



# The Paw

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# Fiesta Fun Benefits Furry Four-legged Friends

**Paws Animal Rescue** held it's annual Fiesta Supper on May 5 at the Legion in downtown Pierre, raising \$1,925.

We want to thank everyone who donated items, cooked, volunteered and came down to eat. It truly was a team effort and we couldn't have done it without our volunteers!!





# CNSI Celebrates Anniversary; Paws Animal Rescue Prospers

CNSI is one of the world's leading business solutions providers with vast experience in developing and delivering innovative technology solutions.

CNSI recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. They celebrated this milestone by partnering with over 15 charitable organizations at each office location across the country. In South Dakota, CNSI's team of seven employees donated just over \$1,000 worth

of items, including animal toys, treats, food, cleaning and grooming supplies to Paws Animal Rescue.

On April 26, Kim Kusser and Kathy Hammond, along with Great Dane Max, accepted CNSI's large amount of donations. As expected, Kim and Kathy were totally ignored and all eyes were on Max!! He was so well behaved and stole everyone's heart!

Thank you so much, CNSI for your generosity.



## Girls on the Run



**Left:** The Buchanan Girls on the Run raised money from their service project to help Paws care for the dogs and cats. Paws Animal Rescue was one of three organizations that the 3rd through 5th grade girls selected to raise money for. They had a Cupmade Stand and sold baked goods and lemonade. They must have been pretty good sales people because they presented Paws with \$85!!!





# Pup Dates

## Olaf (now Ollie):

"Ollie is doing great. Our existing Beagle took him right under her wing and they are best playmates and snuggle buddies."



Left: Ollie loves to have a pillow to rest his head on. Right: Sam and Ollie enjoying some deck time.

## Max:

Everyone that meets Max falls in love. He is so much fun. He loves to play, he will bring you a toy and if you don't play he will take it and toss it then get it, and toss it to himself again. He is super smart and within just a few days he knows sit, and stay, he also is doing great with leash manners. He really, really loves car rides, he has his own little seatbelt leash that buckles into the car and as soon as he hears the jingle of keys he is at the door ready to go. I will get some pictures and send those to you as well. I will have to take one of him eating out of his modified piano bench. (: We have an appointment to take him into our vet at home soon, but he seems to be doing good. He doesn't appear to have any pain and he seems to be getting along very well in the house. He loves to lick the top of my dad's bald head when my dad is putting on his shoes. It cracks us all up. Like I said before we are all completely in love with him.

## Doodles:

Doodles has been a part of our family for almost four months now and he couldn't be any better adjusted! My husband and I joke that he is even better adjusted than our one dog we have had for almost 5 years :) It truly warms my heart knowing that you all took such good care of him while he lived at the shelter. He is spoiled beyond belief and couldn't be loved any more than he already is! Our two other dogs immediately welcomed Doodles and they all have tons of fun running around the yard. I attached some pics for you to enjoy. Thanks again for all your hard work and dedication!



## Sven:

"Sven is doing wonderful. I saw him this last week in Sioux Falls and he is a very happy and content dog. He has been getting lots of exercise which I think helps. He goes for 2 to 3 walks per day. When I saw him he was hardly jumping up and when told off he seems to

understand. He has chewed one pair of sandals and eaten a salami sandwich from the table but that is about it!! My daughter saw him once this weekend and he was so tired he could hardly keep his eyes open. They read in a book that Aussies need to have "tasks" to do so they took him out back where some tree branches were. They worked with him and he would take a branch in his mouth and take it over and put it down where they told him to!!! I think he is becoming one spoiled dog!!"

## Anna (now Maya):

"Maya and I are getting along fine. She is such a sweetheart and loves to please. She is a social butterfly and can't get enough of having playmates.

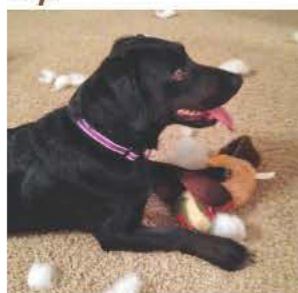
Our family are "dog people" so everywhere I visit she has friends now. She plays with the smallest (a dach/huaua mix about 8 inches high) to the largest (a golden retriever) with the same gusto and grace. I have attached a couple of pictures and a video. Hope they show her heart. Thanks for letting me have her!"



