



2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2020 NEWSLETTER – APRIL, MAY, JUNE

## Shelter Spotlight: Endowment Fund



In a previous issue of News Bites we featured the generous life of animal lover, Cindy Koerner. We also mentioned the endowment fund that was going to be set up in her name. Now, officially known as the Cynthia Koerner Endowment For Shelter Animals Fund we have a path toward perpetual revenue for the Aberdeen Area Humane Society. This fund is maintained by the South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF) and it is an invested pool of money that provides a reliable source of income in perpetuity. The endowment fund does not replace our annual fundraising endeavors, but it does provide an additional source of income that we know we can count on annually and forever. We were also able to apply, qualify for and receive a \$20,000 challenge grant through the SDCF which is money specifically designed to help non-profits kick-start their endowments. Anyone interested

can make a donation to the the Cynthia Koerner Endowment For Shelter Animals Fund, to the Aberdeen Area Humane Society Designated Fund, or start a fund in your own name. As a donor you have the option to designate how funds are spent if you so choose. One of the unique aspects of donations to endowments are that they survive beyond the lives of their givers, creating true legacies. While in the near term we will still need the regular revenue from our members and fundraisers to ensure operating cash for today's expenses, the endowment funds ensure our organization can provide services long into the future. We are serious about planning for the future in a diversified way, because we expect to be around helping animals for a *very* long time!! We encourage you to check out the SDCF website: [sdcommunityfoundation.org](http://sdcommunityfoundation.org). If you are interested in investing in the endowment fund feel free to contact the SDCF directly. Their staff have been absolutely amazing in explaining how investments through their non-profit work and have met with the board in person. They would be happy to do the same for you! You may also contact the board of directors with any questions: [aahsboard1200@gmail.com](mailto:aahsboard1200@gmail.com).

### 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

## Barn Cat Program



Many cats grow up learning to survive the hard way, without human affection or assistance. They are often left to breed and spread diseases amongst their own populations. Unfit for in-home adoption, cats like these are living on borrowed time it seems. While they may never be cut out to be someone's "pet", their lives can still be helpful in uniquely feline ways! To help solve this issue, we have implemented a barn cat program. The basics are simple: we alter and vaccinate feral cats, you provide food and shelter outside of city limits in a barn, garage or any other place you might want a little extra mousing assistance! A free will donation is all we ask in return. If you have room for barn cats please email [aahsbarncats@gmail.com](mailto:aahsbarncats@gmail.com) or call 605-226-1200.

### YEAR-TO-DATE SHELTER REPORT JAN 1<sup>ST</sup> – MAR 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2020

Dogs In: 116  
 Cats In: 128  
 Rabbits In: 1  
 Dogs Adopted: 114  
 Cats Adopted: 84  
 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](mailto:aahsboard1200@gmail.com)!

We didn't realize how much our normal fundraising events depend on large gatherings of people until we were faced with a pandemic! Unfortunately, we had to cancel the spring Paw Sale and there will be no Doggy Pool Day this year. Please check back frequently as events may change on short notice.

## Recent

### NVC Pet Day Selfie Contest

On April 11<sup>th</sup> NVC held a pet selfie contest in celebration of National Pet Day! NVC donated \$5 (up to \$300) for every pet photo submitted to their Facebook Page. There were way more than 60 photos submitted and the AAHS was awarded the \$300! Thank you for making this an annual event NVC!

### #GivingTuesdayNow

On May 5, 2020, we proved we can still stand together even when we are apart. #GivingTuesdayNow was a Facebook challenge to people around the world to support nonprofits during the COVID-19 pandemic. The AAHS board of directors also showed their support by pooling their own personal money and offered matching funds up to \$2500! We raised a whopping \$3390 from the public. Add that to the matching funds and the one-day total came to \$5,890! We cannot thank you all enough for supporting us during these unprecedented times!

### Virtual Run/Bike/Walk Event

In June we partnered with Pets2TheRescue to encourage people to participate in a virtual run/bike/walk fundraiser. Participants choose from a 1 mile, 5K run/walk or 5-mile bike ride. 100% of the \$10 registration fee came back to the AAHS. Official race times were logged and recorded on the [pets2therescue.org](http://pets2therescue.org) website. It was a fun way to get outdoors and support the AAHS!

