

January 2009
Winter Edition

The Paw



Newsletter for the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society

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Monthly Meetings:

(Mark your calendar)

February 2nd, 2009

March 2nd, 2009

April 6th, 2009

May 4th, 2009

June 1st, 2009

July 6th, 2009

313 S. Pierre St.
(former Miller Studio)
7 p.m.

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Fundraising at it's Best!

At the September general membership meeting, ideas were discussed on various ways to raise money to help our four-legged friends at the Humane Society.

One suggestion was selling pumpkin cutouts for \$1.00 each. This dollar would feed a cat or dog for a day!

An email was sent out and the response was overwhelming!

We received positive feedback with people purchasing 1 to 20 pumpkins. A family member's name (two-legged and four-legged, alike) was placed on each pumpkin in their honor/memory.

The pumpkins graced the front window of the Humane Society shelter. People walking (and driving) by were greeted by a "sea" of orange!

All-in-all, I am happy to report, with your gracious support, we sold **187 pumpkins!!!!** (See page 5 for "Snowmen for Spay/Neuter Fund")

I know I say this repeatedly, but it is the truth! We have the **BEST** friends and members supporting this wonderful cause!!

Thank You!!!!



Sponsoring a "Homeless" Pet....

We realize that there are people and families with **big hearts** that would love to be able to adopt or foster a puppy or kitty, but for some reason (renting, allergies, etc.), they cannot.

The Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society has started a "sponsorship" program. With this opportunity, you can donate \$30 a month and sponsor a furry friend!

You can choose which animal you would like to sponsor, or we can pick

one for you.

Your \$30 covers the monthly costs to keep your sponsored animal in our care. If your cat or dog is adopted during your sponsorship period, we will notify you (**with happiness**) and ask which "pet" you would like to continue your sponsorship with.

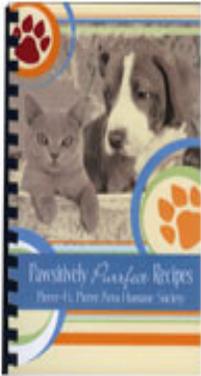
Please visit www.pets4adoption.org, fill out a sponsorship form and begin your road to helping a furry friend!!

"The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation."

--Corrie Ten Boom



Great Efforts....*WONDERFUL* Cookbook!!



Kim Kusser came to one of the monthly meetings with a ***fabulous*** fundraising idea!

A Humane Society cookbook compiled of recipes submitted by friends and members.

How did we survive in the past without the option of email? Yes, once again, I sent out an email asking for recipes. The response was ***superb!***

As the recipes came in, Kim and Lisa Saylor entered them on the *Morris Press Cookbooks* website.

Meetings took place, with Lindy Bouchie, Julie Kongslie, Kim and Lisa attending. Fonts, inserts, colors, etc. were chosen.

The final project turned out ***amazing!*** Containing over 140 recipes (tried and true), baking hints,

HS facts, and more, it is a masterpiece!

If you are looking for a graduation gift (high school or college), Mother's Day gift, birthday present, etc. go to www.pets4adoption.org and order your copy. You can also stop in at the shelter during the open hours and pick one up.



CONGRATULATIONS
to Jennifer Littlefield!

Hunters' Wives Day Out
Raffle Winner!!

She won a copy of the
"Pawsitively Purrfect
Recipes" Humane
Society Cookbook



Annual Humane Society Bake Sale

This year's bake sale took place at the Pierre Mall on Saturday, December 13th, 2008 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The weather was cold and people were out in force! I don't know if it was last-minute shoppers or people preparing for the pending snowstorm, but the mall was busy!

I would like to thank

Bonnie Stroh, Kim Kusser, Kay Ferraro, and Ruth Rehn for "manning" the tables!

In the beginning, we started with 2 tables and 2 benches **full** of baked goods.

Along with the baked goods, shoppers were also able to purchase the cookbooks for themselves or as

gifts. There was also the option of donating to the "Angel Tree" (below).

