



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER – JULY 2022 EDITION

Shelter Spotlight: Reducing Bites

Last fall the Aberdeen Area Humane Society took over the contract for the Aberdeen City Pound. That means when an animal comes in through the city animal control, we will shelter and care for them until the issue can be resolved or the owner can pick up their pet.

Since we have taken over this contract, animals have been returned to owners more quickly and more unclaimed animals have been adopted out than any other time in the city's history. We consider this a great success in the short amount of time we have been serving in this role!

However, the rates of animal bites have skyrocketed over the last year. In fact, there have been more bites in the first half of 2022 than what past records indicate normally occur in a full year! This includes both dog and cat bites.

This is a problem. Bites are preventable. Here are ways we can work together to help reduce animal bites in our communities.

Socialize and train your pet, and make sure your pet gets routine exercise.

Routinely check fences for any weak spots or repairs that are needed.

Never leave your pet unattended, obey all leash laws and consider a muzzle for dogs.

Call animal control if you see a dog or cat in trouble or running loose.

Always ask if it is ok to pet someone else's dog or cat before reaching out to pet it; even if they appear friendly. Let the new dog or cat approach you first and remain still to allow the animal to feel comfortable.

Do not let young children play with pets without supervision, even if the child has met the pet before.

Do not disturb a pet while it is eating, sleeping, or caring for young.

Do not approach an animal if it appears to be hiding or spending time alone.

Do not continue petting an animal if it seems scared, sick, or angry.

Do not encourage your pets to play aggressively or roughhouse.

If approached, do not panic or make loud noises, and never run from a dog or cat.

Do not try to break up animal fights.

Spay or neuter your pet!

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

Rabies Vaccines



Part of our shelter adoption fee goes toward making sure all animals leave with their first round of vaccines, including the rabies vaccine. Rabies is a serious infection of the brain and central nervous system. It is zoonotic, meaning it can be passed from animals to humans. Rabies is almost always fatal, which is why it is so serious and can't be taken lightly. Rabies is also preventable because the vaccine is 100% effective! To our dismay, many pet owners fail to vaccinate or don't stay up to date on booster shots. We want everyone to do their part. Double check your pet's vaccination records today and make sure they are current. See a vet if your pet needs a booster!

YEAR-TO-DATE SHELTER REPORT

JAN 1ST – MAR 31ST, 2022

Dogs In: 117
 Cats In: 199
 Other Critters In: 17
 Dogs Out: 123
 Cats Out: 165
 Other Critters Out: 17

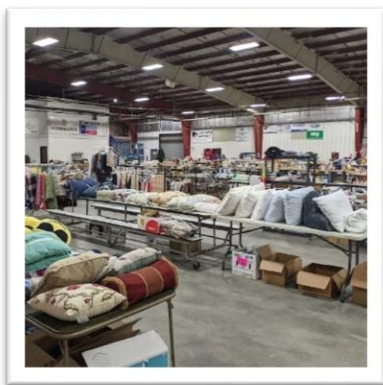
Recent & Upcoming Events!

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

Spring Paw Sale

On Saturday, April 30th we held our Spring 2nd Paw Sale at the Brown County Fairgrounds Expo Building. This was our second sale in the Expo Building, and we are hoping this will be



our permanent space since it gives us the ability to spread out and display all our goods! Plus, it gives our shoppers more space to shop! We had a couple of rainy days in the mix, but that didn't stop people from coming out! Thousands of items were donated and thousands of items were sold. Hopefully, you found what you were looking for, and a few things you didn't know you needed! This event takes so many volunteer hours and we can't say THANK YOU enough to all those who donated their time sorting, pricing, dusting, and selling! Thank you also to everyone who donated. It's a team effort to make the Paw Sale a success! It remains our top grossing fundraising event!

Upcoming

Golf Tournament

By the time you get this newsletter we'll have had our annual Puttin' for Paws charity golf tournament. This year's event was on July 16 at 10 AM at Rolling Hills Golf Club. If you weren't able to

sign up a team, consider next year! This is always a fun way to get out with your friends, enjoy a friendly golf competition, and raise money for a good cause!

