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HUMANE SOCIETY

Bringing Pets and People Together

May 2018

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WALK FOR ANIMALS/FURRY 5K 2018 SATURDAY, JUNE 2

For the 26th year, Animal Allies marks the start of summer with our biggest outdoor fundraiser, the Walk for Animals. On Saturday, June 2, supporters from around the region will gather at Bayfront Festival Park to walk, run, and celebrate pets.

Yes, you read that right: run! **This year's event features our first-ever Furry 5K Fun Run.** By popular demand from the running community, we are introducing a race for people and pets who like to compete at a faster speed. Choose to run, walk, jog, amble, or watch—it's all for a good cause!

A great day out for animals and the families who love them, the 2018 Walk for Animals & Furry 5K is a community event with fun activities for all. As always, this family-friendly event is free and open to the public. People of all ages and animals of all species are welcome!

Raising Funds for the Animals

Every walker, runner, or watcher who raises \$40 or more earns a Walk for Animals & Furry 5K t-shirt, and those who raise \$100 or more earn a t-shirt and a pet bandanna. Use the enclosed envelope or register online to gather donations. You can also start a team with family, friends, or colleagues. All proceeds go to help homeless animals.



If you cannot attend but still want to participate in spirit, you can "run" in the Virtual 5K. Register online and you will receive your registration packet in the mail. Virtual 5K participants can raise funds just as you would for the physical 5K.

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THE 2018 WALK FOR ANIMALS IS PRESENTED BY:















SPRING GREETINGS!





Warm Greetings Dear Friends!

Spring is always a great time of year. With so many outdoor enthusiasts in our Animal Allies family, I am always eager to hear volunteers' and staff's personal goals and vacation plans related to the warmer temperatures and new growth opportunities. Some of our folks are excited to hike the trails with their dogs or enjoy a weekend at the cabin, while others are training for marathons and our brand new Animal Allies' Furry 5k Fun Run. For all of these adventures, it seems that the common denominator is a guest to build resiliency and push beyond our comfort zones. This same spirit of challenge and curiosity guides Animal Allies Humane Society. Our furry friends depend on us to do and be our best. As winter packs its bags, let's take a look at some of the good things we've done together so far this year.

Working together with our friends at Duluth Animal Control has always been in the best interest of local pets. Our two agencies fulfill very distinct yet vital roles for our community, and coordination is critical. This year, we are excited to have co-created a Memorandum of Understanding that will guide our efforts to keep making Duluth and the surrounding communities a better place for pets and people.

Let's take a quick look at what each organization does to serve our community:

City of Duluth Animal Control operates an animal shelter that provides temporary care for stray and impounded animals found within Duluth City limits. Animal Control officers intervene in cases of neglect and hoarding and work to help owners care for their pets and respect their neighbors. It's not an easy job, and we are thankful that these committed officers are on the front lines keeping pets and people safe. If you've lost or found a pet within Duluth City limits, please call Duluth Animal Control: (218) 723-3259. Duluth Animal Control shelter hours are Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm. The shelter is located at 2627 Courtland Street, Duluth, MN 55806.

Animal Allies Humane Society operates an adoption center and takes in owner-surrendered dogs and cats in the Duluth area. We also work directly with the City of Duluth Animal Control to find loving homes for adoptable pets whose 5-day stray hold has passed without being reclaimed by an owner. If you've lost or found a pet outside of Duluth City limits or wish to surrender a pet, please call Animal Allies: (218) 722-5341. Our adoption center hours are Tuesday-Sunday from 12-6pm. Our center is located at 4006 Airport Road, Duluth, MN 55811.

We appreciate the partnership we have built over the past 60 years with City of Duluth Animal Control; together we have accomplished much for the people and pets of our region.

Thank you for joining us in our journey to save more lives and ensure that Duluth and our surrounding communities are the best place for pets and people.

Warm Regards,

Lindsay Snustad

Lindsay Snustad, **Executive Director** T: 218-722-5341, Ext. 215

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Mission Statement

Animal Allies Humane Society strives to ensure a loving home for every pet.

Vision Statement

Animal Allies Humane Society recognizes the importance of pets in people's lives and is guided by a humane ethic to serve the community through:

- Educating the public about humane treatment and responsible quardianship of companion animals.
- Reducing overpopulation by altering all animals who are in our care.
- Intervening to help animals overcome medical and behavioral issues.
- Providing safe, temporary care for animals while they are readied for adoption.
- Providing people the opportunity to invite pets into their lives.
- Saving lives by transporting animals from shelters that are overcrowded.
- Contributing to our community by engaging with students at all levels, the elderly and others to share the importance of the relationship of animals to society.

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SNOW: A SUCCESS STORY



THE DIRTY WHITE DOG WITH THE FACE FULL OF QUILLS WAS HAVING A BAD DAY.

