



ANIMAL TALES

KEARNEY AREA ANIMAL SHELTER



Spay/Neuter

Adopt

Volunteer

Educate

Donate

LARGEST TRANSFER IN KAAS HISTORY

On June 29th 2019, KAAS took in 16 dogs (a majority of these dogs were small to medium sized) from an overcrowded animal shelter in El Paso, Texas! We would never have been able to accomplish this feat without the help from several caring members of the community.

We are so grateful to Kay Babl and Megan Schneringer, who volunteered to make the grueling 14-hour round trip to Guymon, Oklahoma to meet the dogs halfway and get them all switched over to our kennels.

When things were looking bleak and we had no vehicle to use, Mark at Platte Valley Auto-Kearney saved the day by donating the use of a cargo van. Lastly, as she often does, Mary Stevenson placed the last piece of the puzzle by paying for all the gasoline.

What a wonderful group of people and we could not have accomplished this without their help! KAAS has the best supporters! All of the dogs from the transport have since been adopted into their forever homes!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

JOIN US ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019 AT KAAS FROM 5-7 PM FOR OUR BUSINESS AFTER HOURS EVENT. WE WILL BE UNVEILING OUR NEW DONOR WALL! THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR, REFRESHMENTS, ADOPTABLE ANIMALS, RAFFLE ITEMS, AND THE CHANCE TO MEET OUR STAFF AND LEARN ABOUT OUR VOLUNTEER AND FOSTER PROGRAMS!



MOONLIGHT MASQUERADE GALA

SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 25TH, 2019

The 3rd Annual Moonlight Masquerade is quickly approaching! This year's event will be on October 25th at the Ramada in Kearney. This is our biggest event of the year! As a non-profit organization, funding is one of our greatest issues. Through events such as our Moonlight Masquerade, we are able to continue to further the mission of KAAS.

This year's event will include a wine pull, a silent auction and raffle items, a photo booth, and caricatures. We will also have a full bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres! The OK Sisters and Friends will be performing live at the event. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at the shelter THIS month! If you would like to be a sponsor for our upcoming Masquerade, contact us at the shelter.

Our mission at the Kearney Area Animal Shelter is to educate people about the proper humane care and treatment of companion animals; to encourage and promote pet adoption and population control; to prevent animal cruelty, suffering and neglect; to provide shelter for abused, neglected and homeless companion animals. Help us further our mission!

Moonlight Masquerade Sponsorship Opportunities

ANIMAL AMBASSADOR \$1,000+

Spot on video streaming all evening on 3 large screen TV's, Banner with Logo at Event, 8 Tickets to Event & Reserved table, Recognition on KAAS Website & Facebook (over 8,000+ followers), Recognition on Event tables, Logo on Program & Recognition on Event Brochure

CANINE CRUSADER \$500-\$999

Logo & Recognition on Event Brochure, 2 Tickets to Event, Recognition on KAAS Website & Facebook (over 8,000+ followers), Recognition on KAAS Website

FELINE PHILANTHROPIST \$250-\$499

Recognition on Event Brochure (Name Only), Recognition on Facebook (8,000+ followers), Recognition on KAAS Website

FRIENDS OF THE SHELTER \$100-\$249

Recognition on Event Brochure (Name Only)



SAVE THE TAILS

Our “Save the Tails” Community Art Project is well underway, as our inanimate army of animals has been distributed to 20 different artists to be brought to life. We hope you are as excited as we are to see these masterpieces once completed. The 15 dogs and 5 cats will each be featured in their own Facebook post in the month of October, along with the details of their creation from our artists.



Please check out our listing of sponsors and locations in which these spectacular specimens will be displayed. Continue to check our Facebook page, website and Instagram for more detail on this event. All of us at KAAS are so very grateful to the sponsors and artists whose made this unique fundraiser a reality. We hope you will join us at Moonlight Masquerade on Oct. 25th to place a bid and adopt one of our “Tails” for your very own.

