

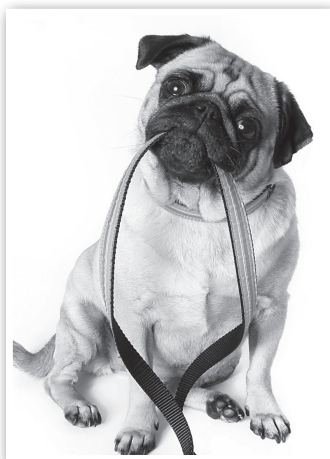
The Paw Print

April 2013



DID SOMEONE SAY WALK?

Join us Saturday, June 8th at 9am
for the 2013 Walk For Animals!



This year's event will once again offer activities for the whole family. Try your luck at our obstacle course – pet not required. Compete in contests, including a costume contest and most unique pet contest – new this year! Shop pet-related and other local vendors. Browse beautiful artwork created by shelter animals on sale by Art Junction at UDAC and more!

All these activities are free and open to the public, so bring

your family and friends – especially the furry ones! To help start your day right, the Walk for Animals kicks off with a free continental breakfast at 9am. Register in advance online or with the form enclosed in this newsletter. You can also register the morning of the event at Bayfront Festival Park.



Walking is more fun with a team!

Invite your friends, family, and coworkers to walk with you. The two teams that raise the most money will win a pizza party from Grandma's Sports Garden. Individuals who raise \$100 or more will win a bandana for their pet and become eligible to win other great prizes.

Take the Grand Marshal Challenge!

Participants who raise \$300 or more earn the title of Grand Marshal. These extraordinary supporters are awarded with a place of honor at the front of the walk with other Grand Marshals, a 5 x 7 portrait with their pet taken the day of the event, and entry in a drawing to win great prizes!

Can't make it?

You can still support the animals by sending in a donation with the enclosed brochure. Funds raised will go towards Animal Allies Humane Society's adoption, spay/neuter, and humane education programs.

Register now at www.walkforanimals2013.kintera.org



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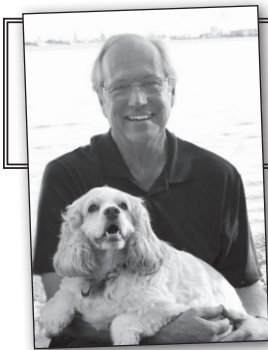


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Rick and Chantey

HARD WORK - REPAID IN LOVE

Every morning, shelter staff and volunteers arrive ready to give resident cats and dogs a fresh supply of water, kibble, and love. They are greeted by excited animals who bark, meow, and wiggle in the anticipation of their breakfast. The day has begun.

On the average work day, Animal Allies employees:

- Prepare the facilities for visitors by cleaning kennels, washing windows, and mopping floors;
- Carry out basic office tasks like ordering supplies, maintaining paperwork, and answering phones;
- Provide medical care to sick and injured animals, facilitate spays and neuters, as well as prepare each animal for adoption with microchips, vaccines, and exams;
- Unite homeless cats and dogs with families and welcome newly arriving cats and dogs into the shelter's care;
- Collaborate with volunteers and donors;
- Plan fundraising events and speak with prospective supporters about how they may support our programs;
- Educate our community on kindness and caring for all animals;
- Work to maintain our commitment of zero euthanasia of all healthy animals in the shelter's care and I could go on...

When I interview new employees or speak to groups, I ask a rhetorical question: "It's just puppies and kittens, how hard can this be?" The answer, of course, is that the work is very hard, but also extremely rewarding. It's easy to be distracted by the bustle of every day duties, but we strive to keep our main goals in sight.

In the next few months, our Board of Directors will begin developing a three-year strategic plan for our organization. The plan will lay out where we want to go and how we plan to get there. This is where you come in.

We want to hear from you: our donors, volunteers, and community of animal lovers. Do you think we are accomplishing our goals? What else can we do for the animals? And how can we, with your help, reach these goals? Your vision for Animal Allies will help us continue to meet the needs of the community. We will be conducting surveys later this year to gather feedback and hear your thoughts. Your good words and work in support of Animal Allies are greatly appreciated.

We are proud that the Twin Ports is a national leader in animal welfare and a place of refuge for animals. With your support and ideas, Animal Allies aims to maintain and build upon this strong foundation. I look forward to talking with you about our future.

For the animals,

Rick Sailstad, Executive Director
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P.S. Animal Allies has been successful thanks to your support as volunteers and donors. To help improve our services to the animals and community, we hope that you will add to that support by contributing input to the strategic plan. Look for our email and newsletter surveys this summer.



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, understand their needs, and take action to meet them.

Animal Allies will be a leader 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.

Animal Allies will support the efforts of partner agencies to provide high quality animal sheltering services.

Animal Allies Humane Society 2013 RAFFLE

GREAT PRIZES, WONDERFUL CAUSE

MANY THANKS TO THE GENEROUS
BUSINESSES WHO DONATED FOR THE RAFFLE!

WHAT CAN YOU WIN?

