

**Sioux Falls  
Area Humane  
Society**

# PET SCOOP

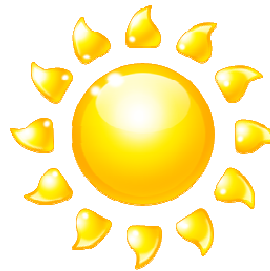
**July 2014  
Issue**

## Beat the Heat!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

<b>KELO TV Donation Drive</b>	<b>July 3rd 7-10am</b>
<b>Fore the Animals Golf Tournament</b>	<b>July 25th 12pm</b>

As temperatures start to rise remember to be mindful of your pets. Don't walk or exercise your dog during the peak temperature times of the day or on extremely hot days. Always make sure they have access to water and a shaded area when left outside. Be sure not to leave pets on hot asphalt as well. The hot surface can burn the bottoms of their paw pads. Also, never leave your dog in a car without the air running. On an 85° day, the temperature in a car with the windows slightly opened can still reach 120° within just 30 minutes. Not only does it get extremely hot but our furry friends have a thick coat of fur on top of their



skin making it even hotter for them. It's important to be sure you are taking precautions against the heat this summer to ensure your pet doesn't suffer from heat stroke. Signs that your dog may be suffering from heat stroke include excessive panting, dark or sticky or dry tongue and gums, staggering, stupor, seizures, bloody diarrhea or vomiting and a rapid heartbeat. If you suspect your dog is experiencing heat stroke, seek veterinary assistance immediately. Short nose dog breeds, such as pugs and bulldogs, as well as big heavy-coated dogs are more susceptible to experiencing heat stroke and should be monitored in the heat more closely than other dog breeds.

## Volunteer of the Month: Mike Choate

Mike Choate is a hard working person who started volunteering at the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society 3 years ago and has spent most of his time here walking dogs. He started volunteering about one to two days a month but is now volunteering three days a week since we have been short staffed. Mike has been a tremendous help here, never hesitating to help clean litter boxes, walk dogs, or any other chore around the shelter. We can always count on him. Mike comes in as early as 7am and usually stays until early afternoon washing and scrubbing litter boxes along with walking dogs. It's clear how passionate Mike is about helping homeless pets and our organization is extremely lucky to have his support. Thank you Mike for all that you do!

### Get to Know Mike

**What do you enjoy most about volunteering at the shelter?**

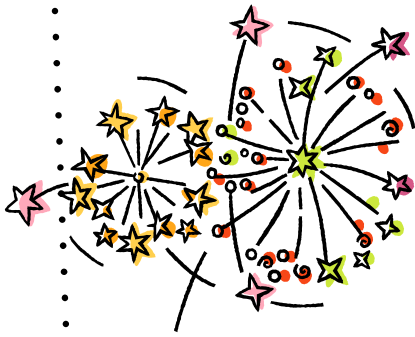
Everything. It's rewarding. What's not to like?

**What is your favorite animal?**

Dogs and cats are my favorite.

**Do you have any pets at home?**

No. I get my animal fix at the shelter.



## Happy Fourth of July!

The fourth of July is a day to celebrate America's independence and enjoy the company of our family and friends. This day of the year can also be a very frightening one for our furry family members.

Shelters get crowded with frightened runaways that were most likely spooked from the loud noises of fireworks over the Fourth of July holiday. Loud sounds and unfamiliar smells from the fireworks can cause stress, anxiety, and fear for our furry friends. Every year there is a rapid rise of strays during the Fourth of July weekend, so please do not leave your pets unattended outside as they may become fearful or overly curious and escape. Fireworks also contain hazardous chemicals that are harmful to kidneys and red blood cells. Shallow breathing, a painful abdomen, and vomiting may be signs of firework poisoning. If your pet ingests any fireworks or firecrackers be sure to seek veterinary help immediately. The safest option for the holiday is to leave pets indoors during all the Fourth of July festivities. That way you can feel comfortable that your pet is in a safe environment and enjoy your holiday worry free!

# Fore the Animals Golf Tournament

**Friday, July 25, 2014**

**Hidden Valley Golf Course**

**Par 3 - 18 Holes**

**\$250 - 4 person teams**

**\$100 Hole Sponsorships**

Including fun contests and prizes!

Come enjoy a day of golf to benefit homeless pets.



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[WWW.SFHUMANESOCIETY.COM](http://WWW.SFHUMANESOCIETY.COM)

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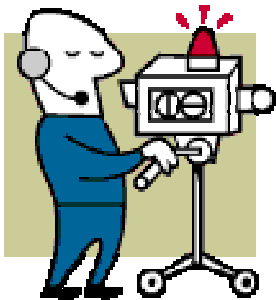
## Shelter Stars



*This is Kitty Kat! She is a 6 year old cat that was surrendered to the shelter back in April of 2014. She was surrendered with one other cat, both of which had litters at the time of their surrenders. Kitty Kat is a very friendly and social girl that does well with other pets and children of all ages. She is not yet spayed but she is micro-chipped, frontlined and started on her vaccinations. Come meet Kitty Kat and see if she can be your new 'furr-ever' friend!*



*This is Hardy! He is a 2 year old Terrier mix that was surrendered to the shelter on May 20, 2014. He is a very sweet and energetic boy that makes friends with everyone he meets. Due to his energy level he will need a patient owner that will be able to work on his training and exercise him on a daily basis. It's unknown how Hardy does with other pets. He is not yet neutered but he is micro-chipped, frontlined and started on his vaccinations. Come meet Hardy today!*



## **KELO Donation Drive!**

KELO will be hosting their annual bring your dog to work day on Thursday, July 3rd. They will be accepting donations for the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society at the news station that morning between 7-10am. Come on out with pet food or pet supplies donations and meet some of our adoptable animals!