

**Sioux Falls
Area Humane
Society**

Pet Scoop

**April 2014
Issue**

Keeping Your Pets Healthy This Spring!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Lewis Food Drive	April 4th-6th
Easter (CLOSED)	April 20th

It's that time of year that temperatures start rising, plants start budding, and the birds are chirping. One thing that also comes along are the bugs. With the return of summer comes the return of those pesky mosquitos. Mosquitos are more than just an annoyance when enjoying the beautiful summer weather. Mosquitos are carriers of many diseases such as West Nile, Malaria and Dengue Fever. They can also be harmful to your pets. Mosquitos are the carrier of heartworm in dogs. Be sure this spring you are taking the proper precautions to prevent

your pooch from contracting this horrible disease. Cats are also susceptible to the disease but appear to be more resistant to the infection than dogs. Preventative vaccinations can be administered at your vet's clinic. Be sure to keep up with the vaccinations throughout your pets life. This vaccination will prevent the virus from infecting your pet but is not a cure. If your dog contracts the disease a special medication has to be administered to eliminate the heartworms. Signs that your dog may have heartworm include a

decreased tolerance to exercise, may develop a cough or difficulty breathing, have fainting spells as well as suffer severe weight loss. Long term effects include heart failure, pneumonia or other debilitating disease. Early detection is crucial and may be very hard to detect in the early stages. This is why it is important to have your pets tested and vaccinated on a regular basis. Consult your vet for more information and keep your furry ones safe from these pesky disease infested creatures this summer.



Volunteer of the Month: Durant Knappe

Durant Knappe started volunteering at the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society 6 years ago. He mainly walks dogs during his volunteer time. Durant spends between 15 to 25 hours at the shelter every week dog walking, cat cuddling, cleaning and socializing the animals. He spends lots of time with our shelter pets and we appreciate his love and passion for animals. Thank you Durant for your dedication to our organization and the animals in our care!

Get to Know Durant

What do you enjoy most about volunteering at the shelter? Everything! I like all of the animals and love volunteering in any way. I am a big animal person!

What is your favorite animal? I have four favorites. Dogs, cats, rats and rabbits.

Do you have any pets at home? No not right now due to where I live.





MAY 24, 2014

Get ready to ride! It's time for the 15th annual Paws for a Cause Poker Run to benefit the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society and the animals in their care! It will be held on May 24, 2014 with registration at J&L Harley-Davidson from 11am-1pm. Registration is \$15 per hand the day of the ride. You may also pre-register for just \$10 per hand and reserve yourself an event t-shirt before they sell out. T-shirts are sold separately and will be available for purchase while supplies last. To pre-register go online to www.sfhumanesociety.com or pick up a registration form at the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society or at J&L Harley-Davidson. All riders are also welcome to a blessing of the bikes and animals at the shelter at 10am



the day of the run. This scenic route will include prizes for best hand, worst hand, most kings, most queens and most jacks as well as plenty of chances to win some great door prizes! Route stops for this year's run include 212 Boiling Point, Lyons Den, Midway Bar and Grill, O'tooles, Fresh Horses Saloon and Otis' Bar and Grill.



Last year we raised over \$5,000 for our shelter pets! This year we hope to raise



even more with your help! Invite your friends and don't miss out on this great event to help homeless pets in need at the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society!



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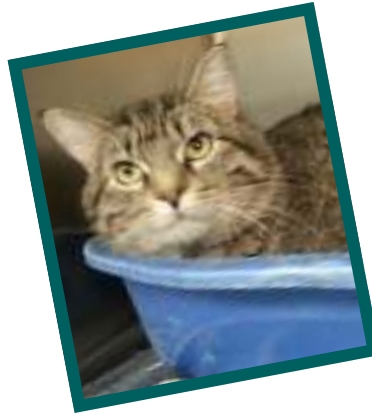
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This is Mike. He is a 3 year old domestic shorthair cat. He came to the shelter in November of 2013 as a stray and was never claimed. He is a friendly guy that loves to cuddle. He is good with strangers and kids of all ages. He is not yet neutered but is frontlined, microchipped and started on vaccinations. Come get to know Mike today! He could just be the ‘purr-fect’ feline friend for your home!

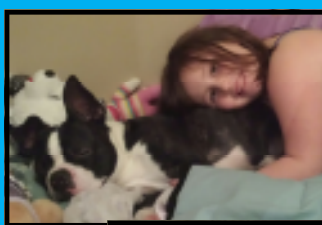


This is Ester Ruby. She is a 7 year old Bulldog mix. This is Ester Ruby’s second time at the shelter. She first was surrendered to the shelter in September of 2013 because her owner was moving and could not take her with. She was adopted but then returned 2 months later because she was not getting long with the other pets in the home. Ester Ruby is a very sweet and mellow girl. She loves people and does well with kids of all ages. She is house trained, spayed, micro-chipped and started on vaccinations. Come meet her today and see if she could be a good fit for your home!

Success Story of the Month:

COOPER

Cooper is a 1 year old Boston Terrier that was surrendered to the shelter on December 15, 2013. He is a very sweet boy that loves to play. He is very friendly and happily greets everyone he meets. Cooper’s friendly and outgoing personality helped him score a new home after only 4 days at the shelter! Kristi Moen adopted Cooper on December 19, 2013. “We instantly fell in love with him!” Kristi said about coming to meet Cooper at the shelter with her kids. Kristi also has a 9 year



old pug named Mya in addition to Cooper. “Mya and Cooper get along so well and he fits in perfectly to our family,” says Kristi. Cooper loves to play fetch and is a perfect little cuddler at night. Her kids absolutely adore Cooper and love spending time with him. “Not a day will go by that he won’t be played with, snuggled on or just loved,” says Kristi. We’re very glad to hear that Cooper is in a wonderful home where he gets all the love and attention a pup could wish for.