## Connor (now Henry):

"Henry has been doing very well. He's really enjoying country life. Yesterday he thought it would be fun to play with a bird that set up a nest on the deck. The bird was not as happy. I have also found that he really enjoys going for car rides. Once again I can't thank you enough, Henry has become a very important member of my family."

## Lily:



"Lily has been a very good girl for us and nope we didn't change her name. She has a whole basket full of her own toys now and we got her a nice name tag for her collar. She loves to play in our yard and she's pretty good at fetch already. She knows how to sit, shake, and lay down, she is a smart

girl and learns quick. She really liked it when I took her to my parents house last weekend, she loved running by the river, pasture, and following the four-wheeler. All together she has been a great dog and we love her to pieces!"





## Memorials and Honors

### March

Donation from Dan and Sally Boyd, Bobi Kallenberger, Betty Truax, Kathy Hammond and Kim Kusser to Brian and Cheriee Waterson in memory of their dog, Sirius.

### April

A donation from Betty Truax, Melita Hauge, Kathy Hammond and Sally Boyd was made in memory of Koda, beloved dog of Brenda Hemmelman.

In honor and remembrance of Koda by Brenda Hemmelman - Koda was her 7 year old sheltie, taken from her far too soon by kidney failure on April 13. He loved to play ball, chase geese and attack the mower and vacuum. He will be greatly missed by Brenda and his buddy, Ranger.

### June

Donations made in memory of Charlie, beloved dog of Lois Fuller by Sally Boyd, Lindy Geraets, Kathy Hammond, Bobi Kallenberger, Molly Jahraus and Betty Truax.

Donations made by Betty Truax, Kathy Hammond, Molly Jahraus, Bobi Kallenberger and Teddi Martell in memory of Daisy, dog of Dan and Sally Boyd who will be greatly missed.

A memorial by Molly Jahraus for Clarice.

A donation made by Joe Nadenicek in memory of Rick and Vicki Murray's beloved dog, Abby.



### Bernie (via Melita):

After getting off to a bad start with his new owner, Scott, Bernie and Scott are finally getting it together. Called him tonight and he said that everything is going good. He was just getting ready to take him for a walk. He is just like any new dog to a family, need to be taught what is right and wrong and just give a lot of love in between. Bernie really likes a squeaky tennis ball, and Scott says he really is a hoot playing with it. He seems to be adjusting to his new life, and so is Scott.

### Skye (via Marla):

Skye is doing great! She has a "naughty little streak," which makes her human brothers tattle, to which Amanda reminds them that Skye is just a puppy and needs to learn. She's settled in well, likes being in the country, is starting to listen better and has learned that her canine brother, Digger, is not going to take any garbage from her - when he gets fed up, he'll gently remind her who is in charge and she'll back off. All in all, they're very happy with their newest family member!

### Boise (via Betty):

"When I picked up my grandkids last week, we stopped by on our way to Pierre. Boise is the same ol' guy, but a bit heavier. He gets super excited when I visit. Margaret said he only acts like that with me and their friend, Cindy. His people own the ranch store at exit 131 (I think that's the right one). He stuck the front half of his body in the antique glass case because he was on one side and we were on the other. He is still a big goof and they love him. The kids weren't too impressed with Boise but loved going out to feed peanuts to the prairie dogs."



### Jerri

"Jerri is doing great and fitting in wonderfully! He and our grandson Haven have become best friends. We discovered he can sit, beg and fetch! Thank you again and God bless all of you for your work you do!"

## With Heartfelt Gratitude



A big thank you to **Brenda and Kyle Manning** for donating this bench to Paws Animal Rescue. It is a huge asset to the back yard play area.





# Top Pet Toxins of 2013

In 2013, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) in Urbana, Illinois, handled nearly 180,000 cases about pets exposed to possibly poisonous substances. Topping the list for the sixth year in a row are prescription human medications. Nearly 20 percent of all calls were from owners whose pets got into medicines intended for human use.

Here are the top 10 toxins of 2013 ranked in order of call volume:

## 1. Prescription Human Medications

The APCC handled 24,673 cases regarding human prescription medications in 2013. The top three



types of medications that animals

were exposed to include: heart medications (blood pressure pills), antidepressants and pain medications (opioids and prescription non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs). Many of these exposures were due to people dropping their medication when preparing to take it, and before they knew it, Fido had gobbled the pill off the floor.

