WE WANT YOU! Animal Allies recently announced the ambitious goal to reduce the number of healthy pets that have to be euthanized at the City of Duluth Animal Shelter to ZERO and do it THIS YEAR. Last year, 59 healthy animals had to be euthanized by our partners at the City of Duluth because there were simply too many animals for too few homes.

YOU are the key to saving all of the healthy homeless animals in 2010!

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Adopt! (And encourage others to adopt) Last year over 1,800 cats and dogs were adopted through Animal Allies. To ensure a home for every healthy pet in Duluth, we need at least 2,000 adoptions in 2010. If you cannot adopt a pet yourself, help us spread the word that shelter animals make great pets. You can view all of the animals available for adoption at animalallies.net.

Spay/Neuter! (And encourage others to spay/neuter) You can reduce the number of unwanted litters that enter Duluth shelters by getting your own pet sterilized and encouraging others to do the same. Have your pet spayed/neutered by one of the excellent veterinary clinics in our community. Or, if you cannot afford the standard fees and your household income is less than $40,000 per year, have your pet sterilized for $39 to $89 by Northland Spay/Neuter Clinic PLLC in Lincoln Park. Go to northlandspayneuter.org for complete information.

Microchip! (And encourage others to microchip) A microchip is the ultimate insurance policy if your pet gets lost. Shelter personnel will scan your animal then call you to reclaim your beloved pet. And when you reclaim your pet, you also help other homeless pets! Every reclaimed pet frees a kennel for an animal the city might otherwise have to euthanize for lack of shelter space. You can get your pet microchipped at any local veterinary clinic or at the Animal Allies shelter.

Donate! (And encourage others to donate) Your dollars increase adoptions and spay/neuter by enabling us to provide the very best care for our animals and, at the same time, keep fees affordable to all. Animal Allies is committed to homeless animals and uses dollars wisely to make every penny count.

Volunteer! (And encourage others to volunteer) Hours are important, too! Animal Allies couldn’t help as many animals without the many volunteers. Spend time socializing cats, walking dogs or assisting adopters. Or, you can take action through committees, devoted to improving shelter operations, communications and raising more dollars for animals.
CLIMBING ABIATHAR:  
THE CHALLENGE OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR ZERO

I like to climb mountains alone. While living in Yellowstone National Park, my happy obsession boiled down to this:

Select peak, devise route, attempt summit, select new peak, repeat.

In my years in Yellowstone, I attempted a total of 52 named peaks, reaching the summit of 51. On most of the 51 successful climbs, the route I devised on the map proved impassable in practice, blocked by a grizzly bear, a treacherous river crossing, or an impassable ravine. But on all of those peaks, I eventually found another way to the top.

Not so on Abiathar. A volcanic crag famous for vertical slopes and crumbly rock, Abiathar Peak repelled four all-out attempts, leaving me more bruised, battered, and discouraged with each try.

As we undertake the Campaign for Zero — Duluth’s campaign to end euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals at both shelters this year — I feel like I am again at the foot of Abiathar. The goal is daunting, the route is tentative, and the outcome is uncertain.

The difference, thankfully, is that I am not climbing this mountain alone.

I am part of Animal Allies — the most capable and effective group of board, staff, volunteers, and donors I know. And Animal Allies is part of a compassionate Duluth community that supports our work with extraordinary generosity, energy, and heart. Together we have made breathtaking progress, doubling adoptions, cutting euthanasia in half, and building the foundation for continued progress.

It will take an unprecedented effort from all of us to achieve the ambitious goals of the Campaign for Zero. As never before, we need animal lovers to adopt, spay/neuter, microchip, license, and encourage others to do the same. As never before, we need animal lovers to volunteer precious time and donate hard-earned dollars. Accomplishing this goal will be difficult. But the lives of these animals are worth braving any difficulty and bearing any burden.

Please support the Campaign for Zero as much as you possibly can, in every way that you can. There are few summits on earth more glorious than ending the euthanasia of healthy pets at both Duluth shelters this year.

Gratefully yours,
Jim Filby Williams

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SHELTER WISH LIST

We greatly appreciate your generosity of donated items, including items that may be around your house and not currently being used. Thank you for your support!

