

May 2009
Spring Edition

The Paw



A Newsletter for the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society

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Monthly Meetings:

(Mark your calendar)

June 1st, 2009

July 6th, 2009

August 3rd, 2009

September 7th, 2009

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

**Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area
Humane Society
P. O. Box 954
Pierre, SD 57501**

(605) 223-CATS

www.pets4adoption.org



New Committees Formed....

One comment we have heard in the past from friends and members alike is that they would like to be more involved, but didn't know how.

During the January 19th, 2009, Board Meeting a suggestion was made to form various committees and let people choose which one (or more) they would like to participate with.

Building, Fundraising, Education/Community Awareness, Members/Volunteers, Grant Writing and Spay/Neuter committees were formed!!!

I sent around an email advising of this opportunity and the response was great!!

To give you an idea of what each committee entails, I am including a brief description. If you see a committee that catches your eye and you haven't had a chance to sign up, email me and I will forward your name to the appropriate committee chairperson.

Building:

Access the needs of the dogs and cats, secure the property, and maintain said property.

Fundraising:

Expand on current ideas and develop new ideas to support the societies' mission.

Spay/Neuter:

Work with the Fundraising committee to raise funds for said committee. Work with the Education/Community Awareness committee to advise of spay/neuter opportunities.

Education/Community Awareness:

Educate the public about the importance of spays/neuters and vaccinations. Tie in awareness with national "animal" days.

Membership/Volunteers:

Find new members. Find past members whose memberships have lapsed. Contact "active members" to see how they would like to help. Set up Volunteer Appreciation events.

Grant Writing:

Work with the Treasurer to research what grants are available. Create a list of income and expenses for grant applications.

Each committee consists of friends and members who have elected their own chairperson. A board member will be a liaison between the committee and the board.

So if you are someone that has been asking, "How can I help?" this opportunity is for you! **Every one** has ideas of what they would like to see for the Humane Society and its "furry" members. Now is your chance to help in your own special way!



It doesn't take "luck" to find a family pet....it takes a trip to your shelter, an open heart and love.

--Lisa Sayler

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Tuesday, March 17th, turned out to be a beautiful day! Perfect parade weather, you could say!

The parade started in Griffin Park and ended at the American Legion. The sidewalks were lined with adults and excited kids holding their "goodie bags" ready to catch the multitude of treats thrown their way.

We had a **wonderful**



Jodi Owen, volunteer and Nala

turnout of volunteers (adults and kids, alike) to walk with the Humane Society Group. There were dog walkers, cat walkers, banner holders and pamphlet distributors. Everyone was in great spirits and it showed by the "pep in their step"!

If you would like to participate in future parades or other activities, please call (605) 223-CATS!!!!

Spay/Neuter Fund Fundraiser

Every one knows how important the spay/neuter program is to the Humane Society and to the Pierre/Ft. Pierre area!!! The more animals that have this procedure done, the less we need to "save". We held a low-cost spay/neuter clinic last April and distributed 21 certificates!!

The first thing we had to do was raise money for such an event! With the

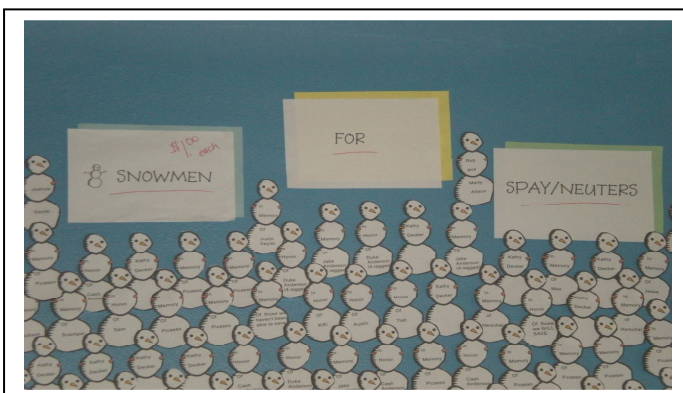
success of the "Pumpkin" sales last Fall, I thought a "Snowmen for Spay/Neuter Fund" fundraiser would be just the thing!

