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Newsletter for Paws Animal Rescue



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A Place for Paws Capital Campaign

By Julia Jones

After being "leashed up" by the flood last summer, we are now back in full swing raising money for our new building; our home, which will be a place for all our cat **and** dog Paws! Mark your calendars for our community-wide "Place for Paws" fundraiser coming up **Thursday, June 28th** at our Pierre Street location (313 S Pierre Street). Stop in from 4:00-7:00pm to view our building plans, bid on silent auction items, and make a donation and/or pledge towards completing this building.

Currently we have raised **\$208,300** in cash gifts and pledges (pledges will be paid in increments over 3 years) toward the \$400,000 goal. This goal, by the way, includes the land we have already purchased outright on Lowell Avenue, off Airport Road behind Walmart.

Our officers have worked with Ryan Kruger on a building plan which has been carefully designed for our animals as they await their forever homes. Our new building will include indoor/outdoor kennel runs for the dogs, sick rooms for animals who need to be tended to and kept apart from the others, cat rooms, and a showroom where people can meet with the animals they are interested in adopting. Of course there are also a reception area, laundry room, an office, and a human potty.

Whew! Soon we will be paying on a short mortgage (several years) rather than paying rent forever! In a building project like this, groups typically raise as much as they can upfront and then take out a short mortgage for the rest. Our group has been paying rent on our Pierre Street location, so that rent expense will go away when we move and have to start paying the bank. Of course, the more we raise now, the sweeter our payments will be.

If you have not already made a gift and/or a pledge to this awesome project, please jump in now and be a part of our organization's success. NEVER think your gift might be too small. Every bit counts and is needed.

Thanks!
Julia

To see a copy of the building plans prior to our June 28th event at the shelter, please contact me at 605-280-2670.

I want to help get this building off the blueprint page and onto the ground.

Here is my gift of \$_____.

I would like to pledge \$_____ over the next 3 years.

Please make gifts out to Paws and mail to:
Julia Jones at 1122 Lakewood Drive, Pierre, SD 57501

Importance of Pet Care

By Betty Truax



It can happen to any of us, the front door doesn't shut all the way and your cat slips out or your leash breaks and your dog takes off. Things happen. If your pet is lost, follow these steps and be sure your pets have on ID tags, including your contact numbers:

- Call local law enforcement right away. For Pierre, Ft. Pierre, and Hughes County, call 773-7410.
- Call the "pound" at 224-1075.
- Hang flyers in the area you lost your pet.
- Utilize media outlets like radio, paper, Facebook, etc.
- Don't give up. We've encountered many lost animals who have been found well over a month of being lost.

A fixed pet is a healthy pet. Intact male and female pets are at a greater risk of cancer. Please spay and/or neuter your pet. It might save his/her life and eliminate unwanted litters of puppies and kittens. Kittens and puppies are adorable, but those 6 tiny, cute puppies and kittens will grow up to be 6 adult dogs and cats. Unless you are prepared to take on 6 more animals, please consider spaying/neutering your pet.

Be certain that your pets are safe during warmer outdoor temperatures. Always put out fresh, cool water. Clean the bucket or dish weekly so bacteria doesn't grow in the container. Make sure your dog can get into the shade. Don't leave your dog outside during hot weather. They will dig down until they hit cool dirt that will help lower their body temperature. Today the hole might barely scratch the surface, but they will continue to dig everyday to find cool dirt.



Tator & Tot

Your pet is part of your family. Would you move into an apartment or house that doesn't take kids? Your dog will protect you if you treat him/her like part of the family. I certainly don't recommend teaching any animal to be aggressive, but it is their natural instinct to protect their pack. Yep, you and your family are your dog's pack.

Dogs are very smart but they are not born with the knowledge of commands. Teach them what you want them to know. Sit, off, down, and come are all commands that you are responsible to teach your pet. Need help? Search the web or check out one of my favorite sites, www.howtoobediencetrain.com. This site has links to everything, from barking, digging, house training, aggression, and more. It is a great resource! God created our dogs. It's up to us to provide food, water, security, and training. God made him, but you make him what he is.

