

**Sioux Falls
Area Humane
Society**

Pet Scoop

**February 2015
Issue**

Cupcakes for Critters

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Cupcakes for Critters	Feb 13th 11am-6:30pm SFAHS
Cupcakes for Critters	Feb 14th 11am-3pm SFAHS

It's that time of year again! Get your sweetie a special Valentine treat this year. Order cupcakes through the SFAHS and help support our homeless pets! Cupcakes for Critters offers a variety of delectable cupcake flavors from Frosted Addiction, Mary's Cake Creations and the HyVee Bakery. Flavors range from fruit-filled treats to a chocolate lovers dream. You're sure to find a flavor to please every one of your special Valentines. Order forms and menus are available at the shelter and online at www.sfhumanesociety.com.



All orders are due by February 10th. Pick ups of orders will be on February 13th from 11am-6:30pm and February 14th 11am-3pm only at the shelter. Don't miss out on this sweet deal to help homeless pets in need!

← Cupcakes from previous years Cupcakes for Critters event!

Volunteer of the Month: Jake Ellefson



Jake started volunteering at the SFAHS in November of 2014 and has helped us tremendously by walking our dogs, becoming a foster parent and even adopting from the shelter twice! He loves spending time with the pets and looks forward to helping the shelter in any way he can. Jake and his wife are currently fostering 8 beautiful puppies from the shelter. They spend countless hours taking great care of them. Thank you Jake for your kindness and for all of the wonderful work you do for our shelter!

Get to Know Jake

What do you enjoy most about volunteering at the shelter? I enjoy getting to know the dogs unique personalities. I have a lot of fun playing with them and walking or running through the trails, while getting exercise for them and myself in the process. I've gotten to know the awesome SFAHS staff who have been incredibly friendly and helpful especially through our fostering experience.

What is your favorite animal? "Someone once asked me what I like better: kittens or puppies and I said 'It's a tie man.' They said, 'Too close to call?' I said, 'No, man,' Too cute to call."

Do you have any pets at home? Icarus, 4 year old male cat and 5 year old Terrier mix Sofie, both adopted from the shelter.

8 Steps to Walking Your Dog in the Winter

- 1** Make sure you, the human, are properly outfitted.
- 2** Put a jacket on your dog. This is especially important for puppies, senior dogs, small breeds and short-haired dogs.
- 3** Protect paws with dog booties or pet-safe gels like Musher's Secret.
- 4** Use a secure, front-clip harness to prevent pulling.
- 5** Walk your dog with a solid leash, not a retractable one. Consider using a jogger's leash, which stays hooked to you if you fall and loosens your grip.
- 6** Make sure your dog's clothing stays dry.
- 7** Avoid hazards like frozen ponds. Dogs can fall through thin ice into freezing water, and they may suffer hypothermia or even drown.
- 8** When you return, wash your dog's paws. You don't want him to lick toxic chemicals like ice melts and salts off his paws.

Listen to your dog!

Shaking? Cowering? Attempting to head back home? It could just be too cold for your dog. Look for ways to exercise him indoors: food puzzles, a game of tug, indoor agility and more.

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Thanks to Bridgette Meidinger, owner of Capturing Light Family & Pet Photography for taking such adorable photos of our adoptable animals! For more pictures by Capturing Light go to...

www.facebook.com/CapturingLightSFSD.com



Success Story of the Month Greta

Meet Greta! This beautiful 1 year and 9 month old girl was turned over to the shelter twice in August of 2014. Once as a stray who was never claimed and then she was returned after only five days because she was too independent. Greta was



finally adopted in December after a five month residence and looks much at home with her new family! She tends to be very talkative and is comfortable in her new surroundings. We are so glad to see how well Greta is doing and how happy she is.



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Shelter Stars



This is Silver Bell! She is a 3 year old cat that came to the shelter as a stray back in August of 2014. She was pregnant upon arriving at our shelter and was in foster care until her kittens were old enough to go up for adoption. Silver Bell is now ready to retire from being a mother and find a forever home of her own. Little is known about her previous life before being picked up by Animal Control. She is shy around strangers but is very affectionate once she warms up to you. Come meet this sweet girl and see if she could be the newest addition to your home!



Meet Cole! He is a 1 year old Labrador mix that came to the shelter back in early December as a stray and was never claimed. Cole is a very energetic boy that loves to run and play. He knows some commands but needs some more work on his basic training. He will need a patient owner to work with him on his manners as well as getting him plenty of daily exercise. Cole is not yet neutered but he is frontlined, micro-chipped and started on his vaccinations. Come meet Cole today!

DSU Photography Club

Come out to the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society on Valentine's Day with a donation between 11am and 3pm and get a special Valentine photo to take home with you! Get a picture with your furry Valentine, a shelter pet or just that special someone for free with a cash or pet supply donation for the shelter. It's great way to spread the love this Valentine's Day and help pets in need!

