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The Paw



Newsletter for the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society

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Upcoming Meeting

Dates:

(Mark your calendars)

August 2nd, 2010

September 12th, 2010

October 4th, 2010

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The Humane Society is “Going Green”!!

Earth Day has come and gone, but the Earth’s “life” is always a topic of concern.

Last year, we introduced the “Cans for Dogs and Cats” recycling option. Many of you have helped raise money for the Humane Society by dropping off your bagged aluminum cans in the bin located behind the shelter!

With the help of our **wonderful** volunteers, the bin is emptied on a regular basis and the money raised is put into the General Fund. This fund

is used for everyday expenses in the care of the animals of the Humane Society.

On page 5 of this newsletter you will see the “Wish List”. Although we will NOT turn down any type of donation, we ask that when purchasing items for the shelter, take a look at the “Natural” supplies.

During a recent Board Meeting, we discussed other ways that we could “help” from within the shelter. Turning off lights upon leaving the building

and leaving the air/heat set at a reasonable temperature were at top of our list!

Last, but not least. This will be the last newsletter that will be sent out in paper form via mail. If you are receiving your copy by email, you will continue to do so. If you are receiving it by mail and want to continue to receive it, please send your email address to saylor@pie.midco.net and I will gladly add you to future mailings.

Thank you for helping us help our Earth!!

Paws for Art a Huge Success

Through the generosity of local artists, the Humane Society held a “**Paws for Art**” fundraiser. People were able to go onto our website, view the art, and bid (yes, a silent auction was held) on their favorite piece or pieces. It was a lot of fun to see the “Current Bid” rise on a daily basis!

On June 4th, the final day of the auction, a reception was held at Debby’s Gallery on Capitol Avenue in Pierre. Refreshments and beverages were served! With approximately 50 in attendance, the turnout

was great and people were wondering if their “bid” was going to be the winning one!

At 8 p.m., bidding ended. Winners gathered their prizes and every one left in great spirits!

By the end of the auction and through the kindness of those that bid (*and continued to bid and bid and bid*), we raised **\$1,391.00!!!!!!**

We would like to give a special “**Thank You**” to the following artists for donating their wonderful

masterpieces:

Alisha Hunt, Ann Rohlf, Annette Hinker, Eileen Bertsch, Hannah Houdyshell, Jane Hinrichs, Janet Judson, Jennifer Littlefield, Mark Emerson, Pat Brown, Regina Marvin, Roberta Steele Finch, Roberta Williams, Shanna Payne, Sharon Welch, Terry Emerson, and Virginia Barnes.

Thank you, also, to Debby’s Gallery for hosting and supplying the reception food and beverages!!

Be watching for “Paws for Art” 2011!!!!!!

These “Paws” Were Made for Walking.....



“A dog is one of the remaining reasons why some people can be persuaded to go for a walk.”

--O.A. Battista

Saturday, June 12th, was the date the “**Tail Trails Dog Walk**” was held at Hilger’s Gulch in Pierre. Though the weather was cloudy and rainy, that did not dampen the spirits of the walkers and dogs, alike!

In the days prior to the dog walk, participants could go to various businesses around town (BankWest – Main Branch, Burke &

Associates, Debby’s Gallery, and Hallmark Card & Candy) and pick up pledge forms. Each participant/walker that raised \$100 received a “Tail Trails Dog Walk” cap!

Though this year’s event was a “trial run”, we are hoping to make this an annual event and with Hilger’s Gulch being such a beautiful area to walk and socialize, we

couldn’t ask for anything more.

I am happy to report that the first ever “**Tail Trails Dog Walk**” made **\$787!!!!**

Bring on 2011!



Nala & Paulo



Beth Giddings & Gordon



Betty Truax & Carter



Emily & Paulo



Kathy Hammond Dottie

A GREAT, BIG "THANK YOU" TO KIM KUSSER

In the January 2009 newsletter, I introduced you to Kim Kusser. At the time of that interview, Kim informed us that she had been with the Humane Society since 1996 and was currently the Canine Coordinator, amongst other areas of volunteering.

Well, I am happy to say that Kim is remaining with the Humane Society, but sad to advise that she is resigning her title as Canine Coordinator effective August 31, 2010.

Not only is this an article to state our *never-ending gratitude* to Kim for all she has done in this role, but to put the word out that we are looking for a new Canine Coordinator (or two to share this volunteer position).



The role of Canine Coordinator involves a number of "duties": Setting up new foster parents, making vet appointments, taking the dogs for their vaccines and spay/neuter

procedures, interviewing potential "families" for our "dog friends" and handling the adoptions.

The Humane Society also holds a dog "Meet & Greet" on the 3rd Saturday of every month at the shelter. Organizing this would be another "duty" of the Canine Coordinator.

I know the above information may sound overwhelming, but Kim has offered to train the new people/person. She promises not to change her cell phone number!

