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It's Turkey Time!

PAWS ANIMAL RESCUE HELD ITS ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER ON SEPT. 14 AT THE LEGION CABIN IN downtown Pierre, raising \$2,000 (before expenses).

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!!



Ice Cream Social a Huge Success

On Aug. 29, Paws Animal Rescue had an Ice Cream Social and served up Woof Beer Floats! The event was actually two-fold. We wanted to celebrate our second anniversary in our new shelter but we also wanted to thank our members and volunteers for all of their hard work and support over the years.

We had a very good turnout and actually had a lot of people come out who had never been to the shelter before. We had a few applications for adoptions and recruited some new volunteers.



Above: A Paws volunteer sets up for the ice cream social. **Left:** Lori Grode explains to visitors the adoption process. **Below:** Attendance was good for the ice cream social held Aug. 29. **Bottom:** Two lucky ladies enjoy their woof beer floats while viewing the cats as Bonnie Stroh looks on.



Paws Pups Play at Parade

Kim Kusser, Kathy Hammond and Betty Truax along with Fergie, Lucy and Eddie joined Pierre Players at the Homecoming Parade to promote Pierre Player's upcoming play, "Hound of Bakervilles."

As you can tell from the picture, Eddie was too excited looking at all the activity to join in our picture!! The dogs had a great time on their walk and everyone behaved great! Of course, Lucy was the hit of the parade and was the social butterfly.

After the parade, the dogs were taken back to the shelter for supper and we're sure they were sound asleep very early.

We want to thank Pierre Players for inviting us to join them. This was a great opportunity to showcase a few of our dogs and they loved getting out for a nice long walk.



Top 10 Health Benefits Walking Provides Your Pet

It is common knowledge that exercise is beneficial to human health.



While you probably take your pet walking at least to relieve itself, you may have overlooked how beneficial exercise

can also be to your pet's health. Here are ten health benefits you can provide to your pet by walking it regularly.

No. 10 – Helps Keep Pets Healthy

This one is a no-brainer. Exercise is good for us all. It provides many health benefits that include keeping your pet healthy, agile, and limber.

No. 9 – Helps with Weight Control

An overweight pet is not a healthy pet. In addition to regulating its diet, to keep your pet in tip-top shape, you should be doing your best to provide regular exercise as well.

No. 8 – Helps the Digestive System

Regular walks can be extremely beneficial to your pet's digestive system, and they can aid in relieving constipation.

No. 7 – No More Destructive Behavior

Regular walks, as well as other forms of exercise, can help reduce or eliminate any of your pet's destructive chewing, digging, or scratching. Pets are like children: If you are not giving them something constructive to do, you may not like what they choose to do.

No. 6 – No More Hyperactivity

Walks can help to alleviate extra energy your pet may have, calming it down and reducing any hyperactivity, excitability, and even nighttime activity. A walk can help your pet

to feel more relaxed and sleepy rather than restless at bedtime.

No. 5 – No More Unruliness

Behaviors such as knocking over furniture or jumping on people can be a sign of pent up energy. Regular walks will help curb this.

No. 4 – No More Attention-Seeking Behaviors

Barking and whining are just signs that your pet wants some attention from you. Regular walks together will help both of you to stay healthy, and ...

No. 3 – Help Promote Your Bond

Spending time with your pet is extremely important. It strengthens the bond between you and leads to a strong, trusting relationship. Walk to strengthen your bond and your bodies!

No. 2 – Helps Build Trust

If you have a timid or fearful pet, regular walks can help your pet to build confidence

and trust. You will likely be exposing your pet to other humans and animals alike, and with you there for comfort your pet can learn to be comfortable around them.



No. 1 – Helps Your Health Too

Walking a pet is sometimes regarded as a chore. However, it shouldn't be, as it is beneficial for all involved. The health benefits you will gain from walking are as great as for your pet!



Memorials and Honors

June

Donation made by Gary and Lauri Graves in memory of Terry Merwin.

A donation was made by Gaylord and Cathy Sonnenschein in memory of Mike Fahey.

July

A donation was made by Ruth Rehn in memory of Stevie, beloved dog of Dan and Rebecca Schenk.

August

Donation from Linda Hausvik in memory of Steve, beloved dog of Dan and Becky Schenk. He was a beautiful wonderful sweet dog who was much loved.

