The local animal welfare community lost a passionate supporter when Lois deWaard Shabatura passed away on July 17, 2012.

For more than fifty years, Lois was a volunteer and supporter of Animal Allies Humane Society. In her final good deed, she ensured a lifetime of loving care to countless animals by bequeathing $211,000 to Animal Allies. The bequest was received in June this year.

Lois was born and raised in Minneapolis, where her love of animals began. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, she married Eugene H. Shabatura in 1942. Lois and “Shab” moved to Duluth in 1951, where they lived on Park Point and devoted their lives to the four-legged friends that were their joy and passion.

Lois was a member of the Duluth Kennel Club and the Twin Ports Dog Training Club. She and Shab bred happy, healthy Dachshunds. They also mentored and inspired young people interested in showing and training dogs. Shab traveled often as an American Kennel Club judge.

Lois always had a dog – or two, or three – especially close to her heart. A family friend recalls that every Thanksgiving, when Lois and Shab pulled into the driveway and opened their car doors, a whirlwind of bouncing, eager dogs bounded out ready join the festivities with the rest of the family.

Besides being committed to their own animals and their breeding operation, Lois and Shab helped many homeless cats and dogs who had nowhere to turn. They each served on Animal Allies.

Humane Society’s Board of Directors in the 1970s. During that time, they fostered young animals, found them loving homes, and helped with community events. Once, when a soon-to-be-mother cat found her way to the couple’s doorstep, Lois took it upon herself to care for mother and babies, ultimately finding good homes for them all. One of those good homes was with Lois herself: Mother Cat (henceforth named MC) and one of the babies, Streak, stayed to live in the house on Park Point.

Lois gave so much to companion animals and they gave back to her, providing comfort and companionship in her later years. She adopted her last dog, Molly, from Animal Allies. She visited the shelter several times looking for that special companion, but in the end it was Molly who chose her. Although they had several years together, Lois knew Molly would most likely need a new family to care for her in case of Lois’s passing, so she arranged for Molly to have a happy home where her tail still wags.

Lois believed in educating the public about the importance of making good decisions for your pets. She believed every companion animal deserves quality care and a good home. To further that cause, Lois has left her very generous bequest to Animal Allies. Kind, gracious people like Lois make the world a better place for people and for pets.

For that, Lois, we thank you.

If you would like more information about leaving a legacy for homeless animals by including Animal Allies in your estate plans, please call 218-623-6348.
On June 30, I retired as the Executive Director of Animal Allies Humane Society. A search is now underway to find a successor who will be put at the helm of this wonderful organization. In the meantime, the shelter will be in capable hands as Jim Stauber, longtime board member and animal welfare advocate, is acting as Interim Executive Director.

When I first started at Animal Allies in 2010, I remember marveling at the passion every volunteer and employee felt for the organization’s mission. And, while staff and volunteers come and go, that passion – and the importance of our mission – remains constant.

I also remember that it didn’t take long after starting at Animal Allies to find myself a new four-legged companion (even though I wasn’t looking for one.) My dog, Chantey, arrived at the shelter about the same time as I did. I admired the cream-colored Cocker Spaniel from a distance for a while. One day, I reported to work to find the little dog in my office with a note that read “Take me home, Dad!” As I looked into her big brown eyes, I experienced the magical connection felt by so many adopters before me. My wife and I brought her home that very day.

We named her Chantey (from the French chanter, “to sing”) because my wife loves music and I love boats: sea chanteys were sung by sailors to keep the crew in rhythm as they pulled on oars or rigging. And it turned out to fit her well because Chantey has become the perfect boat dog. She loves standing on the bow with her nose pointing into the scent-filled wind. She loves the adventure of being out on the big lake, trying to peer over the waves to see where we are going next.

Where she and I are going next, we don’t yet know; but I guarantee there will be a smile on my face and a wag in her tail.

Where is Animal Allies going next? The organization has accomplished so much: achieving zero euthanasia of healthy animals for over four years, implementing progressive adoption and spay/neuter programs, and building a world-class shelter where all homeless pets are given high-quality care. But there are challenges ahead: maintaining zero euthanasia, controlling pet overpopulation, and charting a course towards even greater services to homeless pets.

There is a fantastic crew of staff and volunteers at Animal Allies. Achieving our goals takes vigilance and hard work. We need continuous community support to propel this organization on to its next adventure. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are crucial to give homeless pets a chance to find a loving family.

As you sail into the future, it is my wish that all involved in this worthy cause pull on the oars together and think of a Chantey.

For the animals,

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P.S. Please consider making a donation today to support the mission of Animal Allies Humane Society. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of homeless animals.
When staff and volunteers gathered at Bayfront Festival Park to prepare for the 2014 Walk for Animals on Saturday, June 7, they were met with gray skies, steady rain, and the rumble of thunder in the distance. They began to exchange worried looks.

