

SFAHS Pet Scoop

January 2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Boo Boo



Tommy



"TO PROVIDE A SAFE HAVEN & HUMAN VOICE FOR ALL ANIMALS IN NEED"



2012 BRINGS BIG PLANS FOR THE SFHS



As 2011 came to a close the SFHS found itself bulging at the seams with homeless animals. A grand total of 8,738 animals came through the doors of the shelter in 2011 constantly testing the resources and energies of the shelter & its staff. Thanks to the great leadership of Monique, our kennel manager, and the teamwork of the entire SFHS staff, each of the animals that came to us was able to receive a safe haven & human voice in their time of need. Because the SFHS is the only animal shelter in the Sioux Falls and tri-state area, we can only expect the number of animals needing help to remain the same or (most likely) to increase.

With the incredible volume of animals in need, executive director Kori Baade has dedicated much time to planning for 2012. Kori states that the main focus for 2012 will be a building project that will give the shelter more space and thus allow us to better serve the increasing population of animals that arrives at our doors. The shelter will be looking for many donors (businesses & individuals) who will help us meet the financial demands of building expansion. Kori also hopes to establish a dog coalition and a cat coalition to help set guidelines for and create more foster families for our shelter animals. Many fundraising events are in the forecast for 2012, and Kori hopes to have lots of volunteer support to help make each of these events a big success.

It's going to be a busy year at the SFHS. We look forward to your help and support in making 2012 a GREAT year for helping all animals in need.



SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS!
 Tree knocked over twice
 check!
 Tinsel eaten.....
 check, check!
 Trip to emergency vet.....
 check, check, **BIG CHECK!!!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pet Therapy Orientation

(Must Have Completed New Volunteer Orientation to Attend)

January 7, 2012

New Volunteer Orientation



January 14, 2012

Grooming Orientation



(Must Have Completed New Volunteer Orientation to Attend)

January 14, 2012

Call the Shelter For Details and To Register!



SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

TATE the Lab/Collie

DESCRIPTION: black with white patches, soft, furry, cuddly, smiley, happy, energetic, loving lab/collie who LOVES to run & swim!

ISSUE: left at the shelter in September 2011 when his owner went to college without him 😞

NEEDED: an active energetic human who will give him the forever home that he deserves!



**TATE would LOVE to meet you
 And
 Take you for a walk!**



Maybe Tate is the forever friend that would make your life complete.
 Drop by the shelter and meet him!

SFHS "HOWLIDAY" OPEN HOUSE

A HUGE SUCCESS!!



Approximately 200 people attended the SFHS annual "Howliday" Open House on December 3rd & 4th. The shelter's educational classroom was transformed into a sparkling array of gifts & goodies for all to enjoy. Visitors were treated to cookies & punch and even a visit from Santa himself!!

A big "thank you" to the many folks, who crafted, baked & cooked items that were sold to benefit our shelter animals. Special thanks go out to Arbonne, 4 Paws Massage, Cynthia Anderson, Karyl Jacobson with Avon, Blue Frog Designs, Usborne, Wildtree, & Backyard Salsa who donated items for our raffles.

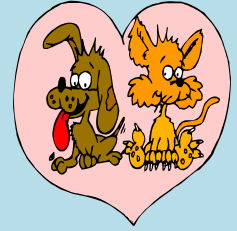
Looking for things to work on when the snow flies this winter? Why not start crafting items for next year's Howliday Open House? Looking forward to seeing you there!!!!



Did you know that
41 animals were adopted
from the shelter on
December 30th 2011?
RECORD!!!

SFHS WISH LIST

Purina Dog Chow
Purina Puppy Chow
Purina Cat Chow
Purina Kitten Chow
Canned Cat Food
Clorox Bleach
Dawn Dish Soap
Latex gloves
Pill Containers without Labels



COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR PETS



Cold weather creates a unique set of stressors for all animals, and your pet needs your undivided attention now more than almost any other time of the year. Below you will find some winterizing tips for optimizing your animal's comfort and well-being.

When temps reach sub-zero, it is time to invite the outdoor cat and dog inside. This goes for Northern breeds like Siberian huskies or Malamutes as well as for medium-coated German shepherds & golden retrievers. "Inside" doesn't necessarily mean letting pets in and out of a warm house from night to day. Creating an abrupt temperature contrast can increase the risk of some infectious diseases. Instead consider housing the outside animal in a well-built doghouse, tool shed, or garage. Make sure the shelter is clean, dry and well insulated with straw, wood shavings or a blanket. Animals drag a lot of moisture onto their bedding from every trip outside in the snow. Change the bedding frequently for maximum warmth and safety.

When you take your inside pooch out for a "bathroom break" stay outside with them. If you are cold enough to go inside, it probably is too cold for your pet to stay out much longer as well. When you bring your dog in, wipe her paws and underside, making sure there are no ice balls clinging between the toes or on the sole of the foot. Ice balls can cause frostbite to an animal that is left outside for a significant time in sub-zero temperatures.

Outdoor cats will seek warmth and sometimes this includes near or on a car engine. If they do not move before the car engine is started, they can be seriously injured or killed. Before starting your car engine rap on the hood a couple of times to chase them off to safety.

Pets that walk on sidewalks, driveways or streets run the risk of picking up rock salt, ice and other chemicals on their foot pads. Be sure to wipe all four feet thoroughly when you bring them in from walking. Should you not wipe their paws, there is a tendency for them to lick the salt off their feet, which can cause an inflammation of the digestive tract.

Keep an eye on your pet's outside water. If it is not in a heated container, it will need to be changed several times a day. Ice is not a substitute for clean water.

For short-coated breeds like hounds, Chihuahuas & Boston terriers, you might want to put them in a protective sweater or coat before taking them outside. They will become chilled quickly after leaving a 72-degree house and walking into sub-zero degree temps. Watch for moisture in/on their sweaters; when wet they can actually remove heat from an animal.

Be particularly careful when escorting elderly arthritic pets outside. They will become stiff and tender quickly in the cold and may find it difficult to move about in the snow or on ice. Keep them close at your side if the route to the yard is icy. A bad slip can cause a ruptured disc, broken leg or other major injury.

Nutrition is a particularly important concern in the winter. Outdoor pets require more calories to generate energy to stay warm. As a result add 10 to 15 percent more to an outdoor pet's daily diet to allow him to meet those needs.