



3RD QUARTER 2020 NEWSLETTER – JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

Shelter Spotlight: \$20 from 20K

We are making a run for 2021! \$20 from 20,000 people by the end of 2020! That is our new building campaign goal!

The year 2020 started out great. We rescued nearly 500 animals the year before. We had new building plans in hand AND we had enough money to start construction on our new building knowing we could get the outside walls up by winter. We'd simply finish fundraising as the construction was underway. It was going so well, what could possibly go wrong??

Then the pandemic happened.

Some of our planned fundraisers (mainly designed around gatherings of people) came to a screeching halt. Grant applications were suspended or had completely changed their requirements. Businesses were nervous to give. Our ability to raise funds slowed.

While we've had the opportunity to go back to some of our fundraisers, it's sort of like playing catch up now. We are still running a shelter while we are fundraising for the new building. But 2020 is not over, and it's certainly not bringing us down!

To ensure the building construction continues without delays and that we can actually finish the INSIDE of the building we have launched our '2020' campaign. \$20 from 20,000 people by the end of 2020. It's simple. It's doable. All we need is you! Donate \$20 and share. That's it!

You may be thinking "20,000 people" that is a lot. It is, but it isn't! We are responsible for investigating all animal cruelty cases in South Dakota's Fifth Judicial Circuit. That includes 10 counties in north central and northeast South Dakota. That is just over 80,000 people. Plus, we have adopted animals into loving homes to people literally all over the country. Our reach goes far.

However, the only way this works is if you, YOU right now reading this article, donate \$20. \$20 is less than a dinner out, less than a tank of gas, less than your monthly cell phone bill.

Donate on our GoFundMe page: charity.gofundme.com/20from20K. You can also mail a check to: AAHS, PO BOX 1013, Aberdeen, SD 57402. Please include 20from20K in the memo. Be part of something GOOD to end the year 2020. Help us make a run for 2021 by donating \$20 TODAY! Share it with everyone you know using #20from20K.

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 vet care

Mango



You've seen dogs, cats, birds, rats, hamsters, gerbils, the occasional reptile and all sorts of other critters adopted out from the Aberdeen Area Humane Society. If you recall, last year we even helped a flock of chickens find a new coop of their own. Well, we keep adding to the list of "unusuals" and recently took in a potbellied pig! Needing a new home and going by the name Mango, we were happy to help this girl out. Luckily, her stay at the shelter was very short and she is now loving life in her new home. She even has a new pig friend. Now that's one lucky hog!

YEAR-TO-DATE SHELTER REPORT

JAN 1ST – SEPT 30TH, 2020

Dogs In: 193
 Cats In: 197
 Rabbits In: 1
 Dogs Adopted: 170
 Cats Adopted: 161
 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 second charity golf tournament only got better!! Held on July 18th, 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 Financial Services** was 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,**

Haar Plumbing & Heating and Geffdog Design & Apparel! As well as the businesses who sponsored holes: **Insurance Plus, Fay's Refrigeration & Heating, Dacotah Bank, Knight Trucking, Ladner Electric, Campbell's Town & Country, Harley Davidson, CO-OP Architecture, doTERRA, McQuillen Creative Group, Southern Shack Designs, Northern Plains Animal Health, AFLAC, Great Western Bank, Mark Mehlhaff Insurance, Aberdeen Appraisal,** or donated prizes: **Schwan's Recreation, Ken's SuperFair Foods, Twin City Fan, Southern Shack Designs, Lang's, Mavericks, Pounders and Thatzza Pizza.**

Dock Diving

In NORMAL years, we have doggy pool day where the Aberdeen Aquatic Center sets aside two hours at the end of their season for dogs to swim in the pool. That was cancelled. So instead, this year we took the dogs to the lake for a dock diving competition. The rules are simple,

the human throws a favorite toy off the end of the dock and the dog jumps. The dog who jumps the farthest wins! We had 22 dogs compete and Berkeley, a fun loving chesador (Chesapeake Bay Retriever/Labrador mix), took home the winning prize!! It was a true spectator



sport as well. We sure had fun and everyone is already asking about next year! A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to **Anchor's Away** at Richmond Lake for being such a generous host and donating prizes. Also, a shout-out to **Helm Marine** for getting a dock rolled in for us. And last, but certainly not least, to **AutoMaxx, Thatzza Pizza & BarkBox** for donating prizes.

Rescue Run & Microchip Clinic

We ran our 5K a little earlier this year on September 12, hoping the weather would cooperate. It did, but barely! We got the race in and then it rained! 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.** We also held the microchip clinic afterwards, ensuring many more pets can be found quickly if they ever get lost!

Upcoming

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 21st is the date set! Check back for time and details. All proceeds support the AAHS!

Ongoing

Fall 2nd Paw Sale

Aberdeen's largest second-hand sale is scheduled for the Brown County Fair Grounds Clubhouse on October 3, 2020 9am-3pm. You probably will be reading this after the sale, but we'll tell you all about how it went in our next issue. We hope you were able to make it!

Calendar + HubCityHound!

It's the same great calendar contest you love, just with a TWIST! This year Leadership Aberdeen is helping us fundraise by adding a Hub City Hound (as well as other prizes) to the contest!

The top dog winner will be named the Honorary Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce Mascot, will be featured on the front label of the Puptoberfest beer brewed by Dakota Territory Brewing Company and will receive a free twelve-pack of Puptoberfest! Second and third place will be on the back of the beer label! Like past calendar contests, the winner will be featured on the cover and month of their choice and the next 11 winners will be photos in the calendar.

