



4TH QUARTER 2020 NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

Shelter Spotlight: Board of Directors

Looking to do something good in 2021? Consider joining the board of directors for the Aberdeen Area Humane Society! We have one position open as of this writing.

We are a 100% volunteer working board. What does that mean? Be ready to volunteer your time!

All fundraising efforts fall under the responsibility of the board. We have seven major fundraisers throughout the year. The Bow Wow Boogie, which is our gala-type event, usually held in the spring. The 2ndPaw Sale is a giant rummage sale. This is held twice a year: once in the spring and once in the fall. Each time we host this event it tallies around 1000 hours of volunteer time!! We hold the Puttin' for Paws golf tournament and Soggy Doggy dock diving competitions in the summer, and the Rescue Run 5K in the fall. Lastly, we hold the Paws and Claus secondhand holiday décor sale right before the holidays. All super fun events, but it takes time to coordinate them all! We currently receive no operations money from federal, state or city entities, so it is

critical that we hold these fundraisers to maintain our operations.

Outside of fundraisers, the board meets once a month to coordinate events, make sure operations are running smoothly, make sure grounds and maintenance are taken care of, and discuss any other matters relating to the Humane Society.

Outside of that, our board members are doing a variety of other things such as: recruiting members, maintaining websites, educating the public, and writing this newsletter!

Did we mention we are also in the middle of a new building project and fundraising campaign?

We won't sugar coat it; it is a lot of work. However, each of our board members shows up day after day because the end result is helping animals (and people!) when they need us most.

If we haven't scared you off, and you are still considering the AAHS Board of Directors, contact us at aahsboard1200@gmail.com. Interested parties will be asked to participate in fundraising efforts before a vote on directorship is held. This ensures that nominees are very clear on the time commitment and expectations of a volunteer board of directors seat.

2021 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

Mia



Many animals come through our shelter and our staff LOVE them all. However, occasionally certain pets will just steal hearts! Mia is one of them. She's a 3-year-old American Bulldog mix, who has enough personality for three dogs, all tucked into a tiny, compact package. She loves to give hugs and hand you her feet. She loves pets and praise. She just needs a home where she is the only pet. Mia has made big steps in the right direction, but an only pet home is still a nonnegotiable. Could you make 2021 Mia's best year yet?

YEAR-TO-DATE SHELTER REPORT

JAN 1ST – DEC 31ST, 2020

Dogs In: 222
Cats In: 260
Rabbits In: 1
Dogs Adopted: 246
Cats Adopted: 267
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

Fall 2nd Paw Sale

COVID prevented us from holding our spring sale, so we were very excited to be able to bring back the 2nd Paw Sale in October. We had to make a few changes to keep our volunteers safe and healthy, but it seemed to work out well! This fundraiser is always a big one for us, both in terms of the time and energy and volunteer hours put in, and 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. 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!

Hub City Hound/Calendar

This year Leadership Aberdeen helped us host the Hub City Hound photo contest alongside our annual calendar contest. The top dog was a yellow lab named Diamond. Along with being awarded the title "Hub City Hound," she



is featured in the 2021 AAHS calendar and was featured on the front label of the Puptoberfest beer brewed by Dakota Territory Brewing

Company. The contest was a great fundraiser for the humane society with profits going toward our new building fund. If you haven't purchased your 2021 AAHS calendar, they are available at the shelter!

#GivingTuesday + SD Gives

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. This year, we were part of the South Dakota Gives initiative. South Dakota Gives specifically helps



local nonprofits set up and organize the day of giving

and awards prize pool money to various nonprofits who participate. If you are a social media user, we hope that you were able to follow along with the stories we told and the reasons why we are a great organization deserving of your donation. We cannot thank our donors enough for allowing us to help animals and help our community!

Holiday Sale

Our holiday sale was held at the Briscoe Building on November 21st. 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!

Presentation College Tree

Every year Presentation College and mascot Spirit, a very loving SAINT Bernard, put up the 'spirit tree'. Staff, students and community members are asked to take an ornament off the tree. On the back of the ornament is an item needed by the shelter. Then they purchase the item and place it under the tree for donation the AAHS. This year, Spirit got a lot of help from the Clark County Riders! We



love when community member come together to help a GREAT cause. We also had donation trees at Tractor Supply Store and Runnings. Thanks to the

organizations and businesses for help with our fundraising efforts. And of course, thanks to everyone who donated!

Adoption Chain

We are starting our 2021 adoption chain! This will be the 3rd year that we have



done a paper chain to remember each animal that has passed through our doors. Cats, dogs, rabbits, rats, guinea pigs, birds, hamsters, fish and a pot-bellied pig have

all come through the shelter in 2020. One month's adoptions are represented by each color in the chain!

Upcoming

Bow Wow Boogie

The board of directors is discussing the Bow Wow Boogie, how it may look and when and where it may take place. We will keep you posted on our website and social media pages.

