



How You Can Help P4P

Monetary Donations

*Clumping Cat Litter • Cat Toys
Printer Paper • Postage Stamps
Liquid Laundry Detergent*

The Kayleen Rose Fund

The Kaylene Rose Fund helped a record number of owners with their vet bills this year. We not only help the citizens of Spencer but also a large surrounding area. Without this fund many pets would go without life saving medical care and die. Many thanks to the Rose and Cotton families for establishing this fund and continuing to support it. Please consider donating to the fund.

Legacy Planning to Include People for Pets

Charitable gifting frequently plays a major role in legacy planning through direct gifts, charitable trusts and foundations. Many people have said, if philanthropy is part of my life now, why shouldn't it be part of my estate planning? Legacy planning helps people to continue to give to causes that matter the most to them well into the future. Contact your financial advisor for more information.

Surrender donations this year....\$1250

**Approximate vet bills this year....
between \$60,00 and \$70,000**

Whisker Walk Sponsored By the Local YMCA Benefits P4P



The Whisker Walk is an event that our local YMCA puts on every year at the end of the school year and all proceeds come to us. Members of the community come to walk their dogs with us. We even bring out dogs if we can! This year we made \$230!

Feral Cat Fund

This year we have spay/neutered and vetted 110 feral or stray cats. That is a lot of trapping and releasing for our staff and a volunteer!

You ask the difference between a stray cat and a feral cat? A stray cat has had human interaction at some time in its life. A feral cat was born in the wild and has had little or no human interaction. We live in an area where there are many seasonal residents who feed the cats and then leave the area for the winter months. The cats are left to fend for themselves and multiply in numbers.

This year we helped many citizens, residents of trailer parks, owners of abandoned farms and concerned neighbors trap and release these poor animals. We also have taken over 30 kittens into our shelter who would not have survived the winter. They would have froze to death.

Working with ferals is not cheap, People for Pets pays for this service. **Please consider making a donation to the Feral Cat Fund to help us save the ones who can't save themselves.**



Home

By: Jenna Schroer

I remember the day you brought me home.
I felt safe and loved.
I felt secured and sheltered.
I felt at home.
You were my home, mom and dad.

But now I sit and watch you drive away.
You let me go with no emotions.
You didn't cry.
You didn't tell me goodbye.
I don't understand why you did this to me.

I'm not home anymore.
I'm not with the people I love.
Instead I'm in a strange place.
I'm around strange people.
I'm alone.

But I'll be okay.
I'm already starting to make new friends.
They tell me there's a new family out there for me.
I'll be waiting for them.
Until I'm home again.

People for Pets Mourns the Loss of a Long-time, Great Friend



Our P4P family mourns the loss of Craig Wampler. Craig and Kirsten have been an amazing part of our family for several years. Craig was a great person, dog owner, contributor and mostly importantly our dear friend.

Fly high dear friend ... until we meet again.

At left: Kirsten and Craig.
Below: The couple's beautiful dogs, Rachel, Tucker and Chance, whom they adopted from P4P several years ago. They too will always be in our hearts.



People for Pets Information

For more information on our animals available for adoption, gift giving or Trust options and volunteer possibilities:

- Visit our website at www.peopleforpets.org or our Facebook page People for Pets (in Spencer, IA).
- Call us at 712-580-2738.
- To make a tax deductible donation send checks payable to:

People for Pets
2312 Highway Blvd.
Spencer, IA 51301



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A P4P Love Story - Fred and Princess are Waiting for their Forever Home Together



Princess came in as an owner surrender due to the owner being evicted from his home. This little girl was absolutely terrified and wanted nothing to do with us. Steph was going to release her out from her kennel to exercise but she did not want to come out. We kept her in the bathroom so she wouldn't have to be in a small isolation kennel.

Then came along Fred. He barged his way into the bathroom and Princess came out of hiding. It was love at first sight! Since then, the two cannot be separated! We want them to be adopted together. They are still waiting for their forever home.



People for Pets lost an icon on July 11, 2022. Ozzie went by many names . . . Oz, Ozzer, Oz Man, Oswald and, mostly, Baby Butthead. Whatever he was called, it was always with love. Oz was one in a million and loved greatly. He arrived in 2014 at 7 years old. The people didn't have time for him anymore.

After a couple of brief adoptions, the shelter became his home for the next 8 years. We weren't going to abandon him just because he had an attitude. We were told to euthanize him after he was attacked by another dog and we, again, refused to give up on Ozzie. After months of acupuncture and laser therapy he was finally able to walk again. He taught us all the power of patience, determination and what love can do for someone.

Oz wasn't the friendliest guy, but he was always happy to see us. Whether early morning or late night, he greeted us with love, Ozzie style. Fly high sweet boy, we will meet again someday.

Love, Donna and the People for Pets family

Remi

Miss Remi was bred for six years until she was no longer good enough to breed. Then she was given away. Remi had a hard time getting along with other dogs so she was brought to the shelter.

This poor girl was scared beyond measure. She just wanted to be loved, but didn't know what real love was. Her family traveled all the way from New York to meet her and bring her home. Remi is shown more love than ever now.





There's a New Girl in Town

If you have been to People for Pets lately, you may have met Jenna Schroer. Jenna came to us a few months ago and is willing to work with me (Donna) at the Director position. I do believe we were all amazed at how much is involved with keeping the shelter going. Jenna has been working on the social media part of P4P along with scheduling, transporting and lots of other jobs.

In the last few months I have realized how we have come such a long way in growing our shelter to be respected by many in the Midwest. Jenna is a great young lady and will help me to hopefully slow down a little and drink that extra couple of coffee in the morning watching my squirrels at home! People for Pets will always be my passion and I am looking forward to watching it carry on its great work for so many animals each year just as it always has. Stop by and see us at the Greatest Little Shelter by the side of the road!!

