

November 2009
Autumn Edition

The Paw

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

Monthly Meetings:

December 7th, 2009

January 4th, 2009

**313 S. Pierre St.
7:00 pm**

Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area
Humane Society
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The 3rd Annual Dog Days of Summer Was a Blast!

As the date got closer, those of us on the Fundraising Committee hoped for nice weather and blue skies. Luckily when Saturday, August 15th arrived, the weather was perfect for our 3rd Annual Dog Days of Summer.

Each year has proven bigger and better than the year before and this year was no exception! Kids and dogs in attendance had many games to play including Ring-a-Worm, Fishing for Prizes, Trivia Pursuit, Bobbing for Apples and Bones, Sponge Throw, and more. The Face Painting booth was busy the entire day, thanks to the artistic talents of Dana Gissal.

Everyone volunteering at the food booth had big smiles on their faces. With "woof" beer floats and hot dogs, who could blame them!

Apryl's Animal House donated their time again this year by setting up a tent and doing nail trimming and ear cleaning. Apryl donated all of the money earned to Dog Days!

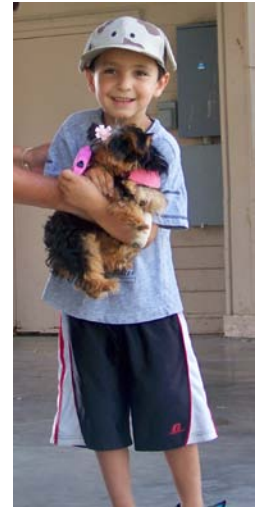
Kim Kusser, Dr Craig Howard, and Jenna Feiler did a fantastic job judging the dog contests. Two St Bernard dogs faced off for Largest Dog. Both of these dogs towered over the Cutest Dog winner, Chester. They also judged contests for Smallest Dog, Best Trick, and Look-a-Like.

Many of the people at Dog Days were lucky to win some of the \$1 raffle prizes given away throughout the event. These prizes included 18 holes of golf, pedicures, free pizza certificates, restaurant certificates, and much more!

We raised over \$2,000 this year at Dog Days of Summer! This event would not be possible without all of the donations from local businesses, the Humane Society volunteers, and all of the people who brought their dogs out for a day of fun in the park!



Dog Days Contestants!



Volunteers Julia Jones, Kim Kusser, Connie Blair, Jackie Mercer, and Betty Truax with our Rescued Dogs

The Dogs are Sporting a New Look!

Thanks to many generous donations by friends and members of the shelter, the foster dogs will now be seen with cute "Adopt Me!" vests! These vests will distinguish our organizations dogs during parades, events, and other activities where they are showcased.

So if you see a dog with a blue vest on, you will know this pet is looking for a new loving home!



Court Orders Humane Society to Rescue 15 Cats

This fall, Hughes County Court appointed ownership of 15 cats to the Pierre-Ft Pierre Area Humane Society. The cats, ranging in age from 5 months to 4 years, were seized from a woman due to unsanitary and unsafe living conditions. The woman and all 15 cats were living in a small car. Feline coordinator, Lindy Geraets, says this is a difficult situation for the shelter and one they haven't experienced during her 5 years with the Humane Society. "Typically, we may take one or two cats during a week. In this case, we took 15 at one time. Not only is this a huge adjustment for

the 15 cats, but the medical expenses the Humane Society incurred are more than we normally expect." Geraets says the cats are currently being cared for in a foster home until they are ready to be adopted. These cats have received the full health care the shelter has to offer all rescued cats. Since the Humane Society was not financially prepared for this incident, the shelter is currently seeking donations to help defray the medical costs of these pets. If you are interested in making a donation for these cats, you can stop in at BankWest or send it to PO Box 954, Pierre, SD 57501.



Pets Available for Adoption

Clea

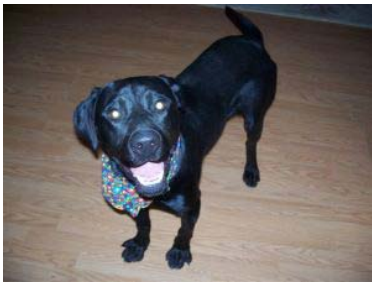


Clea is a brown tabby with big, round, stunning green eyes. She is shy at first, even though she has come a long way from her hide-behind-a-couch early days. She loves to jump up and sit right next to you on the couch, leaning her

weight into your side. She is always content not having to try to share your lap with the multiple cats fighting for the prime real estate—she is wise enough to avoid such squabbles. She loves it if you lay your arm around

her; she cozies right up. She also loves to play. The combination of her being a cuddle bug and a playful kitty makes Clea a wonderful addition to any family looking for a little bit of both.