“I remember standing under the tent, huddled over my phone, trying to get an updated weather forecast,” said Kim Holland, Fundraising Events Manager at Animal Allies. “We put so much work into this event I was just hoping so badly we wouldn’t have to cancel, but we also needed to make sure all our participants would be safe.”

With a forecast promising the rain would pass, and perhaps a glimpse of clear sky on the horizon, the decision was made to march on. A short time later, the rain started letting up and walkers began to trickle in the front gate for the festivities. As the walk began, staff and volunteers were humbled by the number of people who refused to be rained out and walked in spite of the soggy weather. Thank you to all who braved the elements to participate!

In spite of these hardy supporters, attendance was down from previous years and we need your help to meet our fundraising goal for this event.

If you would like to make a contribution toward the Walk for Animals, it’s not too late. We still have a limited supply of 2014 Walk for Animals t-shirts available for anyone who donates $40 or more to this event. Contact Kim Holland at kim@animalallies.net or 218-623-6358 to ask about available sizes and get your t-shirt today. But hurry – this will only be offered while supplies last.

Thanks again to all who supported the walk this year!

Poppy’s coat is a light tan color, and, when curled up on a lap, he looks like a very small fawn. Staff and volunteers at Animal Allies had ample opportunity to observe this because, soon after arriving at the shelter, the tiny thirteen-year-old Chihuahua became the official office lap dog.

He was the quietest animal, silently watching us with concerned black eyes. Sometimes, when one of his favorite Dog Buddy volunteers held him and scratched under his chin, Poppy would let out a low groan of contentment like a door creaking closed very slowly. That was the only noise he ever made. Poppy is an old...
This summer, Animal Allies welcomed a group of students from the Scott D. Anderson Leadership Forum for a day of volunteering.

The Scott D. Anderson Leadership Foundation was created by the parents of Scott Anderson, a Duluthian who lost his life during a flight test in 1999. This fund of the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation is dedicated to sponsoring high-quality, value-based leadership training opportunities for young people.

The Leadership Forum works with students from twelve local high schools who are interested in developing themselves by exploring their own assets and leadership potential during a weeklong camp at UMD. The camp gives students the opportunity to learn what it means to lead and how to do it well.

“We focus a lot on character qualities, relationship building and community service,” said Tracy Danovsky, the team leader responsible for the students’ service projects during the camp. “The hope is that our students will leave with the confidence in themselves to make our community a better place to live for all.”

On the Wednesday of the camp, ten groups of students are sent into the community to perform a service project. This year, one group visited Animal Allies to learn the ins and outs of caring for shelter animals.

The students quickly learned how much time and effort goes into taking care of the animals and the facility. Rather than cuddling puppies and kittens, they worked on a project to improve the shelter’s walking trails by spreading fresh gravel. The students dug right in, happy to help in whatever way needed and were excited to see the difference they could make with a team effort.

“The students learned that it takes help from everyone to make a difference and that volunteering is something they should continue to do for the rest of their lives,” said Danovsky. “There are so many benefits to pet ownership for both the pet and the people. I think that kids idealize pet ownership and they need to learn that owning a pet is a big responsibility, but it can be fun too.”

The students had a great time volunteering and Animal Allies greatly appreciated the improvements they made to the shelter’s trail system.

“Everyone with the Scott Anderson Leadership Forum was wonderful to work with,” said Becky Mathiowetz, Volunteer Coordinator for Animal Allies. “Without the help of groups like these, Animal Allies would not be able to accomplish these types of special projects. Their assistance and hard work frees up our staff to care for the animals while these important projects are done.”

Both the Leadership Forum and Animal Allies hope to repeat the experience for students in future camps. By Amber Ooley

Volunteer Hours

Through June this year, volunteers have donated nearly 12,000 hours of their time – the equivalent of 13 full time employees! A round of applause to our Dog and Cat Buddies, Interns, BARC trainers, Foster, Docent, Humane Education Volunteers, Office Assistants, Board and Committee Members, and Special Event and Community Outreach Volunteers. We appreciate all that each and every one of you has done for the animals in the community.

Together, we have found homes for almost 800 animals so far in 2014!

Can You Help?

Love Kittens?

Each year, fosters help us save the lives of hundreds of animals. Right now, we have a great need for fosters for bottle fed kittens. The summer is our busiest time of year for new litters, and young kittens often come into the shelter without a mother. Fostering orphan kittens requires commitment and responsibility, but you will be rewarded by knowing your efforts give those kittens the chance to live a full and happy life. Please consider helping us today!

Help Our Animals Find Their “Furever” Home!

Docent/Shelter Greeters are needed Tuesday through Sunday from Noon to 6pm to greet visitors, give tours of the shelter, answer questions, and help potential adopters find a new family member!

Hitting that Summer Lull?

Get out and enjoy the fresh air with the dogs! We are looking for Dog Buddies for walks, playgroups, and enrichment activities from 8am to 4pm on Mondays, and 8am to 6pm Tuesday through Sunday. Get in your daily workout while helping your canine friends! We especially need early morning and late afternoon help.