Ongoing

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! However, we are not done fundraising. The walls are going up and roof going on, but we still need to complete the inside! This includes an HVAC system designed to prevent disease spread. The estimated cost is around \$200,000. 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

Kathryn & Terry Cormier In Honor of Sharon Hansen
Steven & Nancy Bott In Honor of One Great Guy,
Steve Biegler

Fran Albrecht In Honor of "Gustofer Jenkins"

Mike & Kelly Grieben In Honor of Steve & Paula
Grieben, Evelyn Grieben, Mitch, Alex, Parker & Ryker
Grieben

Serah Morrissey In Honor of Anthony Morrissey

Wendy Guthmiller In Honor of Fletcher

RaVonne Lukonen In Honor of David Skinner

Amparo Jean Dosch In Honor of Judy Bretsch

Bernie Burt In Honor of Roy Burt

Sueann Wattier In Honor of Kiersten Sombke

Karla Davidson In Honor of My Parents, Mark &
Dawn Perkins

James & Loretta Bopp In Honor of Mike Berry & Erica
Erickson

Mark Hopfinger In Honor of Tom Brezinski

MEMORIALS

Elizabeth & Dave Anderson In Memory of Kim
Anderson

Clair Krause In Memory of Don Krause

Roy & Bernie Burt In Memory of Gizzie & Bo, Dogs of
Trish Stib & Bob Gloss

Henry & Carol Bowker In Memory of Shelly (Bowker)
Johnson

Bob & Lynn Stucke In Memory of Pat McHugh &
Lawrence Walth

Robert & Joyce Bucholz In Memory of Leona Kay
Kennedy & Pug, China

Barb & Glen Imberi In Memory of Tim Hixon

Pen Pearson In Memory of Jack, Snarf, Sam

Eugene Mastel In Memory of Molly & Suzie Q

Linda & Ronald Torrence In Memory of Sandy
Wiltfang

Kris Fliehs In Memory of Marty Sippel

Cheri Lien In Memory of Chilly

Kristeen Williams In Memory of Dave Williams

Sandra & Glenn Opp In Memory of Leigh Ann
Huether

Robert & Kathy Fischbach In Memory of Rick Kienow

Larry & Lynette Frericks In Memory of Sandy
Wiltfang & Eunice Rude

Rhenda Emery, Read Kee & Titan Machinery In
Memory of Katharine Kee

Ken & Susan Howell In Memory of Gus

Ralph & Debra Neu In Memory of Shiloh R. Neu

Sherry Markve In Memory of Sherry Zimmerman

Elodie Schmierer In Memory of Delores Schmierer

Sarah B. & Ka P. Squire In Memory of Delores
Schmierer

Cindy Kirschmar In Memory of Delores Schmierer

Joyce Bucholz In Memory of Edith Wilt

Nancy Kee In Memory of Shadow & Mack

Karen Bradford In Memory of Dale Foss

Tony Wong In Memory of Diane Francis

Robert McCue In Memory of Dr. George P McCue
DMV & Mae C. McCue

JoLynn Crowe In Memory of Loretta Bopp

Joan Johnson In Memory of Marlin Johnson

James & Robin Fansler In Memory of Cat, Jessie

Kim Hall In Memory of Bob Gloss

In Memory of Melvin Thistle – Mike & Janelle
Richards, Jordan & Jessica Thistle, Bob & Tammy
Webster

In Memory of Floyd Naasz

Spay or Neuter

City annual reports will soon be released all across the region. Embedded in those reports is usually numbers regarding unwanted animal populations. This is guaranteed to insight a variety of emotions and discussions about what can be done to address these types of issues. Most significantly, how do we reduce the unwanted cat population?

We see it too. We hear you. We are part of the discussion and the solution. In fact, we took in and adopted out more cats this year than any other year!

We also need to be very clear. The unwanted animal population is multifaceted and so there is no easy and quick way to fix the problem. However, difficult doesn't mean impossible. There are a variety of ways to help.

Donate to our building fund campaign. The new building will allow us to shelter more animals, especially cats. Then donate to our general operations fund, because feeding, sheltering and altering animals costs money. After you donate, volunteer to help with our fundraisers.

Participate in our barn cat program. If you live on a farm, open up your barn to cats who are used to living outdoors. We will send them to you spayed/neutered and with their first round of vaccinations! Don't live on a farm?

Spread the word to all of your farm friends.

Consider all the responsibilities and consequences of pet ownership before deciding to get a pet and always make a lifetime commitment to your pet. Any animal found at large and who is friendly is likely to have had a previous owner at one point in time. We are here to shelter, please do not dump a pet.

If you are adding a pet to your family, make sure the pet comes from a legitimate shelter, nonprofit rescue group or a responsible, humane breeder. There are a lot of breeders out there who do not have the animal's best interest in mind. Shelters are full; adopt don't shop.

License, tag and microchip your pet. Don't do one, do all three! It is always our goal to get a pet back to its rightful owner when they come to us as strays.

Finally, your pet will be cuter if you spay or neuter! We will shout this from the rooftops, and we want you to as well! Tell EVERYONE you know to spay and neuter their pets! This is so, so important. We make it a priority at our shelter too. Every animal leaving our facility is spayed or neutered. If you know of someone who wants to spay or neuter their pet but doesn't currently have the resources, there are ways we or other organizations can help.

A Special Thanks...

- Marti Rathert
- Imaginit
- Pooch Parlar
- NVC
- Ava's Birthday Donation
- The Koehler Organization
- Glick's Give Back Tuesday
- Livestock Specialists



- Dacotah Bank's Give Where We Live Initiative: Cathy Papke, Lisa Beck, Cathy Rumpca, Christy Johnson, Nikki Studelska, Karla Davidson, Mary J. Woods, Cara Tullar, Jessica Swanson, Tyler Wenbourne, Desiree Kolb, Erica Sauer, Rebecca McHenry, Kelby Tracy

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
- Monica Jo Ptacek
- Brian Bengs
- Nick & Lauren Rhodes
- Deb & Fritz Maddock
- Jackie Kahre
- Gemma Jean Johnson
- Danette Marohl
- Ashleigh Barkans
- Shannon Lehman
- Keith & Kathy Sprinkel

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AAHS has one board member seat available as of Dec 31, 2020. 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
- Stephanie Glover
- Miranda Huber

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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

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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):
