern State University track and cross-country team spent an entire morning helping price and put away donated items for the Fall 2nd Paw Sale. Finally, the Aberdeen Central Color Guard team helped us pull weeds, tidy up our food room, do dishes, socialize cats and walk dogs! If your group is interested in putting in some much-appreciated volunteer hours, please contact us!

YEAR-TO-DATE SHELTER REPORT

JAN 1ST – SEP 30TH, 2019

Dogs In: 227
 Cats In: 106
 Rabbits In: 1
 Dogs Adopted: 238
 Cats Adopted: 108
 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

Puttin' For Paws

Our first ever charity golf event was held on July 27th, 10 AM at Rolling Hills Golf Club. The 18 hole, 4 person scramble was a huge success! We had prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. And an honorable mention to our last place team who won a free entry into the 2020 tournament! **Dakota Motor Sports** and **Dakota Financial Services** were ready to award a Can Am Defender side-by-side to anyone who hit a hole-in-one. Unfortunately, no one made it happen; maybe next year! We had blast! We want to thank all the teams who came. We also want to thank our tournament sponsors **JDH Construction** and **Aberdeen Dermatology** as well as the businesses who sponsored holes or donated prizes: **Insurance Plus, Mark Mehlhaff Insurance, Twin City Fan, Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Aberdeen Appraisal, Lang's, Climate Control, Ken's Superfair Foods, Thatzza Pizza** and **Southern Shack Designs**.

Pool Day

Every year, the Aberdeen Aquatic Center sets aside two hours at the end of their season for dogs to swim in the pool! It's one of our



favorite days of the year! The weather cooperated well on August 18th and we had a whopping 373 dogs come out to swim. Talk about a bunch of soggy doggies! A huge

thanks to everyone who came out and donated supplies or money!

Fall 2nd Paw Sale

Another 2nd Paw Sale is in the books! This fundraiser is always a big one for us, both in terms of the time and energy

and volunteer hours put in, but also in terms of profit for the shelter! The Brown County Fairgrounds Clubhouse was once again packed to brim with thousands of donated items for sale. We also sold tanks, t-shirts and hoodies. If you don't have your AAHS apparel yet, stop by the shelter to purchase some! We hope everyone found what they were looking for at the 2nd Paw Sale, as well as a few things you didn't know you wanted! We would like to thank all of you who attended, donated or helped! We couldn't do it without you!

Rescue Run & Microchip Clinic

We had a brief hour break between rain to run our 3rd Annual Rescue Run! Despite the weather, it was definitely a success! This is such a fun event for man and man's best friend! GREAT JOB to all



the runners! A very special thanks to our sponsors: **DFS Insurance, Dakota Structured Cabling, Tractor**

Supply Co, Ken's SuperFair Foods, Leonard & Cindy Suel and **Geffdog**.

Thanks to **Runnings** for supplying bottled water. We also held the microchip clinic afterwards, and have ensured many more pets can be found quickly if they ever get lost!

Upcoming

Dueling Pianos

Support the AAHS by joining us for a night of music! The Dueling Duo, dueling pianos event is set for October 25th.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the door or online at:

www.anewleashonlife.net/pianos

Thanks to our dueling dealership sponsors **Aberdeen Chrysler Center** and **Pierson Ford** in Aberdeen!

Holiday Sale

Stop by the Briscoe Building, 224 1st Ave SE, Aberdeen SD for all your gently used holiday decorations and delicious sweets & treats! November 23rd, 10am-5pm. All proceeds support the AAHS!

Ongoing

Calendar Contest

Show off your pet(s) in our 2020 AAHS Photo Calendar Contest! Take your favorite photo of your pet and submit it along with a \$5 donation. Get your family and friends to vote (\$1 per vote). The top photos with the most votes will receive great prizes and will be featured in the calendar! Guarantee a calendar day square for your pet photo with a \$10 donation! www.anewleashonlife.net/calendarcontest

New Building Campaign

We are well into our capital fund campaign for the new building and we are proud to announce we have raised right around \$357,000! We are off to a great start! Please consider donating to our building fund project to help us meet our summer of 2020 ground breaking goal! Any donation, large or small, helps! For those who are interested in naming opportunities, the proposed layout and naming options can be found on the next page. If you would like to discuss any aspect of our new building, please contact the Board of Directors at aahsboard1200@gmail.com. The total project cost for a new 7,400 square foot building is \$1,000,000. The proposed layout will be optimized for traffic flow and operational efficiency. The dog area will feature kennels with indoor and outdoor access to provide more exercise space, fresh air and a less stressful environment. The cat area will be expanded and an open cat sanctuary will allow cats more area to play, roam, and interact with adopters. Medical isolation will be added to help to prevent the spread of illness. Finally, the new layout will have more rooms designated for adopters to have time with animals, volunteer training, board meetings, public education programs and more!