## Upcoming

### Puttin' For Paws

Our second annual charity golf event will be held July 18<sup>th</sup> at Rolling Hills Golf Club. Come out for a day of fun and golf! It will be an 18 hole, 4 person scramble with a shotgun start at 10 AM. \$240/team, add mulligans for an additional \$40/team. Meal and golf cart included along with raffles, prizes & fun! The tournament is sponsored by **JDH Construction, Haar Plumbing & Heating and Geffdog Design & Apparel!** Hole sponsorship options are still available! For more information visit: [www.anewleashonlife.net/golf](http://www.anewleashonlife.net/golf).

### Dock Diving Competition

We are in the beginning stages of potentially setting up a dog dock diving competition at the end of the summer. Check our Facebook Page or website for more information.

### Rescue Run & Microchip Clinic

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rescue Run and Microchip Clinic is tentatively scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>. Start training with those pooches now! More information including registration will be posted on our website [www.anewleashonlife.net](http://www.anewleashonlife.net).

### Fall 2nd Paw Sale

Aberdeen's largest second-hand sale is tentatively planned to return to the Brown County Fair Grounds Clubhouse on October 3, 2020 9am-3pm. As the sale date approaches, visit our website, Facebook page or contact the shelter at 226-1200 for more information.

## Ongoing

### Photo Contest Fundraiser

Enter our 2020 Summer Photo Contest and you could win a hand painted portrait of your pet! 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! The contest runs through July 26 at 8:00 pm. Submit your entries here:

[www.gogophotocontest.com/aberdeenareahumanesociety](http://www.gogophotocontest.com/aberdeenareahumanesociety).

### Convenience Store Fundraiser

**6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pit Stop, 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Pit Stop** and **South C** convenience stores will be donating one penny to the AAHS for each gallon of gas sold during the month of July! Head on over, fuel up and help animals!

### 4J Foundation

The **4J Foundation** was created in early 2020 to provide critical assistance to those in need. Their primary areas of focus are: children, domestic pets, and anyone in need of basic supplies. Right now, the 4J Foundation will donate \$1 to the AAHS for each person that FOLLOWS & LIKES their Facebook Page up to \$1,000. Their page is: [www.facebook.com/4JFoundation/](http://www.facebook.com/4JFoundation/).

### New Building Campaign



Our fundraising efforts have allowed us to break ground on

the new building! We are so excited about this new chapter in our non-profit story! We are not done fundraising, however. The walls will go up but we still need to furnish the inside! Please consider donating to our building fund. Any donation, large or small, helps! Naming opportunities are still available! More information can be found here: [www.anewleashonlife.net/building](http://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](mailto:aahsboard1200@gmail.com). 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!

## HONORARIUMS

Dennis & Rae Nelson In Honor of Izzy  
Deb Gardner & Tory Keeley In Honor of AAHS Staff  
Lola Gelling In Honor of Fappy  
Don & Carolyn Lang In Honor of Barb Evan's Birthday  
Pen Pearson In Honor of Snarf  
Neil & Valerie Bittner In Honor of Our Four Grand-dogs & Two Grand-kittens