Donations were made in memory of Dottie Howe by the following: Dan and Sally Boyd, Helen Wegner, Sara Hartford, Larry Eliason, Laurie and Dave Fenske, Gaylord and Cathy Sonnenschein, Maureen and Dave Gustafson, Devona Prostrollo, Mary Bisson, Hugh and Amie Estes, Mary Scott, Robert Riter, Jr., Tarrah de Hueck, Duane and Susan Nickle and the family of Dottie Howe.

Donations in memory of Lue Canode were made by Helen Wegner, Richard Ivey, Ricki Bloomerader, Dennis Canode, Hillarie Jackson, Opal Tousley, the Robbins family and Wegner Auto.

Dan and Sally Boyd and Mark and Kathy Hammond in memory of Larry Giddings

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!



Gifts from Girl Scouts



Above: Girl Scout Junior Troop 65608 gave our cats and dogs a special treat one evening in July – or should I say a lot of special treats? The girls are working toward completing their bronze award and donated several items to the shelter. They also toured the facility and spent time loving up the dogs and cats which of course they enjoyed immensely.



Eight Natural Methods for Controlling Fleas on Cats

THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT OPTIONS available for cat owners who are being faced with fleas. There are even some options available that are considered more nature-based. Here are a few ways to eliminate fleas on cats the natural way.

1. Prevention, Not Elimination

You may find that some of these “home remedies” work great the first year and then become less effective over time. While these methods are safer, you will find that they are more effective at preventing flea problems than eliminating established infestations. Also, no single method is going to work 100 percent, so it may be necessary to combine a few different methods to reduce the level of infestation present in your home and on your cat.

2. Limit Outdoor Exposure

If your cat spends lots of time outdoors, you will probably have more difficulty controlling fleas naturally, since they may be strongly established in the yard (or wherever your cat frequents) as well as in the home. Be aware that not every flea control method will work for every situation. You may need to use one method for the yard, another for the home and yet another for your cat's body.

3. Lather, Rinse, Repeat

Your cat can benefit from a simple and thorough rinse with cool water to expel fleas from the body and hair. Following the water bath, using a cedar, eucalyptus, lavender, or citrus-infused shampoo may help to keep fleas at bay – they are all known flea repellants. Adding extra omega-3 fatty acid supplements to your cat's diet will improve skin health, too. This is espe-

cially helpful for protecting the skin from drying out when you are using regular shampooing for eliminating fleas from the haircoat.

4. Flea Comb it Out

If your cat hates water, try using a flea comb. You will need to make sure the comb gets down close to the skin, but you will need to work slowly, as the comb may pull on the hair while you are dragging it through. While combing, concentrate on the areas of your cat's body where fleas like to hide, like the groin, armpits and base of the tail. Also, have a bowl of soapy water nearby when you use the comb so you can drown the fleas as you remove them.

5. Don't Forget the Home

Adult fleas will lay eggs in your cat's bedding, deep in the carpet, and almost everywhere your cat frequents, so you won't be able to get rid of the entire population of fleas by simply combing and washing your cat. You will need to be sure to also clean and treat the household and yard when fighting fleas. Cedar and diatomaceous earth, for example, can be used in the home to repel fleas from areas where your cats sleep.

6. Vacuum Diligently

You will need to be very diligent in vacuuming and cleaning the inside and outside of your home when dealing with fleas, and you will need to do it frequently in order for it make a real difference. You may wish to initially have your carpets professionally cleaned to help remove some of the deposited eggs and larvae, but this will not eliminate the problem entirely. You will need to vacuum all of the surfaces of your house every few days



(disposing of the vacuum bag at least weekly) and wash all of your cat's bedding almost as often.

7. Use Salt

Salt may be sprinkled into the carpet to work as a desiccant (drying agent) to kill flea eggs and larvae deep in the fibers of the carpet. However, salt would not be a good solution for those who live in areas of the country with higher humidity levels (such as Florida), as it can absorb water and result in mildewed carpet.