A sheriff's deputy spotted him wandering on a rural highway outside Duluth in late August. Somewhere along the line, this Husky mix had tangled with a porcupine and lost, badly. Limping, filthy, with a ragged coat, this dog was clearly in need of help. Despite his condition, he greeted the officer joyfully. He wagged his tail as if he recognized his rescuer, jumping eagerly into the safety of her squad car. She brought the bedraggled pup straight to Animal Allies.



As soon as he came in the door, staff and volunteers could see that this dog wasn't just having a bad day: he had had a lot of bad days. He might once have been white, but his coat was so mudstreaked it was hard to tell. Even before he stepped on the scale. it was clear he was undernourished. He couldn't put weight on his left hind leg and flies had bitten his ears and nose raw. We named him Snow.

First, medical staff went to work to remove the painful quills; then, once Snow was more comfortable, they assessed his general state. Clearly, Snow would need ongoing monitoring and care. Sores on his face and body needed tending. At around ten years old, Snow was long overdue for a teeth cleaning and had never been neutered.

In time, through expert medical care and lots of loving attention, this brave boy's wounds began to heal. As Snow's natural snow-white coat grew back, he revealed himself to be

a devastatingly handsome older gentleman. Everyone at Animal Allies fell for Snow and his happy, loving nature.

After a month of treatment and care, a healthy Snow was cleared for adoption. A couple visiting the shelter couldn't resist this sweet boy's charms and took him home. Now, months later, he is thriving.

In the months since he's been home, safe and happy, Snow's true personality has come out: he is a huge goofball. He cherishes his new toys and his special spot on the couch. In true Husky fashion, Snow loves nothing more than zooming around in the yard, doing the "crazy dog run" when let out as if to say, "I'm the fastest dog in the world!" In fact, he loves running outside so much that he even tolerates his new snow boots, a "necessary evil" in the frigid days of this winter.

Snow's adopter says, "I can't express how much laughter and joy he brings to us."

Together, we made Snow's new life possible. From his first emergency treatment through his neuter surgery and dental care, your support allowed us to nurse Snow back to health. Thanks to our generous community, that ragged dog wandering on a hot dusty road with a face full of porcupine quills and an empty stomach has been transformed into a healthy, joyful family member.

In this, our 60th year of saving lives, Animal Allies celebrates transformations like Snow's. Thanks to your continued support, Animal Allies Humane Society transformed the lives of more than 1,300 homeless pets in 2017.



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ANNUAL STATISTICS

	2014	2015	2016	2017	Totals
Animal Statistics					
Number of Furry Lives Touched	1750	1562	1472	1428	6,212
Animals in Foster Care	252	306	399	415	1,372
Total Adoptions	1503	1382	1202	1297	5,384
Pets Returned to Owners or Transferred	183	95	134	114	526
Annual Live Release Rate	95%	97%	96%	97%	Avg. 96.25%
Average Length of Stay	_	23.45 days	24.15 days	29.8 days	Avg. 25.8 days
Medical Care Provided					
Spay/Neuter Surgeries	_	797	902	688	2,387
Number of Animals Vaccinated	1750	1562	1472	1428	6,212
Specialty Surgeries		10	23	32	55
In-House Dental Procedures	_	35	53	51	139
Community Involvement					
AAHS Members	1891	2172	1917	1608	7,588
Community Appearances & Events	27	28	31	37	123
Birthday Parties & Shelter Events	98	104	135	152	489
Educational Outreach & Events	143	155	162	175	635
Youth Allies Participants	25	25	42	49	141
College Allies Participants	n/a	n/a	21	25	46
Volunteer Hours	25,123	27,770	29,407	30,725	113,025



MEET PRACTICE MANAGER: LINDSAY NIEMI



How long have you been with Animal Allies?

I have been with AAHS for two months!

Where did you grow up?

I grew up on the Iron Range. I went to high school in Virginia, MN.

Why did you choose Duluth?

I actually still live on the Range and commute to Duluth. I love Duluth and am so glad to be part of this community!

What do you like best about working for AAHS?

My favorite thing is the helping part. I like to help the pets that come in and watch them transform during their stay and then go home to their forever family.

What do you like to do for fun?

I like to garden, spend time at the dirt track with my husband, who races Midwest Modifieds, and take naps as much as possible.

Do you have any animals?

I do! I have two dogs and a couple of great cats. Piglet, my Dachshund, is my spirit animal in that she is short, loves food, and likes to be under as many blankets as possible.

What's your favorite animal transformation story?

I really loved to see Tank the cat's transformation. He came in to us overweight, matted, and just generally in poor health. We regulated his blood sugar, groomed him up, and now he is in a home!

What's life like on the medical team?

It's crazy! We are always busy, always moving around, and always hands on and elbow deep in our work, and it's awesome!

Lasting words of animal wisdom:

Be kind.

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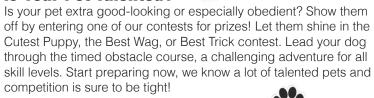


Grand Marshals

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Participants who raise \$300 or more earn the title of Grand Marshal in recognition of their extraordinary fundraising efforts. Grand Marshals earn a place at the starting line of the Walk (or Furry 5K!), a professional portrait with their pet, and entry into exclusive drawings.