**DOGS**
- Gentle Leaders
- Large Crates/Kennels
- Soft dog treats
- KONGs any sizes, black
- KONG stuffers
- Puppy Milk Replacer

**CATS**
- Bird feeders and stands to place outside windows
- Decorative Mobiles to hang in cat condo rooms
- Canned Prescription AD
- Strained chicken baby food
- Kitten Milk Replacer
- Solid bright colored fleece blankets (Orange, Green or Purple)

**MEDICAL SUPPLIES**
- AA Batteries
- Gauze
- Tongs
- Ziplock Freezer bags - quart size
- 4” x 4” gauze squares

**CLEANING SUPPLIES**
- Paper towels
- Tall kitchen garbage bags
- 33 gal contractor garbage bags
- Disposable latex gloves
- Dust Buster
- Lint rollers
- Anti-bacterial hand sanitizer
- Yellow dishwashing elbow gloves
- Flashlights (rechargeable)
- Refill hand soap
- Magic erasers
- Large black waste baskets
- Toilet brushes

**OFFICE**
- Postage stamps
- Paper cutter
- Scotch Tape Dispenser
- Scotch tape
- Masking Tape
- White Out roller tape
- Copier paper (white)
- Envelopes, size 10
- Filing Tabs for hanging folders
- Desks
- File Cabinets
- Laminator
- Letter & Legal size hanging folders
- Binder Clips, any size

**OUTDOOR**
- Gazebos (for year-round use)

**MISC**
- Silverware
- Coffee filters – basket style
- Paper cups
- AA batteries, 9V Batteries
- Gas cards

**HUMANE EDUCATION**
- Markers & colored pencils
- Children's-sized scissors
- Juice boxes for summer camps

**VOLUNTEERS**
- Morning Dog Walkers
- Communication Committee Members
- Fur Ball Committee Members

Animal Allies Humane Society feeds our shelter animals Hill's Science Diet pet foods.
YOUNG HEROES BEING KIND TO ANIMALS

Young people are vital to Animal Allies’ mission. Fortunately for us, Duluth is home to a community of children who find creative ways to help the homeless animals in our area.

To recognize these acts of kindness by children, the Animal Allies Humane Education Committee created a “Be Kind to Animals Award.” Eight young people, ages 4-14, were nominated by teachers, neighbors, parents, grandparents, and friends because of their support of Animal Allies, their care for neighborhood animals and wildlife, generosity to animals, and kindness to their own pets.

From youngest to oldest, the 2010 nominees are:

Caden Macor, 4  Grace Russell, 5
Hayden Kappenman, 6  Piper Baumann, 6
Calley Zoltek, 9  Rosie Nyman, 9
Taylor Wendinger, 13  Anna Ambrosi, 14

HOW CAN YOUNG PEOPLE GET INVOLVED?

• Set up a lemonade stand, rake leaves, or host a carnival in your backyard to raise money
• Ask neighbors to contribute wish list items for a shelter; collect, and deliver them
• Encourage your classroom, school, or summer program to support a local shelter through generating awareness of what animal shelters need and what they do

Note: We do not encourage children to engage in door-to-door solicitation.

Teaching children the ideas of respect, responsibility, kindness, empathy, trustworthiness, fairness and citizenship begins at home. We continue that teaching in our youth programs. Children who treat animals respectfully are often those who are most empathetic and caring for the people around them.

YOUNG HEROES BEING KIND TO ANIMALS

Congratulations to all of our young heroes!

CAMPAIGN FOR ZERO - ELIMINATING EUTHANASIA OF HEALTHY PETS IN DULUTH

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR KICKOFF PARTY JULY 10, 2010

All events will be taking place on the 2000 block of West Superior Street in the Lincoln Park neighborhood.

FEATUREING:
• Adopt-a-thon
• Microchip clinic
• Cat neuter-a-thon

Presented by maurices, this event will promote this Campaign for Zero’s commitment to finding homes for every healthy pet in Duluth. More information will be available soon at www.animalallies.net.

Campaign for Zero is a collaborative effort between Animal Allies Humane Society, Northland Spay/Neuter Clinic PLLC, and the City of Duluth.

Hours: Tuesday thru Sunday • Noon to 6:00 p.m.
cat•men | katmen |
noun (plural of cat-man)

1. Volunteers of the male gender who care for cats.
2. Men who love cats.

slang
a. Cat Buddy

Animal Allies appreciates our Catmen! Our current Cat Buddy guys include Chase Frye, Jake Huglon, John Fleischmann, Geoffrey House, Rich Harri, Dan Powell, Brian Hayden, Jon Bellis, Ben LaBerge, and Roger Petry.