8. Treat Your Yard

The outside yard will also need to be kept free of debris (piles of leaves, etc.) to help reduce places for fleas to congregate. Planting certain herbs and plants, such as lavender, eucalyptus, fennel, marigold, in the yard may help direct fleas away from your property. Food-grade diatomaceous earth can also be used to treat the yard without chemicals. It acts as an abrasive and drying agent, much like boric acid does. Just keep in mind that you may need to reapply it after a particularly heavy rain as it can be washed away.

Source: petmd.com



Pup Dates

Muphy:

"He is doing great! We took him to the vet already and they said he is a healthy pup! He is on track to get more shots middle of this month then neutered middle of August. He still likes to chew on everything (including my arms) but we are working on that :) He loves spending time in the back yard. He has made friends with my sister's dog sky and loves spending time with her. The best, though, is when he is exhausted at night and snuggles up in the chair with one of us.



Spoiled little guy! We love him like crazy! Thanks so much!"

Marlys (now Snow):

"Thanks again for giving us the opportunity to adopt this wonderful dog. We renamed her Snow. The drive back was a bit long, made frequent stops to give her the chance to stretch, pee and look for squirrels. Once in our back yard, she sniffed in all the different smells, ran around the perimeter several times. First night was a bit restless, but considering all the excitement she had been through the day before it was completely normal. She was shown the dog door the next day and has been using it ever since. She loves to catch the frisbies and is doing a very good job -n hasn't missed a throw yet! It seems like she has lived with us already for a long time, she's completely comfortable, can come inside the house whenever she pleases, has become part of the family. We set up a vet appointment for next week and as soon as that is behind us, we can venture out and take some very long strolls alongside the river. Looking forward to that."



Greetings from Doodles!

Some of you may remember Doodles if you volunteered or were a frequent visitor of PAWS back in 2013. Doodles was the very first dog at the new shelter. We first met Doodles in May 2013 while volunteering. We weren't planning on getting any more dogs as we already had two coonhounds - Pee-wee and



Autumn - who are notorious for being strong-willed, stubborn and very loveable. However, we fell in love with Doodles and made him an official part of our family in January 2014. Doodles instantly fit in with our family and we frequently joked that he was better adjusted than our dog Pee-wee who had

already been with us for several years. To this day, people still ask me how Doodles is doing. I tell them he is a happy little guy who is very loved, spoiled and always seem to have a smile on his face. We recently moved to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and so far Doodles loves his large fenced in yard where he frequently sees - and barks at - deer. His favorite hobbies include anything to do with tennis balls and snuggling with his sister, Autumn. Thanks again to all of the wonderful volunteers who took such great care of our boy!



Maize:

These two dogs are just hilarious! We think that Maize has really settled in well. She goes to both Leo and me and also comes to both of us when we call. She and Boise spend time outside together and now they are really beginning to play together. We had company stop last evening and when they left, Boise was a black streak running around the house and on her little short legs, Maize is trying to keep up. Around and around they went. They finally tired out and both flopped down. We four adults stood there and laughed so hard. They are also playing more in the house. Boise isn't being quite as possessive as he was at the beginning. He gets between Maize and me or Leo, and guards and protects us from the little imp.

Today I did an experiment. Leo had to go to Columbus, Neb., and I had to go to Gregory. I had several stops and debated if I should take both, neither, or just Boise. It was quite cool this morning, so I took both. They seem to have done well while we were at church yesterday. Maize didn't want to get into the car, so I caught her and put her in. I even put a small stool in the back seat for her, if she wanted to stand and look out the window. She wanted nothing to do with it. Boise is such a good example. He is laying there so nicely and Maize wanted in the front seat on my lap. I don't know if that is what she is use to from her previous owners that had the kids, but I can't do that. I think that is dangerous. She whined and tried so hard to get into my lap, but I blocked the back seat with my arm. When she figured out that she was not going to have her way, she laid down right next to Boise. I got in and out several times and she never barked, which is great, but each time she would try to sit with me and we would go through it again. There is no reason why she can't sit in the back with Boise. Boise was curled up and let her have room and was so good back there. Maize is very strong willed. The other evening Leo took them for a short walk and had Maize on the leash. He told me that Boise wanted to take the leash from him and lead her. Boise would walk ahead and then stop and wait for them to catch up. Like Leo said, Maize can keep right up to him when he walks, but not when he runs. We have had our hands full, but we do see a lot of progress. She really only barks when she hears someone at the door, and Boise never makes a sound.