## 2. Insecticides

Insecticides are used in the yard, home and on our animals. While 15.7 percent of all calls to the APCC are about insecticides, more than half of the calls involving cats pertain to felines exposed to insecticides. Always read the label before using any insecticide on your pet, in your home or in your yard.

## 3. Over-the-Counter Human Medications

Over-the-counter human products accounted for 14.7 percent of calls to APCC in 2013.



This group contains acetaminophen, ibuprofen and naproxen as well as herbal and nutraceutical products (fish oil, joint supplements).

Many of these products are tasty to pets, and some can be life threatening if ingested.

## 4. Household Products

There were nearly 17,000 calls to the APCC about household products in 2013. Household toxins can range from fire logs to cleaning products. Some items can be corrosive, while other can cause obstruction of the gastrointestinal tract requiring surgical intervention.

## 5. People Food

Human foods are especially appealing to pets, especially dogs. Dogs can get themselves into serious trouble by ingesting onions/garlic, grapes/raisins and xylitol, a sugar substitute which can be life-threatening for animals.

## 6. Veterinary Products and Medications

Veterinary products slid down two spots this year. Both OTC and prescription veterinary products are included in this group. Flavored tablets make it easy to give your pet pain or joint medication, but it also makes it more likely for them to ingest the entire bottle if given the chance.

## 7. Chocolate

Chocolate is still the number one people food that pets ingest (we received an average of 26 calls a day last year). Too



much chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea, high heart rate and seizures.

## 8. Rodenticides

When putting out baits to kill mice and rats, never underestimate the resourcefulness of your pet. Approximately 5.5 percent of calls to the APCC in 2013 were related to baits. Depending on the type of rodenticide, ingestion can cause internal bleeding, kidney failure or seizures.

## 9. Plants

More than 9,000 cases in 2013 were

pet parents calling about their animals eating plants. This is one category that cats lead dogs in the number of exposures. Lilies can cause



kidney failure and death in cats. Please see our list of toxic/non-toxic plants for more information.

## 10. Lawn and Garden Products

Fertilizers, which can be made of dried blood, poultry manure and bone meal, are very attractive to pets, so it is not surprising that we get many calls (over 5,000 in 2013) on lawn and garden items.

If you have any reason to suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please contact your veterinarian or the Animal Poison Control Center's 24-hour hotline at 888-426-4435.



## BankWest Goes Above and Beyond

Each year, BankWest employees create teams and volunteer their time by doing projects to help improve the community. This year, Team "We The People" helped out Paws Animal Rescue by spreading rock in the new dog play area.



## Seven Annoying Things You Should Expect When You Have a Cat

**I have grown up with** cats in my life since I was a small child. I have been around them so long that I don't really see those little quirks we take on when bringing a feline friend into the home. Just like people, cats and life with cats, have their good and bad points. Most of the negatives are not big enough to justify not having the best in our lives, but that doesn't mean we have to love every bit of it.

If you've not lived with a cat before and you're thinking about getting one – there are some annoying things that are bound to happen at least once. They're not deal-breakers to own a cat, but just don't say no one warned you.

Here are 7 annoying things that you should expect to happen when you have a cat in your life – because they're basically inevitable.

### 1. Your new wake-up time will be 5 a.m.

I don't know what it is about this particular time of the morning, but it doesn't matter which cat we're talking about – they like 5 a.m. It's the universal time cats want to be fed and they won't let you sleep even a minute later. They eat on their own time – and that time just happens to be when most of us are still sleeping.

### 2. Your leather furniture will be re-textured with scratches.

I always thought my furniture would be ruined from my four children, but cats just love to mess your stuff up. It doesn't matter if you've gotten them their own expensive cat tree which they're welcome to run their claws along at any time. They want your leather couches and fabric ottomans.



### 3. You will always have one broken lamp.

Cats like the activity parkour – “the activity or sport of moving rapidly through an area, typically in an urban environment, negotiating obstacles by running, jumping, and climbing.” If you have any lamps that you spent weeks finding the perfect set for your living room, watch out. Your cat will knock that down and break it almost as fast as you set it up.

