



1ST QUARTER 2021 NEWSLETTER – JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

Shelter Spotlight: Fostering



Kitten season tends to ramp up when the weather warms up and we are preparing for a potentially long kitten season in 2021! Kittens do not do well in the shelter setting. They often experience health problems because they are susceptible to disease spread. They are born with compromised immune systems and are simply too little to receive vaccines. To properly care for kittens in a shelter we would need to have a dedicated area to quarantine, which we do not have right now (but will have in our new building - have you donated yet?).

This makes saving kittens a community effort and can only occur when the

shelter and its community join together! That's why fostering is the best way to make an impact! We'd love if you would consider fostering (kittens or otherwise!). We want you and they NEED you!

Last year, kitten season 2020 was very long. We had kittens in foster from March 2020 until December 2020, the picture to the left includes just a handful of them. We are looking for fosters that can take in singletons, litters, bottle-babies, pregnant moms, sick, healthy, and everything in between. These guys deserve to grow up being loved on by a family and that could be you!

If you are interested in fostering or foster to adopt, send an email to info@anewleashonlife.net or give us a call at 605-226-1200 and we will be in touch! We also have a Facebook group dedicated to fostering where we will be posting photos of animals that need a safe place to land, in addition to resources that will help save more animals!

www.facebook.com/groups/2625738144361599

If you are physically unable to foster due to space, time, or other animals you can still help by donating money and supplies.

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

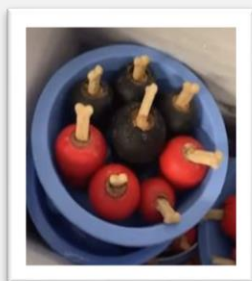
\$1000

Charter: Cover 1 emergency surgery

\$1500

Grand Poopaw: Cover 1 month's vet care

Freezer Brings Stress Relief



We make every effort possible to transition animals to the shelter in the most welcoming way. Still, the shelter has unfamiliar noises, smells, and other stimulus that can stress animals out. To combat this stress, we asked for a deep freeze for Christmas and it was donated by **Clark County Riders Motorcycle Club**. Why a deep freeze? To freeze wet food and treats in KONGS! Cats and dogs alike can focus on these long-lasting treats and relieve some stress. We also are part of the Kong Cares Program where we can purchase discounted, imperfect, but still usable versions of the KONG toys. Thank you to both these organizations for the help!

YEAR-TO-DATE SHELTER REPORT

JAN 1ST – MAR 31ST, 2021

Dogs In: 57
 Cats In: 52
 Other Critters In: 8
 Dogs Adopted: 51
 Cats Adopted: 55
 Other Critters Adopted: 8

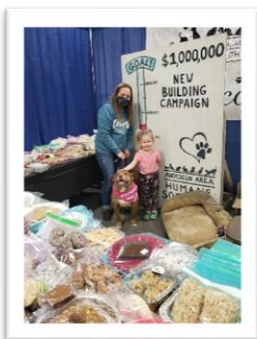
Recent & Upcoming Events!

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

Home & Garden Show

First and foremost, thank you to the Home & Garden Show for donating our non-profit booth space and thank you to our volunteer bakers who absolutely



outdid themselves baking for our bake sale! March 5th through March 8th our board of directors sold the baked goods at the

and Garden Show at the Brown County Fairgrounds Expo building. The generosity of our volunteer bakers surrounded us with the most delicious treats and they sold fast! We were able to raise over \$2000 during this event! It just goes to show volunteering in whatever way you can makes a BIG difference! We also had help from shelter canine resident, Suzie (see her bio on page 3). Suzie absolutely loved being our mascot and greeted every person who came to our booth.

Upcoming

State Farm

Need an insurance quote? Through the month of April we will be sponsored by local State Farm agent Robert Stiehl in the Quotes for Good program. For every household who completes an auto, fire, or life quote a \$10



donation will be made to our organization. For the quote to qualify, the individual cannot be a current State

Farm customer. When calling (605) 824-3372 or stopping by 522 S Arch Street Suite A for a quote, be sure to mention Quotes for Good and the Aberdeen Area Humane Society! Robert Stiehl State Farm is also an authorized provider for Trupanion Pet Medical Insurance.