Always keep your pet confined via leash, fence, or tie out. It's the law. And even if your dog would never attack someone or another dog, another dog could be the aggressor. It is much easier to protect your dog with a leash attached to the collar. A bucket of cold water thrown at the dogs is a safe way to break up a dogfight. Don't get in the middle of it. You might end up with broken bones or stitches. In the heat of battle, even your own dog can't distinguish that you are his loving master.

I give you this information because it's information I use for my own "kids" and it's great information to have on hand. Enjoy your pets and keep them safe, so they can be around for a long happy life.

Dr. Carda Shot Clinic Fundraiser

By Lindy Geraets



June 2 marked the first Paws sponsored shot clinic. Dr. Laura Carda just recently moved here from Chamberlain with her family. She wanted to do something beneficial for the community and for Paws Animal Rescue, so she offered to provide a low cost shot clinic in Pierre for local residents. Thanks to the Pierre Fire Department, we were able to host the clinic at the Fire Station on Dakota Avenue.

As you can see by the photos, the line wrapped down the driveway and the sidewalk.



Over 90 cats and dogs were seen by Dr Carda and Apryl's Animal House that Saturday. Dr Carda offered Distemper Combo vaccines, Rabies vaccines, Heartworm Tests, and Microchipping while Apryl's Animal House offered Toe Nail Trims and Ear Cleanings.

Paws received over \$500 from this fundraiser which also helped citizens receive an effective low cost way to update their animals' vaccines.

Wish List



We are always looking for donated items. Below is a current list of items we need. Thanks in advance!

- Anti-pull Dog Harnesses (all sizes)
- 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)
- Dog Grooming Rakes, Brushes, & Combs
- Litter
- Purina Cat and Kitten Food
- Rawhide Chews
- Cleaning Supplies
 - Bleach
 - Clorox Wipes
 - Dish Soap
 - Dryer Sheets
 - Febreze Fabric Freshener
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Paper Towels
 - Pine Sol
 - Spot Cleaner for Carpet and Upholstery
 - Tall Garbage Bags
 - Toilet Bowl Cleaner
 - Toilet Paper
 - Y Vacuum Bags

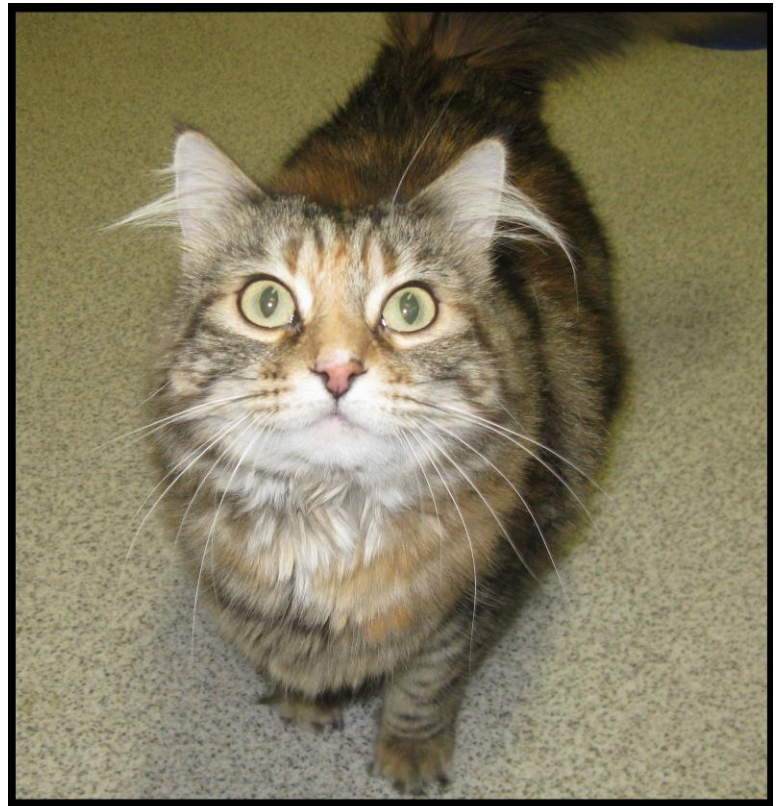
These items may be dropped off at the downtown shelter Thursdays 5:30-7:30pm or Saturdays 11am-2pm.