Moose



Moose is a 1 1/2 year old neutered male black lab boxer mix. His approximate date of birth is 3-22-08 and he weighs 58 pounds. Moose isn't necessarily a tall dog, just has large feet and a

square head. He is all black with one small patch of white on his chest. Moose will sit nicely at your feet while you pet his head and rub his ears. He's a sweet boy that loves the attention. He

walks well on a leash. Moose does not get car sick, however he does not like the confinement of a pet porter while traveling. Moose is a playful dog who would love to be a part of a family.

Zuzu



Zuzu is a black kitty with long, lean legs and even a cute extra toe on her front left foot! It is quite adorable, especially since she can almost wrap her paw into a little fist. Zuzu loves to be rubbed on her

tummy, and once you get her started she doesn't want to let you go because she loves the attention so much. She prefers to stay to herself rather than interact with the many cats at the shelter, but I think she

would flourish and let her personality come out much more if she were in a household as a single cat or with just one or two others. She is a playful cat that would love to have a warm home like yours to call her own.

Gemini



Eight years old, Gemini is our "most experienced" cat at the shelter. This is great if you would like a more mature and slower-paced cat who won't swing on your curtains or be disappointed if you don't have time to play.

He has yellow eyes and is declawed, which means he probably had a home at some point in his life. He misses being in a home and is unsure about his new environment at the HS

building. He loves to be petted but does get jealous if other kitties want your attention. He still has spunk and would be great for a person looking for a single, independent older cat.

Memorials

In memory of Emily and Mike Ward's Max, from April and Matt Smart

In memory of Brenda and Kyle Manning's Buzz, from Stacy Juss, Sarah Farnsworth, and Elizabeth Fredrich

In memory of Tim and Bonnie Bjork's Ginger, from Ruth Rehn

In memory of Mary Creager's Murphy and Betty Truax's Sam

In memory of Miss Kitty, from Helene Miller

In memory of Murphy, Shawn, Stephanie, Michael and Jonathan Lyons, from Donna Leslie and Paul Lepisto

In memory of Lisa and Gerry Sayler's Sassy, from Ruth Rehn

Board Member Positions Up for Election In January

We would like to thank the following people for sponsoring these rescued animals:

Marty Allison - Cash (dog)

Anonymous - Valentine (dog)

Deann Randall - Emma/Moose (dogs)

Edward Jones - Eddie (cat)

Stephanie Gednalske - Lulu (dog)

Tom Kennett - London (cat)

Lee & Becky Okerlund - Cabbie (cat)

Anonymous - Veruca (cat)

If you would like to sponsor an animal, go to our website

www.pets4adoption.org, click on the sponsor tab, and fill out the form.

Sponsoring an animal is only \$1 per day, and these funds go for the care of that animal.

Thank you for your continued support!!

In January, several board positions are up for re-election for 2-year terms (except Vice President). All members (who have had membership for 30 days or more) present at the monthly meeting will have a vote. If you are interested in running for a position, please let the Secretary, Emily Ward, know by December 31st.

Vice President – This person is in charge of the organization's business in the event the President is not available, including running the monthly meeting if necessary; and assist in developing the annual budget. If the Presidency should become vacant, the Vice President would ascend into the position for the remainder of the President's term.

Secretary – This person's responsibilities include creating the minutes for every meeting, maintaining the membership list, assist in developing the annual budget, and lead the development of the quarterly newsletter.

Treasurer – The treasurer must maintain the finances, including paying bills, making deposits, and providing the monthly treasurer's report; and assist in developing the budget.

Board Member (2 positions) – The Board Member assists the officers as necessary.

The Board provides leadership and guidance to the operations of the organization through setting policies which reflect the wishes of the general membership.

Calendar of Events:

November:

Parade of Lights: 27th

T-shirt Orders Due: 30th

Silpada fundraiser: TBA

December:

Bake Sale at Pierre Mall: 5th

Meet and Greet: 19th

January:

Elections: 4th

Meet and Greet: 17th

Donations Wishlist

Laundry Detergent

Paper Towels

Cat Litter

Bleach

Towels

Rawhide Bones

Collars

Toys

Grocery Sacks



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