Sponsors/Locations & Artists

EK Vineyard, Artist: Laron McGinn
 The Buckle, Artist: Jess Vettel
 Jordan Cochran, DDS, Artist: Dani Gilsdorf
 Heartland Surgery Center, Artist: Jeni Homan
 Dermatology P.C., Artist: Karen Helleberg
 Heartland Oral Surgery, Artist: Diane Sciachitano
 Platte Valley Taphouse, Artist: Amy Jacobsen
 NebraskaLand National Bank, Artist: Jeff Montag
 Coldwell Banker Realty, Artist: Kim Meister
 Hilltop Mall, Artist: Taylor Bourg
 The Breakfast Cart, Artist: Jamie Provance
 Fort Theatre Dentistry, Artist: Tami Sohrweid
 Lucky Dog's Place Pet Boutique, Artist: Craig Peister
 First National Bank, Artist: Ashton Masek
 Kearney Visitors Bureau, Artist: Rose Mapel
 Roger and Susan Jasnoch, Artist: Mia Homan
 Jennifer Huebner, Artist: Kim Dart
 Cottonwood Veterinary Clinic, Artist: Christine, Ada, and Lillian Hirschfeld
 Builder's Warehouse, Artist: April Guerrero



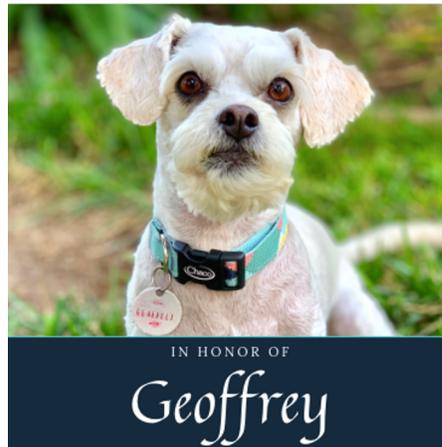
2019 PUPPY PLUNGE

The Annual Puppy Plunge was the perfect way to end the dog days of summer! On August 15th, over one hundred canine swimmers made a splash at Centennial Pool. This annual fundraiser is hosted by Kearney Parks and Recreation, with proceeds benefitting both KAAS and the Dog Park. The Puppy Plunge provided great entertainment for all, and it was quite a sight to see so many dogs doggy paddle together! KPR was able to make a \$542.40 donation to KAAS. Thank you KPR for holding this community favorite event to benefit KAAS!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW DONOR WALL

We are excited to announce the creation of the new KAAS Donor Wall! We have begun installing customized ceramic tiles acknowledging some of our awesome donors, as well as tiles purchased by animal lovers to memorialize a special pet or honor a loved one. These large 8" x 8" full color tiles make an attractive tribute and will stay up for a minimum of one year, with the option to renew each year or purchase a lifetime sponsorship. This project has been in the works for some time, and we are absolutely thrilled to see it become a reality!

Next time you stop out to the Shelter for a visit, be sure to check out the Donor Wall, which is located opposite the Cat Adoption room. You may see some names and faces you recognize. If you'd like to be a part of it, contact KAAS, or find an order form on our website!



WHERE ARE THEY NOW...

Employee Spotlight

June
Tigger & Pooh

About Tigger & Pooh
Tigger & Pooh were adopted by Lindsie from Kearney Area Animal shelter. Prior to that they had spent about 2 years in different shelters. The last shelter they were in before they came to Kearney was one in Pueblo, Colorado. They had a very hard life before being brought into a shelter and because of that they are often afraid of men. Once they get to know you though they are very loving.

TIGGER AND POOH

Remember these two crazy dudes from Facebook and Instagram? They came to us from an overcrowded Colorado shelter in March. They were extremely timid and fearful, so we immediately brought them up to our lobby/office area, where they could be exposed to people and activity. They seemed to be uncomfortable walking in the grass when they were taken out for potty breaks, so we think they may have spent a lot of time isolated in a crate.

They improved slowly, but remained wary. It was difficult for most of the staff to catch them so they could give them attention. After several weeks of these efforts, the Chi-Chi's, as they became known, had plateaued and were not making much progress. Understandably, very few people had shown interest in adopting them and the staff begin to worry they might be long-timers at the Shelter.

Fast forward to Today: Tigger and Pooh are now holding down full-time jobs as greeters in the office at the Hilltop Mall in Kearney! They were even recognized as **Employees of the Month** for June! They found their perfect home when Lindsie Breazeale met them at an event at the Mall and fell in love. She came to the Shelter and adopted them right away and began taking them to work with her.

They have their own "executive" chair and bed, from which they will leap to go out and greet visitors who enter the office. They are very loving with their Mom and like nothing better than to curl up on her lap. Tigger and Pooh's message to you: Never give up on your dreams... there is a warm lap waiting for you out there somewhere!

