



Aberdeen Area Humane Society

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2024 EDITION

## Shelter Spotlight: Meet Miley, Apollo & Hermes

These three furry friends are our longest residents who are still looking for their forever homes.



### Meet Miley

Miley is a 3 year old Jagdterrier Mixed with Australian Cattle Dog. Quite the mix, let us tell you! She is tenacious and ready to meet life head on all the time. Miley can get bored quite easily, so she's looking for an adventure partner. She would love to go on car trips and out hiking. While she isn't trustworthy off leash, she would 100% enjoy being with her people and doing life with them. She's also been trained on a few tricks, so if that's something you're looking to do with your new canine friend, Miley might be it!

Miley came to us on October 31, 2022 and is the longest term canine resident at the Aberdeen Area Humane Society. You might be asking yourself why she's been here so long, and the reason is simple. Miley is a complicated pain in the butt, but boy do we love her! She likes her people, she's terrified of kids but is okay with respectful teenagers, and she's territorial of her space. She's a project dog- She'll take up your time and she will take up so much space in your heart. We know that Miley won't fit into every household, but we are hopeful

that there is a fur ever home out there!! Miley is housebroken if on a schedule. She is not good with cats and her adoption fee is sponsored. If you know someone who could love our Miley please send them our way.

Apollo and Hermes came to us on August 14, 2023. They are both males and about 1 1/2 years old.



### Meet Apollo (on the Right)

Apollo is a charming kitten with a heart as big as the sky. Apollo is a bundle of playful energy and affection, always ready to explore new horizons and share snuggles with anyone willing. His striking coat is a perfect match for his adventurous spirit. Apollo adores interactive toys and chasing after feather wands. He dreams of finding a loving forever home where he can bask in the warmth of companionship and create endless memories under the starry night.

### Meet Hermes (on the Left)

Hermes is the purrfect feline companion for your home! This delightful kitten is as charming as they come, with a playful spirit and a heart full of love to share. Hermes is a bundle of energy and curiosity, always ready to pounce and explore his surroundings. His sleek coat, adorned with mesmerizing patterns, is soft to the touch, making cuddle sessions truly delightful. Hermes is not just a furry friend; he's a loyal companion in the making. Both Kittens are ready to embark on a lifetime of adventures with loving families.

### 2024 MEMBERSHIP RATES

Become a member or renew today! Here are examples of how far your dollars can go to help animals in need:

**\$50**

**Mini Oodle:** Feed 1 dog & cat for 1 month

**\$75**

**Cuddly Kitty:** Vaccinate 1 pet

**\$100**

**Howling Hound:** Cover 2 weeks garbage bill

**\$250**

**Fat Cat:** Cover 1 spay or neuter

**\$500**

**Top Dog:** Cover 1 month water & gas bill

**\$700**

**Fancy Feline:** Cover 1 month accounting

**\$1000**

**Posh Pooch:** Cover 1 emergency surgery

**\$1500**

**Grand Poopaw:** Cover 1 month pet meds

### YEAR-TO-DATE SHELTER REPORT

JAN 1 – SEPT 30, 2024

**Adoptable Dogs** (on Sept 30): **23**

**Adoptable Cats** (on Sept 30): **82**

YTD Dogs In: 169

YTD Cats In: 346

YTD Other Critters In: 22

YTD Dogs Out: 166

YTD Cats Out: 330

YTD Other Critters Out: 22

# 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

### Fall 2nd Paw Sale

On Saturday, September 28th we held our Fall 2nd Paw Sale at the Brown County Fairgrounds Expo Building. We think this may be the most items we have received to date. Thousands of items were donated and thousands of items were sold. We want to thank our "first pick" Friday shoppers. The \$20 donation to the AAHS is well worth it and many of these shoppers returned on Saturday. Of course we want to thank all of the Saturday shoppers as well. This is such a big fundraiser for us and we couldn't do it without all of those who donated items, all of the wonderful shoppers, all of those who just stopped by to give us a donation and of course to all of the volunteers who put in 1000+ hours. A huge Thank You to Dependable Sanitation for donating time and a roll-off, Simmons Middle School Youth Power for helping set up and tear down, Northern wrestlers for helping tear down, and to Jimmy Johns for the great sandwiches.

We hope you all found treasures and will come back in the spring for our next 2nd Paw Sale.

This is one event where volunteers are really needed and appreciated so if you ever feel the need to help the shelter out and you can spare an hour here and there, come see us next spring.

