

Happy New Year!

January 2010



Sunday Walking Program

The New Year is off to a fantastic start for the dogs! Even though the shelter is closed on Sundays, the dogs are now able to get out and exercise. Dog walkers started walking the dogs Sunday mornings at 8AM while animal control officers clean kennels in the morning. Now the dogs can get out every day of the week!

One of our goals for 2010 was to exercise the dogs on Sundays. We were so anxious to start, we got the program rolling in December of 2009!

The weekday walkers have already noticed a difference when they walk the dogs on Mondays; the dogs are not quit as wild and are more playful than stressed-out.

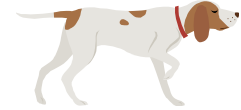
Thank you to our Sunday walkers, Mariann Hilderbrand, Becca Hilderbrand, Melanne Hilderbrand, Colleen McGinney, Sandra McGinney, Kelly Pierce, Kaitlin Pierce, Tiffany Tarkington and Jared Tilley.

To give weekday walkers a break, we ask that volunteers unable to volunteer during the week walk dogs on Sunday mornings.

If you are interested starting your week with some very happy-to-see-you dogs and exercise, please give Karen a call at 402-990-6937 or email kinspector@msn.com.



Colleen & Sandra



Jared



Kaitlin



Tiffany

Volunteer Spotlight

Nick Kock



Nick gets a big kick out of the dogs. He really enjoys seeing how happy the dogs are when it's time to go walking. He comes to the shelter to get his "big dog fix" since he and his wife, Cindy, have two Chihuahuas. Nick was a volunteer at the Pottawattamie shelter and then started volunteering at the Council Bluffs Shelter in November of 2007. The August 2008 Nonpareil article influenced him to become a part of the new Dog Walking Club. Nick is retired from OPPD; he worked as a computer technician. He is one of our weekday walkers and usually walks dogs Monday, Wednesday, Friday and holidays. Nick's enthusiasm and energy makes him a joy to be around. Thanks for all your hard work, Nick!

Nick is pictured (left) assisting with the Rescue and Run Ways fashion show. The Maurice's models walked the run way with the shelter dogs. Maurice's raised money and gave two large boxes of donations to the Council Bluffs Animal Shelter. Thank you, Dog Walkers, who helped with the event and donated money. The event would not have occurred without the Dog Walkers.



Here is Mariann, Michelle and Nick on Veteran's Day walking dogs. The Dog Walking Club appreciates the animal control officers for opening the shelter for us to walk dogs on the holidays.

Donation Wish List: Raw hides for the dogs to chew after being walked. It gives them something extra to do in their kennels. Please drop off raw hides at the shelter for the dogs.

A special thank you to our week day and Saturday walkers: Cathy Graeve, Mariann Hilderbrand, Becca Hilderbrand, Melanne Hilderbrand (who volunteers over college breaks), Nick Koch, Michelle Zabik, Jon Hartman, Cathy Briggs, Janine Jarecki, Tiffany Tarkington, Jared Tilley. Please let me know if I did not mention someone!

Want to walk dogs? Just call Karen for orientation at 402-990-6937 or email kinspector@msn.com.