### 4. Your black-out curtains won't black out.

I finally spent money on some black-out curtains for my living room. They're perfect for this spot and help keep the warm air inside during the winter and the hot sun out during the summer. Problem is, since we have two cats – there are little holes up the curtains, not blacking out the light. Why? Our youngest cat loves to run up the back





## Quirky Cats cont.

of the curtains. Claws + blackout curtains = sunlight in small rays.

### 5. You will be called “the cat lady” at least once.

It doesn't matter if you're a guy or a girl – you'll be called a “cat lady” at least once. Why? You're likely going to tell someone who just doesn't get it, a story about your cat as if they were your significant other.

### 6. You'll get into an argument with a “dog person” about who is better.

It's cats. That's all you need to say.

### 7. They will always prefer your water glass to their own.

If you don't like to share your drinks or food, a cat will change that in you. Cats always seem to prefer the fresh glass of water you poured out for yourself in your



favorite glass and less likely to drink the fresh water you put in their dish. Also, your cat will probably knock over and break that favorite glass of yours, spilling your perfectly chilled water all over the carpet.

## Let's Cats-Up

### Thomas:

“When we brought him home, he never hid and has never had a problem adjusting. We went home and he jumped up on the couch and snuggled right in. He is becoming very attached to our daughter and we are so happy with him”

### Katya/Vannie:

“They walk around the house like they own it. Vannie seems to enjoy the dogs. She goes up to them and lays down beside them and rubs up against them. One – if not both – of the cats sleep with my son at night”

### Lulu:

“She is a really, really good kitty!! The first day and night she hid and after that has been fine. Our son will call her name and run through the living room and she chases him. He loves her so much!! She likes to sleep between my wife and I and stretch out”

### Trick:

“We were a little concerned about how Trick and the resident dog would get along but we caught Trick and the dog cuddling the other day. Trick crawls into bed with the little girls and sleeps and snuggles with them. We couldn't have asked for a better fit. We love him!”

### Colson:

“Colson is doing very well. Looks like she might be gaining some weight. She was so happy to be in a home and adjusted quickly. She still likes her moist food in the mornings. She found all of the softest spots to sleep. Her favorite is a folded snuggie. She is a lap cat like Costa. Loves to curl up in our lap when we watch TV. Mark renamed her Midnight”

## Pops for Pups

**Your dog is going to love these!** Whip up these frozen treats in mere minutes. It doesn't get any easier.

**Cheese Please:** Mix together equal parts cottage cheese, a bit of water and – if you're going the savory route, some peanut butter or leftover chicken beef or fish. Feeling sweet? Blend in some blueberries, strawberries or watermelon.

**Chicken Soup on Ice:** Had barbecued chicken for dinner? Don't chuck the carcass! Throw it in a large pot, cover with water and let simmer for an hour and a half. Cool, then pick the meat off, discarding the bone but keeping the cartilage, meat and broth. Leftover cooked carrots and/or peas? Mash them up and mix them in! Pour the chicken broth into your popsicle mold (save whatever's leftover as a tasty addition to your dogs next few meals) and freeze. Or go the quick and easy route: freeze some store-bought broth. Just make sure it's low salt and contains no onion.

**Super Frozen Smoothies:** Get out the blender and blend together 1/4 cup plain, natural yogurt, 1 ripe banana, 2 cups of your choice of unsweetened juice (orange juice, apple or pineapple) and a handful of blueberries. Also try peach, watermelon, strawberry or raspberry. This is a great one to share with your dog! Pour into molds or containers and freeze or enjoy as a drink – it's delicious either way. You can add a bit of honey or agave to your potion if you like sweeter.

**Pumpkin Pops:** Blend some canned, unsweetened pumpkin with plain, low fat yogurt and a bit of water then freeze for a cool, low calorie dog treat.

**Cheeseburger Pops:** Have some leftover cooked hamburger patties and cheese from your last cookout? Crumble up the burger and cheese, mix it with water or broth (low or no salt!), pour it into the container of your choice and pop it into the freezer!

**Peanut Butter Pops:** Simple mix together peanut

butter, mashed up banana (the perfect use for the too-ripe bananas sitting on your countertop) and water then freeze.

You can make pupsicles in an array of containers. For bigger dogs, use a popsicle mold or little Tupperware containers. For little dogs, and ice cube tray is perfect for making small-sized treats.

Want to make your dog work for it? Pour your popsicle ingredients of choice into a stuffable toy like a Kong, plug the end with peanut butter and freeze for a hot weather treat your pup can play with! All these treats are best given outdoors to avoid a mess.