I am happy to report that with the generosity of our members, friends and community, we raised over **\$700!!!!**

Though the "snowman" fundraiser is done, you can still contribute (year-

round) by sending a donation to P.O. Box 954, Pierre, SD 57501. A simple note enclosed with your check stating you would like the donation to go towards the spay/neuter fund is all that you need to do!

Be watching for future emails regarding upcoming raffles for the opportunity to win your choice of a spay/neuter or micro chipping certificate!!



“SAVED”

(The following poem was sent to me by Lindy Bouchie and Betty Truax. They sent it separately and that shows how much the words can touch every one!!! Have your tissues ready as you will tear-up and smile, all at the same time!)

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering
Apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew
I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she
Wouldn't be afraid.

As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view
From a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want
Her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter
Keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

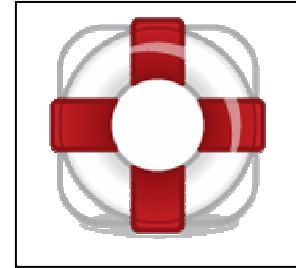
As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about
My past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make
A difference in someone's life. She got down on her knees and made
Little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head
Up against the bars to comfort her.

Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for
companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to
assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I
Instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I
Would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do
Everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her
Eyes. I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor.

So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to
Be saved. At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.



Be Rescued Today!

*Visit the Humane Society Shelter at
313 S. Pierre St.
Pierre, SD*

or

www.pets4adoption.org

*See the many animals we have
looking for their new family!!*

***Who can believe that there is no
soul behind those luminous
eyes!"***

~ Theophile Gautier



Pictured is Maggie May, f/k/a Tamaki. Maggie May **“rescued”** Ron and Nancy Bugay on May 5th, 2008! Ron surprised Nancy with a four-legged, furry birthday present!!

When I told Ron that Maggie May looked very spoiled, his response was, “Well, our ‘baby girl’ definitely rules the roost.”

Those are words that we **LOVE** to hear!! GO MAGGIE MAY!!!

Volunteer Corner – A Family Affair!

“It has helped her to grow to love animals and to recognize that not all animals are cared for in the way they should be,.....”

-Misty Robert

The volunteers in this issue of “The Paw” are a mother/daughter team that consists of Misty Roberts and her daughter, Jenna!

During an email interview, I asked Misty a number of questions and her answers were those of a loving and dedicated mother and volunteer.

I asked Misty why she and Jenna volunteer at the Humane Society, and her response is one that will pull at your heart strings! “I wanted to do something to help the animals of our community and to teach Jenna the importance of volunteering and caring for God’s creatures.”

Misty and Jenna have been volunteering one weekend a month for the past year.

Their “duties” include cleaning litter boxes, vacuuming, refilling the food and water, cleaning the fur off of the blankets and furniture, and most importantly, socializing with the cats. This is Jenna’s area of **expertise!**

Jenna, who is only 8 years old, enjoys socializing with the cats. “She used to be afraid of animals. Now she is a **HUGE** fan. It has helped her to grow to love animals and to recognize that not all animals are cared for in the way they should be, or in the same way we care for our dog.”

The Roberts’ are proud owners of a 2-year old yellow lab named Chelsea that Jenna found on the side of the road near their home in Ft. Pierre. “She has changed our lives in such a positive way. We lost our cat, Pipsquek, last October to renal kidney failure. She was 19 years old and we miss her dearly.”

When I posted the question, “How does it make the two of you feel to volunteer as mother and daughter?” Misty responded with pride, “As a mom I enjoy watching Jenna take responsibility for her ‘jobs’ at the Humane Society....I hope she continues this as she grows older and she will know what to do on her own as an adult volunteer. Jenna enjoys hanging out with mom. It is a special time for us and the animals, and we both get satisfaction from being of service to our community. We wish we could do more.”

We would like to thank, Misty and Jenna, for the dedication and hard work they contribute to the Humane Society!! We rely on volunteers to survive and you two are “top notch”!!!

THANK YOU!!!!!!