April Animal Update

Taken in April (9)

- **Blossom** (cat) ~ Adopted! See May update.
- **Codi** (dog) ~
<http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/22861871>
- **Cream Soda** (cat) ~ Adopted! See her update in June.
- **Glory** (dog) ~ Adopted! See May update.
- **Marlys** (cat) ~
<http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/22921201>
- **Panna Cotta** (cat) ~
<http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/22688842>
- **Tin Lizzy** (dog) ~ Adopted! See May update.
- **Twiggy** (dog) ~
<http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/22921185>
- **Ziggy** (dog) ~
<http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/22921201>



Blossom

Adopted in April (6)

- **Chum** (dog) ~ Chum has transitioned well into his new family. He has a spot in the backyard where they let him did and he's enjoying long daily walks.
- **Clinton** (cat) ~ Clinton settled right into his new home, although his owner took a little time to get used to him. You see, Clinton is a talker and loves attention. His new dad is now adjusted to Clinton and they are great buds.
- **Kade** (cat) ~ Kade's new family absolutely adores him. He's exactly he cat they were hoping to find at the shelter.
- **Memphis** (dog) ~ Memphis has settled in well and loves playing with the kids. Her new family is very happy with her.
- **Scooter** (dog) ~ Scooter has wiggled his way into his family's hearts and he is there to stay! He gets along well with his canine housemate and will soon enjoy the freedom of a doggy door to the backyard.
- **Wilson** (cat) ~ Wilson is settling into his new life in Des Moines. He is an only child and seems to be loving it!



Scooter

May Animal Update



Taken in May (3)

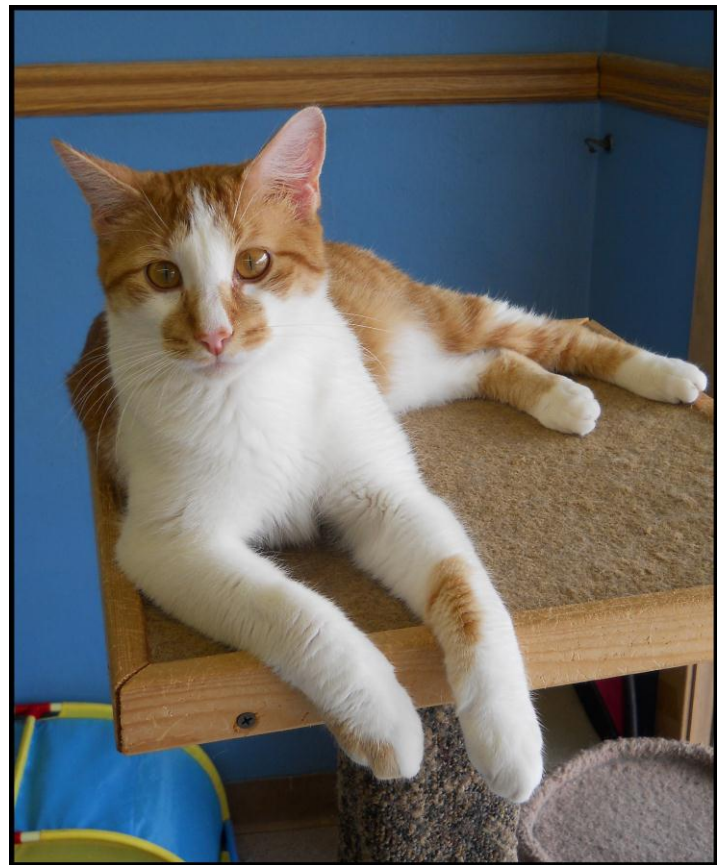
- **Angie** (dog) ~ Adopted! See below.
- **Phat Kat** (cat) ~
<http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/22921078>
- **Sprocket** (dog) ~ Adopted! See below.

