



The Paw

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Reason for the Season

Ms. Cindy Fiechter and Ms. Jill Mutchelknaus coordinated a big collection of PAWS wish list items at Kennedy Elementary school. They were able to collect many supplies from the wish list and even a few more goodies that were not on the wish list. They even made a beautiful display with ornaments made from the pictures of our PAWS residents. This class really showed the true spirit of the season with this ambitious collection. The PAWS board, volunteers, cats and dogs are very thankful for this donation and the Christmas cheer.



Pizza for Pets

Paws Animal Rescue held a fund-raiser at Pizza Ranch in Fort Pierre on Tuesday, Dec. 29, from 5 to 8 p.m., with 20 percents of the proceeds during those hours – whether it be from dine in, carry-out or delivery – going to the shelter. There was an excellent turnout for as cold as it was and we were able to raise \$790.

Volunteers cleared tables and talked to people who had an interest in what our organization was and if we used the money for local use only.

Needless to say, it was a great night for all our dogs and cats at the shelter.



Students Volunteer at Shelter

In October, students from St. Joseph's Indian School, Chamberlain, S.D., volunteered their skills at PAWS Animal Rescue Shelter for a day.

Some students scrubbed down the walls in the three cat rooms while others planted shrubs around the dog playground area. No matter what the task was, they all did an awesome job and their volunteering was greatly appreciated. The cats and dogs loved all the attention, snuggles and ear scratching they got from the boys.

Since 1927, St. Joseph's Indian School has provided care and education for Native American boys and girls. They provide for the basic welfare of the Lakota children (food, clothing and medical care) with special emphasis on the spiritual, emotional and educational development of each child, while respecting their culture and heritage.



Above: St. Joseph's Indian School students and the Sams family.



Volunteer Spotlight: **Betty Truax**

How did you become involved in animal advocacy?

Betty: About 20 years ago, a friend asked me if I wanted to come to a meeting with her because I was in a funk. Shortly after that first meeting, a foster home was needed for a momma and three pups that were born under a shed in the country. She had wandered onto the property and had the babies. The family was moving to Washington and they were worried about them because it was a brutal winter. They had lice and contaminated all of my dogs. She had mastitis and wasn't able to provide milk for the pups. She and the pups survived with some creative care.

What do you find most rewarding about volunteering at PAWS?

Betty: The love that the animals show me.

What do you find most challenging about volunteering at PAWS?

Betty: It is bitter sweet when dogs are adopted. It's what we

work for, it's what we pray for. Each dog takes a piece of my heart. But there are always more dogs that fill in the hole in my heart.

What do you wish other people knew about PAWS?

Betty: That we don't have any legal authority regarding animal abuse and neglect. That law enforcement are the only ones that can help in these situations. Please contact law enforcement and the pound at 224-1075 when your pet goes missing.

What would you say are some of the guiding principles of PAWS?

Betty: That all cats and dogs should be in your home, part of your family.

What's your personal philosophy on what should be done about overpopulation?

Betty: I think that locally we are doing as much as possible to reduce the population. Our Reduced Cost Spay/Neuter Program has had an impact on how many pets are born. That spay and neuter reduce the risk of developing cancer. That altering your pet will not reduce his/her energy. They do not need to have a litter before alter! That your children do not need to witness the miracle of birth.

When your friends/family find out that you volunteer with PAWS, what do they say or ask?

Betty: Why do you do it? For the love of animals. To see them blossom into confident pets. What do you do? Everything from loving them, showing them that humans can be kind and compassionate to cleaning up vomit, pee and poo.

What might (someone) be surprised to know about you?

Betty: That I love cats as much as dogs!

What would you tell someone who is thinking of donating or volunteering their time and talents?

