



Shelter Spotlight: Open House



Here we are, we are all moved in and operating out of our shiny new building! We couldn't have done it without each of our generous donors. To show off our hard work, and your generosity, we have scheduled our public open house for Sunday, October 16, from 3 to 5 pm. All are welcome to come out and see our new facility and meet a few animals awaiting homes. With any luck, you may even fill out an adoption application for one of those animals!

What can you expect at our open house? First, you will be greeted by Aberdeen Area Humane Society Staff and our Board of Directors. You will then get a guided tour around the building.

We are certain you will be impressed with the roughly 7,000 sq. foot layout which is optimized for traffic flow and operational efficiency.

You'll check out the dog kennels with indoor and outdoor access which provide exercise space, fresh air and a less stressful environment.

You won't miss our expanded and open cat sanctuary which allows cats more area to play, roam, and interact with adopters.

You'll tour the medical rooms which provide the needed space for our volunteer veterinarians to care for our animals. You'll also learn about our HVAC system and isolation areas for dogs and cats which help to prevent the spread of illness to adoptable animals.

Finally, you'll pass by our office, meet and greet rooms and conference rooms. All of which allow more people to spend more time interacting and meeting animals, volunteering, and learning about responsible pet ownership!

Also enjoy a cookie and coffee before you go!

Our address is 2511 385th Ave S, Aberdeen, SD. We hope you can stop by and say "hello" on October 16!

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

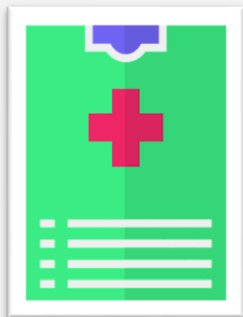
\$1000

Charter: Cover 1 emergency surgery

\$1500

Grand Poopaw: Cover 1 month's vet care

Microchip Event



Microchips provide permanent identification for your pet, so they can be easily found if they get lost. A microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and is inserted underneath the skin, quickly and easily. Unlike collars and ID tags, they can never break or fall-off. They work by receiving a radio signal from a scanner and transmitting the pet identification number back to the scanner. With the chip identification number in hand, the vital contact information is only a phone call away. In celebration of our open house, we will be offering microchip services at a discounted rate of \$25 per animal from October 9-October 23! Call 605-226-1200 to schedule your appointment!

YEAR-TO-DATE SHELTER REPORT

JAN 1ST – SEPT 30TH, 2022

Dogs In: 191
 Cats In: 339
 Other Critters In: 31
 Dogs Out: 175
 Cats Out: 280
 Other Critters Out: 31

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

Golf Tournament

Our fourth annual charity golf tournament was a huge success! Held on July 16th, 10 AM at Rolling Hills Golf Club, the 18-hole, 4-person scramble was a friendly competition benefiting a real good cause! We had prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. The last place team won an honorable mention and a free entry into the 2023 tournament! **Dakota Financial Services** was ready to award a cash prize to anyone who hit a hole-in-one.

Unfortunately, no one made it happen. Maybe next year! We want to thank our tournament sponsor **JDH Construction!** We also thank our hole sponsors:

Aberdeen Appraisal, Aberdeen Dermatology, Area Federal Credit Union, COOP Architecture, Horton, Inc., Insurance Plus, Northern Plains Animal Health, Schriver's Mortuary, Mark Mehlhoff Insurance, Chad Bent Insurance, Dacotah Bank, Karisma, Lager's Inn, Lien Transportation, McQuillen Creative, Pinned Workshop, Service Signs, Sichmeller Engineering, and Thatzza Pizza. Finally, a thank you to all those who donated prizes: **Alleivity, Ken's SuperFair Foods, and Thatzza Pizza.**

Brown County Fair/NVC Tent

NVC invited us to be part of the Brown County Fair fun under their tent on Friday, August 19th! We took puppies for a "meet and greet" and had a blast being part of the fair. All the puppies have since been adopted!

Gone to the Dogs Pool Day

Every year, the Aberdeen Aquatic Center sets aside two hours at the end of their season for dogs to swim in the pool! It's one of our favorite days of the year! We lucked out with some great weather. Over the two-hour August 21st

event, about 200 dogs jumped into the pool! We also left with a car load full of donations and a money purse full of cash! Thanks to the **City of Aberdeen Parks and Rec** department for hosting this event and supporting the Aberdeen Area Humane Society!

Dock Diving Competition

Our 3rd Dock Diving Competition was held at Richmond Lake on August 28th. The rules for dock diving 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 ten dogs compete. Ella, a fun-loving labrador, took home the winning prize by jumping 23 feet off the end of the dock!! It is a true spectator sport as well, with many people watching from the deck or on boats and pontoons. A **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to **Anchors Away** for being such a generous host and **Barb Grosz Photography** for taking amazing photos! We also had donated prizes from **Tito's Vodka, Grounds and Hounds Coffee** and **BarkBox!**

Pup Crawl

The **Aberdeen Convention and Visitor's Bureau** invited us to the 2022 Pup Crawl on September 29th. The Pup Crawl celebrates pheasant season and the dogs that make it possible! Dogs and their humans congregated at Malchow Plaza. This included several Wings hockey team members! There were treats for the dogs and hot dogs for the humans. Several dog-friendly business vendors attended. All the fun also had a perk as donations collected benefitted the Aberdeen Area Humane Society.

Fall 2nd Paw Sale

Another 2nd Paw Sale is in the books! This fundraiser is always a big one for us, both in terms of the time and energy of volunteers, but also in terms of profit for the shelter! In fact, the two paw sales we hold every year makes up over 20% of our annual operating budget. The sale was in the Expo Building at the Brown County Fairgrounds. We were once again packed to the brim with thousands of donated items for sale. In fact, we think we had more donations this year

than ever before! We thank each and every person who generously donated their items to us! We also thank everyone who shopped! 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! A huge thank you **Dependable Sanitation** for donating time and roll-offs!

