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People for Pets

Saving Lives 4 Paws At A Time



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Meet Jenna - People For Pets New Director

Hello everyone! My name is Jenna Schroer and I am the new director here at People for Pets. I began volunteering in the Fall of 2021 doing night dog chores. Coming to the shelter was always the highlight of my week! In April of 2022 I was approached about working at the shelter. It didn't take long for me to make that decision. My career at the shelter began in May of 2022 and I transitioned to my latest role in April of this year.

Looking ahead, I hope to orchestrate much-needed updates to our aging facility to make our homeless animal friends more comfortable while they await adoption into a forever family. I also look forwards to working in concert with the other two area animal shelters, veterinary community and local businesses. Public outreach is also on the top of my list & I hope to be in area schools discussing dog bite prevention, spay/neuter & responsible pet guardianship.

I have big shoes to fill, yet I'm up to the task and look forward to working with & hearing from all of our supporters.



The Cost of Adoption

Like any year, 2023 has not been without challenges. People for Pets has had over 200 cats and dogs turn to the shelter at their time of need. Some of the pets have been severely injured, ill, malnourished, abused & neglected. With that being said, our veterinary bills have added up to over \$60,000 this year. Those vet bills helped 153 pets find homes through adoption & allowed another 57 homeless pets to be transferred to both breed rescue & other no-kill shelters to placement in loving homes. Adoption fees only cover a fraction of the cost of getting some of these animals ready for adoption. This is why our nonprofit no-kill shelters relies on your generosity to give these deserving animals a second lease on life.



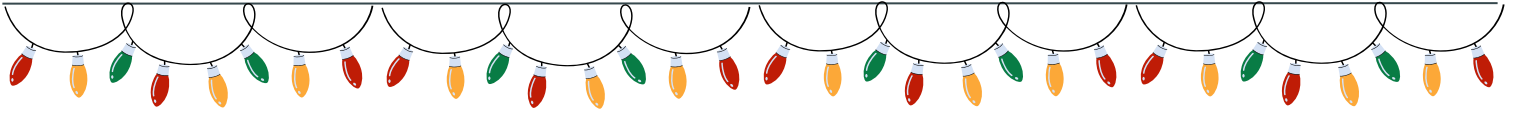
Miranda Shannon, who operates Heartland Pet Resort just North of Spencer, put on their annual costume contest at the Spencer Southpark Mall, and all proceeds came to People for Pets. They raised \$300 for us during their howling good event.



The Beautiful Story of Hope and Von

On a warm May day, Jenna received a call that there were 2 dogs left in a garage on an acreage. They were left with a small amount of water and a open bag of food dumped on the dirty cement ground. Jenna and Steph went on a mission to save these poor dogs. Both Hope and Von were matted all the way down to the skin. It took nearly 4 hours to get their hair shaved. Upon taking them in to the vet, Hope just needed some simple dental work done, but Von was diagnosed with a stage 5 heart murmur. He was put on lifelong medicine that will help reduce the progression of the murmur. A couple months later, a lump was found on Hopes neck that was surgically removed and send out for testing, which thankfully later came back benign. After spending 4 months at the shelter, they were both adopted together to a family who loves them despite their medical needs.





THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS



Derek comes into the shelter once a week to dedicate some of his time to getting to know each of the animals. We started making videos a few months ago called "Dog Talk with Derek". It's the highlight of his week! He just recently got over his fear of cats. Derek truly lights up the shelter when he comes!



Back in August, we received multiple calls, texts, and emails that there were 5 Pit Bull puppies left outside in the 100+ degree weather. The male was tied up to a tree and the four females were in a wired kennel in the front yard. Law enforcement was not able to do anything because the owner was providing water, and they did have shade. So, Heather and Jenna took it upon themselves to save these pups. After some convincing, we were able to take the dogs from him. One puppy was taken to Noah's Hope in Sioux City, two little girl have been adopted, but there are still two puppies waiting for their forever homes! Thank you Heather for volunteering a lot of your time to help!

To make a tax deductible donation you can send a check, payable to:

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Volunteer Reese Munter helping feed one of our many kittens we have had this year! Talk about one cool kid!



Little Arlie came out and visited us during Community Day back in June. She loved being able to see some of our available animals, and holding lots of kitties!





