



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2022 EDITION

## Shelter Spotlight: 40 Years of AAHS

It's 2022! Time flies when you are helping animals, doesn't it? This is a special year for the Aberdeen Area Humane Society. This year we will turn 40 years old! Our official non-profit articles of incorporation were signed on August 17, 1982.

Here is the history of how we came to be! The original board of directors were: Sue Kraft, Joni Krause, Nancy Vostad, Carol Kluge, JoAnn Cunningham, MaryAnne Ecker, Tamara Bruckner, Verla Syljuberget, and R. D. Cooper, DVM. When they signed those articles of incorporation there was no building and no paid employees! The late Dr. Bill Svensen allowed the newly formed Aberdeen Area Humane Society to use kennels at his veterinarian clinic and adopt animals out from there. In 1986, Dr. Albin Janusz leased land to the Aberdeen Area Humane Society for a small fee. A trailer house was purchased and put on the property and cat rooms and a dog kennel were constructed. Operations began out of this building in 1987. In 1989, George Meyer donated a building and it replaced the trailer house

which was being used. In 1992, twelve outdoor dog runs with cement floors were built on the south side of the building. In 1998, a large exercise area was installed on the south side of the building. In 2000, Delphine Janusz donated the land that was being leased and the Aberdeen Area Humane Society has owned the 2.5 acres of land and buildings since then. In 2009, an addition was added on to the building which included a cat isolation room, laundry room and 14 dog kennels. In 2012, a new wall was constructed in the building for a cat room. In 2013, a roof was constructed over the outdoor kennels on the north side of the building. In 2015, "catios", which are outdoor areas for cats, were installed.

Now here we are, 2022. We have three full time employees and two part time employees. We will be moving into our brand-new 7000+ square foot building! As our community has grown so has the need for an animal shelter. We are now sheltering over 500 animals a year! We think about all the hard work that has gone into continuously improving our animal shelter. Every board member, every donor and every event attendee has made this a reality! Here is to the best year yet!

### 2022 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

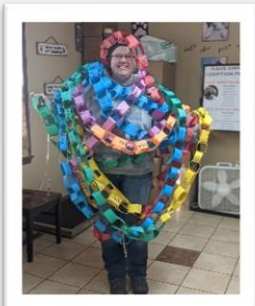
**\$1000**

**Charter:** Cover 1 emergency surgery

**\$1500**

**Grand Poopaw:** Cover 1 month's vet care

## Adoption Chain



For the last three years, Aberdeen Area Humane Society staff have created a paper adoption chain. Each link in the chain represents one animal adopted from our shelter and each color represents a month of the year. We hang the chain on the wall and it slowly spreads from one end of our building to another. At the end of the year, we take the chain down, take a photo (with our shelter manager barely visible), and start a new one! It's a great visual reminder of our impact throughout the year. The 2021 chain was the longest one yet!

### YEAR-TO-DATE SHELTER REPORT

JAN 1ST – DEC 31ST, 2021

Dogs In: 255  
 Cats In: 302  
 Other Critters In: 34  
 Dogs Adopted: 231  
 Cats Adopted: 272  
 Other Critters Adopted: 34

# 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)!

## Recent

### 2022 Calendar Contest

The fifth annual calendar contest was held between October 1 and October 28.

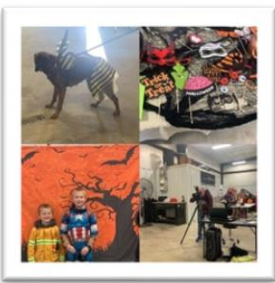


The 12 photos with the most votes were featured in our 2022

calendar and the winner got a mini pet photo shoot and is featured on the cover and month of their choice! This year's winner was Phoebe, a greyhound, and an Aberdeen Area Humane Society alumni! 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. If you would like to purchase a 2022 calendar, they are available at the shelter.