Misty & Jenna Roberts



“Memorials”

*“No heaven will not ever Heaven be;
Unless my cats are there to welcome me.” ~ Anonymous*

Pet Memorials

December 2008

In memory of Riptide and Dakota
By Connie Blair

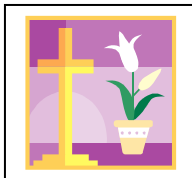
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In memory of my mother's kitty friends:
Preston, Posey, Sophie, Maxi, and Gladine
By Ricki Bloomenrader

In memory of Miss Kitty, cat of Helen Miller by
Tom & Terri Pellino

In memory of Lady, 15-yr old Black Lab who
Passed away December 2008 by
Roger & Nila Novotny

In honor of dog, Puck, by Jean Denton



In Honor or Memory

December 2008

In honor of Jodi Owen by Connie Blair

In the name of Matt Smart by Roger & Cherri Reed

In honor of Sally Boyd by Jodi Owen

January 2009

In memory of Maxine Isenberg from Charlotte Hoyt

In mother's, Marlys Nelleremoe, name
By Deb Mortenson

In honor of daughter, Anne Denton, by Jean Denton

In honor of dad, David Carlisle, by Chylynn Carlisle

In honor of Michele Farris by Sheridan Anderson

Warm Weather Hazards

- Animal toxins—toads, insects, spiders, snakes and scorpions
- Blue-green algae in ponds
- Citronella candles
- Cocoa mulch
- Compost piles Fertilizers
- Flea products
- Outdoor plants and plant bulbs
- Swimming-pool treatment supplies
- Fly baits containing methomyl
- Slug and snail baits containing metaldehyde

Caring for Your Pets When You Travel

While you may be tempted to take your furry friend with you when you travel, remember that a number of factors may indicate your pet should not go: physical impairment, temperament, or illness. Check with your vet if you have any questions either way!

If your pet is “gracing you” with their presence on your trip, be sure to check on any restrictions or requirements that hotels, airlines, and your destination country or state may impose.

If the decision is made to leave your pet at home, consider your options: Have a friend or family member watch your pet, board at a kennel, or hire a pet sitter. If you choose the kennel or sitter, check references and conduct an interview. While you are away, you want to be comfortable knowing your “furry family member” is getting the best care possible!!

There is one last thing to keep in mind. Be sure your pets' vaccinations are up-to-date and they are in good health before you leave.

Now that you are set, **HAPPY TRAVELING** this summer!!!

Upcoming Events:

The 3rd Saturday of every month is “**Dog Meet & Greet**” at the HS shelter from 4 -6 p.m.

Dakotamart Snackshack:

June 12 & 13th
 July 10th & 11th
 August 7th & 8th
 September 11th & 12th

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser:

September 8th, 2009

Emily will send out reminder emails regarding the above. Mark your calendars and be ready to eat, snack and walk!!

Cans for Cats & Dogs

A year-round fundraiser that not only helps the environment but the many cats and dogs in our care!!

If you have any aluminum cans you would like to donate, feel free to drop them in the new “can drop” behind the Humane Society Shelter! **Thank you!!**



“Shower Us with Love”

On the shelter window you will notice 2 umbrellas “protecting” a puppy and kitty from the rain!!

You can purchase “rain drops” for \$1.00 each or “hearts” for \$5.00 each by emailing me at sayler@pie.midco.net or stopping at the shelter.

If you would like, you can indicate a name (2-legged or 4-legged) that you would like placed on your “rain drop” or “heart”.

The money raised from this fundraiser will go towards the General Fund; money used for every day expenses!

Thank you for all you do!!!

Wish List:

Rawhide bones
 Cat litter
 Blankets
 Towels
 Toys
 Laundry detergent
 Bleach
 Collars
 Leashes
 Paper towels

We would like to Thank the following sponsors for their generosity and love:

Marty Allison – Rocky (dog)
Deann Randall – Callie & Kipper (dogs)
Tom Kennett – London (cat)
Jeff & Holly Kelley – Amalie (cat)
Lee & Becky Okerlund – Cabbie (cat)

If you would like to sponsor an animal, please go to www.pets4adoption.org, Click on the **Sponsor an Animal** tab, and fill out the form.

It's quick and easy!!

Thank you to all for your continued support!!!

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 Saylor, Humane Society Volunteer

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