



SIOUX FALLS AREA HUMANE SOCIETY

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Sioux Falls Area Humane Society (SFAHS) is proud to recognize and support the Hanson Family Foundation for the Well-Being of God's Creatures (HFF) and its initiatives. We believe HFF is an invaluable partner in advancing animal welfare and a vital asset to the Sioux Falls community.

Across the country, shelters like ours are facing unprecedented challenges. Many pet owners are struggling to afford even basic care, and as a result, shelters often operate at or above capacity. HFF is addressing these challenges head-on by working to build a more compassionate, resilient animal welfare community and by reducing financial barriers to care for pet owners.

Through their Animal Resource Center, HFF is filling a critical service gap by receiving large-scale donations of pet food and supplies. Because SFAHS lacks the infrastructure to accept these bulk donations, HFF's ability to warehouse and distribute supplies allows us to keep our Pet Food Bank stocked and better serve families in Sioux Falls who need assistance.

Equally impactful is HFF's commitment to affordable veterinary care. The planned Pet Wellness Veterinary Hospital, opening in 2026, will provide high-quality, low-cost services, including spay/neuter surgeries. This will not only improve access to care but also help prevent the cycle of unwanted litters that so often results in animal surrenders.

Our organizations are working collaboratively to expand pet-retention programs that reduce unnecessary surrenders to SFAHS. This partnership enables our team to dedicate more time to enrichment programs such as Rescue Dog Recess, Playgroups, and Music Therapy—initiatives that improve the quality of life for animals while they await adoption.

Overall, SFAHS views HFF as a vital force for good, empowering local animal welfare organizations through both strategic philanthropy and hands-on support. Their work is building a stronger network of resources that ensures pets and their families can thrive together.

Sincerely,

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