## 10 Strange Dog Behaviors Explained

**D**OGS MIGHT NOT SEEM AS MYSTERIOUS AS CATS, BUT CANINES do have their fair share of behaviors that are truly baffling. As humans, it's hard for us to make sense of many canine body language and social cues. A dog's desire to sniff butts, hump legs and chase his own tail just doesn't translate.

To help you better understand your dog's odd habits, we rounded up 10 dog behaviors that people commonly consider mysterious.

### Chases Her Tail

If you had a tail, wouldn't you chase it? This is simply a fun way for your pup to expend her excess energy. But if she does this constantly, then she might have anal gland problems or flea allergy dermatitis. In some cases, tail chasing can be a sign of obsessive-compulsive disorder. If you can't distract your dog from chasing her tail or if you suspect she has a medical condition, you should speak to your veterinarian.

### Licks You

While you might not always want your dog to cover you in sloppy kisses, his licks are actually his way of showing affection. Plus, your dog has probably figured out that licking you tends to get your attention.

Of course, there are other reasons dogs lick you. Some researchers say licking is a sensory tool for dogs – similar to reaching out and touching something. Another explanation could be that canine mothers lick their puppies (and puppies lick their mothers and littermates) for grooming and social reasons.

### Eats Poop

This habit is just plain gross. Many things can cause coprophagy (the medical term for consuming feces). Your pup might be hungry. He could like the smell and taste. It's possible he's missing key nutrients from his diet. He might just think it's fun. It's not a behavior we want to dwell on, so for everyone's sake, we'll just say that if your dog is fond of eating you-know-what, ask your veterinarian for help.

### Stares at You

Are your canine's eyes always trained on you? Chances are, he's hoping you'll give him a treat or shower him with praise and affection. After all, it's hard to resist those pleading, puppy-dog eyes. It's important to keep in mind that some dogs consider direct eye contact threatening. So before you gaze back at him, make sure he isn't showing any signs of aggression or fear.

### Cocks Her Head

Whistling, speaking in a high-pitched voice or even making funny noises can cause one of dogdom's cutest and most amusing behaviors: head tilting. Exactly why dogs cock their heads to the

side remains uncertain, but behaviorists speculate that canines are trying to make sense of what they hear. They also might be trying to pick out a key word like "walk" or "fetch" to find out if what you're saying will lead to something fun or rewarding. Another reason your pup might tilt her head is to more accurately determine the location of a sound.

If she's consistently holding her head to one side without an obvious trigger, she might have a medical issue and should see a veterinarian.

### Howls

Wolves howl to send messages to pack members who might be far away. They also emit the loud, low-pitched sound to enforce rank. It makes sense out in the wild, but why do domesticated canines do it? It could just be a behavior passed on from their ancestral cousins, but behaviorists also think that howling is instinctively necessary and rewarding for dogs.

### Humps You, Objects or Other Dogs

Humping – whether it's on other dogs, on your leg or on an object – is usually not for sexual reasons. And it's probably not an attempt to dominate. More likely, neutered and spayed dogs hump because they are excited or seeking attention. To prevent this embarrassing behavior, ignore it or try to redirect it with a treat or toy.

### Walks in Circles Before Lying Down

Sometimes we just want to tell our dogs that no matter how many times they walk in a circle before lying down in their bed, it won't change their resting spot's level of comfort. You can blame your dog's ancestors for this curious ritual. Behaviorists believe that when wolf-like dogs lived in the wild, they would walk around a spot to pat down the leaves, grass or other debris to create a nice nesting spot.

### Sniffs Other Dogs' Butts

A dog's way of saying, "Hello, nice to meet you," to another dog is to sniff the other dog's butt. In the human world, this behavior could land you in jail. In the dog world, this is a socially acceptable form of greeting. But still, why sniff butts? A dog's ability to smell is 10,000 times better than ours, and, well, there are a lot of revealing aromas that come from a canine's rear end.

### Thrashes His Toys

Sophie sure looks like she's having fun when she vigorously shakes her stuffed squeaky duck. But the truth is, she's manifesting one her most primal instincts: killing. OK, we're being a little dramatic. Out in the wild, thrashing is how Sophie would kill her prey. At home, she's just exhibiting innocent play behavior.

