

**Sioux Falls  
Area Humane  
Society**

# Pet Scoop

**December 2014  
Issue**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

## Howliday Open House

<b>Giving Tuesday</b>	<b>December 2nd</b>
<b>Howliday Open House</b>	<b>December 6th-7th 11am-5pm SFAHS</b>
<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>December 24th Christmas Eve</b>
<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>December 25th Christmas Day</b>
<b>CLOSE @ 3pm</b>	<b>December 31st New Year's Eve</b>

The Sioux Falls Area Humane Society will feature their annual Howliday Open House at the shelter on December 6th and 7th from 11am-5pm. Come out and shop for all your holiday needs! The event will feature Christmas crafts, baked goods, pet supplies and much more! You're sure to find something for everyone on your Christmas list. If you are crafty and would like to donate towards the event, you may bring in your donations anytime during our open

hours on the days leading up to the event. Donate or come shop and help support homeless pets in need at the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society! If you have any questions call us at (605) 338-4441.



## Volunteer of the Month: Shanna Howe



Shanna Howe has been a volunteer at the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society for 12 years. Each week Shanna comes up to the shelter to help the photographer get pictures of our dogs for our website. It is vital to our organization to get our furry friends exposure resulting in more adoptions and exercise for our shelter dogs. We are deeply appreciative of her passion for our dogs and all of the time spent to cultivate their happiness!

### Get to Know Shanna

**What do you enjoy most about volunteering at the shelter?** *I love that the little time I put in each week hopefully helps the dogs get adopted. It may sound funny, but I also like it when I know 20-30 dogs were given a chance to potty because I ran them outside for a picture. A dog's whole demeanor can change once he/she has taken care of business- which makes them look more adoptable to a person walking by (a clean kennel helps too)!*

**What is your favorite animal?** *Dogs- and I'm partial to mixed breeds. Large or small, I think they're all pretty great.*

**Do you have any pets at home?** *Yes! A 6 year old Jack Russell mix named Minnie. She adopted me one day after Bill and I took her photo. My 9-yr old also has a SFHS-adopted gerbil named Steve.*

## Holiday Hazards



As you celebrate this holiday season, try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. Also, be sure to steer them clear of the following unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations:



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Hazard	Typical species exposed and affected	Commonly observed signs
Chocolate	Cats, dogs and other small mammals	Vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, tremors and seizures
Yeast dough	Dogs	Drunken appearance, abdominal pain, respiratory depression, cardiac arrest
Macadamia nuts	Dogs	Weakness, vomiting, incoordination, tremors
Raisins and grapes	Dogs and possibly other species	Vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia, lethargy and kidney failure
Avocado	Dogs, cats, rabbits, goats, cattle, horses and birds	Vomiting, diarrhea, inflammation of the mammary glands in some species, heart and respiratory problems in some species
Coffee	Cats, dogs, small mammals	Vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, tremors and seizures
Alcoholic beverages	Cats, dogs and other small mammals	Drunken appearance, vomiting, lethargy, respiratory depression
Antifreeze	Cats, dogs, other small mammals, horses, birds, reptiles and livestock	Vomiting, drunken appearance, excessive drinking and urinating, seizures and kidney failure
Liquid potpourri	Cats, dogs, other small mammals and birds	Oral and esophageal burns
Ice melts	Cats, dogs, other small mammals, birds and horses	Vomiting, diarrhea, disorientation and electrolyte imbalances
Electrical cords	Dogs, cats and small mammals	Shock or electrocution
Holiday decorations	Dogs, cats, birds, small mammals and reptiles	Injury to the mouth or gastrointestinal tract and foreign body obstruction in the gastrointestinal tract
Batteries	Dogs, cats and small mammals	Foreign body obstruction and corrosive injury to the mouth and gastrointestinal tract
Human Cough/Cold/Flu medicines	Dogs, cats, birds, small mammals and reptiles	May affect one or more body systems, life-threatening conditions possible
Easter, stargazer and tiger lilies	Cats	Vomiting, kidney damage and probable death
Mistletoe (Phoradendron serotinum)	Dogs, cats, birds, small mammals and reptiles	Gastrointestinal upset, lowered blood pressure, cardiovascular collapse and other variable signs
American holly (Ilex opaca)	Dogs, cats, birds, small mammals and reptiles	Gastrointestinal upset and depression
Christmas tree preservative	Dogs, cats, birds, small mammals and reptiles	Mild gastrointestinal upset
Aconites	Dogs, horses, cattle	Gastrointestinal upset, foreign body obstruction, kidney failure

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# Holiday Pet Hazards

The holidays are a wonderful time to celebrate with friends and family. Although, there are many parts of our holiday celebrations that can be hazardous to our pets. Be sure to be conscious of your pets this holiday and avoid them getting into any harmful substances. The infographic to the left shows many common items around the holidays that can be hazardous to your pet. Be careful and have a cheerful holiday while ensuring the safety of your furry family members.



## #GIVINGTUESDAY™

Giving Tuesday will be on December 2nd this year. How do you plan to give this holiday season? If you are interested in helping the shelter pets you may donate to our Shelter Giving Tree which will be in the front foyer of the shelter the entire month of December. If you can't make it out to our facility you can also donate to us online at... [www.YouGiveGoods.com/Howliday](http://www.YouGiveGoods.com/Howliday) or find out more ways to give on our website... [www.SFHumaneSociety.com](http://www.SFHumaneSociety.com)





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## Shelter Stars



Meet Georgia! She is a 3 year old cat that was surrendered to the shelter back in May. It is unknown how she does with other cats but she would do best in a home with no dogs. Georgia is a little shy around strangers at first but is affectionate once she gets to know you. She would do well with children of all ages. Georgia is not yet spayed but she is micro-chipped, frontlined and started on her vaccinations. Come meet her today and see if she could be the 'purr-fect' fit for your home!



This is Paco! He is a 7 year old Norwegian Elkhound/Australian Shepherd mix. He came to the shelter when he was found abandoned at his owners rental home. Paco is a very happy boy that loves making friends with everyone he meets. He doesn't like cats and is picky about what other dogs he likes, so an introduction is required if you have another dog at home. Paco is already neutered, micro-chipped, frontlined and started on his vaccinations. Come visit Paco and see if he could be your new best friend!

## **Success Story of the Month: Picasso**

Meet Picasso! He is a 5 year old Pointer mix that came to the shelter on June 15th because his owner abandoned him. His owner's friend brought him in because his owner left him uncared for. Picasso is a super sweet boy that easily made friends with everyone at the shelter. After just 3 weeks at the shelter Picasso captured Sabrena's heart and she adopted him on July 6th. Picasso now lives with Sabrena here in Sioux Falls. A few weeks after Picasso was adopted he was experiencing seizures. Sabrena took him to the vet to find out what medical problems Picasso was experiencing. He was diagnosed by the vet with epilepsy.



He now is on medications to control his condition and doing much better. Sabrena loves having Picasso in her life. "He's a fun guy to have around," says Sabrena. "He is very friendly and loves everybody." His favorite things to do are going to Falls park to explore and chewing on rawhides. Picasso keeps Sabrena entertained with all the funny faces he always makes. We're very happy see Picasso in a good home with a loving owner. Thank you Sabrena for choosing adoption and giving Picasso the care and attention he deserves!