



December Happenings

2017



Saturday December 9th at the Kandi Mall will be our annual Bake Sale and Gift Wrapping Booth fundraiser. The Bake sale will run from 11:00- 2:00 and the gift wrapping booth will happen between 11:00 and 5:00. We are looking for bake sale items (please list ingredients and price them) and as of right now, folks to wrap presents for shoppers who will be asked to make a donation for this service.



On **Thursday December 14th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**, **Santa** will be at the **Olivia Pet Clinic** to take pictures with your pets. Please bring your own camera to take pictures. We will have a variety of items displayed, that would make great stocking stuffers for your pet. If you are able, please bring dog or cat food as a donation to our local animal shelters. Apple cider & cookies will be provided for refreshments.



Thanks to all the wonderful folks who donated money for having their groceries bagged at Cub Foods just before Thanksgiving. With the help of many volunteers we raised \$748. The next for Bagging for Tips on Saturday December 23rd from 10-6. Michele puts together teams that do a 2-hour shift. It's a lot of fun, shoppers are great, and the shelter usually receives some very nice monetary donations from the shoppers.



Volunteer Training for New Shelter Volunteers: Tuesday Dec. 5th at 3:30, Friday Dec. 15 at 4:00 p.m. and Friday December 29th at 2:00 p.m. Trainings are approximately 45 minutes long. If trainings are held before or after regular shelter house, we need to have volunteers leave at the end of the trainings. You only need to attend one training. Families are encouraged to participate. There is also a form that needs to be filled out. Kids that are 12 years of age and older can volunteer without an adult present, but their time is limited to two hours per visit.



Pet Therapy Visits:

- Wednesday December 6th, Compassionate Cottages at 10:00
- Wednesday December 13th - Day Break at 1:00, Scandia House at 2:00
- Wednesday December 20th - Rice Care Center at 1:00, Bethesda Grand at 2:00
- Tuesday December 19th - Brookdale at 1:00 or 12:50, Copperleaf at 2:00/2:15 (drive time)
- Wednesday December 27th CARES treatment center at 8:30, Bethesda Grand Memory Care at 10:00, Bethesda Centennial Square Independent Living at 11:00

. **Please Join Us!!** We are always looking for animal handlers. The residents truly enjoy it and so do the animals and volunteers.



Annual Appeal

Our yearend newsletter will be going out soon. We appreciate all who contribute on a regular basis. If you are thinking about your yearend giving plans, please remember the Hawk Creek Animal Shelter. With your help we can help animals that come into the shelter and care for them until new homes can be found. Your donation also helps with other programs that happen during the year. Thank you in advance for considering a donation to Hawk Creek Animal Shelter. Check out our website at www.thehskmc.com for the Donate Now button, stop by with a gift or mail a check to Hawk Creek Animal Shelter P.O. Box 709 Willmar, MN 56201



The 2018 dates have been planned. They are February 5th, April 2nd, June 11th, August 6th, October 1st, and November 12th. Please tell your family, friends, and co-workers about this low cost spay/neuter program. Register animals now as the calendar fills up. You can register online at MNSNAP.org or by calling 612-720-8236.

Save Our Tails : Save the date! Friday evening, February 23rd at the Willmar Conference Center. Plans are underway for another exciting event. If you would like to help out, just let us know!

BE AN ADOPTION AMBASSADOR



Through a grant from the ASPCA, we are looking for help with the Adoption Ambassador program. The Adoption Ambassadors program gives adoptable animals a better chance at finding homes by engaging folks as adoption counselors and foster parents at the same time. It lets adopters get more **detailed information about an animal's behavior in a home environment** and improves quality of life while awaiting adoption. Of course, we will continue to have our more "traditional" foster parents and hope that more folks will join us in that so critical role. Fosters are needed badly to help save lives and we can find the perfect fit for anyone who is interested! Give Bobbie a call if you would like more information or would like to be a part of this program.

OTHER WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE SHELTER:



If you shop at the Litchfield Econo Foods Grocery Store, Please save your receipts. We will be collecting them and turning them in to receive a percentage of the total purchase. We are looking for drop off locations in Litchfield as we cannot put a box up in the store. Otherwise, mail them to the Hawk Creek Animal Shelter at P.O. Box 709 Willmar, MN 56201



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If you order online through Amazon, sign up for Amazon Smiles as a percentage of your online purchase comes back to the shelter. You can find us under Humane Society of Kandiyohi & Meeker Counties. The shelter also has a wish list on our website and if you order through Amazon it can be shipped right to the shelter.



We started a new campaign that began the end of March and it goes until May 5, 2018. For the first 45 days 20% of your purchase comes back to the shelter. After that we receive 5%. If you purchase an eCard, the shelter receives 40%. Order online. Our Campaign ID # 34015



Use code **MEOWFIVE** for 5% off New "Tuft & Paw" Go to our website and click on this link when purchasing cat furniture. The shelter will receive 10% of your purchase.



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DONATION WISH LIST

- **Garbage Bags**
 - Heavy Duty 33 gallon size **
 - 13 and 8 gallon Kitchen bags
- **Mop Heads**
 - Blue Industrial style
- **Hand Dish Soap**
- **Liquid Dishwasher Machine Soap**
- **Bleach**
- **Simple Green**
- **Mr. Clean magic erasers ****
- **Disinfecting Wipes ****
 - Clorox or Lysol
- **Paper Towels**
- **Swiffer dusters- for dusting wands and floor sweepers**
- **Toilet Paper and Kleenex**
- **Toilet Cleaner**
- **Distilled water**
- **Dog/ Cat Food for food shelf ****
- **Ice Cream buckets (lids required) ****
- **Towels/ blankets**
- **Crates – wire or plastic**
- **Dog Biscuits/Tasty treats**
- **Scoopable Cat Litter**
- **Durable Pet Toys**
- **Rawhide or hard bones**
- **Copier paper ****
- **Sticky notes**
- **Black Pens/ Red Pens**

All monetary donations go towards the General Fund, the Medical Expense Fund, the Animal Sponsorship fund, or the Public Spay/Neuter fund.

You may specify which fund you want to donate to.

Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

- Foster homes for small kittens, pregnant cats, cats with kittens, special needs animals, or our long term dog residents.
- Transportation for animals going to rescue or to other shelters.
- Volunteers to wrap dog biscuits with our business cards for our Give a Dog a Bone promotion. The biscuits are given out at local businesses that have drive-up windows.

**Needed most frequently

OTHER FUN INFO!



If you live in Willmar, don't forget to visit the Willmar City Dog Park. Taunton Stadium and West Central Industries locate it. Marie Lingl at Fancy Coats also has a very large dog park and they have membership fees.



There are several dog training classes that are offered in the area.



Watch for us in the West Central Tribune on Thursdays for our featured Pet of the Week.



Listen for us every Friday morning at 8:10 on Big Country 100.3 as we do Pet of the Week on the air. We are also on Open Mic the second Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m. on KWLM Radio.



Please share this Happenings page with your friends and coworkers.



If you haven't become a member of the Humane Society, please consider becoming one today! We have several membership levels. Memberships help us provide care to the animal that come into our shelter and helps us run programs that benefit people and animals.

The full Board of Directors meet the 4th Thursday of the month, 5:30 at the Willmar Public Library.

The shelter is open Tuesday through Fridays 12 noon until 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sundays noon until 4:00 p.m. We are closed on Mondays and major Holidays.

Front Office and Adoption Center contact Rachelle, Michelle A. or Jenny at shelter@thehskmc.com or 320-235-7612

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