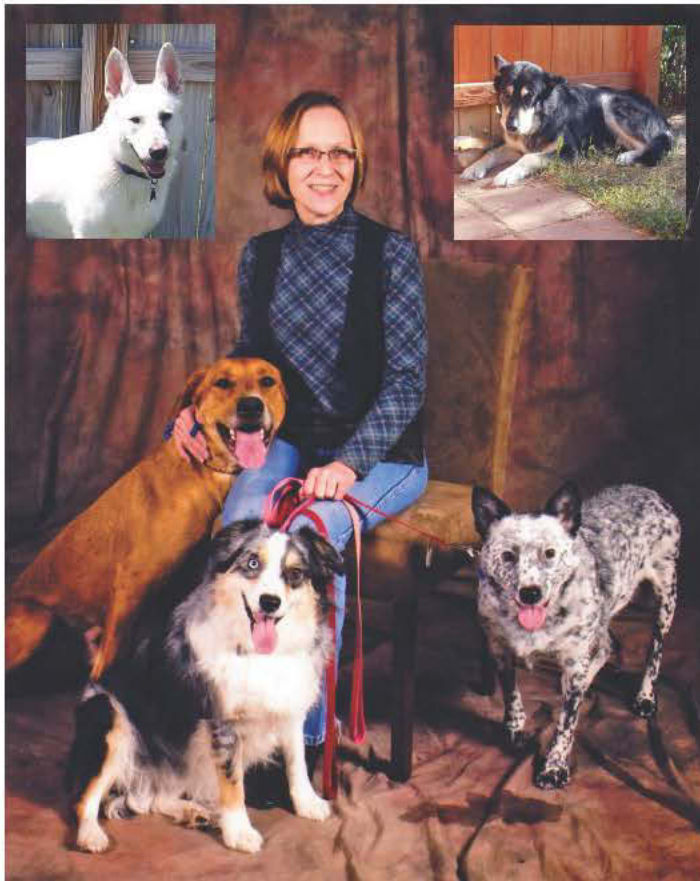
Betty: Whatever time, money and talent you have to spare can make the world of difference for a dog or cat!

What's it like to be a volunteer?

Betty: Your heart will do a happy dance when you watch the animals grow and become confident.

Do you have a favorite memory or story about PAWS?

Betty: Not every memory is positive, but every memory helped PAWS develop into the organization that it is today. I have loved every dog that was rescued. Think about how full my heart is with all those dogs in it.



Above: Left to right, Austin, Avery and KiKi. All adopted dogs – the light of my daily life! Austin crossed the rainbow bridge on Good Friday this year. He was such a handsome devil! Pictured in the upper left corner is Annie and in the right is Sooma, my most recent rescues.



Memorials and Honors

October

Donation made by Bob Riter, Jr. in memory of Audrey Durken

Donations were made in honor of Luella Canode by: Fischer Rounds, Alice Whitebird, Joanne Seamans, Rachel Smith, Todd Nelson and Jim and Cheryl Nelson.

Doug and Justine Estes in memory of Dottie Howe.

November

A donation was made by Cheryl Stone in memory of Molly.

A donation was made by Lois and Jack Harr in honor of Helene Miller's 90th birthday.

DONATE ON OUR WEB SITE

People can now donate through our website at pets4adoption.org, using their debit card, credit card, bank account or PayPal. Just click on the Donate link.

PAWS Angel Tree at Runnings



Above: Once again, while shopping at Runnings, patrons were able to check out the PAWS Christmas tree. Needed items for PAWS were written on the back of tree ornaments. Each ornament featured pictures of adoptable cats and dogs at PAWS Animal Rescue. Items were purchased and placed them in the box next to the tree.

PAWS Aluminum Recycling Trailer

You can now drop off your aluminum cans for recycling at the shelter instead of at the bowling alley.

The recycling program has been a good fundraiser for the shelter and helps cover vaccines, food, spay/neuters, etc.

The trailer is on the north side of the building.

Please tell all your friends it is there!