Just wanted to tell you about the latest antics. It really is fun to watch bouncy Maize and laid back Maize deal with each other. I think Maize does well in the car as long as she knows she needs to stay in the back seat. Like I said, she acts just like a teenage girl. Bye for now and take care. I will keep you posted if any more silliness happens. Now all the gang are going out to get the mail.



Let's Cats-Up

Laddie (now Simon):

"Laddie now goes by Simon. Once we got to know him, our family just didn't feel he was a Laddie.

He's definitely a Simon. He and Sassy Cat are inseparable playmates. He is a very good companion for her,



which was the goal. He and she now both sleep on the bed at various times through the day and off and on in the night. They were spotted using each others' litter box, so they've now been combined into one....MUCH preferred by the humans!! He's still a little standoffish of Nala, but Nala earned that...she kind of yipped at him those first few days he was here, so he's keeping his distance. Nala, however, has totally acclimated to his presence and doesn't mind him at all. He's very lovey, doesn't scratch furniture, let's me trim his claws and aside from an occasional shredded Kleenex, he's got no naughty behaviours. He lets the kids haul him around and loves to sun in the big bay window or sit on the counter and watch the birds out the window. Pretty sure Simon thinks he's hit pay dirt here!"

Gabe:

"Gabe is well and it seems like he has been with us his whole life. He's so loving and loyal. We're very happy with him."

Cashew:

"As you can see, Cashew has made herself at home."



Watch pets4adoption.org for our Fall Online Auction

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

Plan Now to Attend Zoning Commission Meeting Sept. 28

Hi folks, I am reaching out to you as a concerned community member, not as a board member of PAWS. Please take this into consideration as I express my thoughts on the following matter. PAWS President, Kathy Hammond, was notified of an upcoming City Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Sept. 28 regarding the rezoning of the land south of the PAWS Animal Rescue building to a residential zone with the purpose of building affordable housing apartments.

Currently, the land is zoned as agricultural and that does not allow for housing to be built on that property. This proposal is to change the zoning to residential which will allow an apartment to be built directly adjacent to the PAWS Animal Rescue building. I don't think this is in the best interest for the shelter.

As you can imagine, the animals under the care of PAWS are often confused, traumatized and scared when they come to the shelter. A calm environment is essential for our cats and dogs to be able to rest, adjust to the new environment and recover from their previous situations to show their best selves in hopes of finding homes

The increased noise of vehicle traffic, horns and people coming and going to an apartment will not provide PAWS animals a calm and quiet environment.

In addition, as we've all seen, people are drawn to cats and dogs and there will, I fear, likely be curious people trespassing to check out the PAWS facility. As current volunteers know, we are vigilant during open hours to ensure that people interact appropriately with our animals and do not tease or taunt them. Curious or bored folks could cause mayhem to our operation, since it is minimally staffed and primarily run by volunteers.

People already try to open locked doors, peeking in windows and tapping on windows are currently occurring, but will increase significantly with increased traffic of an apartment next door. Again, this does not enhance a relaxed environment for our animals and will likely negatively impact some of our more sensitive dogs and cats.

While I have only been involved for the past two years I know there are many residents of Pierre who have put in years of effort and countless hours to make our shelter a reality. There was careful consideration that went into choosing our current shelter location to ensure the best for our animals and PAWS will not be able to relocate if the area is rezoned to residential and turns into a busy cul-de-sac. I ask that anyone who can make the meeting on the 28th put it on your calendar and stand up for our rescued dogs and cats that cannot stand up for themselves. And if you are unable to attend the meeting, please send an email, a letter or call the Pierre City Commission to let them know you do not support rezoning the land adjacent to PAWS. Thank you.

MEETING DETAILS

Date: Monday, Sept. 28, 2015
Time: 5:15 p.m.
Location: Commission Room
Address: 222 East Dakota, Pierre
Phone: 605-773-7407

KEEP THOSE RECEIPTS!

PAWS Animal Rescue is asking for your Dakotamart receipts. With every \$10,000 we turn in, Dakotamart donates \$100 to the rescue. Your receipts can be dropped off at the shelter during open hours or please feel free to mail them in. This is an ongoing fundraiser so please keep them coming! Thank you for your support and stay warm.