For more information on volunteering, please contact Becky at volunteer@animalallies.net or call 218-623-6343.
YOU’RE ALREADY AN ANIMAL LOVER – BECOME AN ANIMAL ALLY.

If you’re reading this newsletter, odds are you care about homeless, suffering, and abandoned animals. You feel that every homeless cat and dog deserves a warm bed, tender care, a meal every day, and the chance to find a loving home.

Over the next few pages, you will find the names of those who have taken their desire to help and turned it into action! Those who became new, renewing, or sustaining members in the first half of 2014 have made our work possible.

How much can one membership really do? One $30 Animal Ally membership can:

- Feed 30 cats for one week, or
- Feed 15 dogs for one week, or
- Microchip 3 animals, or
- Vaccinate 3 cats or dogs against disease, or
- Buy soft beds and blankets to keep shelter animals comfortable, or
- Help offset the cost of a spay or neuter surgery.

Simply put, one membership can make an enormous difference in the life of a homeless pet.

Please consider joining our team of animal lovers committed to making miracles happen: fill out the membership form on page 11 and mail it today!

We’d like to extend a deep and heartfelt thank you to all Animal Allies’ members, donors, and volunteers. Our mission can only be achieved with your support.

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This summer, exceptional photographer and longtime animal welfare advocate Trudy Vrieze came up with a creative way to benefit shelter animals. She produced a calendar featuring prominent Duluth men posing with some fabulous felines, challenging the preconception that only a dog can be a man’s best friend.

These great calendars are now available for $17 at the Duluth locations listed on the right. Proceeds from sales will be donated to Animal Allies Humane Society.

Special thanks to Trudy Vrieze for seeing this project through from beginning to end!

For more information, visit the project’s Facebook page:
Duluth Area Men Who Like Cats - a 2015 Calendar.

Dan Hanger, Trudy Vrieze, Jim Stauber and Brewster pose with the 2015 Duluth Area Men Who Love Cats calendar.
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 Membership levels

- **Spay/Neuter Hero**
  $5,000 Annually / $400 Monthly*
  This level spays/neuters all the animals in the shelter for one month. Additional benefits: 4 complimentary tickets to the Fur Ball, recognition on the Spay/Neuter Donor Wall, kennel sponsorship and an Animal Allies cooler bag.

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  $1,000 Annually / $80 Monthly*
  This level provides an animal extra care to treat ailments such as heartworm, broken bones, or medical conditions. Additional benefits: 2 complimentary tickets to the Fur Ball, recognition with a paw on the Donor Wall, kennel sponsorship and an Animal Allies cooler bag.

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- **Animal Protector**
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  This level spays/neuters a mother and her litter of 4 puppies. Additional benefits: Animal Allies cooler bag.

- **Animal Friend**
  $100 Annually / $10 Monthly*
  This level vaccinates 10 dogs against disease.

- **Family/Business** – $50 Annually
  This level feeds 20 dogs for one week.

- **Animal Ally** – $30 Annually
  This level microchips 3 pets to help them return home should they become lost.

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Help raise funds for the spay/neuter program by donating your recycleable paper! Accepted items include: magazines, catalogs, shiny inserts, white copy paper. We cannot accept: newspapers, garbage, brown paper or plastic bags, wet material, envelopes with plastic windows, colored paper, plastic, or phone books.

Third Thursday of Every Month
5:30pm
Pet Loss and Grief Support Meeting, Humane Education Room
The loss of a pet can be an extremely difficult experience. These meetings are designed to give people a chance to meet with others who have also experienced pet loss. Contact Becky at 218-623-6343 or becky@animalallies.net if you are interested in attending or have any questions regarding the meetings.

September 20th
9:00am - 6:00pm
Petco Mega Adoption Event
Join multiple shelters, rescues, and retailers at this one-day mega adoption event at Petco in Duluth!

October 23rd & December 18th
1:30pm
General Membership Meeting
All current members are invited to attend meeting. Held in the Humane Education Room immediately following the Board of Directors meeting.

October 25th
5:00pm
Fur Ball at Northland Country Club
Animal Allies’ largest fundraising event! Live and silent auction, complimentary martini bar by George’s Liquor, gourmet dinner, dancing, and live music.

November 13th
Give to the Max Day
Mark your calendar for this important day of giving!

November 22nd and 23rd
Miller Hill Subaru Share the Love Adoption Event
Give a dog or cat a home for the holidays; join us Saturday (11am-6pm) and Sunday (11am-3pm) for the Miller Hill Subaru Share the Love Adoption Event! This event, held in the building behind Miller Hill Subaru, will feature cats and dogs available for adoption from multiple adoption groups. If you’re not looking to add a new family member, you can browse animal-related vendors or get your Holiday Pet Photo taken with Santa! A microchip clinic and a donation drive will also take place.

All proceeds benefit Animal Allies Humane Society’s on-going adoption, spay/neuter, and humane education programs.