2nd Paw Sale

Aberdeen's largest second-hand sale returns to the Brown County Fair Grounds Clubhouse on April 24th, 2021 9am-3pm. Want to avoid the crowds? With a \$20 donation at the door, you can '1st pick' shop from 6pm-7pm Friday, April 23rd. Donations may be dropped off at the Clubhouse April 11 from 1pm-4pm, April 12-16 from 3pm-7pm & April 17-18, 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.

Diamond in the Ruff

We are planning a fun "chase the ace of diamonds" or the "diamond in the ruff" fundraiser. This will be part 50-50 draw and part luck of the cards game benefitting the Aberdeen Area Humane Society. More details will be released soon.

Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars for our charity golf event July 17th, 10 AM at Rolling Hills Golf Club. Check back for more details!

End of Summer Splash

Keep your eyes and ears open for other end of summer events to benefit the Aberdeen Area Humane Society, including dog pool day at the city pool and our second Soggy Doggy Dock Diving event! More details forthcoming.

Ongoing

Help in a Small Way Daily!

Here are easy ways to help the Aberdeen Area Humane Society, just by doing things you would normally do! Drink coffee! Order from groundsandhoundscoffee.com and use code AAHS at checkout. 10% of sales will be donated to the Aberdeen Area

Humane Society. Use smile.amazon.com or set up on the amazon app. Use it every time you shop! Walk your dog with the WoofTrax app! All of these options are small ways to earn some cash for the shelter. Every penny makes a difference and you are likely drinking coffee, purchasing from Amazon and walking your dog anyway!

Dakota Broadcasting Buddies

Every Friday we are the star of radio!! Live from the Dakota Broadcasting studios from 9 to 10 AM Friday mornings we appear on 107.7 The Shark for the Dakota Broadcasting Buddies radio show. The show is also broadcast live on The Shark Facebook page. We bring adoptable pets and tell you exactly why they would be a perfect fit for your home! Our radio stars have included cats, dogs, and guinea pigs! Thank you to the sponsors of this show: **Dakota Broadcasting, Northern Plains Animal Health, Canine Country Club, Anchor's Away Lodge and Resort, Haar's Auto Body and Merxbauer-Maier Dental!**

Cat Yoga

Cat yoga continues to be held the first Saturday of every month at **Fit and Fire Studios**. It's a donation based class. You bring a donation for the AAHS, we bring cats to make yoga class 'purrrrrfect'.

New Building Campaign

We've made great progress on the new



building. Even some of the Liframing and kennel walls have gone up on the inside! We are so excited

about this new chapter in our non-profit story! However, we are not done fundraising. 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

Shannon Riebman In Honor of Dave Swain
Dennis & Rae Nelson In Honor of Izzy's 13th Birthday
Gail & John Zeck In Honor of Tim McKittrick

