

December 2010  
Winter

# The Paw



Newsletter for the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society

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## Upcoming Meeting

### Dates:

(Mark your calendars)

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

(election)

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

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## “Honk & Bark” Carwash – A Huge “Splash”!!

Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, was a “purrfect” day. The weather was beautiful: Sunny, blue skies, and calm winds. Mother Nature was in a *great* mood!!

That was the day the Humane Society held its annual “**Honk & Bark**” Carwash. Beck Motors generously donated the use of their Super Wash on Garfield Avenue and we can’t thank them enough!!

With the many volunteers on hand, cars **and** dogs received a great cleaning,

all for the cost of a “free will” donation.

A great, big “**Thank You**” to Kim Kusser, Kathy Hammond, Joyce Kammersall, Stephanie Knutson, Kelsey Hammond, Emily Heezen, Liz Knutson, Marc Halderman, Sarah Lihs, and Timmi Lunsford.

Without you, this event could not have happened!

At the end of the day, the “Honk & Bark” Carwash made **\$608!!!**

Thank you to those that stopped and participated!!



“Anybody who doesn’t know what soap tastes like never washed a dog.”  
--Franklin P. Jones

## Check out the new blog site.....

The Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society has a new blog site! If you have visited our website, you know that you can view pictures and read a brief description of each cat and dog looking for their forever home.

This site will feature those animals and bring you their stories. You will read about where they came from, what brought them to our facility, and in the animals “very own words” how great they would fit into your family.

If you haven’t had a chance to check it out yet, go to:

<http://pets4adoption.wordpress.com>.

You can also find a link at the top of the first page at:

[www.pets4adoption.org](http://www.pets4adoption.org).

As of the writing of this article, there were 8 blogs in print, including Veruca (cat), Paulo (dog), and a former Humane Society Cat, Hepburn.

I have to tell you the amazing story about Veruca. She had been with the Humane Society for 3 ½ years. She was the first “blogger” and was adopted shortly after! The power of words is an amazing thing!!

Not only will this be a site where

you can see the stories of current Humane Society cats and dogs, but we are hoping anyone that has adopted from us in the past, will share their pets stories, as well!! On that note, go check out Hepburn’s blog. It’s a riot!!



Veruca n/k/a Miss V

## ***4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Dog Days of Summer"***

Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, was the day the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society held its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "***Dog Days of Summer***". As in the years past, that date is chosen to coincide with the annual "National Homeless Animals Day". How appropriate is that?!

As you can see by the pictures, the weather was beautiful!

The day was full, with raffle drawings, games (including fish pond, face painting, duck pond, fishing pond, etc.), and a food tent that included hot dogs, chips, pop, "woof" beer floats, "pup"corn and more!

A parade of Humane Society dogs up for adoption, and dog contest were also held.

The dog contest was something to see! You had the winner of the smallest dog, being a Min-pin, and the winner of the biggest dog going to King,

a St. Bernard. This was King's third time running and this year he won! His "mom", Emily Ward, said, "*Third time is a charm.*"

Apryl's was there again, this year, trimming nails and contributing all she made back to the Humane Society. ***Thank you, Apryl!!***

A heart-felt ***thank you*** to all of the volunteers and donators of this event! Its success would not have been possible without you!!!



**A Wonderful Turnout! Thank you!!**



**Apryl's Table**



**Lindy paints a "young-goers" face**



**Dog Contest Entrants - Quite a Variety!**



**Dog Contest WINNERS! CONGRATULATIONS!!**

## Another Young Giver!

I know I say it all the time, but the young people in our community truly amaze me!

Let me introduce you to another "young giver". His name is Devon Hemmelman. He is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Washington School and just turned 8 years old!

He also (just like Kiernan in the July/August 2010 newsletter) unselfishly asked for donations to the Humane Society instead of birthday gifts for himself! You can see some of the donations in the picture to the right.

The kitties and puppies are going to enjoy Devon's "presents" very much! I believe Bridger is even smiling at the thought!!

When I asked Devon if he had any pets of his own, he told me that his family has 2 dogs named Koda and Ranger (Mom's), a cat named Pooky (Dad's) and he just adopted a cat of his very own 3 weeks ago from the Humane Society. His name is Manchester, but they call him "Manny" or "Man-man".

Devon loves going to the shelter with his mom and playing with the kitties "because they are so playful".

During his visits at the shelter he picked out Manchester, who is now living in his forever home with Devon!

Not only do Devon and his mom visit the shelter, the Hemmelman's are also one of our fabulous foster families for the dogs! We could not help as many dogs as we do, without them!

(If you are interested in becoming a foster family, please contact [pets4adoption@yahoo.com](mailto:pets4adoption@yahoo.com) or call (605) 223-CATS.)

During our "interview", Devon revealed that, not unlike ANY 8 year old, he likes to play Wii for fun! So in this big heart of a giver, there is still a child!

My hat goes off to Devon! Thank you so much for your generosity!!