If this sounds like something you would be interested in or you have questions, please email me at sayler@pie.midco.net and I will have someone contact you!

Thank You!

Tributes:

Kim ... We have had a lot of fun times together in our life and I have to thank you for getting me involved with the Humane Society. It is one of the better things that you and I have done together (haha). You are an amazing person and so very dedicated to what you believe in. Everyone should take your lead and try to dedicate themselves to something good like you have done.
Roxanne Oakley

Kim: Words just can't express what a special person you are. You have given up so much of your time to help with whatever possible. The Canine Coordinator is a very thankless job and sometimes forgotten. But trust me I saw all of the emotions and hard work that you put into that job, and I just can't thank you enough for all that you do. Thanks for remaining active with the Humane Society, you are a great asset.
Monica Ortbahn

I will always appreciate Kim's patience and kindness to me as a foster parent. She also has a wonderful sense of humor that will be missed by everyone. Her contact was always prompt and she was ready to tackle any problem. She was a wonderful canine coordinator and I will miss talking with her and swapping dog stories. Thank you Kim, for your wonderful service to the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Humane Society.
Sally Boyd

Kim – Because you have been so unselfish with your time people have found their best friend and companion in (a) dog you took time to rescue, care for and then find them a forever home. Because you care, countless numbers of dogs have been given a second chance for a better life.
There are a lot of dogs out there that are happily wagging their tails because of you!!
Deb Gregg

Kim – you have truly poured your heart and soul into the Humane Society and the job of Canine Coordinator. Your commitment and dedication to the organization and the dogs is to be commended. Great work, you are awesome!
Tina Titze

Kim: Thanks so much for the great job you did for the dogs as K-9 coordinator. I know it is not an easy job but you did it so well. The dogs and I appreciated your work.
Teddi Martell

Kim has been a tireless, dedicated, and heart-felt volunteer who has helped save the lives of hundreds of dogs while she has been the dog coordinator. Also, as a representative of our organization, she has advocated the beliefs we all support. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.
Emily Ward

Read more tributes on page 7!!

Kindness Comes at all Ages!



Meet Kiernan Jordan!!! She is nine years old and has generosity beyond her years!!

On one of my trips to the cat shelter, I glanced at the donation book and a particular entrance caught my eye:

“Kiernan’s 9th Bday gifts – Pet food for HS donated”.

Instead of DVDs, cds, Barbie’s, games; whatever 9-year old girls want for their birthday (I’m guessing, because it’s been a FEW years since I was that age), Kiernan asked for food that could be donated to the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society.

Well, I just had to mention this special girl in our newsletter! I contacted Kiernan’s mom, Shanda Durham, and asked if it would be okay to feature Kiernan.

Her response was, “*We both feel it would be fine to put an article in the newsletter. Kiernan wasn’t really sure why you would want to write about it but thought it would be neat.*” What a sweetie!!

I “interviewed” Kiernan via email and was amazed by her answers! I know you will enjoy reading the following, as much as I enjoyed writing it!

First of all, I wanted to know how many pets Kiernan had. She informed me that she has 3! Cinderella, an albino Australian shepherd/black lab mix dog that lives with her dad in Gillette, WY. Gypsy, a Corgi/Chihuahua mix puppy, and Max (formerly Brutus adopted from the Humane Society), an orange tabby cat, live with her and her mom in Pierre.



“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”

--Dr. Seuss



When I asked Kiernan where her generosity and love for animals comes from, her response was precious!

“It’s just the way I am – my mom and dad don’t care as much about animals as I do because they like to kill bugs and I don’t.”

Kiernan and Shanda volunteer at the shelter on Sunday mornings. “..... (my mom cleans and I get to socialize! I have the best job), but when I’m older I would like to foster dogs. I am also trying to save for a big house. I want to fill it up with pets.” Keep in mind this young girl is going into the 4th grade!!

When I asked Kiernan if she had any final “thoughts”, she responded with, “I love any kind of living, breathing creature, even a shark. I have never been held back and I don’t plan on it. My mom says I have never fainted. That’s all I have to tell you so thank you for interviewing me. P.S. I am 9. My birthday date is 12/16/00.”

Thank you, Kiernan, for being a kind, sweet, young lady!! I see a bright future for you in anything you chose to do!! And thank you for letting me share your story with our friends, volunteers and members!! I know they will find you as special as I do!!

