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Shelter, Protect, Educate

Helping and Having Fun What else could you ask for?

Submitted by: Archana Murugesan

Archana Murugesan is the BRHS's newest volunteer. She is a high school student here in Brookings and she's very excited about volunteering. So, we thought our readers would like to hear what volunteering for the BRHS was like for her, in Archana own words.

Volunteering is one of the best activities to do during the summer. I joined the Brookings Regional Humane Society in about 3 adoption days. The experience was wonderful! I had a chance to meet pet lovers, learn the behavioral traits in cats and dogs, and having fun taking care of the animals and watching them go on to good homes. Having the adoption days at Wal-Mart were great because of the crowd of people who shop there. Sometimes, people from Minnesota and other close states would come to shop and decide to take home one of our loving animals.

One day, a couple from Iowa City, IA, came to just see a new puppy named Ben, they saw his advertisement at Wal-Mart, in the Pet Department on our pet adoption board, and fell in love with him. I realized that many people know how much love you can get from our animal, and some will go to far measures just to get their "friend of their dreams."

You hear so many stories from people and you learn more about their life and stories of their animals, it touches you. I once had a dog when I was about 5 years old. Although I was petrified because he had sharp teeth, was always hyper, and would lick me a lot, he was a good friend. When I came to the adoption days, I had a great experience of learning how to control the fanatic dogs, understanding their feelings, and having fun playing with the dogs so that I would be prepared and responsible



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The BRHS Hosts Table at the National Cat Fancy Show at the Multiplex

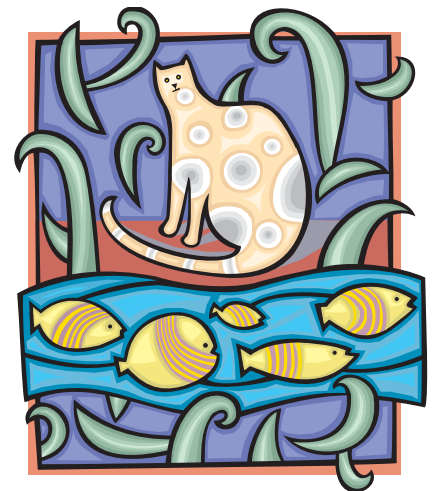
Submitted by: Jeff Maras

The BRHS hosted an information table at the Annual National Cat Fancy Association Show held at the Brookings Multiplex on July 20, 2002. The event was a cat lovers dream come true. From all indications, a great time was had by all.

There were over 100 nationally recognized cats from around the country in Brookings trying to win points towards being best in show nationally.

The show was a wonderful opportunity for community members to see exotic breeds of cats not often seen in our area. Judges talked to audiences about how they judged each breed.

One community member shared that the event was extremely educational, as well as entertainment.



The cat show hosted 4 judging rings, a traveling pet store with many fun products for cat lovers and owners, and many other vendors selling products. The BRHS want to thank the National Cat Fancy Association for including our humane society in its annual cat show.

We hope the association selects Brookings for another annual show in the future. In addition, "Hats Off" to the Multiplex staff. The BRHS wishes to congratulate the Multiplex staff for the great environment and staff support.

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when I choose my future friend. Sometimes, I just wanted to take them home with me because they were the type of dog or cat I was looking for.

I remember once, I was so attached to a dog named Andy that I was so upset when he left. Although you feel distressed, you have to realize that Andy is going on to a good home, he will enjoy spending time with them, and that he does not need to be put for adoption again. When I participated in the adoption days, I spent much time just watching the animals and determining if they needed something. Sometimes, they would start to whine and fall asleep, but other times, the cats are very talkative and the dogs look up at you and bark if they want something.

I loved this because not only was it fun to try to interpret their thoughts but it made me get closer to the animals, find out what kind of pet they would be, and figure out their personality so that I could match them up with a perfect human friend if that situation would come up.