At the end of the sale, with the help of the many bakers, we raised **\$600!!!**

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!!



Kay Ferraro sells goodies



Ruth Rehn and Kay Ferraro



Kim Kusser & Lisa Saylor

Volunteer's Corner



If you would like to volunteer and/or become a foster parent, please call

(605) 223-CATS

I love writing this part of the newsletter, as it features our many outstanding volunteers!

I would like to introduce you to **Kim Kusser**, one of our dedicated dog volunteers!!

Through an email interview, I asked Kim how long she had been a volunteer with the Humane Society. Her response was (you could almost "hear" the smile) "Too many to count. I think I started in 1996."

Kim is currently the Canine Coordinator, which involves setting up new foster parents, making vet appointments and taking the dogs for vaccines and spay/neuter procedures. She also interviews potential "families" for our "dog" friends, and takes care of adoptions.

Kim stated she gets a lot of help from the foster parents, who are a blessing to the Humane Society. You would think that would be all a person could handle, on top of a full-time job, but she also sets up the phone schedule, does follow-up



Kim and Neko at "Meet & Greet"

calls after adoptions, including calls for the spay/neuter of the adopted pet (if it wasn't old enough to have it done before he/she was adopted).

"I also help with the fundraising." This would entail organizing, setting up and working the events.

One event you can always see Kim at is the monthly dog "Meet & Greet" at the shelter. This event takes place the third Saturday of every month from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Since our dogs are kept in foster care, this gives the public a chance to meet some of our friendly canines "face to face".

The picture to the left was taken at the December 20th "Meet & Greet". The dogs were excited to be out-and-about and possibly meeting their new family!!

Not only is Kim a huge part of the success of finding homes for our sweet dogs, she has her own "furry kids" at home. She is a proud "mom" to Meeko (German Shepherd), Elway (Black Lab Mix) and Axel (Yorkshire Terrier).

I can vouch that Kim's household is definitely an energetic one! When you walk into the house, you are greeted by lots of barking, tail waggin', and pleading puppy eyes saying, "Play with ME", as you are being shown their many toys.

Kim is a huge asset to the Humane Society and for that I say,

"Thank you, Kim, for all that you do for the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society!"

Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.

--Erma Brombeck



Lutheran Memorial's "Blessing of the Animals"

On October 11th, 2008, Lutheran Memorial Church held their "Blessing of the Animals". The weather was cold, but the turnout was great! You were able to look up and down the sidewalk in front of the church and see families (human and furry, alike) lined up to partake in this *wonderful* event.

Pastor Diane Jackson led the group in prayer and song. If you have never heard Pastor Diane sing, it is amazing!

After a little singing and laughter, each animal received their very own blessing. Owners were

smiling and cameras were flashing. It was an awesome sight to see!

Even with the many dogs that attended the blessing, every one was well-behaved. Of course, you had the normal "curiosity", but what do you expect with that many four-legged family members in one area?

If you have not had the opportunity to go to a blessing, be sure to take in the next one! The feeling of love and compassion in the air, if nothing else, makes the visit well worth it!!



Cat Johns, Jasper, and Pastor Diane

Talking to dogs is one of the few acts of faith still made nowadays.

-Paul Jennings



“Memorials”

Pet Memorials



In Memory or Honor

June 2008
Memorial for Houston by Lindy Bouchie and Matt Geraets

November 2008
Memorial for Sadie, beloved dog of Chad Kusser and family, by Kim Kusser

Memorials for Mia, beloved dog of Roxanne Oakley and family, by Kim Kusser and Kathy Hammond

September 2008
In memory of Cliff Branaman by Donna Hawk

July 2008
In memory of Nanette Dailey's dog by Ann Sines

November 2008
In memory of Marge Buhl by Cathy Sonnenschein

Upcoming Events:

January 2009 – “Snowmen for Spays” – Purchase “snowmen” for \$1.00

January 17th from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.:
Dogs at HS Shelter
(A meet & greet with some of the dogs in our care !)