Gone to the Dogs Pool Day

The dog days of summer are going to end with a splash! The Aberdeen Aquatic Center closes on August 21. Before they close, they are going to let man's best friend cool down and show off their best "doggie paddle" or "flea style" with a dip in the pool! Fetch your favorite canine and join us for this howlarious event!! The admission fee will be waived with a free will donation. Bring supplies or a monetary donation! Monetary donations given will be split between the Aberdeen Area Humane Society and Aberdeen City Parks & Rec.

Dock Diving Competition

Our 3rd Annual Dock Diving Competition is set for August 28th at **Anchors Away** on Richmond Lake! 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! It is a fun event. Any dog can enter, no experience necessary. The last two years have been an absolute blast! It is as much a spectator sport as it is a fun time for the dogs. We will also have prizes and raffles! Not to mention, Anchors Away's service on the deck! So come out to enjoy a Sunday afternoon at the lake or sign your dog up to compete! More information at anewleashonlife.net/dockdiving.

Fall 2nd Paw Sale

Aberdeen's largest second-hand sale is tentatively planned for October 1, 9am-3pm. As the sale date approaches, visit our website, Facebook page or contact the shelter at 226-1200 for more information.

Rescue Run & Microchip Clinic

The 6th Annual Rescue Run and Microchip Clinic is also planned for October. Start training with those pooches now! More information and registration will be posted on our website www.anewleashonlife.net.

Ongoing

Cat Yoga

Fit and Fire Studio continues to host cat yoga the first Saturday of every month. The shelter cats take over the yoga studio and wander while the people do a yoga class fit for all levels. This class is donation based, so the studio doesn't charge. Instead, you can bring supplies or a free will monetary donation. Donate to a great cause, do yoga, pet cats, is there any better way to spend a Saturday?

New Building Campaign

We are in our new building, but continue to put the finishing touches in place. This includes getting our donor signs finalized. Each donor who reserved naming rights will have the ability to customize the text on their plaque. We have started the process of contacting each of our naming rights donors. There are many of you and just a few of us, so please be patient. We will ask for an email address so that you can write out the text exactly as you want it to appear on the plaque. If you haven't checked your email or voicemail lately, please do so; you probably have a message from us! It is not too late to show your support by purchasing naming rights and donating to this project! Visit anewleashonlife.net/building or email aahsboard1200@gmail.com for more information. Additionally, there are a few things that were not included in our building project costs. Those include the driveway gravel and landscaping. Our vision is to eventually have a nice outdoor space where people and pets can enjoy time together. If you are interested in donating toward some of the "extras" please reach out to any board member. Lastly, after the craziness of summer ends, we will be planning an open house. We haven't set a date yet, but we will be sure our building donors are the first to know!

We are so excited to start this new chapter in our non-profit story! Our mission to shelter homeless animals, place animals into good homes and to rescue animals from abusive situations would not be possible without the generous support of our donors!

HONORARIUMS (APR-JUN)

In Honor of Aberdeen Area Humane Society Shelter Staff

MEMORIALS (APR-JUN)