Percy

Our little Percy boy!!! He was left out on a farm to fend for himself during the cold winter days. We honestly didn't think he was going to make it. He was freezing and would barely even get up to walk. After a couple days, the real Percy started to come about. He is just the sweetest boy. After a couple months at the shelter and regaining his health, Percy was adopted.



Kenny and Boomer

Boomer came to the shelter in 2018, and Kenny arrived in 2019. Ever since they met, they have been an inseparable pair. Adopting out bonded pairs isn't always easy, plus they were shy and didn't like a ton of human interaction. After years of waiting for their forever home, they were finally adopted together. They are doing so great!



Mira

Miss Mira came to the shelter May of 2022. This girl was the sweetest, but had some behavioral problems. So when people would come to look at her, they would realize what work they had to put into Mira, and would decide to not adopt her. Until Keith came along and fell in love with her. April of this year she was adopted!



Lucille Fitzgerald Charitable Trust Helps Feral Cat Fund

Barb Garst, the Trustee of the fund, presented a \$20,000 check to Jenna on October 27th. This donation helps us so we can continue our TNR program. This year, we have helped over 80 ferals!



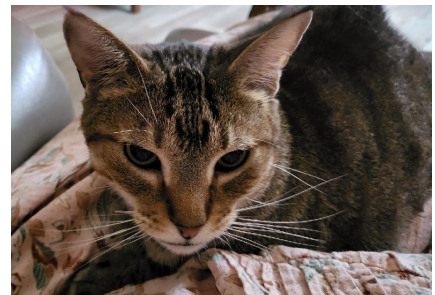
Whisker Walk



Every year, the Spencer YMCA sponsors a Whisker Walk at the end of the school year, and all proceeds come to People for Pets. We usually bring some of our shelter dogs out to walk as well! This year we made \$220. One of our volunteers, Brenda McAllister also put on a Whisker Walk at Iowa Lakes Community College at the beginning of September. We brought dogs there, and all the students loved walking them. We made \$775.

Our Longest Term Feline Goes Home

Flash, now named Rocky, came into the shelter in 2016 as a local stray. This boy was so sweet but was shy, so was often turned away by people who came in to look at cats. Our friends and great supporters adopted Rocky in February. He is doing great!



People for Pets Annual Doggy Dip

The Doggy Dip is hosted by the Spencer YMCA every year on the last day our aquatic center is open. All the money that is made gets donated to us. This event is always a big hit. This year we made \$1,020!

Paris

Paris arrived at the shelter after her breeder was done with her. It was very obvious this girl had been through a lot, and needed quite a bit of medical attention. Our friends at Critter Crusaders were able to help with this situation. They put Paris in a foster home in Des Moines so she could have better access to where she would be getting her medical care. After many procedures, Paris was doing great, so she was transferred to SNAFU rescue. She has since been adopted.



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- Monetary Donations
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Cat & Dog Toys & Treats
- Clumping Cat Litter
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Hand Soap
- Wal-Mart gift cards for printer ink, copier paper & other supplies
- O Cedar Mops
- FURemover Broom
- Lick Mats/Puzzle Toys
- KMR (kitten milk replacer)
- We would also love a new vacuum, filing cabinets, and a lawn mower!



A Sweet Message from the Adopters of Rebel

“We are so thankful that one Facebook post changed our lives forever. Rebel is the perfect fit for our family, and is the best “little brother” to our senior chihuahua. He loves to just spend a day at home snuggling (he’s the BEST snuggler!) and is just as happy to go to work with mom, where there isn’t a single trailer or piece of equipment that leaves our shop without his stamp of approval. He loves his family, truck rides, and most of all his precious chicken!”

This encaustic painting made by adopter Holly Leitner captures the love between her son and their dog Josie who was adopted from us towards the end of last year. Josie knows nothing but love! Thanks for giving her the best life!



Sweet Esther P was adopted by Steph McKewon, one of our long time volunteers, in 2013. Steph got 10 short years with her, and had to sadly say goodbye to her in August. We all loved this girl, but especially her momma!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



People for Pets Information

For more information on pet adoption, gift giving, Trust options & volunteer opportunities, you can contact us several ways.

- Visit our website at www.peopleforpets.org
- Visit our Facebook page People for Pets in Spencer, IA
- Call us at 712-580-2738