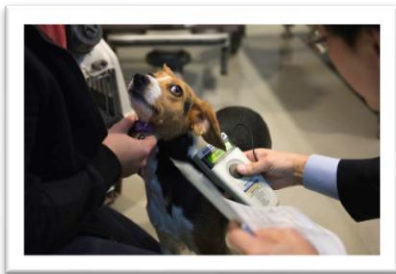




1ST QUARTER 2019 NEWSLETTER – JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

Shelter Spotlight: Microchips

Our shelter spotlight this quarter is not about a specific pet or person, but about a great way to ensure your pet is returned quickly if they ever get lost. Microchips are tiny computer chips, about the size of a grain of rice and are implanted under your pet's skin. Each microchip carries a registration number that is associated with the owner's name and contact information. This information is added to a pet registry service offered by the chip manufacturer. The registry information on the chips can be read using a handheld reader that displays



information so that the owner can be identified. Most shelters and veterinarians have these readers and can scan the pet and contact the owner if the pet is lost. Microchips don't fall off like collars or tags, if your pet is stolen microchips can act as proof of ownership, and the statistics show that pets with microchips are returned to owners more frequently than those without. While having the microchip implanted is a super important step, it's equally as important that you both register your contact information and check regularly to ensure that your contact information is up-to-date in case the worst happens. We offer microchipping services at a discounted rate. Call 605-226-1200, if you are interested in making an appointment to microchip your pet.

2019 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

564 Days of Shelter Life



Ed Going Home with His New Family



You will recall our article about Ed in our last quarterly newsletter. He had been in our shelter for the longest amount of time, and of no fault of his own! He loved people and even walked with us through the Gypsy Day parade last fall! To try to help find him a home we even raised money to sponsor Ed's DNA test where we learned he was made up of Labrador Retriever, Siberian Husky, Australian Cattle Dog, as well as a few other unknown breeds! Well, in this issue, we are happy to announce that Ed found a home! After 564 days with us, he left with his brand-new family. You are a good boy Ed – enjoy your new life!

YEAR-TO-DATE SHELTER REPORT JAN 1ST – MAR 31ST, 2019

- Dogs In: 66
- Cats In: 21
- Rabbits In: 1
- Dogs Adopted: 63
- Cats Adopted: 25
- 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

Bow Wow Boogie

One of our most successful Bow Wow Boogie's ever was held on March 2nd, 2019! AAHS supporters from near and far came out to show their support!

Attendees were welcomed by piano music from the talented Carlyle Richards, decor by Nicole Olson at Love Repurposed and were entertained by the one and only MC Dan Richardt. We laughed and we cried as our shelter manager, Elaine, gave a very touching speech, describing the success and challenges of animal rescue. We also had a heartwarming video and slideshow put together by Alice & John Vogel with Spotted Ear productions, it was awesome! Val Jark led the live auction with items including



a Wings Hockey Ticket Package, Stutsman Harley Davidson Decanters, a kids Chevy Silverado Ride-On from Steven Lust Chevrolet, Boys & Girls Club Birthday Package and an Escalade Limousine ride courtesy of Gov's Limousine. We cannot forget about the LIVE painting by Skinny Idiot Studios. Right before our eyes Andy Grode created an amazing piece of art and we live auctioned the piece. We also

raffled off a quarter of beef thanks to Jorgenson Meat Store and Mary Kost with Thrivent.



The silent auction featured tons of AMAZING items, too many to list off here, but we sincerely thank every business and person who was able to donate to the silent auction. All of this going on at the same time as our wine pull, bake sale, apparel sale, and kids pick-a-prize! We ended the night with karaoke fun by Mark Remily. 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, fed and healthy until we can find their "forever" home! We look forward to the 2020 Bow Wow Boogie!

Upcoming

Spring 2nd Paw Sale

Aberdeen's largest second-hand sale returns to the Brown County Fair Grounds Clubhouse on April 27th, 2019 9am-3pm. Donations may be dropped off at the Clubhouse April 14 from 1pm-4pm, April 15-19 from 3pm-7pm & Apr 20 from 1pm-4pm. No clothing, large appliances, magazines, encyclopedias, metal desks, exercise equipment or old TVs accepted. If you have questions, contact: Christa 605-228-4749.

Puttin' For Paws

Our first ever charity golf event will be held July 27th, 10 AM at Rolling Hills Golf Club. Check back for more details!

Ongoing

New Building Campaign

In case you haven't heard, we have new building plans in the works! The current shelter is composed of the original building which was moved onto our property over thirty years ago and then added on to multiple times to give more space. With a bit of ingenuity and a ton of passion we made this unique setup work for many years, but it can no longer provide healthy living conditions or space for the proper housing and socialization of the animals awaiting adoption.

Our plan is to build the new shelter on the current property owned by the AAHS. This has two important advantages. First, we can continue operations while the new shelter is being built and that means minimal impact to the animals. Second, we incur no additional costs by using property we currently own. 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 and for extra storage. 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 open cat sanctuaries will allow cats more area to play, roam, and interact with adopters. Medical isolation is one big thing we do not currently have and isolation areas for dogs and cats will help to prevent the spread of illness to adoptable animals. Finally, the new layout will have more rooms designated for adopters to have private time with animals and staff, volunteer training, board meetings, public education programs and more!

We need your help to make the new shelter a reality! Please consider donating to our building fund project. 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 or donating, please contact Annie Stenvig, Board of Directors President, at aahsboard1200@gmail.com.



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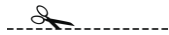
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AAHS has 2 board member seats available as of Mar 31, 2019. If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors please contact any board member or email aahsboard1200@gmail.com.

AAHS STAFF

- Elaine Schaible
- Amelia Thorpe
- Allison Carda



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):