KPD RIDE ALONGS

Have you noticed any of our adoptable dogs and puppies throughout the Kearney community recently? We partner with the Kearney Police Department and the CSO's to showcase our adoptable dogs! CSO Province and CSO Eggen can often be seen with a basket of puppies or a canine passenger. Recently, our longest resident, Norma visited various sites throughout the Kearney Community.

Some of her visits included Yanney tower, The Archway Monument, Harmon and Cottonmill Parks, the City offices, and even the carwash! We are so thankful for our relationship with our local police department and plan on building on this partnership!



ST. LUKE'S OUTREACH

In August, we took Taz, an adoptable black lab, and Rerun, an adoptable kitten to visit the residents of St. Luke's Good Samaritan Village. The residents said visiting with the pets was the highlight of their day! These animals provided so much joy and comfort to the residents that we have decided to make monthly visits!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Sara Malone has gone above and beyond to show her support and love for the animals at the shelter! Sara started volunteering in June and has already donated over 45 hours of her time walking dogs, cleaning and helping with special events. We are so thankful to have Sara as a volunteer!

ADOPTION STORIES

JOSIE

Josie was originally surrendered to KAAS in December of 2014 along with another dog named Max. These two didn't always get along, so it was decided they should be adopted separately. They were both adopted in April of 2015 and parted ways. Josie would get worried about being in a new place and ended up running away a few times. Sometimes shelter staff would help by being on the lookout and helping her get returned home.



A few months after that adoption, a concerned call came into the shelter about a neighbor that seemed to have moved away and left a dog in the backyard. The caller said they had been watching and feeding the dog peanut butter sandwiches over the fence for a week. The address came up as the home Josie went to a few months before, and KPD assisted in bringing her into the shelter as an abandoned animal.

Seeing Josie go in and out of the shelter made KAAS Assistant Shelter Manager Roxy feel a connection to her. She felt that she needed to give Josie a good, stable home and a life of love. She was adopted by Roxy in August of 2015. At the time, Josie dealt with separation anxiety and a mistrust of some people and animals. Roxy's home would give her attention and comfort as the only animal, and has since changed Josie into a more social animal who loves to play with people and run with her puppy pals from the Animal Shelter. She is now 12 years young, and has been living with her new family for 4 years!



PEBBLE

Pebble came into KAAS by a KPD officer as a stray. It was apparent her back leg was injured upon arrival. It turned out to be a shattered femur. Pebble needed emergency surgery to have her leg amputated in order to live a happy, healthy life. KAAS had to fund the unexpected expense of her surgery, which became a Facebook fundraiser. Our gracious Facebook audience raised more than enough to cover the cost of the surgery. Thank you to all of those who donated!



After Pebble's amputation surgery, she was struggling to find her balance and was rubbing her sutures against her cage. To help Pebble thrive, she was sent to a foster home where she learned how to balance and walk (then run, jump, and play) on only three legs. After a few weeks, she was all set for adoption and headed to a loving home!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW FOSTER PROGRAM

Fostering is an incredibly rewarding experience and directly improves the lives of the shelter animals waiting for their forever homes. Whether you are bottle feeding a litter of baby kittens or helping a neglected dog come out of her shell, fostering gives you the chance to change a shelter animal's life forever! The KAAS foster program gives the dogs and cats that are not yet ready for adoption a chance to thrive outside of the shelter environment. The shelter covers all expenses of fostering, the animals just need your time and love! To learn more and to fill out an application, visit our website at

kearneyanimalshelter.com/foster

THANK YOU PUPPY SPONSORS

Recently, Kearney Area Animal Shelter had a unique occurrence. A pregnant Bully came into the Shelter as a stray, and gave birth to fourteen puppies. This posed a financial burden on KAAS as each of these fourteen puppies needed spayed/neutered, vaccinations, microchipping, and cost of caring for the puppies during their stay at the Shelter.

Our team came up with a "Pick a Puppy" sponsorship to help offset these costs. For a donation to cover care costs, sponsors had the opportunity to pick and name a puppy. Sponsors were updated with photos as the puppies grew from birth, and got an exclusive play date with their sponsored puppy once up

to date on vaccinations. Norma's puppies had a "Puppy Playoff" event at the Shelter around the same time as the NBA finals for their sponsors. Due to the success of this sponsorship, we put together the "Name a Puppy Sponsorship" when Gamora, a Heeler mix, came into KAAS and gave birth to a litter of 8.

