



Fur Ball

FIRST ANNUAL HUMANE SOCIETY

“BETS FOR PETS”



LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009
7 P.M. TO 11 P.M.

CASUAL ATTIRE

FORT DODGE FORD SHOWROOM

HY-VEE CATERING

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:
**SEE THE ARCHITECT'S PLANS FOR FORT DODGE'S
NEW ANIMAL SHELTER AND ADOPTION CENTER!**

CASINO GAMES



Live Auction Items:

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- Framed Print ----- Buckroyd Photo
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- Diamond Necklace ----- Wicker Jewelry
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- Pro-Plan Dog Food ----- JRG Supply
- Adirondack Chair ----- Fort Dodge Correctional Facility/Linda Lowrey
- Miami Sun Custom Cruiser Bicycle ----- The Bike Shop
- Nintendo Wii ----- Humane Society Board of Directors
- Wii Fit ----- Laurie Hagey
- CompuStar 3000 ft Remote Satrt/Keyless Entry ----- Troy Waller Auto Body

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Happy New Beginnings for Two of our Furry Friends!



I'm Kindra, and I came to the Shelter as a stray in August of 2007. I waited so patiently for just the right family to find me. After my story ran in the December newsletter, a wonderful couple from Humboldt came in to see me, and chose me for their own.

Now my name is "Freedom" and I have a big yard to run in and lots of deer and squirrels to keep me company.

I'm so glad I came to a "no-kill shelter." My friends at the shelter said it's never too late, and they never lose hope; the right forever home is out there for every one of us. Please visit the shelter today and choose yours!

Remember me? My name is Tiny. I was the featured cat in our last newsletter. I had lots of fun pouncing and playing with my friends at the Humane Society. The snuggly beds and big bowls of food were nice too.

As we grew bigger, the cage seemed to get smaller. One by one, the other kittens in the cage were chosen. It was their turn. First, the lighter colored kittens. Next, the calicos. Suddenly, the cage seemed big again. I had it all to myself.

I guess it's true what they say, "Good things come to those who wait." We always had lots of visitors at the shelter. With my paw extended, I greeted everyone who passed by. Finally, I heard the magic words, "I'd like this one."



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Adopt-a-Stop Success

On February 21st, 2009, we held an adoption event called Me & My Shadow, at Shoppers Supply in Fort Dodge. We found homes for 7 black cats and 7 black dogs. We also had 3 cats and 2 dogs adopted at the shelter. We also micro-chipped 61 dogs and 2 cats.

The highlight of the day was finding a forever home for Nodd. He came to us as an eight week old kitten in 2005. We wish Nodd and his new family many happy years together.

We would like to thank Shoppers Supply and their wonderful staff for helping us make this event such a huge success. They provided us with a warm place to showcase our adorable adoptables and gave each adopter a goodie bag full of items for people and pets.

Please join us for our next Adopt-a-Stop, "April Showers - it's Raining Cats & Dogs" at Shoppers Supply in Webster City on April 18th from 11 am to 4 pm. Find your new best friend, join the Black Pet Club or bring your pet to be micro-chipped for just \$20. We will also have homemade dog treats for sale. Please come and see us!

Upcoming Events

Friday & Saturday, March 14 & 15

2009 Outdoor Sports, RV & Boat Show
(Hunting Dogs Adoptions)

Saturday, March 28

First Annual Fur Ball Bets for Pets
Fort Dodge Ford, 7-11 p.m.

Saturday, April 18

April Showers -- It's Raining Cats & Dogs!
Adoption & Micro-chip Event,
Shoppers Supply, Webster City

Saturday, May 9

Adoption & Micro-chip
Event, Shoppers Supply, Fort Dodge

Sunday, June 14

13th Annual Dog Walk & Pet Fair
Snell-Crawford Park

Friday, July 10

Humane Society Golf Tournament,
Fort Dodge Country Club



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The Paw Print

Pets for People. People for Pets.

Spring, 2009

The Time Has Come -- Let's Build a New Shelter!