GRAND PRIZE — \$1,000 Gift Certificate for a Gunflint Lodge vacation, any time and any package, based on availability.

1ST PRIZE — Apple iPad Mini with wifi from CW Technology, valued at \$350.

2ND PRIZE — \$100 gift card to Black Water Lounge or Blackwoods Grill & Bar.

3RD PRIZE — \$25 gift card to the Zeitgeist Arts Café and two Zinema 2 screening passes.



BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A FABULOUS PRIZE!

Raffle Drawing:

October 19, 2013 at 7:00pm

Help the animals by selling tickets to friends, family, coworkers and other groups in your community. Call John at 218-623-6353 to pick up a pack of tickets to sell.

Why aren't there raffle tickets in my newsletter?

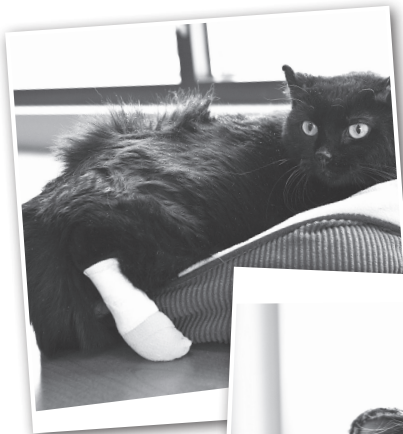
Because of competing USPS and state regulations, we are not permitted to mail raffle tickets.

What is the cost?

The tickets are \$5.00 each and will be distributed in packs of 10.

Proceeds will support Animal Allies' adoption, spay/neuter and humane education programs. Must be 18 or older to purchase tickets or win prize. Winners are responsible for all fees or taxes. Winners need not be present to win.

For more tickets call (218)722-9084 or stop by Animal Allies in Duluth or Superior. Return unsold tickets, stubs and money to:
Animal Allies Humane Society
4006 Airport Road Duluth, MN 55811



photos by Trudy Vrieze

Poppyfrost when she came into the shelter.



Poppyfrost after losing her ear tips, resting and healing comfortably.

RESCUED FROM THE BITTER COLD

On January 23rd, during a bitter cold snap, a small black cat was rescued from a very dangerous situation. This kitty, later named Poppyfrost, was brought into the warmth and care of Animal Allies in Superior when a concerned citizen found her curled up outside, doing her best to stay alive. Although Poppyfrost tried to tuck her feet underneath her body to protect them from the cold, it was immediately evident that she had frostbite on her paw pads and the wrists of her front legs.

After beginning treatment for the most obvious frostbite, shelter veterinarian Dr. Mary Victor realized that the cat would most likely lose part of her nose pad and the tips of her ears as well. It was also discovered that her tail was frostbitten and a portion had to be amputated. Thankfully, from that point on, Poppyfrost's only job was to rest and heal; she was a perfect patient. She never fussed when her bandages were being changed and she was always friendly and calm, as if she knew the shelter staff were there to help.

Despite her extensive injuries, this story has a happy ending. Within six days of being placed on the adoption floor, Poppyfrost found her new family. She was adopted on March 13th, and is now comfortable, warm, and safe in her new home.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Volunteers make our work possible!

THE FUR BALL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

Are you looking for a fun and unique way to volunteer for Animal Allies? Join the Fur Ball Committee! If you've got some time, we've got a project for you. Choose from:

Gift Solicitation – Help by soliciting gifts for the silent and live auctions. More items for the auctions means more support for the animals.



Kristi and Kathy are happy to help at the Fur Ball!

Decorations/Flowers – Make guests “ooh” and “ahh” when they arrive at the gala! Help decorate tables, clean flowers, and arrange centerpieces.

Check-in and Check-out – We want your smile! Register guests as they arrive and help check them out at the end of the night.



Greet guests as they arrive.

Silent Auction Set Up – Help organize and set up silent auction items the day before the event.

Worker Bees – From stuffing gift bags and chocolate boxes to cleaning photo frames or making runs to the stores or shelter for items and supplies; this role includes a little of this and a little of that!



Set up for the silent auction.

Sponsorships – Do you have connections in business? Solicit businesses to be event sponsors.

Auction Night Spotter or Runner – Be a part of the main event and work the floor during the live auction.

If you would like to volunteer at the Fur Ball Gala, please contact auction coordinator Kim Holland at kim@animalallies.net or 218-623-6358.



Help create the centerpieces and decorations.

The Fur Ball Gala will be held on Saturday, October 19th at Northland Country Club.

VOLUNTEER HOURS:

In the first two months of 2013, volunteers put in over 5,000 hours at our Duluth and Superior locations. This is the same as 16 full-time employees! We would like to extend a huge thank you to our Dog and Cat Buddies, Office Assistants, Docents, Fosters, Humane Education Volunteers, Board and Committee Members, and Special Event and Community Outreach Volunteers. We appreciate all that you do for the animals!

Get involved today!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

Becky at becky@animalallies.net or call (218) 623-6343



CAN YOU HELP?

Skip the treadmill, make a shelter dog's tail wag instead! We are looking for Dog Buddies for walks, playgroups, and enrichment activities. Duluth: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Superior: every day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Late afternoon help is especially needed at both locations.

