



4TH QUARTER 2019 NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

Shelter Spotlight: Cindy Koerner – A Champion for Shelter Animals



This edition of "Shelter Spotlight" is honoring a long-time friend and supporter of AAHS, Cynthia Koerner. Cindy died suddenly on June 19 of last

year at the age of 66. She had been in generally poor health for some time, suffering from auto-immune disease and related complications.

Cindy and her husband, John, adopted many of their pet companions from the AAHS for many years, including dogs and cats. After her health started to wane, they adopted just cats, and provided a loving home to many over the years. Cindy wanted her funeral memorials to go to the AAHS which resulted in over \$4000 donated. In addition, Cindy and John's will stated

that a good portion of their estate will be donated as an endowment to be used by AAHS in support of their future construction needs and for general maintenance of the boarding facilities. To this end, \$50,000 was donated last year to initiate the Cynthia Koerner Endowment for Shelter Animals, and additional donations will be forthcoming in the future.

Cindy's love for all animals started early in her life. She always took care of stray animals wherever she was living, and volunteered at various shelters to help the dogs and cats. Cindy was always the happiest when she could be taking care of stray animals, or providing a warm and loving home for her pet companions. She could not tolerate animal abuse or neglect, and contributed to many national organizations which fought against these senseless acts.

Cindy is fondly remembered by all who knew her and we all know that she is smiling down from Heaven at the very thought that her legacy of loving shelter animals continues, and that the good works of the AAHS is being partly facilitated by her passion and generosity. Find a list of all those who donated in Cindy's memory on Page 3.

2020 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

Season of Giving!

We are so incredibly blessed for each person and every organization who filled the bottom of our Christmas tree with supplies this holiday season! We cannot say thank you enough: Rohly's Bar, Presentation College, Lincoln Elementary, Hub City Soccer team, Brown County Sheriff's Office, Just Plumbing LLC., Eva Hannan & many more!



YEAR-TO-DATE SHELTER REPORT

JAN 1ST – DEC 31ST, 2019

Dogs In: 312
Cats In: 160
Rabbits In: 3
Dogs Adopted: 311
Cats Adopted: 156
Rabbits Adopted: 3

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

Dueling Pianos

On October 25th, we had a night of spooky musical fun! The Dueling Duo of Sioux Falls came to entertain us and were sponsored in part by the 'dueling dealerships': **Aberdeen Chrysler Center** and **Pierson Ford of Aberdeen**! There were pianos, guitars, violins, and many, many audience music requests. We laughed and danced and sang along to our favorite songs! It was a 'howling' good time and fun way to support the AAHS!

Paws and Claus Holiday Sale

Our holiday sale was held at the Briscoe Building on November 23rd. We once again had a large selection of gently



used Christmas decorations for purchase.

Always just as popular at this event is the bake sale.

Our tables were full of cookies, pies, and bars to satisfy any sweet tooth!

Thanks to all our volunteer bakers! Your baked donations are a huge reason for our success with this event and help us raise much needed money for the shelter!

Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. It is celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, after Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Giving Tuesday is meant to kick off the charitable season. We were blown away by the support we got on our Facebook Giving Tuesday campaign. We cannot

thank our donors enough for allowing us to help animals and help our community!

Calendar Contest

The third annual calendar contest was held between October 1 and November 1st. The 12 photos with the most votes were featured in our 2020 calendar and the winner got a mini pet photo shoot and is featured on the cover and month of their choice! We also offered the option of purchasing specific days on the calendar to memorialize a day with a participant's pet photo. The calendar is a



fun and friendly competition and we LOVED seeing everyone's pet photos. We plan on doing the calendar again next year, so if you couldn't

participate, keep your eyes peeled next fall! If you would like to purchase a 2020 calendar, they are available at the AAHS, limited quantities available.

Upcoming

Bow Wow Boogie

Save the date for March 7th! The Bow Wow Boogie is one of the largest fundraisers for the Aberdeen Humane Society! And it is a GREAT way to help our beloved shelter animals. Please invite your friends and family to attend with you at the Ramkota Convention Center in Aberdeen. Happy hour starts at 5:30 pm and there will be a wonderful dinner, silent auction, live auction, split-pot and live entertainment! Cost is \$35 per ticket, or \$45 at the door. Plan to bring enough friends and enjoy your own table of 8. Can't make it? Your business, family or organization can pay for a table and we will invite guests of honor to attend in your place! It's a great way to show your support to the

Aberdeen Area Humane Society! Tickets can be available soon at

www.anewleashonlife.net/bowwow.

Tickets will also be available from any board member! Contact us for further information or any questions you may have. If you have an item you would like to donate for our live or silent auctions or bake sale, please contact us! We appreciate any donations! See you there!

Ongoing

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 \$365,000! 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 our website:

www.anewleashonlife.net/building. 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 three 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.