I do not think that I have ever spent so much time watching animals think and talk, but it was very interesting and fun. Volunteering in Brookings has been one of my highlights. I think that the pets are not only wonderful, but intelligent. It made me become aware of the need of more organizations such as the Brookings Regional Humane Society and the need of more volunteers and pet lovers.

Meeting people, learning about dogs, cats, and guinea pigs, enjoying yourself, and helping at the same time is one of the best experiences anyone could have. The Humane Society does a magnificent job of helping animals by taking great care of them so that they will lead a very healthy and prosperous life.

Thank you Pre-Vet Club

The BRH truly appreciates all the help that the SDSU Pre-Vet Club has provided. We look forward to continuing our relationship and as always, THANK YOU!



Seeking Tail Waggin' Tales!

Submitted by: Kim Hyland

BRHS is asking for stories of successful adoptions to be printed in upcoming editions of our newsletter.

We would love stories about animals adopted through BRHS but we are not limiting them to that. Maybe you adopted a pet from another shelter/society. Maybe a rescue organization was the route you chose. Did you give a home to a pet who desperately needed one? Did your pet choose to adopt you? Who was truly rescued, you or the pet?

The goal is to share the rewards as well as the challenges and to promote second chances.

**Please mail your stories to:
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or email them to: brhs@itctel.com
Subject: Newsletter article**

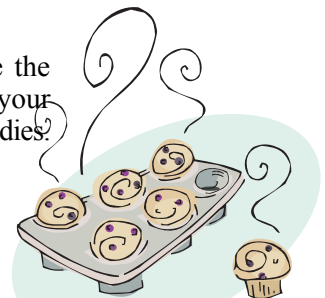
Attention All Members: The Humane Society is Going to Bake Its Way To A New Shelter!

Submitted by: Jeff Maras

When your telephone rings—answer it—it may be the Brookings Regional Humane Society calling for your wonderful homemade goodies!



The Humane Society found its bake sales to be great fundraisers, and we plan to do several this fall.



We can not do it without your help and fabulous family baking secrets.

Keep an ear open for times and date—then bake your oven's content.

Welcome!

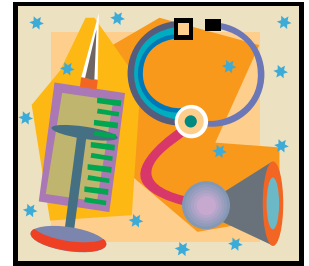
Submitted by: Jeff Maras

The BRHS welcomes our new Veterinarian Partner:

Sutton Veterinary Clinic, P.C.
They are located on the 2005 Highway 14 Bypass in Brookings, SD.

If you need to contact them for vetrenary services cal (605)692-7101.

Welcome a board!
We're glad you're with us!



Thank you!

The BRHS would like to recognize Gentle Doctor Animal Hospital for the years they have been with the BRHS. We would like to thank them for all their great work.

Gentle Doctor Animal Hospital is located at 312 Main Ave. in Brookings.

If you need to contact them for vetrenary services call (605) 692-6929.

2nd Annual Brookings Regional Humane Society Rummage Sale

Submitted by: Paula Marie Becker

On Saturday, June 1st, 7:30am came early!! But ... we were ready for the shoppers. Steph and I worked very hard during the week collecting things, pricing them, and organizing them on tables for display.

There was quite a variety of items this year: from air cleaners, baskets, pictures, stuffed animals ... to the real thing: three 10-week old kittens on display for adoption—a true representation of what the Brookings Regional Humane Society is all about. Mac, Molly, and Morgan are black/gray tiger-striped littermates who played and cat-napped in their cage all day entertaining the shoppers. Mac was adopted that day by a local neighbor; Molly and Morgan were adopted a week later.

Lacey had her Kool-Aid and coffee stand ready with fresh-baked goodies for sale. Yumm! A child entrepreneur is born! The day was beautiful—not too hot or too cool. PERFECT!

Old friends and new ones stopped by to shop. Most were very generous as they paid for items, saying, “Keep the change for the animals.” That really made the math part of making change much easier for me!! A beautiful 1931 La Salle automobile pulled up with two more shoppers.