Teach future generations to be passionate about animal welfare. Our Humane Education program has been growing by leaps and bounds and we are looking for volunteers to assist with birthday parties, camps, school visits, and other youth programs.

Do you speak cat? We're looking for Cat Buddies between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon who are willing to help keep our cat areas clean, occasionally groom, trim nails, socialize, and provide enrichment for the cats in our adoption program.

Spend the Summer "Camping" with the Dogs and Cats

July 8 – 12

Purrfectly Meowvelous Doggone Great Shelter Animals!

Get to know our shelter dogs and cats, especially our long-term residents. Find out their likes and dislikes, their talents and special-ness. Write stories, take photos, and create videos featuring adoptable animals to help them get noticed and find a family.

July 22 – 26

Games Dogs and Cats Play

What things can we do for dogs and cats to keep them busy, happy, healthy, out of trouble, and challenged? What steps does a shelter animal go through from arrival to adoption? Have fun teaching old and young dogs all kinds of new tricks, learn how to care for the daily health of animals, and make the dogs and cats happy with games and activities suited to their dog-ness and cat-ness. Journal your observation and thoughts about the animals you meet to share with shelter visitors.



Name _____ Age _____
Parent/Guardian _____
Address _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Please register by June 15. Camp attendance is limited to 20 children per session.

Send to: Humane Education, Animal Allies Humane Society
4006 Airport Road, Duluth MN 55811

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WE'RE EXPECTING!



Did you know? A donation of just \$10 will help feed a litter of kittens for one week!

In the spring and summer, animal shelters experience an influx of kittens. Many will be without their mothers, requiring a meal supplement to ensure that they are getting proper nutrition.



Animal Allies is currently requesting donations of powdered KMR (Kitten Meal Replacement) and monetary gifts to help purchase items needed to give these kittens a healthy start.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

PAWS  ITIVE
thanks to our supporters

50% OFF
DOG DNA TESTING KITS

Hurry, offer ends May 31st!



Spend the Summer "Camping" with the Dogs and Cats

August 5 - 9

Furry Feline Cat Friends

What is it about cats anyway? Why do they do what they do? What is the history of the cat? Learn how to brush cats, clip their nails, how to speak cat, and welcome guests who will help us learn about our feline shelter residents and friends.

August 19 - 23

Games Dogs and Cats Play

What things can we do for dogs and cats to keep them busy, happy, healthy, out of trouble, and challenged? What steps does a shelter animal go through from arrival to adoption? Have fun teaching old and young dogs all kinds of new tricks, learn how to care for the daily health of animals, and make the dogs and cats happy with games and activities suited to their dog-ness and cat-ness. Journal your observations and thoughts about the animals you meet to share with shelter visitors.



EACH CAMP SESSION IS \$100

☐ July 8-12 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Purrfectly Meowvelous Doggone
Great Shelter Animals!

☐ Aug 5-9 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Furry Feline Cat Friends

☐ July 22-26 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Games Dogs and Cats Play

☐ Aug 19-23 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Games Dogs and Cats Play

For more information:
Contact Pat at
(218) 623-6357 or
pat@animalallies.net

Send completed forms to:
Animal Allies Humane Society
Attn: Humane Education
4006 Airport Road, Duluth MN 55811

All camps are for youth ages 8-12. Registration is \$100. Make checks payable to Animal Allies Humane Society. Camp attendance is limited to 20 children per session.

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☐ Spay/Neuter Hero

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This level spays/neuters all the animals in the Duluth 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 messenger bag.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch the website for adoption promotions this summer!

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| May 11th
1:00pm - 4:00pm | Pet Nutrition Class
This class is a must for all cat and dog owners! Cost is \$30 (\$25 with donation from the wish list) and space is limited. Contact Erin Boo to register at (218) 624.6062 or rileyruegrooming@gmail.com |
| May 18th | Adoption Event at Walmart in Superior
Visit adoptable animals from 10am to 4pm. Who knows? You may just find your new best friend! |
| June 8th
9:00am | 2013 Walk for Animals at Bayfront Festival Park
This walk saves lives! Grab your pet, form a team, and support local homeless pets!
Register at walkforanimals2013.kintera.org |
| June | "Fix before Six" promotion at Northland Spay/Neuter!
June only: all spays and neuters for kittens and puppies between 8 weeks and 6 months of age are only \$20.
Made possible by PetSmart Charities. |
| July and August | Humane Education Summer Camps
Calling all young animal lovers! Sign up for one of four week-long summer day camps.
To reserve your spot, contact Pat at (218) 623.6357 or pat@animalallies.net . Space is limited! |
| October 19th
5:00pm | Fur Ball at Northland Country Club
Become a pet sponsor for the Fur Ball and showcase your pet! Contact Kim Holland at (218) 623.6358 or kim@animalallies.net |
| October 24th
& December 19th
1:00pm | General Membership Meeting
All current members invited to attend. Meeting held in Humane Education Room at the Duluth Shelter. |

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