**Devon and Bridger (HS dog)**

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*"The value of a man resides in what he gives and not in what he is capable of receiving."*

--Albert Einstein

## COLD WEATHER TIPS

As winter approaches, I would like to remind you of some important safety tips for your family pet(s) during the cold weather!

First if your pet needs to go outside, be sure it's for a "quick trip". The padding on their paws and the tips of their ears are susceptible to frost bite, so the shorter their time outside, the better.

Second, if your pet is going to be outside for an extended period, make sure they have a

bowl of water (keep an eye, as the water will not take long to freeze), and shelter from the cold winds.

If you notice an animal, sitting outside in the cold weather without water or protection, *please* contact your local law enforcement!

If your cat gets outside, be sure to check under the hood of your car before starting it, as they tend to curl up next to a previously running motor to stay warm.

Now, I know some puppies require those "much-needed" haircuts! Don't trim them down to the skin! The extra layer of fur will help keep them warm.

If your pup has short fur, consider a coat (neck to tail) for protection. They will thank you for it!!

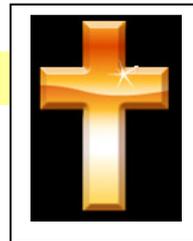
Also, after your dog's bath, make sure they are completely dry before going out.

Just like in the summer time, NEVER leave your pet in the car! You know how cold your car can get when left not running for even a short time in the winter! It's like a freezer and can be deadly for your family pet.

I know there are many other tips, but I wanted to be sure to mention the above!

**Thank you!**

# Honors and Memorials



2010 (June – November)

In memory of her mom, Naomi Pratt, by Rita Bad Moccasin  
In memory of her great-aunt, Millie Bruce, by Deborah Wilkens  
In memory of their mom, Virginia Bloomenrader, by Judy Blair, Dennis, Scott, Bret & Ricki Bloomenrader  
In memory of Margaret Lungren by Don Lungren  
In honor of Paul Weisner's Birthday by Rev. D.E. and Alta C. Gaarder  
"A tribute to a very good dog, Jake Atwood", by Ron and Sara Garson  
In memory of Penny Lane, cat of Amanda Ames and former cat of the Humane Society by Lindy Geraets and Kathy Hammond  
In memory of Epiphany, cat of Deborah Wixon-Green and former cat of the Humane Society by Lindy Geraets and Kathy Hammond  
In memory of Axel, dog of Kim Kusser, by Lindy Geraets, Jodi Owen, Sally Boyd, Kathy Hammond and Lisa Sayler  
In memory of Axel, dog of Kim Kusser, by Betty Truax  
In memory of Karra, foster cat of Debby Bouchie, by Lisa Sayler, Lindy Geraets, Kathy Hammond and Monica Ortbahn  
In memory of Chip, beloved dog of Lois, Sarah and Matthew, by Lindy Geraets and Debby Bouchie

***If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one (human or pet), please send it to PFPAHS, P.O. Box 954, Pierre, SD 57501***

## Wish List

Cat Litter  
Blankets  
Cleaning Supplies  
Laundry Detergent  
Collars/Leashes  
Bleach  
Cat/Dog Toys  
Trash Bags  
Rawhide Bones

*These items can be dropped off at our downtown location:*

Thursday 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.  
Saturday 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

## **Thank You!!**

We would like to extend our gratitude to the following businesses around town that have held fundraisers to benefit the dogs and cats of the Humane Society:



\*\*Perkins  
\*\*Taco Johns  
\*\*Arby's  
\*\*Maurice's  
\*\*JCPenney  
\*\*Schwann's  
\*\*Bridget M Photography  
\*\*Pizza Ranch



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**Membership Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address (street, city, state, zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Year Membership:** (includes newsletter subscription)

\_\_\_\_\_ Student \$15.00 (under 18)      \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$30.00 (2+)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Senior \$15.00 (65+)      \_\_\_\_\_ Business \$50.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$20.00 (over 18)      \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime \$500.00

**I would also like to:**

**Make a donation**

\_\_\_\_\_ One Time    \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly    \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly (Cash, Check, Automatic Deposit, Credit Card)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Fund (every day expenses)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs Fund (for animals with extra medical needs)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Building Fund  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Spay/Neuter Fund

**Become a Humane Society Sponsor (cash, check, Automatic Deposit, Credit Card)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Monthly (\$30.00 per month)      \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly (\$90.00 every 3 months)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Semi-Annual (\$180.00 every 6 months)      \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly (\$360.00 once a year)

To register as a Humane Society Sponsor, please complete the separate Sponsorship Registration form and attach it.

**Become a Humane Society volunteer**

\_\_\_\_\_ Dog Foster Home Volunteer  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cat Shelter Volunteer  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fund Raiser Volunteer  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other

To register as a Volunteer, please complete the Volunteer Registration/Waiver form and attach it.

**Payment Method**

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_

Automatic Deposit \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Routing # \_\_\_\_\_ Bank account # \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_