Want to guarantee a photo in the calendar? Honor a memory, birthday, or other hallmark by reserving a day! Choose a favorite photo of your pet, find the "reserve a day" button on the website! Pre-order your calendars and have them ready before Christmas. They make GREAT stocking stuffers!! Contest runs through October 10th, don't delay!! gogophotocontest.com/hubcityhound

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 at: 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.

HONORARIUMS

Neil & Valerie Bittner In Honor of 4 Grand-dogs & 2 Grand-kittens

Arliss Alberts In Honor of Amanda McCullough's 35th Birthday

Terry Brown In Honor of Oreo

Teri Zerr In Honor of Annie, Kitten Rescued from Sewer Drain

MEMORIALS

John & Sandra Hasselberg In Memory of Cindy Koerner

Pam Holm In Memory of Karolyn Kirchgessler

David & Elaine Koslowski In Memory of Steve Mydland

Sharmie Jensen In Memory of Patty Stoner

Family Friend In Memory of Kellan Langer

Shirley Kost In Memory of Kost Lothar

EPIC In Memory of Don Krause

Debbie Geramita In Memory of Sophie Brzezinski

Pen Pearson In Memory of Sam, Snarf & Jack

Ruth Nelson In Memory of Mary Guhin

Laverne Skott In Memory of Donna Skott

Arnie Isaak In Memory of Dot Meyer

Scott & Laura Isaak In Memory of Dot Meyer

Jim & Deb Nelson In Memory of Margaret Hopper

Susan Snyder In Memory of Shirley Anderson

Donald & Phyllis Erickson In Memory of Jim Hanson

Lee & Kristi Pearce In Memory of Marilyn Lahr

From the Family In Memory of Lorretta Bopp

Sharron Brady In Memory of Ardith Huber

Bob & Lynn Stucke In Memory of Monica Kuebler

Katherine Linke, Betsy Recker & Ruth Nelson In Memory of Wanda Schumack

Earl & Carole Sheldon, Marlyne Metzinger & John Walker In Memory of Joyce Walker

Alisa Hogue In Memory of Sam Punt, Black Lab

Jane Campton In Memory of Angela Zimney

Karen Bradford in Memory of Dr. Dale Foss, Longtime Veterinarian

Edward Knutson Memorials: Deb Gardner, Roger Knutson & Family, Belle & Robert Sieber, Jayne Knutson, Sharon Kucera Kerby, Earl & Shirley Schultz, Steven Kracht, Robin & James Fansler, Scott & Julie Knutson, Prairie Stitchers Chapter EGA

Diane Francis memorials:

"We are forever grateful that you happened upon us; or us upon you. Your steadfast devotion to our care with compassion & unconditional love has enriched all of our lives" – Your past and present loves

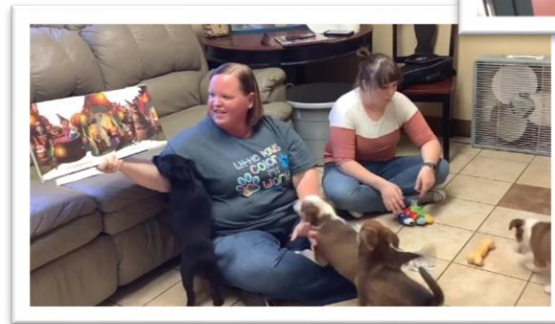
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K.O. Lee Library Brings Storytime to the AAHS!

This wasn't your normal library setting. It certainly wasn't quiet, and the "kids" looked a little furry! Just like everyone else, the K.O. Lee Library has to limit the number of people gathered in any one place at any one time. In July, they got creative and held story time at the Aberdeen Area Humane Society. They took advantage of video technology/sharing and the help of some very special story time friends! K.O. Lee staff recorded themselves reading "Good Night, Baddies" by Deborah Underwood with a room full of kittens and "Seriously, Snow White Was SO Forgetful!: The Story of Snow White as Told by the Dwarves" by Nancy Loewen with a

room full of puppies! There was also a ukulele, singing, signing and whole bunch of interacting with kittens and puppies at the shelter. The video was shared through Facebook. We are sure it was a fun and educational time for those who were able to tune in. If you have kids who missed it and would like to watch, you can find the video archived over on the K.O. Lee Facebook page. We also give kudos to the library staff. They never skipped a beat while kittens were wrestling around them or puppies were jumping on them. We are hoping this is something we can do on a more routine basis in the future. The new building will



give us more space to host these types of educational events. And, someday, we hope the kids can be present for story time and maybe even read a few of their own books to the pets! Great job K.O. Lee Library!

A Special Thanks...

- Integrity Services for Tree Branch Removal
- 4J Foundation Donations
- NVC 'Nirvana' Adoption Fee Donation
- Charity Group
- The Gourmet Cupboard
- Aberdeen Pit Stop – Penny Per Gallon Promotion
- Lisa Schneider Scholarship Fund
- Bake Sale Donations
- Dacotah Bank's Give Where We Live Initiative: Noreen Lehrkamp, Angela Habeck, Carey Gross, Shelia Bruse, MeChelle Lang, Emily Hall, Darin Beckius, Vicky Nierenhauser, Kathie Lassanske, Andrea Welch, Amber Lindner



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
- Brian Bengs
- Culvers of Aberdeen
- Gemma Jean Johnson
- Tiffany Paul, Farmers Insurance
- Peggy Mann
- Nick & Lauren Rhodes
- Tate Thorpe
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Aberdeen Area Humane Society—Membership

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Name _____ Date _____

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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):