Is Your Pet Talented?



Family Fun

The 2018 Walk for Animals features more kid-friendly events than ever before. In an effort to include all family members, human as well as animal, we are introducing activities specifically geared toward the kiddos. There have often been geese, turtles, ferrets, and other exotic pets at the Walk, but this year we are going a step further with a live petting zoo to help teach kids about humane treatment of all animals. Energetic and athletic young ones can jump in the bouncy house or try their skills on a portable climbing wall.

The 2018 Walk also features:

- food trucks to help you recharge after the race
- a photo booth to immortalize the event
- competition-level agility demonstrations
- renowned pet psychic Lady Ocalat lets you know what your pet is really thinking

Saturday, June 2nd 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



Start your fundraising efforts today! Register as an individual or start a team at **www.thewalkforanimals.net**.

Start gathering donations from friends, family, and co-workers today using the enclosed pledge envelope. Pledge donations can be delivered to the shelter or collected on the morning of the event.















INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

In our 60th anniversary year, we celebrate the generous spirit of Animal Allies' founder, Miriam Carlstedt. To reflect our dedication to her mission, we are updating recognition at the very top of our membership scale, replacing the former title of 'Spay/Neuter Hero' with the title 'Miriam Carlstedt Society' for supporters who give annually at the \$5,000 membership level.

Membership in the Miriam Carlstedt Society is proof of true dedication to our cause and great generosity that fulfills the legacy of six decades of work on behalf of homeless animals in the Northland. We are also introducing a brand new membership recognition level: 'Animal Champion', for those who give \$3,000 annually.

Your annual or sustaining membership ensures that the Northland remains a safe and caring place for homeless dogs and cats.

Consider a monthly sustaining membership for easy, worryfree giving with a manageable monthly donation at the amount you designate. Sign up online with a credit card or ask your bank to set up a monthly gift, and you can help the animals automatically year-round. Visit animalallies.net/member

See the membership form on page 11 to learn about our membership levels and benefits.

New Tax Plan

DOES THE NEW 2018 TAX LAW AFFECT MY ABILITY TO HELP THE ANIMALS?

The answer for most of us is no. If you are one of the estimated 70% of donors who do not itemize deductions, the new bill has no impact on the tax benefits of charitable giving.

The standard deduction has doubled (up to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for couples), meaning that fewer donors will find it worthwhile to itemize their giving.

In Minnesota, however, donors who use the standard deduction on their federal returns may still take advantage of the state's charitable deduction: 50% for all charitable contributions greater than \$500 for individuals or \$1,000 for couples.

If itemizing deductions still makes sense for your budget, consult a financial advisor to see how to best serve the animals.



Wish List Donation Drive

Help us stock up for summer with a donation to our Wish List Donation Drive! During the month of May, participating businesses will be collecting donations to benefit the cats and dogs at Animal Allies.

New spring litters of babies need formula to gain weight, while older cats and dogs need treats and toys to keep them happy and stimulated in the shelter. And all of them need cleaning supplies so we can keep their kennels spick and span! Ensure that homeless pets have everything they need and want at the shelter this summer by joining in our May donation drive.

HERE'S HOW:

Refer to the below list for participating local businesses. Visit the one closest to you and check out the wire donation kennel for a list of needed items, or visit the wish list on the Animal Allies website. Purchase or drop off any item from the list in the store's donation kennel. Last year's donation drive provided Animal Allies with supplies to get through the summer—let's repeat that success!

Deliver your donation to any of these supporting businesses during the month of May.

Look for the black wire pet kennel on display. Let's help fill those empty donation kennels!

























Matilda's Dog Bakery













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Happening Now: Summer Youth Camp Registration

(See Page 7 for details)

Puppy Preschool Classes

For puppies 12 weeks to 6 months old. Register on www.animalalies.net

May 1st-31st Springtime Wish List Drive

(See Page 7 for details)

Last week of May: Furry 5K race packet pick up at the shelter.

Dates to be announced!

Saturday, Walk for Animals & Furry 5K Fun Run June 2nd

9:00am - 2:00pm Bayfront Festival Park - Duluth, MN. Enjoy fun activities for

the entire family - human and furry alike! Register to participate online at

www.TheWalkForAnimals.net

June Far West Fest

23rd & 24th Visit Far West Fest in Gary New Duluth. Animal Allies will be offering free face

painting for kiddos at our booth! Hope to see you there.

Saturday, Midwest Mopars

June 30th

Once again, the fine folks at Midwest Mopars are raising money to help

homeless pets. Proceeds from the event will benefit Animal Allies Humane Society and Douglas County Humane Society.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Muriel Whiteside and the trustees of the Muriel Whiteside Charitable Trust who provide a generous annual gift to help the homeless cats and dogs we serve. We are humbled by the ongoing support and could not achieve our mission without you. Thank you!