Honors and Memorials



2010 (Jan – May)

In honor of Sally and Don Boyd from Jodi Owen
 In memory of Byron, 19 yr old cat of Jan Enright, by Helene Z. Miller and Miss Kitty II
 In loving memory of my Penelope and Bubba by Katie Hofer
 In memory of Jazz, yellow lab of Teddi and Todd Martell and Family
 In memory of Justice, beloved friend and companion to Stephanie Silbernagel by Kat Silbernagel
 In honor of her mom, Pat Peitz's birthday on March 31st, by Jodi Owen
 In honor of Kyle and Brenda Manning for their rescue & care of dogs by Linda Hausvik
 In honor of all the pets I petsit for. I love and enjoy them all by Linda Hausvik
 In honor of Kathy Hammond's Birthday from Deneen Clausen
 In memory of her mom, Anna Valenti by Lynne Valenti
 In memory of Mary Canode by Dale Kiepke
 "In Honor of my cat Jack's 19th checkup" by Joe Nadenicek
 In memory of Bob Hagemann by Connie Carlisle
 In memory of Doc, dog loved by Wade Fischer and Lori Owens from Lindy & Matt Geraets
 In memory of Bailey, beloved dog of Emily Heezen by Kathy and Kelsey Hammond
 In honor of Cindy Canode's mother by Lindy Geraets, Kathy Hammond, Lisa Sayler, and Betty Truax
 In memory of Roo (Jack) (cat) owned by Scott Wilson and Leslie Rumpza by Lindy Geraets and Kathy Hammond
 In memory of Gus (dog) owned by Beth Giddings by Lindy Geraets, Kathy Hammond, Lisa Sayler and Kim Kusser

If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one (human or pet), please send it to PFFAHS, P.O. Box 954, Pierre, SD 57501

Wish List

Cat Litter
 Blankets
 Cleaning Supplies
 Laundry Detergent
 Collars/Leashes
 Bleach
 Cat/Dog Toys
 Trash Bags
 Rawhide Bones

These items can be dropped off at our downtown location:

Thursday 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.
 Saturday 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Upcoming Events

August 21, 2010 – 4th Annual "Dog Days of Summer" – Steamboat Park, Pierre

August 25th, 2010 – Taco Johns Fundraiser

September 21st, 2010 – Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

October 2nd, 2010 – 2nd Annual "Ties for Tails"

October 7th, 2010 – Perkins Fundraiser

****Be watching your "inbox" for information emails regarding the above events!**



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Membership Registration

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address (street, city, state, zip) _____

Phone # Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Signature _____ Date _____

New _____ Renewal _____

1 Year Membership: (includes newsletter subscription)

_____ Student \$15.00 (under 18) _____ Family \$30.00 (2+)
_____ Senior \$15.00 (65+) _____ Business \$50.00
_____ Individual \$20.00 (over 18) _____ Lifetime \$500.00

I would also like to:

Make a donation

_____ One Time _____ Monthly _____ Yearly (Cash, Check, Automatic Deposit, Credit Card)

\$ _____ General Fund (every day expenses)
\$ _____ Special Needs Fund (for animals with extra medical needs)
\$ _____ Building Fund
\$ _____ Spay/Neuter Fund

Become a Humane Society Sponsor (cash, check, Automatic Deposit, Credit Card)

_____ Monthly (\$30.00 per month) _____ Quarterly (\$90.00 every 3 months)
_____ Semi-Annual (\$180.00 every 6 months) _____ Yearly (\$360.00 once a year)

To register as a Humane Society Sponsor, please complete the separate Sponsorship Registration form and attach it.

Become a Humane Society volunteer

_____ Dog Foster Home Volunteer
_____ Cat Shelter Volunteer
_____ Fund Raiser Volunteer
_____ Other

To register as a Volunteer, please complete the Volunteer Registration/Waiver form and attach it.

Payment Method

Cash _____ Check _____

Automatic Deposit _____ Bank Routing # _____ Bank account # _____

Credit Card _____ Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

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See us at:

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Tributes (cont.)

Kim, we are going to miss you terribly as coordinator. You did such an outstanding job! I never saw a dog that didn't instantly adore you. Our loss, their loss, but I hope you enjoy your well-deserved freedom!
THANK YOU!
Connie Blair

Her dedication has saved a LOT of dogs!!
Jodi Owen

Danke, gracias, merci, much obliged and THANKS! or as the dogs would say "woof".
Ruth Rehn

Grant Acknowledgement...

The Pierre-Ft Pierre Area Humane Society would like to acknowledge our thanks for recently received grants.

March 2010: A special thanks to **Wal-Mart** and their VAP grant. Shelter volunteers who also work at Wal-Mart are able to apply for grants which are donated to the organization of their choice. Thanks to those who chose the Pierre-Ft Pierre Area Humane Society!

About Our Organization...

The Pierre/Ft. Pierre Area Humane Society is a **no kill** organization. We are a nonprofit group that relies on donations, fundraisers, and our wonderful volunteers!! In the past 5 years, we have adopted over 1,000 cats

and dogs to their new families. Though these animals may have come to us abused or abandoned, with the love of our members and volunteers, they learn to trust again.

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I hope you enjoyed this issued of "The Paw"! If you received your copy via mail, it will be the last one (see Page 1). If you would like to receive it by email, please let me know at sayler@pie.midco.net. Thank you very much!!!

-----Lisa Sayler, Humane Society Secretary