Historically, there are a few big names who were “Catmen,” too: Mark Twain, Theodore Roosevelt, Edgar Allen Poe, Sean Connery, H.G.Wells and John Lennon, to name a few. Ernest Hemingway’s home in Key West is now a Museum and houses over sixty cats! Hemingway admired cats’ spirited and independent nature. His first cat was a Maine Coon; a polydactyl feline. “Hemingway Cat” is the nickname used for polydactyl cats. Our Catmen are in good company.

Most of our Catmen come early in the morning to help get the community rooms and cat condos looking spiffy for the public. There’s always time for cuddling, brushing, and getting acquainted, too. We’re happy that our Catmen take time out of their busy lives to care for the feline community in the shelter.

Perhaps there’s a Catman in your life who would like to get involved? The cats will tell you there is no better way to spend a morning than hanging out with the guys in the community rooms and talking about “guy things.”

For more information on becoming a Cat Buddy, contact:
Pat Castellano at (218) 623-6343 or email pat@animalallies.net.

Thanks, Catmen!

DONATED VOLUNTEER HOURS:

An average of 1,100 hours a month has been donated so far in 2010. That’s the equivalent of nearly 7 full-time staff every month!

We are updating our volunteer database. Please let us know if you have moved, are no longer able to volunteer, or would like to volunteer more.

Email changes to volunteer@animalallies.net or call (218) 623-6343.
Mary Wictor, DVM

Dr. Mary Wictor moved from southern California to attend veterinary school in Minneapolis in 1989. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, Mary worked in private practice for several years before becoming the veterinarian at Lake Superior Zoo in Duluth. When Animal Allies rolled out the Neuter Commuter in 2008, Dr. Wictor agreed to join the surgical team, working diligently to help reduce the population of unwanted litters. When Animal Allies realized a 100% increase in adoptions that required full time veterinary care, Dr. Wictor joined our staff. We’re happy to have her!

Dr. Wictor lives with her husband of 21 years, Paul, and their 15-month old son, Colin. Other members of the household include their cats Fred, Mama and Baby; a dog named Damon, and birds Po and Leo. Of course all of the family’s cats and dogs were adopted through Animal Allies!

Jo Johnson
Volunteer & Adopter

A few months ago my husband Mark and I had a furry family that included Kula Ro, a 10-year old American Eskimo, and Cayenne, our 2 year old rescued red tabby. While Kula has always been in unashamedly in love with Mark, Cayenne is more focused on chasing snowflakes through the window, batting at my hand as I type, and grooming my hair any time I sit down in the recliner. Family complete! You already know where this is going, don’t you?

As a volunteer at the shelter, I frequently check the Animal Allies web site (www.animalallies.net) to see who’s available for adoption and so I can be more helpful during shifts as a docent. On one of those visits to the web site I randomly clicked on a 30 second video that was part of a cat profile. It was there that I discovered Sophie, and she simply captured my attention. She was grand dame. All white with one blue eye and one green eye. 13 years old. Hmmm. And deaf? Hmmm. Interesting.

Cayenne was intrigued with the meows she heard, staying glued to the screen as long as I played the video for her amusement. For my part, I found that over the next week or so that white cat started pussyfooting her way into my thoughts even when I wasn’t on the computer. More Hmmms.

Surprise — Sophie is now part of the furry family. After an initial three days hissing at the other animals, she reached détente with Kula and had begun sharing the sunny shelf in the office with the other cat.

Bringing her home, I had expected Sophie to ‘mother’ the younger one, but the reverse has proved to be true. She will do a couple perfunctory licks, but it is Cayenne who defers to her elder and provides a careful and delicate bath for Sophie at least once daily.

As for Mark and me, Sophie provides efficient and loving health care when needed. She has an uncanny (uncatty?) ability to cuddle up to the body part that hurts the most, and she can lower blood pressure with her enchanting purr. White and orange fur on all our clothes? Sure. But our Sophie is worth all the lint rollers in the world!
18TH ANNUAL WALK FOR ANIMALS - A SUCCESS!

Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers, walkers, pledgers and sponsors for making the 2010 Walk for Animals a fantastic event. Not only were many dollars raised to support Animal Allies’ programs, but fun was had by all!