Connie Kimball in Memory of Lois Gisi

Marlene Seeklander in Memory of Donald Weismantel

Pen Pearson In Memory of Snarf, Jack & Sam

Debra Kinzler In Memory of Audrey Rademacher

Eugene Conn In Memory of Geneva Hogue

Kimberly Vaccarielle In Memory of Audrey Rademacher

Deb & Fritz Maddock in Memory of Lowell John Koepsell

Bill & Pat Haigh In Memory Pat Meacham Fries

Cheri Lien In Memory of Pat Fries Memorial

JR Kretchman In Memory of Pat Fries

Chelsea Lund In Memory of Frankie, Michele's Beloved Kitty

Sherry Markve In Memory of Mike Rice Webster

Sherry Markve In Memory of Deloris Whitlock

Sabrina Hildebrand in Memory of Mom, Audrey Radermacher

Michael Radermacher in Memory of Mom, Audrey Radermacher

Alisa Hogue In Memory of Geneva Hogue

Dennis & Rae Nelson In Memory of Joel and Eunice Kolbo

Tom & Pam Brzezinski in Memory of Harlan "Butch" Krein

Vaughn Beck In Memory of Harlan Krein

Harlan Krein Living Trust in Memory of Harlan Krein

Bill Sauck In Memory of Harlan "Butch" Krein

Doris Desart In Memory of Lois Gisi

Curtis and Susan Wischmeier in Memory of Harlan Krein

Rex & Norma Johnson in Memory of Gemma

Amy or Timothy Kessler in Memory of Janine Ward

LaVonne & Kirk Walker in Memory of Janine Ward

Kathleen Lahman In Memory of Dad

Rhonda Wade in Memory of Donna Schutt

Lorelei Gilchrist In Memory of Donald Weismantel

Donald & Marva Gellhaus in Memory of Don Weismantel

Jon Locken Inc in Memory of Don Weismantel

Locken Farms in Memory of Don Weismantel

In memory of John Lechner from his co-workers at the Aberdeen Shuttle: Donna, Berdene, Janie, Randy, Bonnie and David

LouAnna Vander Meid in Memory of Bonnie Taylor

LouAnna Vander Meid in Memory of Merrill Nelson

Clarke & Ranaee Holmes in Memory of Don Weismantel



Muzzled Dogs Aren't Bad Dogs!

Have you considered training your dog to wear a muzzle? If you haven't, perhaps it is something you should think about. We want to reduce the stigma of muzzles and let the whole world know that muzzled dogs aren't bad dogs!



Muzzles are a fantastic tool to help keep dogs and people safe. Dogs may wear a muzzle for all sorts of reasons.

A dog might eat rocks, socks, or other non-food items that can be toxic or cause expensive and life-threatening surgeries.

For a dog nervous or fearful of other dogs, and the muzzle helps keep everyone safe during off-leash hiking or on-leash walks.

The muzzle works as a cue to tell other owners to give the dog some space.

All owners should want to teach their dog to be comfortable wearing a muzzle in case the dog must wear one someday at the vet's office or at the groomers.

A properly-fitted basket muzzle is the way to go! Use a basket muzzle, never a cloth or "grooming" muzzle. Cloth muzzles prevent a dog from panting, and can be dangerous when worn for extended periods of time. Basket muzzles allow a dog to take treats, drink water, and pant. Ensure a good fit and make sure your dog is comfortable.

Take the time to train your dog to wear the muzzle. Introduce your dog to a muzzle via classical conditioning. Always ensure wearing a muzzle is followed by something enjoyable to your dog – a walk, a play session, or treats. This will ensure the muzzle remains a positive element for your dog.

Don't substitute a muzzle for training or to control barking. If your dog has a history of biting or aggressive behavior, contact a positive reinforcement trainer. A muzzle will likely be used in conjunction with a behavior change plan.

Muzzles should not be used as a punishment device. Using them as a punishment will interfere with the muzzle's positive associations, and could result in unwanted behavior and emotional consequences. Head on over to <https://muzzleupproject.com/> for more tips on finding the best muzzle and training your dog!

A Special Thanks...

- NVC, our faithful monthly adoption sponsor!
- Isla Bartell for dedication & generous donation!
- Dakotaland Federal Credit Union for being a donation drop off location.
- Anchors Away "Dogs for Dogs"
- **Dacotah Bank's** Give Where We Live Initiative: Brianna Barnett
- **Aberdeen Realtor's Association**
- Natasha Meyer Bowling Fundraiser
- **Bethesda** Town Square fundraiser
- **Buffalo Wings N Rings** fundraiser
- **Southern Shack Desiqns** fundraiser

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**
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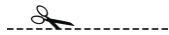
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The Aberdeen Area Humane Society is a non-profit organization. We operate solely on donations and fundraisers, and all monies are used locally. No money is sent to state or national organizations. All donations are tax deductible. This newsletter is 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

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):