February 28th-March 1st – Farm and Home Show - Ramkota

February 2009 – Pampered Chef fundraiser
Randy Love Concert

March 2009 – St. Patrick's Day Parade and Gold Canyon Candle Fundraiser

SNOWMEN FOR SPAY/NEUTERS!!

On January 2nd, 2009, an email was sent about the newest fundraiser!

Just like the pumpkins in October, each snowman can be purchased for \$1.00. Write a name on each pumpkin (being human or pet). We will display the snowmen inside the Humane Society shelter.

The money raised in January will go towards our **spay/neuter fund** !!!!!



If you would like more information, please email me at:

sayler@pie.midco.net

- WISH LIST**
- Kitty Litter
 - Dog/Cat Food
 - Bleach
 - Garbage Bags
 - Cat/Dog Toys
 - Leashes/Collars
 - Paper Towels
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Rawhide Chews
- FOSTER HOMES!!**



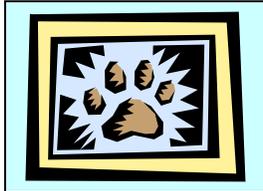
“Looking for a Home”!!

****If you see a “cutie” that you would like to adopt or sponsor,
please call (605) 223-CATS!**

Visit www.pets4adoption.org for more detailed descriptions
and to view the others looking for homes, as well!



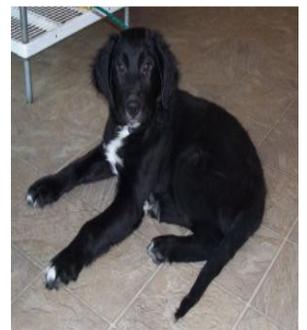
Amelie
Spayed female
Black/orange/tan
Calico
DOB: May 3, 2007



Cabby
Neutered male
Declawed
Black/gray/white
Tabby
DOB: July 3, 2002



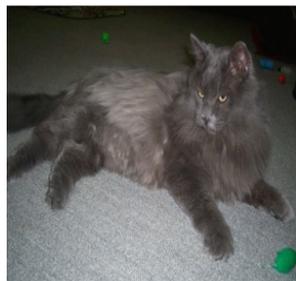
Charley
Neutered male
Black lab
DOB: July 10,
2008



Hemmie
Male
Black Lab/Newfound
DOB: is Sept 12,
2008



Bridgette
Female
Black
Lab Retriever Mix
DOB: Jan 2, 2007



Grey
Neutered male,
Long-hair/dark gray
DOB: Sept 4, 2003



Major
Neutered male
German wirehair
pointer
Black/white
DOB: Nov 5, 2006



Veruca (Miss V)
Spayed female
Short tail
DOB: July 2003

PIERRE-FORT PIERRE AREA HUMANE SOCIETY

P.O. Box 954, Pierre, SD 57501-0954

Yearly Membership Categories:

Student \$10 (under 18) Senior \$10 Individual \$15 (1, over 18) Family \$25 (2+) Business \$50
 Lifetime \$500 (Free t-shirt)

I cannot become a member at this time; however, I am enclosing a donation of \$_____ to further assist the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society.

I am already a member & am enclosing a donation of \$_____ to further assist the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society.

I would like this donation to go to the following fund(s):

- General Fund (Rent, medical, expenses, food, litter, day to day needs)
- Building Fund (We are raising funds to build a permanent HS building)
- Special Needs Fund (Sometimes our animals need extra medical attention)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Home State _____ Zip _____ Work Phone _____ Phone _____

Date _____ New Renewal

Email _____

Please indicate whether you would be willing to be an active member:

Yes, Call me when needed. No, I'd rather not be actively involved

I hope you enjoyed this issue of *"The Paw"*. I would like to thank everyone that helped make this edition possible!! If you would like to become a member of the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society, please fill out the above form and send it to the address provided.

--Lisa Sayler, Humane Society Secretary

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