WOW—it was like a step back in time; the car was in prime shape. Later about 1:30pm it started to rain, so I got my Weather Channel umbrella out. Our last dedicated shopper came prepared toting her own umbrella; she didn't want to miss our sale because it was for a good cause after all.

This year the total earnings that went toward the Building Fund for a shelter were

\$200. I was pleased—it is always well worth the work and preparation put into any fundraiser.

On a final note, I just want to say we really appreciated the front-page story in the Brookings Register on the day of the sale by reporter Emilie Hewitt. Many thanks to the following contributors: Sister Marlene Minnaert, Theresa Erschens, Kris Skorseth, Helga Buchholtz, Sarita Hartmann, Donna & Jerry Kleuss, Bobbi Picasso, and Lon Moeller. And special thanks to the volunteers: Stephanie Reichling, Jeff Maras, Dave Kaminski (my husband), Laura Quail and her children (Lucas and Lacey).

So if you want to donate any items or even your time for next year's Rummage Sale, just give me a call: Paula Becker at 697-6530. See you in June 2003 for the 3rd Annual Brookings Regional Humane Society Rummage Sale at 1027 Orchard Drive!!

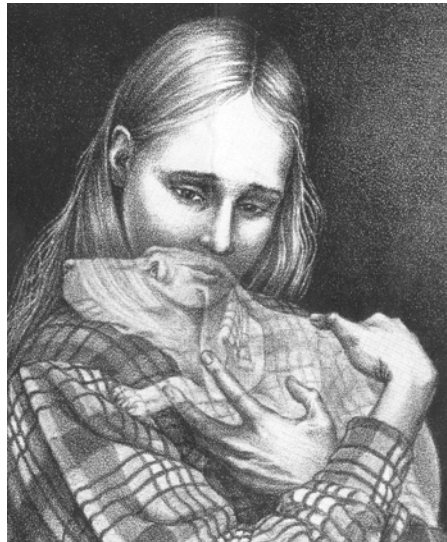
The Pain of Loss

Mitzi was an especially gentle beagle with soulful, loving eyes. When she was ten, her vet pronounced the dreadful diagnosis; cancer for which there was no known cure. Despite intensive treatment, Mitzi died four months later. “I called her my friend,” said Nancy, a shy, childless woman, “but she was more than that. She was my daughter. With her death a part of me died as well.”

After Mitzi died Nancy's arms ached to hold her pet just one more time. She yearned to feel the beat of Mitzi's heart, the warmth of her body, the comfort of her presence. Nancy wondered if Mitzi knew how much she meant to her, if she had sensed how much she was loved.

The anguish Nancy felt was natural. It is part of the pain that comes with losing someone you love. But often pet loss is made even more difficult because others don't appreciate how deep the attachment to a pet can be. They fail to understand that the death of a pet is sometimes more painful than the death of a person who played a part in your life.

The opinion of others during this difficult time is not important. You alone know how much you have lost. You alone know how devoted your animal



friend was. No matter what your mood, your pet was always there for you: always forgiving, always loyal, always believing in you even when you didn't believe in yourself.

No wonder then that the pain of loss is so great. No wonder your heart is heavy and your spirit bleak. But if you allow yourself to be sad and to grieve for what you have lost, the bleakness will gradually pass and so will the pain.

Taken from *Good-bye My Friend. Grieving the loss of a Pet*. Mary and Herb Montgomery, Illustrated by Judy King. Article and illustration copied with verbal permission from Mary Montgomery.

Dates Adoption Day!

September 21: Noon - 3:00 p.m. at Wal-Mart

October 12: Noon - 3:00 p.m. at the University Mall

October 26: Noon - 3:00 p.m. at the University Mall

November 9: Noon - 3:00 p.m. at the University Mall

November 23: Noon - 3:00 p.m. at the University Mall

December 7: Noon - 3:00 p.m. at the University Mall

December 14: Noon - 3:00 p.m. at the University Mall

The Humane Society is always needing volunteers to assist at Adoption Days!