Pup Dates

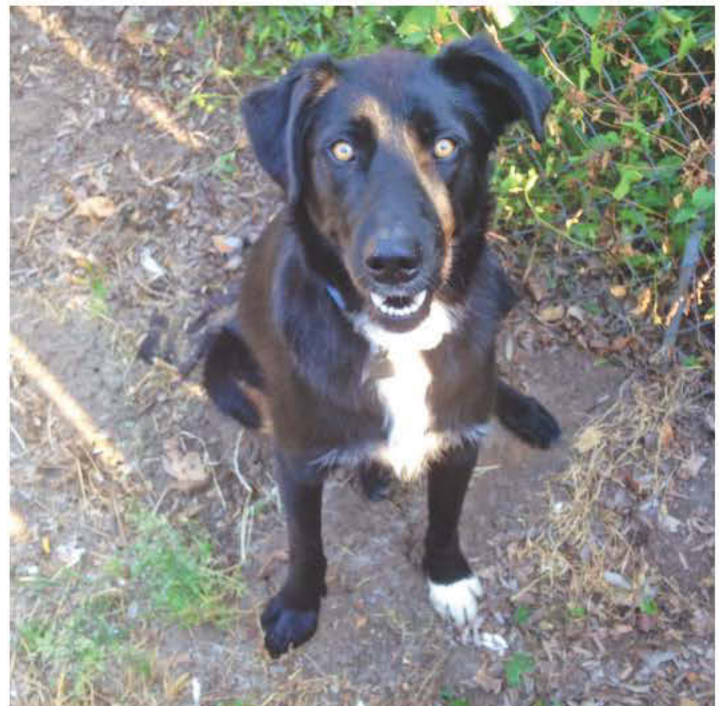
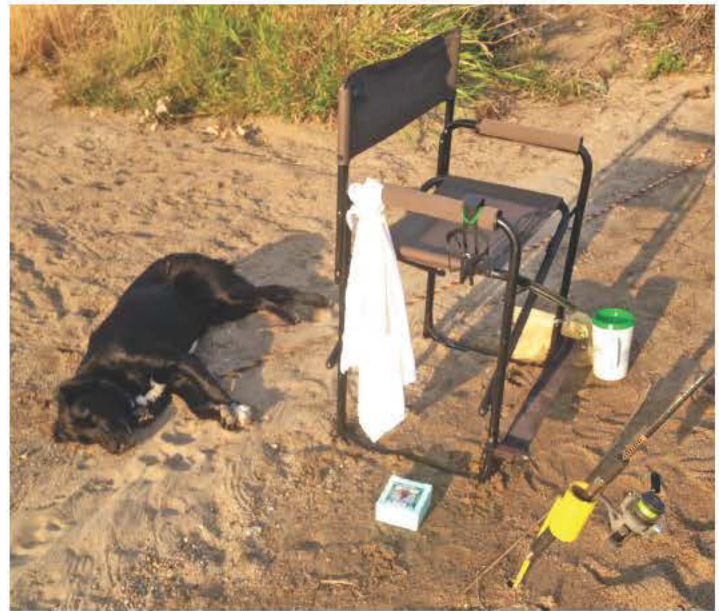
Keeper:

Happy Holidays! We just wanted to send you an update on Keeper and thank you and all the volunteers at PAWS. As you can see from the photos attached, Keeper spends most of his time snuggling with the kids. He loves being close to his people. He is gentle and sweet and we are thankful to have adopted such an amazing boy. He passed obedience training and likes to go to the dog park to play fetch. He's even taken up training for a half marathon with my husband, Tom. He's put on five pounds and our floors have never been so free of crumbs! He has really settled in and isn't anxious at all anymore. He can be quite the clown at times and we just love his personality. Thank you for all you do. We can't imagine life without our Keeper.



Kato (now Mike):

Kato was adopted early this fall by a PAWS volunteer. As you can tell, Mike loves to go camping and fishing. The residents in Mike's forever home have welcomed him with open paws.



Dog Doors Deliver

Out With the Old, in With the New

Recently PAWS had the opportunity to purchase and install heavy duty aluminum dog doors with a pulley and cable close system. This change also allowed an upgrade to a bigger dog door size since we primarily have medium to large dogs and could not easily use the smaller dog doors.

In just over two years, the original dog doors were in very poor shape and one of our more robust doggie patrons managed to completely pop out his entire dog door frame. Volunteers spent a lot of time repairing the old dog doors.

The aluminum frame and plexi glass window allows more light into the kennel area and also allows for the doors to be opened without entering the dog's kennel so volunteers work more quickly to get our dogs out for their potty break!

Jim McClelland, Precision Property Services, installed the dog doors as well as the fencing for the playground.

His wife, Pam, is a volunteer in the cat area.

Thank you to all the supporting members and community members that donate to PAWS - we could not complete this critical upgrade without your support!



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2015, PAWS Animal Rescue took in 44 dogs and adopted out 49.

Donation Station

DONATION INFORMATION

Monetary donations may be sent to:

Paws Animal Rescue
PO Box 954
Pierre, SD 57501-0954

Donate via our web site:

Go to pets4adoption.org and click on Donate

Donations may be dropped off at 1530 N Lowell Avenue (behind Wal-Mart):

- Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Call 223-CATS and arrangements will be made for another drop off time or to pick up your donation.

Donation items we are always in need of:

BioSpot (all canine sizes)
Cat Toys
Cat Treats
Dog Toys and Treats for Hardy Chewers
Dog Shampoo (tearless) and Conditioner
Frontline for Puppies (8 weeks to 6 months)
Clumping Litter
Purina Cat and Kitten Food
Rawhide Chews
Cleaning Supplies
Canned dog food
Any adult or puppy food with meat as the first ingredient
Bleach
Clorox Wipes
Dish Soap
Dryer Sheets
Febreze Fabric Freshener
Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels
Pine Sol
Spot Cleaner for Upholstery
Tall Garbage Bags
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Toilet Paper



Picking the Right Vet: A Cheat Sheet

WITH PLENTY OF FACTORS TO CONSIDER, deciding on the right veterinarian can feel like an overwhelming process. Pet360 is here to help you make a confident decision with these pointers for both you and your pet. We've created this cheat sheet with tips and steps to finding the right vet, from factors like cost and location to going with reviews and opinions. The right vet is out there for you and your beloved pet, just follow this easy guide to lead you there.

