

**Sioux Falls  
Area Humane  
Society**

# Pet Scoop

**March 2015  
Issue**

## Importance of Fostering

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

<b>Free Rebel Run</b>	<b>March 14th 10am Spencer Park</b>
<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	<b>March 17th</b>

Ever thought about becoming a foster parent? There are many reasons why fostering pets for the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society is important. Giving your foster pet the time and socialization that he/she needs to be ready for adoption, helping us learn more about the pet's personality, and freeing up a kennel at our shelter are just some of the reasons why foster parents are so valuable to our organization. This month alone we have almost fifty pets being fostered. We foster out almost five hundred pets a year with over eighty percent of them being kittens and pregnant cats. Puppies and special needs pets with medical and behavioral issues are included in our foster care program. Other than adopting, fostering is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have. For more information about what being a foster

parent entails please contact Monique at [MoniqueM@sffhumanesociety.com](mailto:MoniqueM@sffhumanesociety.com) and help us make a lasting impact for these animals in need!



## Volunteer of the Month: Bill Voigt



Meet our Volunteer of the Month, Bill! In 1997 Bill Voigt started volunteering as a dog walker and ever since has been taking photos of adoptable dogs for our website every week. He was also an active member on our Board of Directors! He even served as board president in 2012. He is now retired from his board position but continues to volunteer and take photos for our website. Bill's efforts and dedication to helping thousands of animals get adopted is immeasurable. We cannot thank Bill enough for all of his hard work to help our shelter pets!

### Get to Know Bill

**What do you enjoy most about volunteering at the shelter?** *I like taking the photos because it has helped tens of thousands of animals find homes. Many times, people will see a photo on the website and run out to the shelter to meet the pet.*

**Do you have any pets at home?** *I have an 8 year old cat named Dolly and have fostered special needs dogs throughout the years.*

# Success Story of the Month

## Precious

Precious is a 3 year old Yorkshire Terrier/Chihuahua mix that came to the shelter as an owner surrender. Her previous owners surrendered her because they were moving and could not take her with them. Precious was a very lively little girl with quite the personality. She would bark at strangers and be very shy and defensive until she got comfortable with you. At the shelter she was kept in one of the back offices for showing because of her aggressive behavior. Her sweet little face attracted a lot of attention and after just two short weeks at the shelter she found her



adopting family. She now lives with a couple here in Sioux Falls and is living life to the fullest. Her adopters decided to hire a trainer to help fix her aggressive behavior with strangers. It worked wonders and now Precious is the “darling” of the neighborhood, greeting everyone she meets. Her picture here shows her playing in her new home. Precious is now as happy as can be in her forever home. Thank you to the Johnson’s for choosing adoption and providing such a loving home for Precious!

## ATTENTION RUNNERS!

Join the SFAHS and McNally’s Pub for the Free Rebel Run on March 14th at Spencer Park!  
There is no registration fee and runners of all kinds are welcome! Donations for the SFAHS will be accepted throughout registration and you will even get the chance to meet one of our adoptable pups!

FIFTH ANNUAL  
ST. PATTY'S DAY 5K  
Free Rebel Run  
MARCH 14, 2015  
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  
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# Shelter Stars



Meet Zoey! She is a 2 year old cat that came to the shelter as a stray and was never claimed. She is a very curious girl that loves to explore her surroundings. Zoey is also very playful and loves to play with any toy she can get her paws on. She is very affectionate and loves to be petted. She isn't always fond of being picked up and held though. Zoey is good with strangers and kids of all ages. She is not yet spayed but she is micro-chipped, frontlined and started on her vaccinations. Come meet Zoey today!



Meet Mama! She is a 2 year old Terrier mix that was surrendered to the shelter. She was left in our night receiving area with no information so little known about Mama's previous life. She is a very sweet girl that loves attention. She is a 83 pound lap dog and will cuddle up with you if you let her. She doesn't like other animals though and needs to go to a home where she will be the only pet. She also needs to go to a home with no children. Mama will need a patient owner to help her work on her basic training. She is already spayed, micro-chipped, frontlined and started on her vaccinations. Come meet this big sweetheart today and see if she could be the newest addition to your home!

## Become a SFAHS Member!

- Are you a pet lover that's interested in getting some fabulous benefits from the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society? Then we have a sweet deal for you! Become a member of the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society for a small annual fee and receive perks such as 10% off adoption fees, discounts on retail in our Petapalooza store, special offers from local businesses and quarterly newsletters covering all the up and coming news at the shelter! Membership fees are only \$30 for a single membership and \$50 for a family membership. Don't miss out on this great deal to help homeless pets in need! For more information or to become a registered member contact our Business Manager at...

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