A special thanks to all the dogs who got their owners out of bed for the occasion.

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ANIMAL ALLIES, MATCH MAKERS
BY ADOPTION PROGRAM MANAGER, STEFANIE KEMP

Developed and designed by the scientists at The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), the Meet Your Match assessment gives shelters the tools to make great matches for adopters. Staff performs standardized personality tests when an animal arrives for adoption. The results give adopters and adoption counselors a much better insight into each cat or dog’s personality.

Thinking of adopting a young pup? Meet Your Match helps to gauge how the puppy will act in a new environment, their interest in play, how dominant they are, as well as any food guarding issues, and help match you up with their “Puppy-ality”. Or, if older puppies/adult dogs are more your ball of fur, we assess them using the “Canine-ality” tool. This lets us know the play, social and energy level of the adoptable dog, as well as manners and motivation.

Take Willoughby for example, a very handsome young mixed breed fellow. He was found wandering around in Lincoln Park. As a result there was no owner to tell us about his personality. Through a few simple tests, we discovered that he is a “Go-Getter,” meaning he is an energetic lad, highly motivated by social and food cues (external motivation makes training a cinch!) Willoughby is ready to run, chase a ball for hours and still be excited to play at the end of the day.

Thinking of adopting a cat? Meet Your Match has a separate “Feline-ality” assessment. Staff monitor cat behavior from the moment that they enter the shelter, and from these observations, along with testing that’s designed with the feline kind in mind, we are able to gauge their level of activity and playfulness, enjoyment of being petted and held, and comfort with new stimuli. This assessment is especially helpful with stray cats, whom we have no history.

For example, a beautiful one year old tabby cat named Dorothy goes through the “Feline-ality” assessment, and transforms from stray with no name to “Dorothy, Leader of the Band”, a highly gregarious and social cat who adjusts quite easily to new surroundings.

Curious to know more? Please visit our website at www.animalallies.net under the “programs” tab, or visit www.aspca.org/adoption/meet-your-match for more info. Better yet, visit our shelter and find out who your match is! Your furry soul mate could be waiting for you!
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Mission Statement
Animal Allies Humane Society strives to ensure a lifetime of loving care for every pet by reducing overpopulation, increasing adoption, and fostering humane values.

Vision Statement
Animal Allies Humane Society is guided by a humane ethic to build communities that universally value animals, understands their needs, and take action to meet them. Animal Allies will be a leader in northeastern Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin in working toward:

- Elimination of pet overpopulation and the euthanasia of adoptable animals.
- Providing quality temporary care to homeless animals then placing them in permanent loving homes.
- Educating the community on humane treatment and responsible guardianship of companion animals.

Animal Allies will directly provide high quality animal sheltering services in southern St. Louis County. In other areas of northeastern Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin, Animal Allies will support the efforts of partner agencies to provide high quality animal sheltering services.
Pet medicines are no different than people medicines in that they demand a little extra attention when it comes to disposal. If unwanted or expired pet medications are flushed, they may not be removed from wastewater and could end up in the St. Louis River and Lake Superior. Help protect the water from contamination by medication; it’s a no drainer! Bring unwanted or expired medications to WLSSD during special Medicine Cabinet Clean-Out events (next one is Sept. 9, 2010) or carefully dispose of medicines in the trash following guidelines found at wlsd.com.

Many pets also utilize syringes or needles for medical reasons. Protect your pet and your family from accidental needle sticks, and help ensure that these wastes are disposed of properly. Place used sharps in a puncture resistant container (a detergent or pop bottle will do nicely) with a screw top lid and put a sticker over the lid or mark it as a sharps container. You may then deliver the container to the free sharps drop-off bin at WLSSD’s Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 27th Ave. W and the waterfront during open hours. Stickers for your containers are also available at no charge.

**PET MEDICINE DISPOSAL**

**WISH LIST**

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Membership levels

- **Miriam Carlstedt Society and Kennel Sponsor** • $1,000
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August 21  
7:00 pm  
Shimmy for the Shelter  
A bellydance fundraiser for Animal Allies at Leif Erickson Park

Late August  
Watch for...maurice’s Rescues & Runways event  
Where adoptions and fashion meet on the runway

September 11  
Miller Hill Subaru Adopt-A-Pet Day

October 2  
Fur Ball  
Located at the Northland Country Club