Donna

Petoberfest Held at the Century Farms Distillery Raised \$22k

People for Pets held its 2022 fundraising event at a new location this past October. Petoberfest has always drawn in large crowds of supporters and this year we held the event right next door, which allowed us to give the shelter some exposure to the attendees!

The Century Farms Distillery is our next door neighbor to the South and has gained popularity over the last couple of years thanks to their fun atmosphere and their much desired whiskey and vodka creations! They were very gracious and excited to host, and boy, did they rise to the occasion! The staff all dressed in kitten ears and whiskers and they even put together a special bar menu for our event that consisted of drinks with fun animal names, such as the "Tailchaser" and the "Meowgarita"!

For \$25, your Petoberfest ticket got you in the door and included a delicious meal provided by our wonderful volunteers

(led by Jan Edmondson) and the Clay County Pork Producers, who donated all of the pork ribeyes and who also manned the grill! To wash it down, everyone was provided drink tickets, all while they enjoyed the music of the Elle Shante and Kerry Duo, a local band who sounded amazing and played all night!

Tours of the shelter and a "pet parade", gave those that were interested a taste of how the shelter is set up and allowed us to strut some of our adoptable pets in front of the crowds outside the Distillery. The parade included both dogs and cats, walked mostly by our volunteers, but also by some other special guests! Our parade marshal for instance, was a former dog alumni named Duke, who was led by his very loving owners.

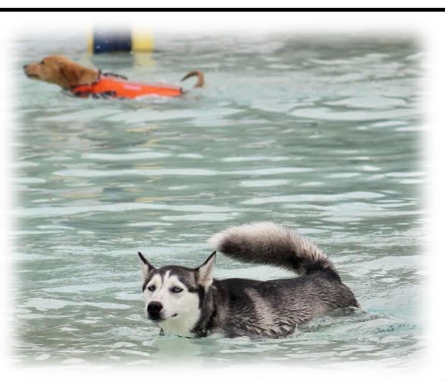
We had a family walk their dog, Roo, who had benefited from our Kayleen Rose Fund which is set up to help offset veterinary expenses during a time of need and

in this case were used to help pay for surgery after Roo was attacked and needed his leg removed. Finally, a very special 11-year old boy named Nash, who when his cat passed away decided to pay tribute to him by helping animals in need. Over the last three years he has donated hundreds of dollars to the shelter by planting, weeding, harvesting and selling his garden crops to raise money for People for Pets. How cool is that?

Lots of great prizes were won as part of the many games played throughout the evening. Several took part in "Ears and Tails", a putting contest, or some tried their hand at our "Craps" table. You'll have to attend a future Petoberfest to fully embrace how an animal shelter plays "Craps". The night was capped off with a live auction and after all was said and done we raised just about \$22,000 to help continue the work that we do. Thank you to all who had any part in making the night a success!

People for Pets Annual Doggy Dip

The P4P Doggy Dip is hosted by the Spencer YMCA every year at the end of the Summer. All the money made gets donated to us. Citizens all over the community come to this event, some even travel for it. This year we had a great turn out and made \$805.





Penny

Penny was a transfer from Forever Friends as they were having a tough time getting her adopted due to her medical needs, seizures. She was in the same foster home three different times and was adopted out from them three times before coming to us.

Penny got adopted and then returned back to us because she had a couple seizures. Then along came the perfect family for her. They love her despite her medical needs!



Harper

Harper arrived at the shelter in June after his owner had to go to a nursing home. We kept him for a little while in hopes that the owner would be able to come home. When we learned the owner would not be able to care for Harper, we posted him online.

Since he was a 17-year-old dog, we knew it might be hard to find him a home. Harper was adopted but was brought back a couple days later because he was apparently biting. Then, shortly after, he went home with one of our employees, Keith! Harper is now so loved.



Benson

Benson was an impound in Spencer. We really struggled finding him a home due to him not liking cats and he was pretty dog selective. Our great friend and partner, Kathy Janz, helped us place him in a foster where he found a wonderful home.

Thank you

Would like to extend our forever gratitude to Dawn Stenbol who puts together our newsletter. Also many, many thanks to Autumn and Mike at Business Today for printing the newsletter. Couldn't do it without any of them!!

Berkley and Blaire

These siblings arrived on a cold and windy day in the back of a truck in which they traveled about 45 minutes to get here. Their fur was matted and they were extremely dirty because they were kept in the garage. They were terrified and wouldn't let us near them. After a couple hours, they felt safe. Now they are happier than ever in their furever homes.



Diego (Now Loki)



Diego, now Loki, was an owner surrender due to him not getting along with their other dog. Loki was very aggressive towards other people and it took him a long time not to bite at the employees and volunteers.

After over two months, a kind lady came in and wanted to meet Loki. We told her his past, but she didn't care. Even though he bit at her she wouldn't give up! She brought him home, and now he is doing great. Loki even has a new fur brother from another shelter!

Become a Part of the Rescue World by Helping These Kitties



People for Pets has taken in several cats and kittens while working with stray\feral cats. For one reason or another we were unable to release them back. People also show up with cats that are not necessarily ones that like human interaction and prefer to be left alone to bask in the sun. It eases people's minds that they are not left in the elements but it isn't in the best interest of the cat.

The shelter will be their home, but a quiet home or heated shop would be nicer for them. The bottom line is not every cat or kitten that comes to us can be tamed. Contact us if you can help these special kitties and be part of the rescue world!



**Wishing you all
Merry Christmas,
Happy Holidays
and all the best
in the New Year!**