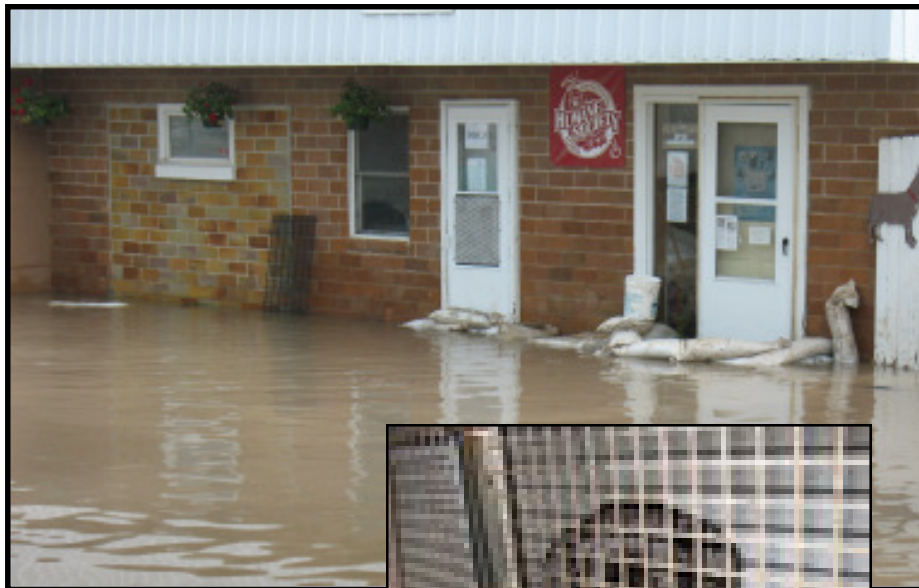
In 1976, the Webster County Humane Society established its first animal shelter at 2415 1/2 Fifth Avenue South, in a former body shop. It was supposed to be a temporary site, until a better facility could be found. It is still there today.

The current shelter has poor ventilation, making it nearly impossible to contain even the most common animal illnesses like kennel cough and feline upper respiratory illness; the plumbing, electrical and structural problems result in flooding, water damage and extraordinarily high utility costs. A cattery was added to the site several years ago, and it is better, but its roof also leaks and ventilation is an ongoing problem. We can offer the animals little more than a safe place to wait for adoption.

The time has come for a new facility, an adoption and education center that will offer homeless animals safety, nurturing, exercise and contentment, and will offer people a place they can come with their families to enjoy the animals, learn more about the responsibilities of pet ownership, and choose a new forever friend for themselves and their children.

The new Adoption and Education Center will be about 10,000 square feet, and will serve 1,000 to 1,400 animals per year. It will be situated on approximately 6 acres and will provide ample housing for 75 dogs and 150 cats, a veterinary clinic, a community education classroom, an indoor training room, and outdoor paths for walking for people and exercise for the animals.

We expect the building itself to cost just under \$1,000,000, utilizing many in-kind gifts and lots of volunteer labor to keep costs down.



In addition to the building costs, a fund to support ongoing operations needs to be established to assure that the Center will continue to serve the needs of homeless animals for years to come. A \$500,000 endowment will be the beginning of a fund for annual operational support.

The Capital Campaign and Endowment goal is \$1,500,000. Today, we have approximately \$400,000.

Please join us for our first annual **Fur Ball Bets for Pets** on March 28, see the plans for the new Center, play a little black jack, and dance with someone you love. Your attendance will help us build it!



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gift for someone who
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How about a gift to the
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The Humane Society of North Central Iowa Has received Memorial Contributions from:

Allison & John Peterson in memory of Marilyn Bonnell
Linda McCabe In memory of Paulina M. Brokaw
Mrs. Andrew Rettinger in memory of her dog Casey who passed away 12-6-98
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Loretta Gray in memory of Scruffy
Fort Dodge Probation Office in memory of Aaron Eilerts

**The Humane Society of North Central Iowa
has received Honorariums from:**

Maurice & Norma Field in honor of Katie Pommer
Gerald & Shelly Stein in honor of Mike & Carol Gehlhausen and in memory of their dog Willie
Mike & Carol Gehlhausen in honor of Abby, Shelly & Jerry Stein
LW and Carol Heatherington in honor of Marilyn Simonson
Chad Schorr in honor of Audrey Manson
Merilla Will in honor of Esther Tuvell
Ken Severson in honor of Jean Morrissey
Diane Latham in honor of LaDonna DeYoung
Jon & Sue Doolittle in honor of Mickey, Dandy and Zak
Joanne Smith in honor of Gordon Cornwell at Villa Care Center
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Steve & Deborah Hedding in honor of Esther Tuvell
Glenda Juilfs in honor of Peanut & Pumpkin
Dolores Garst in honor of Barbie Garst
Fern Rodenborn in honor of my cat Hobby
Susan Sperry in honor of James Tarter
Cynthia & John Prorok in honor of Wayne Anderson

*Our heartfelt sympathies, and gratitude to everyone who remembered someone they love with a gift to the Shelter.
The above Memorials and Honorariums were received as of February 28, 2009.
Our sincere apologies for any oversights.*

BLACK PET CLUB

Do you have Black Cat / Dog Syndrome? We have the solution.