### Brown County Fair/Climate Control Tent

We were invited to partake in the Brown County Fair under the Climate Control Tent on Friday August 16th. We brought three Alumni with us; Spot the most chill Cat you can find, the sweet boy Har a Tennessee Walker Coon Hound English Pointer mix and the gorgeous Ginger a

female Collie. We had several fair goers stop by to visit. It's always fun to hear about pets adopted from our shelter. Our board of available pets for adoption is always a hit. We ran into Climate Controls Trusty and Dusty who posed for a group picture. Thank you Climate Control and we hope to see you at the Fair next year

### Gone to the Dogs Pool Day

Once again we packed the pool with hundreds of dogs for 2 hours of fun at the Aberdeen Aquatic Center. We shared several pictures on our Facebook Page of this event. It's so much fun to see the dogs playing in the pool, diving in the deep pool, fetching toys and just paddling through the lazy river. The weather was perfect for this event that was held on August 18th. We received several donations of toys and food and monetary donations. Thank you to the City of Aberdeen Parks and Recreation for hosting this fun and futuristic event!!

### Boy Scout Eagle Project

This year we received a Request from Tyler Walters to do his Eagle Scout Project by making improvements to the shelter grounds. His project included adding 8 trees to the property on the east side of the kennel runs, removing a fence in the agility course area to make it bigger and adding a bench inside the course. The project was completed on October 14th. Thank you Tyler and to all who donated to this project.

### Puttin' for Paws Golf Tourney

Our sixth annual charity golf tournament was a huge success! Held on July 20th, 10 AM at Rolling Hills Golf Club, the 18-hole, 4-person scramble was a friendly competition benefiting a real good cause! This year the weather was great for most of the day but a few of the players got caught in a downpour on their last holes. 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 2026 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 sponsors **JDH Construction & Prairie Dermatology!** We also thank our hole sponsors: **Aberdeen Pit Stop, Campbell's Town & Country, COOP Architecture, Dakota Structured Cabling, Diesel Machinery Inc., First Interstate Bank, Hitch'n Post, Horton, Inc., Insurance Plus, Ken's Superfair Foods, Merxbauer's Dental, Midco, Northern Plains Animal Health, Pauer Sound, Plains Commerce Bank, Quality Quick Print and Quest Construction.** Finally, a thank you to all those who donated prizes!

## Ongoing & Upcoming

### Calendar Contest

Our calendar contest is in progress! You'll be able to show off your pet(s) in our 2025 AAHS Photo Calendar Contest! Now until November 10, 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!

### Building Happenings

We continue to enhance our space. We are working on modifying the old building area. Part of the old building is still functional for storage purposes, but the older part no longer remains of use and will be torn down. This will also open up the space for the agility park area. Our long term vision is to have a nice outdoor space where people and pets can enjoy time together. We have purchased and planted trees around the perimeter to provide shade for our dogs when they are outside, but more trees are needed! We also are looking into canopy shade options. If you would like to help with this project or any others, let us know. Please reach out to any board member to designate money for building/grounds projects.

## HONORARIUMS (JUL-SEPT)

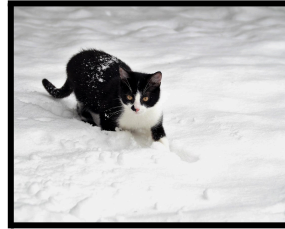
Rex & Norma Johnson From Gemma  
 Pen Pearson In Honor Of Aberdeen Area Humane Society Board And Staff  
 Data Facts In Honor Of Daphne Large & The 35th Anniversary Of Data Facts Inc  
 Pen Pearson In Honor Of All The Animals Waiting To Be Adopted.  
 Nancy Yada In Honor Of The Marriage Between Michele Fritz And Dan Young!  
 Lola V & Cheryl Gelling In Honor Of Humane Society Staff