### Halloween with Z&R Detailing

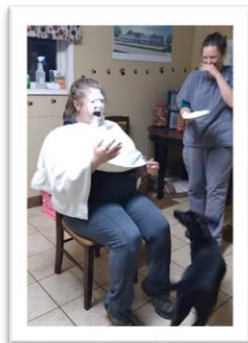
Z & R Detailing invited us to their shop for a trunk or treat on Halloween! The Z & R owners are fellow animal lovers and they wanted to share their event



and space to help the Aberdeen Area Humane Society. We set up a photo booth and collected a free will donation. We captured photos of kids, adults and pets alike! Photos were then emailed to attendees afterwards! It was spooktacular! Thank you Z & R Detailing!

### #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. South Dakota holds their own very special Giving Tuesday initiative called South Dakota Gives. 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. Our shelter manager even vowed to take a pie in the face if we reached our monetary goal – which we did! We cannot thank our donors enough for allowing us to help animals and help our community!

### Holiday Sale

This year our holiday sale was held at Uptown Aberdeen Mall in the West Oak Store on November 20<sup>th</sup>. 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!

## Upcoming

### Bow Wow Boogie

Save the date for March 5th! 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, games and entertainment! We also will have our very popular slide show of AAHS animal alumni, it's a tear jerker! Cost is \$35 per ticket, or \$45 at the door. Plan to bring enough friends and enjoy your own table of eight. You can reserve tables and package deals in advance. 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 will be available soon at [www.anewleashonlife.net/bowwow](http://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 silent auction or bake sale, please contact us! We appreciate any donations! See you there!

## Ongoing

### New Building Campaign

Work is nearing the end on our new building! We cannot wait until we move in! If all goes well we should only be weeks away! We are waiting on only the final steps which include plumbing fixtures, flooring and floor sealant, cabinets, countertops and trim. Following that we will hope the weather cooperates as we move items from our current building to the new building! The very last step will be contacting everyone who donated and secured naming rights. When we contact you, you will have the opportunity to finalize wording for the permanent plaques in our building. It is not too late to show your support by purchasing naming rights and donating to this project! Visit [anewleashonlife.net/building](http://anewleashonlife.net/building) or email [aahsboard1200@gmail.com](mailto:aahsboard1200@gmail.com) for more information. Our mission to shelter homeless animals, place animals into good homes and to rescue animals from abusive situations would not be possible without the genour support of our donors!

## HONORARIUMS (OCT-DEC)

Don Miller In Honor of Amber Brewer  
Sharron Brady In Honor of Fluffy, Buster & Twinky  
Roberty & Joyce Bucholz In Honor of Buffy  
Mike & Kelly Grieben In Honor of Evelyn - Steve & Paula - Mitch, Alex, Parker & Ryker Grieben  
James Bopp In Honor of Jolynn Crowe  
Carson Storm In Honor of Kelly and Lady  
Sueann Wattier In Honor of Kiersten Sombke