Ask Around!

Before you start counting stars and reading review after review on Yelp, try polling your own personal network first. "I always tell people to go with word of mouth," says Dr. Patricia Patterson, staff veterinarian of the Best Friends Animal Society. "Ask friends, relatives, neighbors, local shelters or rescues who they use." This way you'll get to ask the questions that are most important to you, instead of scrolling through what's important to others.

When calling to inquire about making an appointment, take into consideration the attitude of the staff. If it's like pulling teeth to make a well visit appointment, think about how you'll feel when you have to call in about something more serious. "I would look to the warmth and friendliness of the staff," says Dr. Patterson. When choosing a vet, keep in mind their overall personality. Are they calm? Do they have a good bedside manner? Does your pet seem to like them? A good vet will know how to soothe a stressful situation, instead of adding to it.

Connect On Your Pet Care Philosophies

There are a few hot topics when it comes to pet health, including things like euthanasia, cancer care, chronic disease planning and spaying and neutering. Having like-minded philosophies with your vet can make all the difference when faced with difficult decisions. "I would have an idea of what my principles and overall ethics on animal care are, and then I would ask the veterinarian and staff what they think," says Dr. Patterson. Your pet's quality of life is important to you, and it should be to your vet, as well.

Busier Usually Equals Better

Can't find a seat once you get to the office? Standing room only can be a good sign of what the office has to offer. "Don't be put off by a busy, hectic or fast paced waiting area," suggests Dr. Patterson, "as this can sometimes mean a popular, well-liked and hard-working clinic."

Money Matters

Vet bills can be hefty and they can add up quick. Whether you're there for routine vaccines or emergency X-rays, make sure to "ask about costs, how they expect payments and if there is a credit line," says Dr. Patterson. Splitting up payments, if possible, can help your pet get the treatment she needs without having to break the bank all at once.

Hours of Operation

Hours of operation can be a biggie. "I would ask about how a vet sees an emergency patient and what their after-hours policies are," recommends Dr. Patterson. If you picked your vet based on their



proximity and they are closed when you need them, you may end up having to travel much farther just to reach an open emergency clinic.

Location, Location, Location

Having a vet close by can be clutch. If you can walk or make a quick drive, that's great. Aside from making well visits less of a hassle, this closeness will give you piece of mind knowing that in the case of an emergency, your vet is nearby. One caveat to this step: If the most convenient vet doesn't tick the other boxes on this list, then you may want to spread your search a little further. After all, it may be worth the extra few minutes in the car for a more skilled vet or a better understanding staff.

Get a Second Opinion

Your pet and their health is a matter that's close to your heart, so even when you've found your vet, a second opinion can't hurt. A serious diagnosis, a surgery or a test recommendation can turn your world upside down, and getting a second opinion could do wonders when it comes to setting your mind at ease. Dr. Patterson suggests asking if your prospective veterinarian uses a referral clinic or has a problem with a second opinion if at some point something like that is needed.



Membership Registration

Paws Animal Rescue

PO Box 954 – Pierre, SD 57501

605-223-cats

www.pets4adoption.org

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address (street, city, state, zip) _____

Phone # Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Birthday (month and day) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

New _____ Renewal _____

1 Year Membership: (Includes quarterly newsletter subscription, monthly animal update, & ability to vote at general meetings.)

_____ Student \$15.00 (under 18)

_____ Family \$30.00 (2+)

_____ Senior \$15.00 (65+)

_____ Business \$50.00

_____ Individual \$20.00 (18 and up)

_____ Lifetime \$500.00

I would also like to:

Make a donation

_____ One Time _____ Monthly _____ Yearly (Cash, Check, Automatic Deposit)

\$ _____ General Fund (every day expenses)

\$ _____ Special Needs Fund (for animals with extra medical needs)

\$ _____ Building Fund

\$ _____ Spay/Neuter Fund

Become a Paws Animal Rescue Sponsor (cash, check, Automatic Deposit)

_____ 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 Paws Animal Rescue sponsor, please complete the separate Sponsorship Registration form and attach it.

Become a Paws Animal Rescue 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 # _____