Adopted in May (11)

- **Angie** (dog) ~ Angie, now Maggie, is described by her family as a high energy and intelligent dog. She is getting along with her canine brother, although she wears him out while playing. Maggie knows some tricks and some basic commands. Her family feels she was meant to be with them.
- **Camille** (cat) ~ Camille will be picked up this week. Her new mom is one of our weekly volunteers, so they've already spent a lot of time together. The transition should be an easy one.
- **Carmella & Blossom** (cats) ~ Carmella and Blossom were adopted by a couple who has adopted before. Blossom is "blossoming" faster than Carmella which isn't a surprise since she was with us for over 3 years before being adopted. But, both had braved the upstairs as of this week so it's getting better. Blossom is sticking close to Carmella, making it easier for both of them.
- **Chopper** (cat) ~ Chopper has settled in well. One of his favorite activities is chasing bugs through the screen...at night when his parents are trying to sleep.
- **Cullen & Lennon** (cats) ~ Cullen and Lennon are doing well. Lennon settled in faster than Cullen, but we all expected that because Lennon is very outgoing.
- **Glory** (dog) ~ Glory and his new mom have absolutely bonded with each other and rarely spend time apart.
- **Sprocket** (dog) ~ Sprocket, now Boomer, has had an easy transition into his new home. At night, he sleeps in bed with his parents or on the floor beside their bed. His family loves his personality and think he's a great guy!
- **Tin Lizzie** (dog) ~ Tin Lizzie, now Tess, is a very busy girl! She gets along well with her canine siblings and is getting ready to begin Puppy Kindergarten.
- **Tot** (dog) ~ Tot, now Leo, has a terrific family and a terrific life! He sleeps with his parents at night and they adore having him around the house.



Glory



Chopper

Memorials & Honors



January

- In memory of Judy Heibel, by Cathy Sonnenschein.
- A donation in honor of Connie Carlisle by David Carlisle.
- A donation in honor of some of my staff - Cherie Watterson, Jean Schuurman and Cody Stoesser by Sandra Kangas.
- In memory of Maggie Oliva and Delma Newling by Ann Fingerson.

February

- In memory of Eric O'Day, from Donna Leslie.
- In honor of Anne Denton and Puck, by Jean Denton.
- A donation in honor of David Carlisle, by Jim & Connie Carlisle.
- In memory of Maggie Oliva and Delma Newling by Ann Fingerson.

March

- In memory of Maggie Oliva and Delma Newling by Ann Fingerson.

April

- In honor of Charles and Sharon Claussen, by Alisa Blake of Burke Associates Real Estate.
- In memory of Maggie Oliva and Delma Newling by Ann Fingerson.

May

- In memory of Mary Boland from Susan and Bob Dolezal. She always had a helping hand for stray animals.
- In memory of Maggie Oliva and Delma Newling by Ann Fingerson.



Pets to Remember

January

- In memory of Jordon, beloved dog of Jamie Damon, by Kathy Hammond.
- In memory of a great dog, Jasmine Sieck, by Billy & Suzanne Stahl.

February

- In memory of Kirby, beloved dog of Shawn, Stephanie, Michael, and Jonathan Lyons, by Donna Leslie and Paul Lepisto.
- In memory of Griffin, our cat that we adored, by Cindy and Mark Phillips.

March

- In memory of Max, beloved dog of Dave and Darlene Braun, by Betty Truax and Kathy Hammond.
- Griffin was our Christmas present in 2003. We adopted him from Paws on Christmas Eve. He was overly nosy, always had to be in your business. He loved to sit on the counter and watch me cook. He will be missed. Cindy and Mark Phillips.
- In memory of Griffin, cat loved by Cindy and Mark Phillips, by Lindy Geraets, Molly Jahraus, Kathy Hammond, and Betty Truax.
- In memory of Lady Latte, dog loved by Debby and Crayton Bouchie, by Lindy Geraets, Molly Jahraus, and Kathy Hammond.
- In memory of Phat, a Paws kitty who started out with a broken leg in a Pizza Hut dumpster, lived as a store cat at Debby's Gallery, and then finished his life in Minneapolis with Logan Bouchie and his family, by Lindy Geraets.

April

- In memory of Jack. He was an abandoned dog and brought to our family. He was an amazing hunting dog and great companion. We will miss you Jack. Thank you for your loyalty, companionship, and joy you brought to our family. By Audra and Jesse Carlisle.
- In memory of Elle, beloved cat of Jane Hinrichs and family, by Lindy Geraets.
- In memory of Blackie, previous shelter cat, by Lindy Geraets.
- In memory of Connor, cat saved by Debby and Crayton Bouchie when his owner passed away, by Lindy Geraets.

May

- In memory of Penny, cat of Nancy and Jerry Gabert, by Pam Templeton.
- In memory of Muffy, dog of Marv and Jean Schweigert, by Pam Templeton.