HONORARIUMS

Eugene & JoAnn Williams In Honor of Rusty
Cheri Lien In Honor of The Sweetest Kitty "Lucy"
Kim & Greg Hanson In Honor of AAHS Staff & Volunteers
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Mike & Kelly Grieben In Honor of Evelyn Grieben, Steve & Paula Grieben, Mitch, Alex, Parker & Ryker Grieben
Susan Gillfillan In Honor of Ty & Ann Hanson

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Mary Ann Whiteside - Paul & Sharon Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Hatling, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Hatling, William Whiteside Jr., Christine Coletta, Terry Klosterman, Janis & Elroy Heier, Patricia Whiteside & Cash Memorials
Terry Brown In Memory of Oreo
Lex & Brenda Pierson In Memory of Our Granddog Andie
Sharron Brady In Memory of Adele Spicer
Dave & Diane Willis In Memory of Steven Carlson and his dogs, Lucy & Desi
Laverne Skott In Memory of Donna Skott
Judy Ruhlman In Memory of Wilma Nelson
Nancy Upton In Memory of Andy, Sweet Sheltie of Brad & Vicki Wilson
Elizabeth Labesky In Memory of Bruce Durheim
Barb & Glenn Imberi In Memory of Frank, Rescued 16 yrs Ago by Mark & Brenda Johnson
Kenneth & Susan Howell In Memory of Gus, Adopted 12/2004
Howard Shrader Memorial Donations
Cheri Lien In Memory of Patches, the Cat That Meant So Much to My Granddaughter
Marla Redlin In Memory of Kirby the Goldendoodle
Keith & Kathy Sprinkel, Angela Turck In Memory of Bonnie Hicks Ellis
Kevin & Brenda VanMeter In Memory of Shiloh VanMeter
Darcy Kramlich In Memory of Marvin Preszler who Loved A Lifetime of Farm Dogs, Especially His Corgis
Kathy Griffin In Memory of Lu Thompson
Shelley Fredrickson In Memory of Casey Boy
Patricia Cavanaugh In Memory of Joyce Kraft, Lover of All Animals
Diane Boekelheide In Memory of Sweet Furbaby Abby

A Special Thanks...

- Dacotah Bank's "Give Where We Live" Initiative
- Cathy Rumpca, David Skinner, Desiree Kolb, Amy Guman, Tyler Wenbourne, Wendy Nehlich, Amber Lindner, Tracy Roesch, Sheila Bruse, Colin Tritz
- Vitalant Blood Drive
- Paws Pet Resort "Shelter & Rescue Week" Facebook Donation

In Memory of Cindy Koerner:

Tom & Diane Agnitsch, Arliss Alberts, Dwight & Becky Althoff, Lonnie & Judy Anderson, Richard & Karen Anderson, Bill & Lila Antonides, Lavonne Appletoft, Glen & Pam Armstrong, Earl & Linda Azure, Richard & Karen Bacon, Tom & Lynette Ball, Sonny & Diane Beamon, Don & Carol Becker, Lorraine Biel, Tim & Ann Blue, Jerry & Susan Brick, Doug Brobst, Linda Brobst, Craig & Wendy Brown, Roy & Bernie Burt, Mike Buske, Theresa Cameron, Lori Carpenter, Chelsea & Chris, Marilyn Clocksene, Loel & Mary Davis, Connie & RaVonne Deibert, Rustin & Raquel Deibert, Curtis & Vickie Dewalt, Pat & Anita Doschadis, Vince & Toni Esser, Rod & Vicki Evans, Bill & Cindy Schultze Family, Don Lehr Family, Erin Foubert Family, Kevin Wellman Family, Marty & Amy Weismantel Family, Terri Kjellens Family, TJ & Annie Heinz Family, Doug & Karelyn Farrand, Debra & Stanley Fogel, Rod & Glenna Foubert, John & Janene Papendick Foundation, Todd Frerichs, Ron & Nancy Frohling, Ryan & Marra Frohling, LaRheta Fulker, Carol Ginsbach, Scott & Kristi Glup, Lori Goldade, Bernie & Shirley Gossman, Mary Grode, Sandi & Randy Gross, Ramona Grote, Bob & Mary Gruman, Terry & Marcia Haaland, Doug & Lynne Hansen, Evan & Millie Harris, Darlene Hartman, Dennis & Marion Hartung, Glen & Becky Hasselberg, Sandra Hasselberg, Terry & Jerrine Hausken, Jeff & Lisa Heiser, Ordean & Jeannie Heitmann, Lonnie & Dianne Helfinstine, Joan Delight Henry, Cindy Rae Herr, Albert & Cherrolaine Heupel, Ken Higgins, Bill & Maryjo Hild, Luella Hopfinger, Annette Woodman Howe, Glen & Barb Imberi, John James, David & Carla Janssen, Robert & Nancy Janssen, John Jave, Keith & Veronica Johnson, "Ron, Jean, & Barb Johnson", Stan

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Wishing You A
WARM AND FUZZY

NEW
YEAR!

We are so thankful for all of your support this last year. We have big plans for 2020. Plans that are sure to warm the hearts of every shelter animal lover. We hope you can continue to support our mission and help us improve temporary housing and care for animals in need.



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
- Tiffany Paul, Farmers Insurance
- Peggy Mann
- Nick & Lauren Rhodes
- Tate Thorpe
- Mike & Karen Opp
- Deb Gardner
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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 _____

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):