If you can give one or two afternoons this fall, please call the BRHS at 697-0477. The animals thank you!

Heartfelt thank you!

Please join us in remembering the search and rescue dogs that worked at ground zero and the Pentagon after the events of 9/11.

We would also like to honor those that perished and gave their lives for our freedom. They will all be remembered for their heroism.

We are available to be taken home and loved forever!



Cats:

Shayna 2 year old spayed female, white
Daisy 1 year old spayed female, gray
Shadow 1 year old spayed female, black
Grayburn 1 year old spayed female, gray/white
Beauty 2 year old spayed female, long hair black

Kittens:

Dinah 4 month old spayed female, gray
Lolly 3 month old female, long hair gray & white
Pablo 8 week old male, white w/ gray spot
Nakita 8 week old female, white w/ gray spot
Uzo 8 week old male, tiger striped
Luka 8 week old female, tiger striped

Dogs:

None available at this time

Puppies:

Litter of 9 Shepherd mix puppies, 6 female, 3 male

Other:

Minnie 1 year old female guinea pig



Just follow my lead

There's a guy with a Doberman pincher and a guy with a Chihuahua. The guy with the Doberman pincher says to the guy with a Chihuahua, "Let's go over to that restaurant and get something to eat."

The guy with the Chihuahua says, "We can't go in there. We've got dogs with us."

The guy with the Doberman says, "Just follow my lead."

They walk over to the restaurant, the guy with the Doberman puts on a pair of dark glasses, and he starts to walk in.

A guy at the door says, "Sorry, mac, no pets allowed."

The guy with the Doberman pincher says, "You don't understand. This is my seeing-eye dog."

The guy at the door says, "A Doberman?" He says, "Yes, they're using them now, they're very good." The guy at the door says, "Okay, come on in."

The guy with the Chihuahua figures, "What the hell," so he puts on a pair of dark glasses and starts to walk in.

The guy at the door says, "Sorry, pal, no pets allowed."

The guy with the Chihuahua says, "You don't understand. This is my seeing-eye dog."

The man at the door says, "A Chihuahua?"

The guy replies, "You mean they gave me a Chihuahua?"



The BRHS Needs You!

Submitted by: Kim Hyland

BRHS is seeking people who are able to donate a minimal amount of time in order to help the animals. Help is needed in all areas of the society including committee work, fundraising events, writing newsletter articles and lending a hand at adoption days. We are also open to assistance in other ways so please make a suggestion and share your talents!

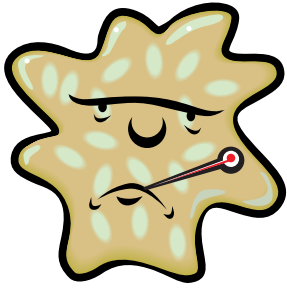
Our immediate needs are for helpers at adoption day. We need caring people who are able to interact with both the animals and the public. Adoption days are generally held the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from noon until 3:00p.m.

Requirements include helping hands and loving hearts. We will provide the rest!

Please call the BRHS at 697-0477 for more information, to be put on the volunteer list or to become a team member and regularly volunteer at adoption day.

Donations Welcome for Special Medical Fund

BRHS has set up a medical fund to cover costs incurred by animals with special conditions. Occasionally we receive pets with special medical needs.



These medical issues do not render the animal unadoptable nor do they negatively affect quality of life. But, they are outside of our normal procedures.

The most common things we see are broken bones or severe injuries that require amputation. These injured pets do very well after their treatments and deserve that chance!



Please consider making a donation to this fund and helping to bring quality to an innocent life.

Donations can be mailed to:
BRHS - Special Medical Fund
PO Box 268, Brookings, SD 57006
Thank You.



Eating Pizza for Charity?

