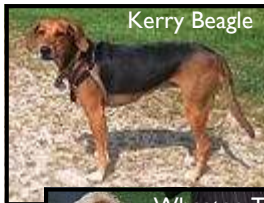


'Pups of the Irish'

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Free Rebel
Run**

**March
March 15th
10am**

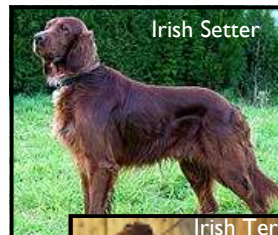


Kerry Beagle

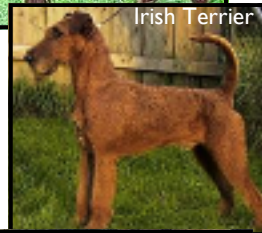


Wheaten Terrier

St. Patrick's Day is a holiday that celebrates Irish culture and Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, this article spotlights some dog breeds that originate from Ireland. These breeds include Irish Setters, Irish Wolfhounds, Irish Terriers, Wheaten Terriers and Kerry Beagles. All of these have unique qualities that were used for various purposes in Ireland. One of the oldest dog breeds is the Irish Wolfhound. It's suggested they have existed all the way back to 7000BC. They were originally bred and domesticated to hunt wolves, hence how the breed got its name. They were even used as war dogs in the past. They are a very large and powerful dog making them good for hunting. They are the tallest standing dog



Irish Setter



Irish Terrier



Irish Wolfhound

of all dog breeds in the world. The Kerry Beagle is another breed that dates back many, many years. This breed is even believed to be a descendant of the Irish legend, Celtic Hounds. The Kerry Beagle was used as a scent hunter to track fox and hare. Irish Terriers are considered to be one of the oldest terrier breeds. They were bred for their working qualities and gameness. Now they are a popular family dog that have a great fondness for children. Wheaten Terriers are another breed that were a popular farm dog in Ireland. They were used for keeping varmints off farmers land. Irish Setters are another popular hunting dog. Their unique quality is their point. When hunting they track their prey by scent and when on a trail will freeze and "point" in the direction of their prey.

Volunteer of the Month: Alex Thompson



Alex started volunteering in January of 2014. She has already spent over 15 hours cat cuddling and dog walking since she started volunteering at the shelter. Alex is a sweet, kind and compassionate person. She exuberates positivity and is a pleasure to be around. Alex is wonderful with our shelter pets and we're happy to have volunteers that are as passionate about animals as she is.

Get to Know Alex

What do you enjoy most about volunteering at the shelter? I think I enjoy the sense that I'm helping in some small way, and it's both sad and wonderful when I notice an animal I've been spending time with has been adopted. And of course spending time with animals period is always enjoyable by itself.

What is your favorite animal? Cats are by far my favorite, though dogs are nice too.

Do you have any pets at home? I don't have any animals of my own, though I'd like to. And as soon as I get my own place that allows pets, I will!

Success Story of the Month: Rocko

Rocko is a 10 month old Rat Terrier mix. He came to the shelter on September 14, 2013 as an owner surrender. He came in with his siblings because their owner could no longer care for them. Him and his litter mates were entered into the Paroled Pups program to work on their puppy training. They were there for a month before going up for adoption. Rocko was then adopted on October 31, 2013 by Katherine Albers. Rocko now lives with Katherine and is doing great. "He



Rocko cuddled up on the couch at his new home.

has so much personality. I couldn't ask for a nicer dog," said Katherine. Rocko loves going to the dog park and when at home loves cuddling on the couch. "While at home he is a permanent fixture on the couch and makes an excellent foot warmer," says Katherine. We're very glad to say that Rocko has a new home where he gets all the love and attention a pup could ask for. Thank you Katherine for giving Rocko a forever home.

FOURTH ANNUAL
ST. PATTY'S DAY 5K
Free Rebel Run
MARCH 15, 2014



Start: 10:00am @ Spencer Park, Sioux Falls
NO cost, NO registration, and NO chip timers
Door prizes
Rebel leprechauns of all abilities are welcome (dogs, too!)
Donations to the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society are accepted and greatly appreciated
For info, contact freerebelrun@hotmail.com or Like us @ [facebook.com/SPDFRR](https://www.facebook.com/SPDFRR)



- Come out to the
- Free Rebel Run on
- March 15th at
- Spencer Park!
- Hosted by McNally's
- Irish Pub. There is
- no registration fee
- but donations for
- the SFAHS will be
- accepted. All
- runners (21 and
- over) will also get a
- free drink ticket
- from McNally's Irish
- Pub.



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Shelter Stars



This is Wendy. She is a 2 year old domestic shorthair cat that came to the shelter as a stray in May of 2013. Little is known about Wendy's earlier life. She is an independent girl but loves to be petted when she comes to you for attention. It is unknown how she does with other pets. She is not yet spayed but she is micro-chipped, frontlined and started on vaccinations. Come meet Wendy and see if she could be the newest 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 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 but can only hold it for about 3 hours, so would be best in a home where she can be let outside regularly. She is spayed, micro-chipped and started on vaccinations. Come meet her today and see if she could be a good fit for your home!

Paws to Celebrate

Save the Date:
June 21, 2014
6pm - 11pm

"The finest selection of over 100 wines and beers and culinary specialties from the region's finest chefs."

Including live music with silent and live auctions throughout the night.

Mark your calendars! Paws to Celebrate will be on Saturday, June 21, 2014. It will be held at Landscape Garden Center in Sioux Falls. Don't miss out on this premier event to help homeless pets!