"Pick a Puppy"

Sponsors:

Mary and Frank Wright, Dr. Martin Tilley, Shawna Erbsen, Mary Stevenson, Dr. Jenna Derr and Judy Derr, Carli Anderson, Barbara Tilley, Shebi Methe, JNB Stables, Brenda Bierbower, and Jennifer Low

"Name a Puppy"

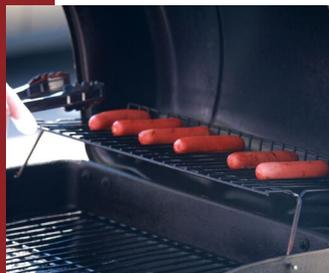
Sponsors:

Penny Kolls and Lindsey Graham, Kaye Wild, Collin Taubenheim, Trevor Taubenheim, Kameron Kacou, Dr. Jenna Derr and Judy Derr, Boys Town Foster Care, Kate Fly, and Janet Steele



SUMMER 2019 DOG WASHES

The dogs of Kearney stayed clean this summer by attending the KAAS Dog Washes! Each summer, Kearney Area Animal Shelter hosts monthly dog washes at Family Fresh Market to raise funds. Volunteers helped wash hundreds of pups and raised over \$1,600 dollars! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make these events successful, Family Fresh for allowing us to have our events in their parking lot, as well as everyone who came out to show their support!



Thank You...

CITY OF KEARNEY

Thank you City of Kearney for purchasing and donating our mower! The City of Kearney not only helps with large purchases such as this, but also helps with IT needs and maintenance of our building and various needs throughout the shelter. We are so thankful for our relationship with the City of Kearney!



PRECISION CURBING

Precision Curbing rocks it! We have been working slowly, but surely to improve the appearance of our landscaping, as well as make it lower maintenance. This has been accomplished with all volunteer labor. In June, our project got a real boost when Joey Lentell at Precision Curbing offered to donate materials and labor to install curbing around our berm, which is a focal point of the



grounds. Thank you Joey and crew for adding a touch of class to the entrance of our parking lot!



SOS MEMBERS

Thank you to our SOS Members for your monthly contributions to the Shelter! Jeff and Andrea Eastman, Dr. Joel & Kim Atchison, Cochran Law: Shane Cochran, Dr. Jenna Derr & Dr. David Schanbacher, Judy & Bob Derr, Abby Froom, Kate Fly, Donyel Isaac, Travi Evans,

Jan McCracken, Steven McGahan, Tex McGruber, Greg & Shebi Methe, Monte & Elizabeth Roetman, Laura Rozema, Lisa Schoene, Carol Wahl, & John Younger. Also a welcome to our newest members; Lucky Dog's Boutique, Chrystal Snider, Dr. Martin Tilley, Amy Cook, Jason and Amy Martinez, Lynn Brewster, Michael and Shawna Erbsen, and Kaylei Becker! Check out our website, or stop into KAAS for more information on how you can become an SOS Member and help to Sustain Our Shelter!

KEARNEY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

KAAS would like to thank Kearney Area Community Foundation for a mini grant of \$1,500! With this grant, KAAS was able to get 2 breathing monitors for animals, making surgery safer. This grant also allowed KAAS to purchase a new stainless steel surgery table, and new surgery tools! Thank you, KACF!



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HOURS

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday-Friday: 1-5 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Sunday: Noon-4 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A donation to the Kearney Area Animal Shelter directly impacts animals in **your** community
- 66% of our budget comes from generous donations-your contribution stays local
- Our animals have no time-limits and we never euthanize for space
- We are dedicated to finding the perfect home for each pet in our care

ADOPTIONS: 8,736

RECLAIMED BY OWNERS: 6,143

ABOUT THE KEARNEY AREA ANIMAL SHELTER

Kearney Area Animal Shelter's mission is to be a leader in enhancing the human-animal bond by providing pet owner support and homeless animal care for the citizens of Buffalo County and the surrounding region.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- To educate people about the proper humane care and treatment of companion animals
- To encourage and promote pet adoption and population control
- To prevent animal cruelty, suffering, and neglect
- To provide shelter for abused, neglected, and homeless companion animals
- To provide a responsive team of individuals who will serve the public in a prompt, courteous, and friendly manner every day