

# PAW PRINTS



*We speak for those who cannot speak for themselves!*

## FEBRUARY 2025



**Steele County Humane Society**



**Goal \$2.5M**

\$2.5M
\$2.25M
\$2M
\$1.75M
\$1.5M
\$1.25M
\$1M
\$750,000
\$500,000
\$250,000



### Foster Family of the Month

*Kristi - I have been fostering since 2021.*

*I started fostering because a friend of mine was looking for potential foster families, and I fell in love with it! I love taking care of these babies, and making sure I am finding the perfect forever homes for them.*

*I did have one foster fail, Coal, from one of my litters. He was the sweetest little guy, and we fell in love with him!*



**These babies are available for adoption**

**Fun Fact**  
*"I lost count of how many kittens I have fostered; I am sure though it's near 100."*

**Previously Adopted** 🐾



### Angel & Ashs' Happy Tail!

Angel and Ash and their new brothers: They are doing so well!! My youngest is always the first one up in the morning, so he is always playing with them while he waits for his brothers to get ready. They usually cuddle with us in bed for a while after the boys go to sleep at night. No problems with using the litter boxes. We love having them as part of the family! ❤️



# News & Information



## MYTH:

*Neutering will make my pet feel like less of a male.*

**FACT:** Pets do not have any concept of ego or sexual identity, and neutering won't change that. What might change, however, is that your male dog will be less likely to roam away from home! An intact male will do just about anything to find a mate, including finding creative ways to escape from the house. Once he's free to roam, he risks injury in traffic and fights with other male animals.

Similarly, spayed female pets won't go into heat. While cycles can vary, female felines usually go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. In an effort to advertise for mates, they'll yowl and urinate more frequently—sometimes all over the house! Spay/neuter operations will help curb these behaviors and keep your pet where he or she belongs: in your safe and loving home.

<https://www.asPCA.org/news/fact-or-fiction-spayneuter-myths-busted>

MNSNAP is a S/N resource: [mnsnap.org](http://mnsnap.org)

## Become a Member!

To become a sustaining member of the Steele County Humane Society, email [steelcountyhumanesociety@gmail.com](mailto:steelcountyhumanesociety@gmail.com) with the below information:

Purr-fectly Pampered	\$25
Belly Bowl	Covers laundry for 1 month
Pawsome Care	\$50
Whiskers to Tails	Feeds 1 dog or 1 cat for a month
Raise the Ruff	\$100
Pawsitively Perfect	Vaccinate 1 animal
Quazzie Klub	\$200
	Spay/neuter 1 animal
	\$500
	Utilities for 1 month
	\$750
	Veterinary care for 1 week
	\$1000
	Covers 1 emergency surgery

\_\_\_ 1 Month    \_\_\_ 3 months    \_\_\_ 6 months    \_\_\_ Yearly

Starting: \_\_\_\_\_ Ending: \_\_\_\_\_

## New Shelter Naming & Sponsoring Opportunities

We are honored to recognize individuals and Corporations who make significant contributions to our Shelter Building Capital Campaign.

Please contact the Office for more information. 507-451-4512  
[steelcountyhumanesociety@gmail.com](mailto:steelcountyhumanesociety@gmail.com)



# How to Help Our Furry Family Members

## Mama, Pet of the Month!

I am a gal that is very friendly and who gets along well with everyone. I have a very mild temperament! I am up to date on vaccinations, spayed, microchipped, and litterbox trained. The entire package! I would be a great addition to any family. Contact [steelecountyhumanesociety@gmail.com](mailto:steelecountyhumanesociety@gmail.com) or call 507-451-4512 to set up a meet-n-greet. My adoption fee is \$150.



## Pet Disaster Preparedness

- Make sure that cats and dogs are microchipped and wearing collars with up-to-date identification tags, including your cell phone number.
- Find a trusted neighbor and give them a key.
- Make sure all your pets are current on their vaccines.
- Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area to find out if they accept pets.
- Make a list of boarding facilities and veterinary offices that might be able to shelter animals during disasters and emergencies.
  - Evacuate early.

If you need assistance evacuating your residence/shelter, please contact your local Emergency Management Agency (<https://www.fema.gov/locations>).

Source: <https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/pet-disaster-preparedness>

Consider getting a Sticker!



Find Your Next Furry Family Member Here  
[steelecountyhumanesociety.net/current-pets](http://steelecountyhumanesociety.net/current-pets)

If you find a stray cat or dog, please first contact Owatonna Animal Control (if you live in Owa) at 507-451-8232. Email us information/photos and we can post this to Facebook to try to help find the owner.



## Steele County Humane Society Board Members

Liane Peterson – President | Liz Bratsch– Vice President | Diane Nagel | Allison Chamberlin  
Anne (Annie) Campbell | Deb Singelstad | Lynda Virgin | Nicole Wacek - Treasurer

# Support the Humane Society

FIRST ANNUAL  
**STEELE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY**  
Chili COOK OFF



Hotdogs & Pizza will be available to purchase

**TICKETS**  
1 Adult Beverage Included (suggested donation)  
**\$15 Before the Event**  
**\$17 at the Door**  
**\$10 Ages 6-12**  
**FREE for Ages 5 & Under**

*Saturday*  
**FEBRUARY 22**  
4:00 - 7:00 pm

**MSB** Mineral Springs Brewery 2.0  
210 North Oak Avenue, Ste 1  
Owatonna, MN

Tickets can be purchased at Kottke's, Mineral Springs Brewery, Owatonna Shoe, the Steele County Humane Society office, or contact a SCHS board member

*Special Thanks*  
to the  
**Lawrence Family**  
for passing this event  
onto the  
Steele County Humane Society

**507-451-4512**

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE STEELE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY



## January Donors

- 3M  
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Ken Underdahl

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**Recipes from the Heart Family Favorites**  
\$10 each



- Adopt
- Volunteer
- Foster
- Donate

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