We are looking for volunteers willing to help with our building fund capital campaign. We also have 3 board member positions open. If you are interested in getting more involved in either of these ways please contact the board of directors at:

aahsboard1200@gmail.com.

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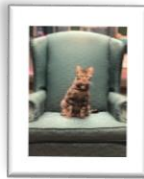
Bryan Shishnia in Honor of John Weaver's Service
 David & Beth Rasmusson in Honor of Jake Rasmusson
 Leslie Cleveringa in Honor of Champ
 Clair Krause in Honor of Siameze Cat Cocoa
 Rachael Gilbertson In Honor of Kristin's Birthday

MEMORIALS

The **Many, Many, Many** People in Memory of Cindy Koerner
 Nancy Upton in Memory of Lady, Rescued by AAHS & Who Rescued My Heart
 Anna Meier in Memory of Vicki Goebel
 Debra Stoley in Memory of My Cat Boo
 Warren Redmond in Memory of Christopher Pond
 In Memory of Dan Hicks' Daughter
 Sherry Markve in Memory of Cathy Breske
 Sharmie Jensen in Memory of Lyle Stoner
 Mary & Jack Halbkat in Memory of Sharon Hauseu
 Sharron Brady in Memory of Ardith Huber
 Don & Carol Becker in Memory of Darold & Carrie Becker & AAHS Dog Rocky & Barbie
 Bob & Lynn Stucke in Memory of Gary Olson
 In Memory of Howard Stocking – Marian Holty, Roy & Marcie Andersh
 Cheri Lien in Memory of Grey Fluffy Cat
 Terry Brown in Memory of Oreo
 Marla Redlin in Memory of Kirby
 Dave & Diane Willis in Memory of Gladys Swope
 In Memory of Susan Birrenkott - Kathryn Cormier, Gary & Wanda Morehouse
 In Memory of Velna Hart - Jody Stanton, Nicole Spaeth, Sherry McNulty, Kiersten Sombke
 Jody Stanton in Memory of Krisiti Tarnowski
 Leonard & Cindy Suel in Memory of Tony Schwan Sr.
 In Memory of Shirley Fahrni - Ron & Penny Boulais & Joyce McKittrick
 Greg & Ellen Boekelheide in Memory of Our Grand-Dog, Carson
 Rachael Gilbertson in Memory of Norman

Just Like Home!

Recent furniture donations help our animals feel a little more at home while they are waiting for their 'fur'ever home!



A Special Thanks...

- Cash-Wa Casual Friday
- Dacotah Bank's "Give Where We Live" Initiative
- Cindy Friesz
- Dental Center
- The Fuze
- A-Town Roller Girlz
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church
- North Highland UMC Youth Group
- SD Developmental Center
- Drew Bauer's Lemonade Stand

Adoption Sponsorship

A great way to help animals at the shelter is to sponsor the adoption fee of an animal. This is especially helpful for animals that continue to get overlooked and have been with us for quite some time. When the right person comes along to open their hearts and doors to that animal, the adoption fee is waived. A huge thank you to **NVC** for sponsoring Rags. Rags is a short haired tabby, looking for a quiet home and is still up for adoption. Check him out on our website: anewleashonlife.net



Proposed New Building Plans



FLOORPLAN
 NO SCALE 7,350 S.F.



ABERDEEN AREA HUMANE SOCIETY



Building Campaign Naming Opportunities

- Entire Building..... \$500,000
- Lobby/Reception Area..... \$150,000
- Dog Residence Wing..... \$100,000
- Cat Residence Wing..... \$100,000
- Acclimation Room..... \$50,000
- Meet & Greet Room..... \$50,000
- Cat Sanctuary..... \$50,000
- Cat Room..... \$20,000
- Cat Room..... \$20,000
- Cat Room..... \$20,000
- Small Critter Space..... \$15,000
- Medical Procedure Room..... \$10,000
- Medical Exam Room..... \$10,000
- Volunteer/Staff Break Room..... \$10,000
- Dog Isolation Room..... \$5,000
- Cat Isolation Room..... \$5,000
- Conference Room..... \$5,000
- Office..... \$5,000
- Outdoor Dog Runs (4)..... \$2,500 each
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- Individual Dog Kennels (32)..... \$1,000 each
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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
- Gemma Jean Johnson
- Peggy Mann
- Nick & Lauren Rhodes
- Tate Thorpe
- Mike & Karen Opp
- Deb Gardner
- Deb & Fritz Maddock
- Monica Jo Ptacek
- Tiffany Paul, Farmers Insurance
- Tiffany Heier
- Jackie Kahre

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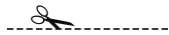
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AAHS has 3 board member seats available as of Sep 30, 2019. If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors please contact any board member or email aahsboard1200@gmail.com.

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

PO Box 1013,
Aberdeen, SD 57402-1013

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 _____

I would like to make a donation of \$ _____ for the building fund

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):