## MEMORIALS (OCT-DEC)

Andrea Specht In Memory of Sterling Ashby  
Gail Zeck In Memory of Rusty & Teakie  
Tommy & Harriet Wagner In Memory of Willie Wika  
Pen Pearson In Memory of Snarf, Jack & Sam  
Lola Gelling In Memory of Grace Gelling  
Yolanda Jahraus In Memory of Uncle Morris  
Dayton & Annette Cook In Memory of William Harry "Liam" Cook  
Lind Greene & Larry Coulter In Memory of Snowy  
Shauna King In Memory of Deb Weig  
Jim Granpre In Memory of Steve Grandpre  
James Hanson In Memory of Ellen Martin  
Steve & Linda Peters In Memory of Jack  
Eugene & JoAnn Williams In Memory of Tucker  
Joanne Peterson In Memory of Spencer, The Very Best Dog  
Richard Engel In Memory of Florence Engel  
Kris Fliehs In Memory of Marty Sippel  
Kris Konickson In Memory of Ken Konickson  
Carlton & Stacia Willems In Memory of Ken Konickson  
Dennis Larson In Memory of Sharon Smith  
Robert & Joyce Bucholz In Memory of Leona Kennedy  
Barb Imberi In Memory of Richard Spencer  
JJ Properties In Memory of Marlin Johnson  
Bruce Jones In Memory of Clifton Robert Jones  
Troy Sorbo In Memory of Clifton Robert Jones  
Ron & Penny Boulais In Memory of Betty White, Who Was a Lifelong Advocate for All Animals  
Sharon King In Memory of Loribell Waring  
Diane Kary In Memory of Ronald Bierman  
Debra Stoley In Memory of Kristin Stoley & In Honor of Her Cat Heya  
Ted Zahn Memorials: Doug & Rhoda Berkley, Dee Zahn, Pat & Elton Fors, Trent & Steph Deyo, Pat & Ruth Coughlin, Todd Jordre, Scott & Lorna Johnston, Mark & Toni Knight, Harvey & Colleen Hart, Dennis & Linda Batteen, Norman & Sheri Scott, Verle & Patricia Garnos, Steve Millard & Lisa Schriver, Phyllis Cogswell Memorials: Kurt Cogswell (Several Donations), Donna Flint, Brenda Zimney, Cassandra Webb  
Marvin Kiesz Memorials: Marian Holty, Roy & Bernie Burt, Arliss Alberts  
Lori Lowe Nerland Memorials: Joanna Monson, Caroline & Delbert Lowe, James & Joan Freudenthal, Deb Gardner & Troy Keeley, Caroline & Delbert Lowe, Allan Peck  
Joy Wolner Memorials: Ronald & Joanne Lyren, Tom & Becky Malchow, Norman & Marilyn Fjelstad, Sharon Kucher Kerby, Kenneth & Laura Dean, Lori Burgard, D.L. & J.T. Lingor  
Vicky Mitzel Memorials: Audi Verwey, Pearl Holt, Crossing LLC, Craig Christianson, Kyle Kary, Steven Johnson, Selbe Bartlett

## Quill

In November, a Good Samaritan was traveling through central South Dakota and stopped to help a stray dog. When they spotted the dog, they quickly realized it had tangled with a porcupine and it needed help. They brought the pup to us and together with our friends at Northern Plains Animal Health we were able to quickly get the dog the medical care it needed.

In South Dakota, porcupines are most common west of the Missouri River, so we don't deal with this type of issue too often. That said, porcupines can be found in counties east of the Missouri River too, especially along streams with wooded areas. Whether out for a hike or traveling to different areas, you too could find yourself face to face with a porcupine.

So, what should you do if your pet ever tangles with a porcupine? Here are the best steps to take.

First, get your pet away from the porcupine. Easier said than done, right?! Curiosity and prey instincts are hard to overcome and a porcupine is a rodent after all. That said, the quicker you can get your pet away, the less quills there will be to remove.

Once you have your pet in a safe location, be careful that you don't touch

the quills yourself, which could hurt you. Try not to let your pet rub on the quills either. Also, don't try to remove the quills yourself. If quills end up breaking off under the skin they could result in an abscess and this could lead to a very serious, life-threatening infection.

Get your pet to a veterinarian as soon as possible. Veterinarians will have to sedate your pet to properly assess where the quills are embedded and start the meticulous process of removing them all. There are instances where some may not be able to be removed. Follow your veterinarians' instructions for care of your pet after they are released.

The good news in this story is the stray pup recovered! She was fittingly named



"Quill". Most importantly, she was adopted out to a loving home. She's now living her best life, avoiding porcupines!

## A Special Thanks...

- PupCrawl
- NVC
- 3M Matching Donations
- Glik's Give Back Tuesday
- Hub City Donations
- Eva Hannan
- R&A Bar
- Every Single Building Donor, We Couldn't Make the Building a Reality Without You!
- Dacotah Bank's Give Where We Live Initiative: Jen Danielson, Shelby Ketterling, McChelle Lang, Cindy Tullar, Taylor Armstrong, Shelia Bruse, Desiree Kolb, Carey Gross, Crystal McGiboney, Cindy Shorley, Karla Davidson, Rebecca Mikkelson, Jessica Swanson, Wendy Nehlich

## 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
- Webster's Paws Walk
- Gemma Jean Johnson
- Keith & Kathy Sprinkel
- Joe & Peq Coutermarsh
- Peggy Mann
- Nick & Lauren Rhodes
- Danette Marohl
- Misty Bruemmer
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AAHS has four board member seats available as of Dec 31, 2021. 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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## 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):