



Holiday Mailer



December 2025



### Help Us Bring More Animals Full Circle

This year, our intake numbers have climbed higher than ever—more kittens needing round-the-clock care, more pets arriving with medical needs, and more animals counting on us for a safe place to land.

Those transformations happen because our community steps up—our fosters open their homes, our staff puts in the work, and donors like **you** make it all possible.

As we close out the year, your annual gift ensures we can keep saying “yes” to the next animal who needs us. Your support turns rescue into recovery, and recovery into adoption.

Please consider a year-end donation today. Together, we can bring even more animals full circle.

### Fostering is fun, flexible, and full circle!

When our shelter fills up, foster homes become vital “remote space,” allowing us to take in more animals who need help. They give us the capacity to care for bottle babies, medical cases, and animals who simply need a quiet place to heal and grow.

Fostering also helps us learn more about each animal’s personality, making it easier to match them with the right forever family. Every foster plays a key role in shaping that animal’s story—from shy to social, scared to secure, homeless to home.

For people who love animals but can’t commit long-term, fostering is the perfect way to help. Whether it’s for a few days or a few weeks, it saves lives, supports our shelter, and fills hearts along the way.

Because fostering isn’t just temporary care—it’s the bridge between shelter and forever.



### Dr. Michelle Blaha of Big Sioux Veterinary Care shares her full-circle BRHS story!

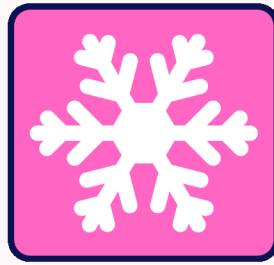
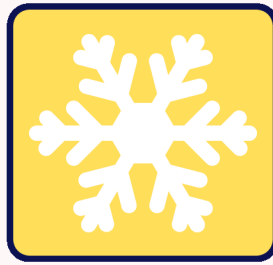
“Over a month ago, while I was on call at Big Sioux, I received a 1:00 a.m. phone call from a client about a stray cat who had suffered a traumatic injury and lost his arm. Fearing the worst, I rushed in to meet them at the clinic. When they arrived, the clients had the cat wrapped in a blanket. As I pulled it back, a tiny head popped up—and I realized it wasn’t an adult at all, but a kitten barely 9 weeks old and full of fight. After seeing that tiny face with the big turquoise eyes, I knew he still had a chance. I was able to suture the remaining part of the arm closed, provide pain relief, and the clients took him home for the night until Animal Control could be contacted in the morning.”

The little kitten was transferred immediately to the Brookings Humane Society to continue his care. He settled into a loving foster home where he recovered, grew, and gained strength for adoption.

About a month later, on a typical Wednesday morning, we were thrilled to surprise Dr. Michelle with the very kitten she had helped save. After several weeks of healing, he was finally healthy enough to be neutered—and back on her schedule.

Michelle shared, “When I saw him again, I knew I had to adopt him because I just couldn’t get that tiny little face out of my head. He now lives with my three little boys, who love him immensely and match his constant high energy. They’ve named him Prize Fighter Inferno Pizza Roll Yarn Lego—and he lives up to it.”

What a lucky kitten, to have Dr. Michelle and her family go from being.



We've still got more than a month of 2025 remaining, and SO FAR BRHS has cared for  
**563 cats & kittens**  
**148 dogs & puppies**  
**19 small animals**

This is a 29% increase over last year!  
As we look back on this year, we're grateful for every life we were able to save, heal, and help—and for every person who made it possible. If our work has touched you, please consider an end-of-year gift to help us keep doing what this community does best—showing animals they matter.

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## Upcoming Events

- Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026- 6pm, BRHS  
Annual Meeting at GracePoint
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup>: Lock in!
- April 24<sup>th</sup>: Paws for Wine '26

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