## MEMORIALS (JUL-SEPT)

Joseph Hupp In Memory Of Nathan Koch  
 James Eye In Memory Of John T Foy And His Furry Friend, Tucker  
 Roy & Burnie Burt In Loving Memory Of Our Scottie, Bella. We Miss You So Much!  
 Carmel Heyd In Memory Of Sharon Nicholas (Sister To Colleen Callum)  
 Sherry Staub In Memory Of Deb Haas  
 Ron Franz In Memory Of Daniel A. Brandenburger  
 Jenny Martens In Memory Of Lori's Dog "Hattie"  
 Keith & Kathy Sprinkel In Memory Of Sandra Knudson  
 Cheri Lien In Memory Of Arlene Goossen  
 Paul Or Wendy Meyers In Memory Of Fred Ludwig  
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 Ben's Colleagues At Professional Patient Advocates In Life Sciences (Ppals) In Memory Of Travis Rux, Father Of Renee Rux Forred And Father-In-Law Of Ben Forred  
 Becky Pribyl In Memory Of Dr. Jessica Warns  
 Abigail Krstulic In Memory Of Dr Jessica Warns-Carrick  
 Jackie & Bill Blide In Memory Of J. J. Gese  
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# Preparing Pets for Cold Weather

The chilly weather is now upon us and preparing your pets for cold weather is important. Here are a few tips for our furry friends.



Protect those Paws. As the temperatures drop so does the pavement temp. Once the snow

comes the icy sidewalks, trails and roadways can be harsh on their pads. Pet booties are an excellent choice but if you have a pet that isn't a fan be sure to wipe their paws with a damp cloth to remove any salt or chemicals which can irritate their pads and remove any ice chunks caught between their toes.

Did you know pets burn more calories in cold weather to stay warm? Check with your vet, especially if you have outdoor pets as you may need to adjust their food intake.

Hydration is also important during this time so make sure to keep fresh water available. For our furry pets that do not have the extra coat of fur, a sweater will help to keep the chill off. Also you should limit their play time outdoors and make sure they are supervised. Pets can suffer from frostbite and hypothermia just like us. Playing games indoors, like doing treat puzzles, hiding treats throughout the house for them to find, learning new tricks and any other enrichment games will help prevent boredom.

One last tip to talk about is to watch out for antifreeze. Antifreeze has a sweet taste but is highly toxic to pets. Even small amounts can be devastating to their health. If you add antifreeze to your vehicle make sure you clean up any spills immediately and keep the containers out of reach of your pet. If you suspect your pet has ingested antifreeze contact your veterinarian immediately.

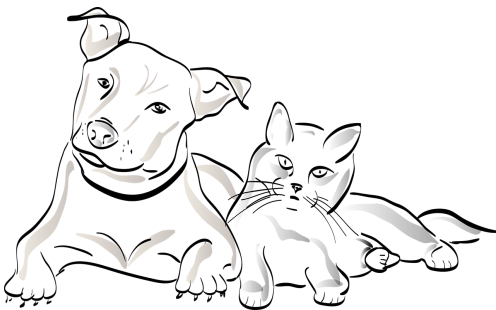
## A Special Thanks

- John Koerner Estate
- Jeanne Roers Estate
- Aberdeen Aquatic Center
- Plains Commerce Customer Appreciation
- Area Federal Credit Union Supply Drive
- The Paw Sale Volunteers who put in thousands of hours making the sale possible!!
- Dacotah Bank Give Where We Live: Noreen Lehramp, Anonymous
- NVC, faithful monthly adoption sponsor!
- C-Express
- Everyone who rescued a pet!
- Aberdeen Catholic School
- Everyone who donates to Wishlist Wednesday!
- Individual Donors: Tom Lang, Susan Wein, Janet Neff, Wyatt Sombke, Richard & Twyla Young, Vicki & JKLust, Caroline Lundell Scott
- Cholik Signs & Johnny Smith

## Kennel Sponsors

The "Sponsor a Kennel Program" is a recurring sponsorship with a minimum commitment of \$20 a month. We will display your business or family name in our building. Please reference Kennel Sponsorship with donation.

<b>Mark Mehlhoff Insurance</b>	<b>Todd &amp; Peggy Mann</b>	<b>Brian &amp; Jennifer Bengs</b>	<b>Deb Gardner</b>
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<b>Patricia Tollefson</b>	<b>Michele Hudson</b>	<b>B&amp;R Truck Repair (Devin, Rhonda &amp; Brandi Beitelspacher)</b>	



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## Aberdeen Area Humane Society—Membership

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Mini Oodle: \$50.00      \_\_\_\_\_ Fat Cat: \$200.00      \_\_\_\_\_ Posh Pooch: \$1,000.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Cuddly Kitty: \$75.00      \_\_\_\_\_ Top Dog: \$500.00      \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Poopaw: \$1,500.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Howling Hound: \$100.00      \_\_\_\_\_ Fancy Feline: \$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):