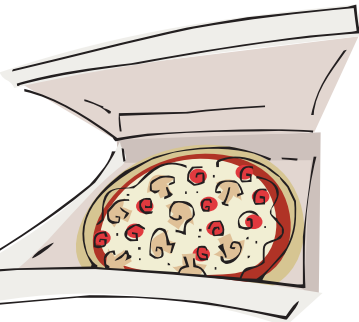
Mark Your Calendars for an Upcoming Fundraiser

Where: Pizza Ranch at 1815 6th Street

When: October 7, 2002, Time: 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Jeff Maras

Have you ever want to be waited on hand and foot by a member of the Humane Society—Well now is your chance.



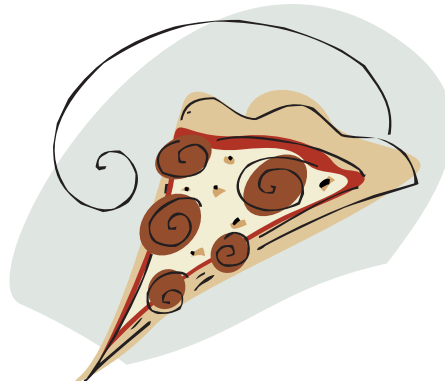
Pizza Ranch is sponsoring the BRHS on October 7, 2002 from 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. (Monday).

A portion of proceeds sold from meals that evening will go to the Humane Society. All that is required by Pizza Ranch is that members of the humane society meet, greet, refill, and cleanup after customers.

So now is your chance to see

the dazzling talents of humane society members as they try out new career skills. So bring your family and friends for a great meal—wonderful time—and many laughs at the Pizza Ranch.

The added benefit, next to seeing Jeff juggle plates, is that you will support the animals of the BRHS!



Wal-Mart — Thank You for your Help!

The BRHS wants to extend a thank you to Wal-Mart for their support and sponsorship over the past few months. Wal-Mart has allowed Adoption Days to be held at their store in Brookings. Adoption Days have been a great success for our Humane Society.

They also host a poster board, in the Pet Department, that displays the animals up for adoption through our Humane Society.

The exposure has been great for those animals looking for loving homes.

The generosity of the Brookings Wal-Mart demonstrates what great things can happen when organizations open their hearts and join hands to make a positive change in a community.

Way to go Brookings Wal-Mart! Proud Supporters of the BRHS.

Things We Can Learn from Dogs

Never pass up the chance for a joy ride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Take naps and stretch before rising.

Run, romp and play daily; Be loyal.

Never pretend to be something you aren't.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

When you are happy, dance around and wag your whole body.

No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing, run back and make friends.

Open Your Hearts and Make A Difference By Supporting The Brookings Regional Humane Society

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The mission of the Brookings Regional Humane Society is:

- **To shelter** homeless pets.
- **To protect** animals by finding permanent loving homes through an aggressive adoption outreach program.
- **To educate** the community about companion animals, and promote responsible pet care and pet ownership.
- **To educate** and promote the reduction of pet overpopulation through an aggressive spay/neuter program.

Support the BRHS with the following:

- **A Charitable Endowment** to the “**Heart Heaven Facility Fund**”. Proceeds will support the construction and ongoing maintenance of a new facility for the animals.
- **A Charitable Donation** to the “**Healthy Heart Medical Fund**”. Proceeds will support the Brookings Regional Humane Society’s commitment that all animals adopted are healthy.
- **A Perpetual Memorial** dedicated in memory of a loved family member, friend, pet, or special cause or organization
- **Becoming a Member** – Membership benefits include a regular Newsletter* and Voting Privileges*
 - Family Membership \$45
 - Individual Membership \$30
 - Senior (60 & Over) \$20
 - Student Membership \$20
 - Pet Membership \$10
 - Patron \$100
 - Benefactor \$250
 - Humanitarian \$500
 - Contributor \$50
 - Founder \$1,000(or more)

*Excluding Pet Memberships

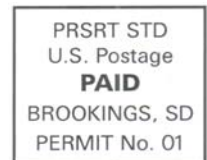
Name(s): _____

Name of Pet Members(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone (H): _____ (W): _____

Make checks payable to The BRHS and return to the address above. Receipt Required? _____ Amount enclosed: _____



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