



# PAW PRINTS



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

## April 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

We are DeAnn and Lilli Dittrich. We joined the fostering group in February 2025 and just took our first foster dog. Bear has been here for two hours, and is doing amazing.

Our home has always been full of pets. We currently own a cat, two small dogs and a bearded dragon and now have a foster dog. We enjoy learning about animal behavior, and training. Our goal is to help our fosters live their best life.



### Volunteer Here

We are looking for 2-3 people to help chair a fundraising event featuring a comedian! As co-chairs, everyone will brainstorm how we can get expenses paid for, what we want to have at the event, the cost of tickets, a possible theme, how many volunteers we need that day, etc.

The committee will report back to the Board for approval when needed.

We expect that we will have 2-3 committee meetings. There will be some work to do individually outside the meetings, and will connect via text and email between meetings.

If you would like to be part of this fun event to raise funds to help SCHS continue to serve the local community with stray and abandoned animals please email us or call 507-451-4512.

# News & Information



## Let Your Garden Grow With Care

Fertilizers, insecticides, and herbicides keep our plants and lawns healthy and green, but their ingredients may be dangerous to pets. Always store these products in out-of-the-way places and follow label instructions carefully.

Many popular springtime plants—including rhododendron and azaleas—are also highly toxic to pets and can prove fatal if eaten. Check out our full list—of toxic and non-toxic plants for your home and garden.

### Fleas and Ticks

Pesky parasites like fleas and ticks start appearing during the spring. Make sure your pet is on year-round heartworm preventive medication!

Source <https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/springtime-safety-tips>

## Willow's Happy Tail!

Willow is fitting in perfectly with us. She is such a joy and such a good girl. She's by our side 24/7. She is so good to our grandchildren, humans, and canine. Lol. She loves when they come over to play and run and chase. We are working with her to walk better on leash and not to jump on everyone when they come in. She just loves everyone. Thank you so much for rescuing Willow and a big thank you to the Westphal's for [foster family] taking such good care of her until we found her. It was love at first sight.



## Thank You!

SCHS wants to thank two of our fosters, Harms & Dittrich, for saving BEAR, who was left in a house with the neighbor stopping in to feed him occasionally for TWO YEARS! He's safe and will most likely be staying with his foster family!



# How to Help Our Furry Family Members

## *Pet of the Month! Biscuit*

**Biscuit is losing his foster family soon and needs your help!**

I am a delightful year and a half year old who loves to play with anything and begs for belly rubs! I meet everyone at the door and am not afraid of new people. I get along with dogs and other cats, and would love to have a playmate at my new home. Although I love pets and rubs, I do not like to be held or restrained (because of that I might do better in a house without really young kids). I follow my people all around the house and like to be close, just not held.

I sleep on the pillow of my foster mom every night. And I have the best purr ever! I am litter box trained, altered, microchipped, and current on all age-appropriate vaccinations. Contact [steelecountyhumanesociety@gmail.com](mailto:steelecountyhumanesociety@gmail.com) or call 507-451-4512 to set up a meet-n-greet. My adoption fee is \$100.



## *Events to Support the Shelter Building*

**Stop by to support us!**  
**May 23, 24** Cash Wise Food Wagon  
**June 5** Downtown Thursdays

## *Bringing Home a New Pet*

A common tip is to follow the 3-3-3 Rule:

1. The first three days may be overwhelming while animals get used to their new surroundings.
2. After three weeks, they'll likely have a better understanding of their routine, and they may feel more comfortable coming out of their shell.
3. Three months after adoption is often when an animal feels safe, secure, and ready to build a trusting and loving bond with you as their pet parent.

**More tips in the next issue!**

Source: <https://www.animalhumanesociety.org/resource/what-expect-when-you-bring-home-new-pet>

### *Steele County Humane Society Board Members*

Liane Peterson – President | Liz Bratsch– Vice President | Diane Nagel | Allison Chamberlin  
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# Support the Humane Society

## Facebook Fundraiser for Your Birthday

Did you know you can make a difference on your special day? Consider hosting a Facebook fundraiser for Steele County Humane Society! It's a simple way to support our mission of finding loving homes for animals in need. You can invite your friends and family to donate in honor of your birthday, and every contribution helps us continue our work. Set up your fundraiser today and make this birthday one to remember for both you and the animals! Thank you for helping us create more safe, loving homes.

1. Facebook prompts you to host a fundraiser two weeks before your birthday.
2. You can choose a nonprofit from a list of over 750,000 organizations.
3. Set a fundraising goal and write a message explaining why you're supporting the cause.
4. On your birthday, friends are notified to donate.
5. When someone donates, the nonprofit receives the donation amount, the donor's name, and your name.



## Our Last Event

The **Home & Rec Show** was a great success! Thanks for everyone who visited our booth and made donations!

## March Donors

Brandon Oreskovich  
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Christine Tomek  
Curtis Jorgensen  
Danielle Hendricks  
Dennis R & Julie A Vonruden  
JoAnn L Krause  
Karin Steffenson  
Susan Enser  
TLC Pets Debra Meinke

## Family Trusts

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