## MEMORIALS

Kim Hall, Family & Friends In Memory of Delores "Dee" Hall  
Marilyn Lahr Memorial: Cheri Lien, Chester & Darlys Woodward, Stacia & Carlton Willems, Beverly Miller & Pat Mullen, Lila Schwalbe, Arliss Alberts, Amanda McCullough  
Judy Pierson Memorial: Steven, Cec, Zack Peters, Robert & Arlinda Gloss, Roy & Bernie Burt, Deb Maddock, Gayle, & Jim Osman, Pat & Judy Riley, Tom & Pam Brzezinski, Mrs. Betsy Kosse, Carol Becker  
Verna Trego Memorial: Linda Rietz, Patricia Cipov, Lena Schornack Holgerson, Sharp Automotive, Patty Wiekamp  
Dora Prasek In Memory of My Aunt, Erika Igo  
Arliss Alberts In Memory of Allen Monson  
Barb & Glen Imberi In Memory of Julius, Beloved Cat of Bruce & Colette Angle  
Glen & Barb Imberi In Memory of Maggie, Our Beloved Yellow Lab  
Barb & Glen Imberi In Memory of Sweetie, Beloved Beagle of Michelle & Marc Anderson  
Rex Hinrichs, Pamela & Scott Scepaniak In Memory of LaVonne Scepaniak  
Roy & Bernie Burt In Memory of Bo, Beloved Dog of Tish Stibs  
Russell & Sherrie Johnsen In Memory of Erika Igo  
Ken Buechler In Memory of Baby George  
Sherrie & Burt Elliott In Memory of Angela Zimney  
Pen Pearson In Memory of Jack  
Tom Burgard In Memory of Watt Skura  
Jan Bohling In Memory of Fritz Maddock  
Scott & Laura Isaak In Memory of Richard Hulshof  
Yiz Labesky In Memory of Vince Esser  
Doris Patten In Memory of Shirley Krier  
Barb & Glen Imberi In Memory of Margaret Hopper, Who Loved Her Grand-dogs  
Mary Gillette In Memory of Jif  
Sharron Brady In Memory of Merle Sharp  
Lloyd & Marian Trautman In Memory of Marguerite Stacia & Carlton Willems In Memory of Margaret Hopper  
June Jorgenson In Memory of David Jorgenson  
Rex Hinrichs, Linda Minash In Memory of Frank Scepaniak  
De J. Basham In Memory of Arthur Dahme  
Dennis & Rae Nelson In Memory of Cole, Service Dog for a Military Veteran  
Tom & Pam Brzezinski In Memory of Donald Flinn  
Pam Holm In Memory of Carolyn Kirchgessler  
David & Elaine Koslowski In Memory of Steven Mydland  
Sharmie Jensen In Memory of Patty Stoner  
Family Friend In Memory of Kellan Langer  
Amanda McCullough In Memory of Delores Anderson  
Tina & Lou Mantrom In Memory of Donald Krause

# Hot Weather Pet Safety Tips

The dog (and cat) days of summer are here! Make sure you are properly caring for you pets during the hot humid days! **Always have a cool place with ample water for your pet.** Bring them inside whenever possible on hot days. **Never leave your pets in a parked car.** Not even for a minute! Not even with the car running and air conditioner on. Temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. **Limit exercise.** Adjust intensity and duration of exercise in accordance with the temperature. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours. Always carry water with you to keep your dog from dehydrating. **Be**

**aware of hot asphalt.** Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. **Watch for signs of heatstroke.** Symptoms are heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, lack of coordination, vomiting, seizure and unconsciousness. Animals are at particular risk for heat stroke if they are very old, very young, overweight, not conditioned to prolonged exercise, or have heart or respiratory disease. Some breeds of dogs will have a much harder time breathing in extreme heat. If you suspect your pet is suffering from heatstroke move your pet into the shade or an air-conditioned area. Apply cold towels to their head, neck and chest or run cool (not cold) water over them. Let them drink small amounts of cool water. Take them directly to a veterinarian.

**Heat Pet Safety**

**Never leave your pets in a parked car!**

**Safety Tips For Your Pets**

- Watch the humidity
- Limit exercise on hot days
- Provide ample shade and water
- Don't rely on a fan
- Watch out for hot pavement

weather.gov/heat

## AmazonSmile

Shop at amazon.com? Yeah, us too. Remember, AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser or can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones.

## WoofTrax

Exercising more outside during the pandemic? Download the Walk for a Dog app. The more people actively walking with the free app, the greater the donation to AAHS. Use the app each time you go out. In fact, you don't need to have a dog to use it! Whether it's a walk around the block or a three-mile hike, it counts!

## Kennel Sponsors

The "Sponsor a Kennel Program" is a recurring 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
- Peggy Mann
- Deb Gardner
- Tiffany Heier
- Brian Bengs
- Nick & Lauren Rhodes
- Deb & Fritz Maddock
- Jackie Kahre
- Culvers of Aberdeen
- Tate Thorpe
- Monica Jo Ptacek
- Gemma Jean Johnson
- Mike & Karen Opp
- Danette Marohl
- Tiffany Paul, Farmers Insurance
- Keith & Kathy Sprinkel

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AAHS has one board member seat available as of June 30, 2020. If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors please contact any board member or email [aahsboard1200@gmail.com](mailto:aahsboard1200@gmail.com).

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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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\_\_\_\_\_ 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):  
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