Ongoing & Upcoming

Open House

As you read on page one, our open house is scheduled for Sunday, October 16 with public tours from 3 – 5 pm. Mark your calendars!

Calendar Contest

Show off your pet(s) in our 2023 AAHS Photo Calendar Contest! Take your favorite photo of your pet and submit it along with a \$5 donation. Get your family and friends to vote (\$1 per vote). The top photos with the most votes will receive great prizes and will be featured in the calendar! Guarantee a calendar day square for your pet photo with a \$10 donation! More information at: anewleashonlife.net/calendarcontest.

Giving Tuesday/SD Gives

November 29th, nonprofit organizations across South Dakota will unite to celebrate generosity before the sun comes up and well after the sun goes down by asking their community of supporters to, together, raise as much money as humanly possible. We will be flooding our Facebook page with stories and updates and all the good things we do! Follow us on Facebook and we challenge you to give, large or small, everything helps!

New Building Campaign

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 to designate money for building projects.

HONORARIUMS (JUL-SEP)

Roy & Bernie Burt in Honor of Larry and Mona Halvorson

Pen Pearson in Honor of Chester

Rex & Norma Johnson in Honor of Gemma

MEMORIALS (JUL-SEP)

Nicole Cox in Memory of Kathy Wahl

Tom & Pam Brzezinski in Memory of Gerianne Pfeiffer

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

David or Sandra Radermacher in memory of Audrey Radermacher

John & Nancy Naughten in Memory of Patricia (Pat) Meacham Fries

Allen Layton in Memory of Helen Gabriel

Wilmer Deibert in Memory of Myren Deibert

Deb & Fritz Maddock in Memory of Jenny Lynn.

Helen Ahern in Memory of Oreo

Pen Pearson in Memory of Snarf, Jack and Sam

Susan Ewinger in Memory of Harlan Krein

St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Memorial for Pastor Robin Wanner-Schaunaman

Robert Nelson in Memory of Tabbie Ochsner (cat) Aberdeen

Mike Crawford in Memory of Fat Cat for Fritz

Harms Oil in Memory of Lorrie A Vance

Kimra Smith in Memory of Kimberly Kaul

Kim & Yolonda Jahraus in Memory of Delores Conley

Sharron Brady In Memory of Buster 16yrs Old & Loved Kitty

Glenn & Barb Imberi in Memory of Titus Beloved Dog of Tom Hopper

James & Deborah Nelson in Memory of Titus

Lynn Hegge in Memory of Lorrie Ann Vance

Kim & Yolonda Jahraus in Memory of Delores Conley

Howard & Paige Anderson in Memory of Verla Brooks

Lex & Brenda Pierson in Memory of Precious Minnie

Tracey Amundsen in Memory of Sandi Holmes Post

Keith & Darcy Kramlich in Memory of Marvin Preszler

Genola Hegge in Memory of Pink

Board of Directors Positions Open

We are currently looking to fill several open board of directors positions. What type of people serve on the Aberdeen Area Humane Society Board of Directors? Let us tell you!



Board directors are excited to serve on committees and volunteer time at fundraising events. Fundraising accounts for about twenty five percent of the annual operating budget and all board directors are expected to help with fundraising.

Board directors are members of the Aberdeen Area Humane Society and contribute financially to the non-profit.

Board directors are lifelong learners, continually reasearching ways to improve animal shelters, engage and educate the community, and help animals!

Does this sound like you? If it does, we encourage you to consider serving on the

Aberdeen Area Humane Society Board.

Prospective members should contact the board directly at aahsboard1200@gmail.com. After your interest is submitted we will have you volunteer at a couple of events and sit in on a meeting or two so you can understand the commitment. Once directorship is approved, directors commit to serving a three year term.

Most of all, we are just a bunch of people having fun and helping animals. We'd love for you to join us!

First, board directors must love animals. All of our directors have a passion for helping animals find loving homes and live happy, healthy lives.

Board directors value stewardship to others and receive no compensation for any time serving the Aberdeen Area Humane Society.

Board directors are eager to meet monthly to help review the regular business and policy of the shelter. Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at the Aberdeen Area Humane Society.

A Special Thanks...

- NVC, our faithful monthly adoption sponsor!
- Bethesda Town Square Fundraiser
- Dakotaland Federal Credit Union for being a donation drop off location.
- Anchors Away "Dogs for Dogs"

- Dacotah Bank's Give Where We Live Initiative
- Epsynn Kuhfeld's Lemonade Stand
- Tommy's Express Car Wash Fundraiser
- Dempsey's Nom Nom Day 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
- Keith & Kathy Sprinkel
- Joe & Peg Coutermarsh
- Robin Johnson
- Stephanie Mastel
- Todd & Peggy Mann
- Nick & Lauren Rhodes
- Danette Marohl
- Misty Bruemmer
- Monica Jo Ptacek
- Marsha Wienk
- Deb Gardner
- DeB & Fritz Maddock
- Ashleigh Barkans
- Frank & Jan Hill
- Kim Hall
- Scott Mehlhaff
- Brian Bengs
- Jackie Kahre
- Michael Opp
- Roger Hoffman
- Larry Coulter
- Dawn Rux



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- Kelly Serr—Vice President
- Jan Hill-Steiner —Treasurer
- Vacant—Secretary
- Annie Stenvig
- Christa Swingler
- Nancy Upton
- Mona Smith
- Pam Monaghan-Geernaert

AAHS has four board member seats available as of June 30, 2022. 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
- Diane Schaeffer
- Izzy Fish
- Tara Kupcho
- Dan Stusiak



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):