There are many different theories about why black pets get overlooked. Maybe it's because they are harder to see in the back of their kennel. Maybe the photographs on the website aren't able to depict their features as easily as lighter colored pets.

Maybe you are superstitious. The fact is, the color of a pet has no bearing on their personality, behavior, or health.

On February 21st, 2009 the Humane Society of North Central Iowa kicked off its new BLACK PET CLUB. Anyone adopting a black cat or dog from the HSNCI will automatically be enrolled in our BLACK PET CLUB. This club provides the adopter with a club member t-shirt, a quarterly newsletter, and invitations to upcoming events and fundraisers. For all you dogs, I would like to invite you to our BLACK DOG REUNION, to be held each June at our annual dog walk.

Already have a black pet? You can join too! For just \$25 per year, you will receive a t-shirt and all the other member benefits listed above. Take advantage of the opportunity to show the world the true beauty of a black pet.

TOP 10 REASONS TO OWN A BLACK PET:

10. Black dog or cat hair is the one thing guaranteed not to show on your pants.
9. God must love black dogs and cats best; he made so many of them.
8. Little black dogs are as big as their bark in the dark
7. Everybody knows, black makes you look thinner.
6. Shows the world you don't believe in silly superstitions.
5. Turn off the light and your Mom will never know your pet's in your bed.
4. Black dogs and cats are easy to find in the snow.
3. Black goes with everything, so you and your pet will never clash.
2. Black pets look great with your Harley (and match your black leather chaps!)
1. **For no good reason, more black animals are euthanized every year than any other color.**



JOIN THE BLACK PET CLUB!

Pet's Name	Type	Primary Breed
Age	Size	Gender
Primary Color BLACK!	Altered?	

Owner's Name	
Address	City, State, Zip
Phone	E-mail

Enclose your check for \$25 made payable to:



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Your New Best Friend is Waiting For You . . .



My name is Talin. I am a two year old Husky / Staffordshire Terrier Mix. My gorgeous coat is mostly fawn colored with white on my chest. I have been neutered and have current vaccinations. At nearly 100 pounds, I am a BIG handsome boy. I am very intelligent, if I do say so myself. I know several commands like sit & down. I am also housetrained. Just place a bell by the door and I will ring it to let you know when I need to go outside.

I like other dogs and enjoy being a member of a pack. If I would be your only dog, I would be satisfied playing with kids. I like everyone that I meet and would love to become your new best friend.

Hello Dolly !

Dolly is a beautiful Calico Cat. Her coat is swirled with white, tan, & gray. She came to our shelter as a kitten in December of 2006. She is about 3 years old now. Dolly has been spayed and all of her vaccinations are current. She has also been micro-chipped. She socializes well with the other cats in her colony, but would prefer to be the queen of the house.

I can't imagine why she has spent so much time with us. Maybe people pass her by to see the kittens. Please visit our cattery and meet Dolly. What you see, is what you get. She is royalty and demands to be spoiled. This gorgeous girl deserves a family to call her own. Please open your heart and home to her. She will reward you with a lifetime of love and loyalty.



TLC PROGRAM



Temporary Loving Care Program for Shelter Dogs

Some of our dogs just find shelter living too stressful. The cages, the noise, and the isolation can cause some dogs to go "kennel crazy." Over time, the stress causes some dogs to become aggressive, while others give up and lie sadly in the back of their kennels. They may stop eating, lose interest in their toys and forget they're housebro-

ken, or begin to pace, spin or bark incessantly. These are good dogs who need a different environment to wait for their "forever homes." They need a yard, a family, and more attention than we can give them at the shelter.

Sometimes, we get dogs who are sick, or very thin, and we know they won't adapt well to the shelter environment.

That's why we've established our "Temporary Loving Care" (TLC) program. The TLC program will place stressed dogs in foster homes where they will receive the attention, socialization and training they need to be ready for adoption. The Humane Society will pay for all authorized vet care, and the foster families will provide food, shelter, love and attention.

If you are interested in applying to give one or more of our shelter dogs a better chance for a happy ending, please contact us.

The TLC program is a temporary arrangement; foster dogs are welcome at our monthly adoption events, where foster families can share their personalities, attitudes, and histories with potential adopters. We'll also keep them listed on our website, and remind our visitors that they are available.

Working together, we can find forever homes for healthy, happy foster dogs. What a bow-wow-wonderful concept!