MEMORIALS

Roy & Bernie Burt In Memory of Bob Gloss
Naomi Hull In Memory of Dr. Jerome Eckrich
Kim Hall In Memory of Dr. Jerome Eckrich
Jennifer Gast In Memory of Vincent Miller
Jenna Swanson In Memory of Bob Gloss
Mary Pettigrew In Memory of Harvey Goppelt
Ronald & Joanne Lyren In Memory of Ryan Dell
Wade & Valynn Schmierer In Memory of Delores Schmierer
Betsy Kosse In Memory of Bob Gloss
Barbara Kloster In Memory of Sophie, Beloved cat of Susan & Dale Wein
Bob & Bonnie Lamont In Memory of Larrie Petrich
Pen Pearson In Memory of Jack, Sam, Snarf
James & Bonnie Grandpre In Memory of Spud & Beasty
Dorothy Fiala In Memory of Kathy Bartz
Sharron Brady In Memory of Gypsy
Judith Baumann In Memory of Ella Hustel
Melanie & Scott McIntyre In Memory of Sophie & Buck
Neil & Valerie Bittner In Memory of Terry James
Gail & John Zeck In Memory of Sandy Magos & Darrell Haskell
Pat & Tony Downing In Memory of Beloved Puggle, Juno
Carl & Lisa Anderson In Memory of Izzy Geramita, Debbie's Little Girl
Virginia Lee Dixon In Memory of Frank, Mary & George Dixon
Ron & Penny Boulais In Memory of Dog Gizmo & Ralph Stevens
Jerry & Susan Brick In Memory of Pete Feickert & Susan M. Gearey
Janene & John Papendick In Memory of Cindy Koerner & Dog Kelsey
Frank Merritt In Memory of Diane Francis
Marian Holty In Memory of Ralph Stevens & Glenna Foubert
Doris Patten In Memory of Morrie Morris
Bob & Lynn Stucke, Susan Sumner, Kelly & Bren Buising In Memory of Linda Marko
Bob & Lynn Stucke, Kelly & Bren Buising In Memory of Koko Aadland
Julie Nevill In Memory of Rita Nevill
John Koerner In Memory of Kelsey, Beloved Doggie of John & Janene Papendick
Alisa Hogue In Memory of Max Punt the Dog
Laura Hubers In Memory of Sasha
Marcelle Vetter In Memory of Terry James
NSU College of Arts and Sciences in Memory of Roger Hoffman
In Memory of Eileen Daly – Tammy Wasem, Robin Fansler, Kathleen Manning, Ann Schumacher, Robert & Nancy Janssen, Robert & Joyce Bucholz, Mavis Jundt, Pete & Sheila Hesla
In Memory of Kathy Storhaug – Michael Storhaug, Curtis Walz, Bob & Lynn Stucke, Donna Krein, Leo & Jean Keiser, Ruth Ann Slagle

Senior Pets

Three reasons you should rescue a senior animal:

1. Established personality. Seniors already know who they are, what they like, and what they dislike. Usually, what you see is what you get with senior pets. But don't think you can't teach an old dog (or cat) new tricks!
2. Perfect napping buddies. Generally, older pets aren't as energetic as their younger counterparts.
3. Senior pets get passed over because of their age. If we had a nickel for each time someone said "I would adopt them, but I don't want to get attached..." To that we say, get attached and love them hard! Senior pets are not broken, nor do they deserve less love than puppies or kittens.

We currently have senior dogs and senior cats at the shelter. Can you give them the home they deserve?

Dogs Suzie and Maebelle are both estimated to be 10 years old. Suzie is a pit mix and Maebelle is a Bloodhound mix. Both girls are ready to bust out of the shelter! Maebelle has the hound voice and sometimes she sprays you with slobber when she shakes! Suzie loves snuggles and loves all people, young and old! Both girls are fantastic dogs, who are looking for a soft place to



land. While Suzie and Maebelle are friends who would love to go home together, they are able to be adopted separately.

Cats Pistol and Cookie came to the shelter after their owner passed away.



They are not bonded and can be adopted separately. Pistol would prefer being the only pet in the household, but Cookie can go home with other cats. They both can live with respectful children. Rescue these girls soon! A shelter is no place for senior pets!

A Special Thanks...

- Dairy Queen Fundraiser
- JDH Construction
- HKG Architects
- Lazy Farmers 4-H Club
- Evans Family
- Morrissey Family
- Dacotah Bank's Give Where We Live Initiative - Caitlin Tobin
- NSU College of Arts and Sciences lost a dear friend and dedicated colleague with the passing of Roger Hoffman. Roger was a kind soul and cat lover. To read about the impact Roger left on those around him, and how his memory continues to help cats in need, see the latest edition of "True North": https://apps.northern.edu/flippingbook/CAS_Newsletter_Spring_2021/.

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
- Gemma Jean Johnson
- Keith & Kathy Sprinkel
- Roger Hoffman
- Peggy Mann
- Nick & Lauren Rhodes
- Danette Marohl
- Misty Bruemmer
- Joe & Peg Coutermarsh
- Deb Gardner
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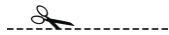
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AAHS has one board member seat available as of March 31, 2021. If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors please contact any board member or email aahsboard1200@gmail.com.

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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 or visit the AAHS.

Aberdeen Area Humane Society—Membership

PO Box 1013,
Aberdeen, SD 57402-1013

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):