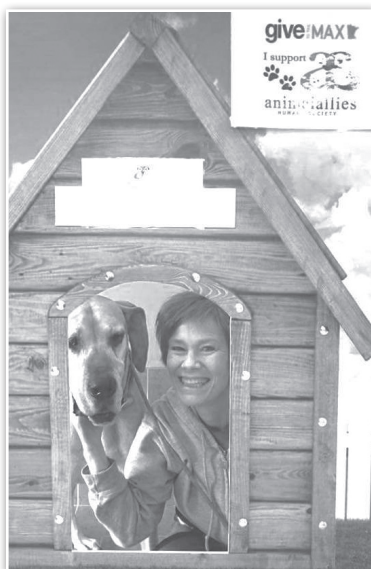


The Paw Print



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DIESEL: A BIG BOY WITH A BIG HEART



By Jan and Dan Anderson

We started volunteering at Animal Allies when the new shelter opened on Airport Road about nine years ago. We were immediately impressed with the facility and staff, and got to see first-hand how dedicated everyone was to the care and well-being of the animals there. We've seen staff and volunteers do everything possible to ensure that the animals have a chance for a better life. Animals who would have been given up on in other shelters are given a real chance here, whether their issues are

medical or behavioral. We decided to get more involved, so in addition to our Dog Buddy duties, we started helping at adoption, educational, promotional, and fundraising events.



Dan, Jan, and Diesel take in a Huskies Game.

In 2012, we adopted our Great Dane, Diesel. He had come to the shelter from a previous home and needed corrective surgery on his lower eyelids. Once we got him home, we learned quickly what a sweet disposition he had and that he loved people. We



Diesel greets a young fan.

decided we needed to share our sweet boy with others, so we put him to work as an Animal Ambassador. Diesel helped us with fundraising events, raising thousands of dollars for the shelter (we like to think we helped a little!) He attended Pet Away Worry and Stress (PAWS) events to calm and comfort UMD students during finals. He visited some of the kids' camps (our favorite was the art-themed camp where the kids drew pictures of him). He brought laughter and joy to seniors at care facilities in Duluth.



Diesel and Jan at UMD with their friend Champ.

We called all of Diesel's work "paying back" for the care he received at the shelter. Sadly, we lost Diesel to a heart condition last fall. Although Diesel wasn't a certified therapy dog, he brought happiness to a lot of people. In his time appearing around the community, he had become a local celebrity, and many looked forward to seeing him. We are still learning what an impact Diesel made and how many people knew and cared for him.



SUMMER GREETINGS!



Summer Greetings Dear Friends!

As we celebrate the “dog days” of summer, school is just around the corner and we are gearing up for a fall full of visits to local classrooms and study halls to spread some good old-fashioned puppy love.

Our mission is to ensure a loving home for every pet. Taking in stray and surrendered animals and preparing them for adoption is the most visible way we keep this promise, but there are so many other things that we do for pets and people. One of the most important priorities is keeping pets in their current, loving homes if at all possible.

HOME IS WHERE I BELONG

As proud as we are of our adoption center and the fine folks who provide top-quality care and enrichment, the best place for a pet to be is in a home. Forward-thinking rescues and shelters around the country have been investing in efforts to keep pets in their existing homes. When a person calls to surrender a pet, we first find out the reasons why and offer advice if there's a chance to help them keep their pet in their family. Connecting pet owners with the right resources takes time. This year we received a grant from Maddie's Fund to pilot a “Stay Put” program, offering support that allowed an estimated 60 pets who would otherwise have been surrendered to stay in their homes.

THINK LOST NOT STRAY

We've all seen old films where the dog catcher scoops Fido up in a net and whisks him off to the pound. Animal welfare has come a long way since those grainy black-and-white days. Modern animal control officers and good Samaritans who find loose dogs and cats are encouraged to remain in the area at first, comforting the animal and looking for clues: tracks, holes in a fence, or other signs that the pet's home is close by. Transport to a shelter is now a last rather than first resort.

Animal Allies devotes considerable effort to returning strays to their homes. Pets who are microchipped or wearing license tags can usually be reunited quickly with their families. Without such identifiers, the task becomes more difficult—staff must refer to missing pet reports and online databases of lost animals to track down owners. In spite of this, we are very proud of Animal Allies' rate of return for stray pets: 68% for dogs and 7% for cats. While the return rate for cats seems low, it is exceptional compared to the national average of 2.5%.

As of June of this year, we had helped 134 pets remain in or return to their loving homes and touched the lives of over 7,520 people with outreach and education. These programs that think beyond the cage and kennel would not be possible without your support. Thank you for joining us in all we do to make sure every pet finds (or stays) in a loving home.

Warm Regards,

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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 guardianship 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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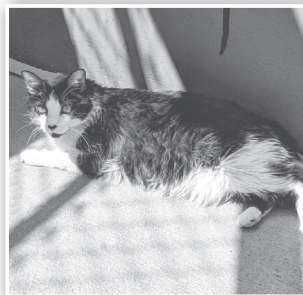
SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN



Shelter life can be fun! While they're waiting for adoption, cats and dogs at Animal Allies get lots of attention from staff, volunteers, and visitors. They are petted and brushed. Cats play with jingle toys and chase lasers. Dogs walk around our trail and chase balls in the play yard.

Now Animal Allies has become an even better place to stay with two outdoor enrichment areas. Cats can enjoy the summer sun, smell the fresh air, and climb like leopards in their own outdoor Catio. The agility yard lets smart, rambunctious dogs use their brains and work off energy.

Thanks to the generosity of supporters who gave towards animal enrichment, summer at the shelter is now twice as fun.



Kids Leading The Way



Zoey, Thor, Tyler, Gracie, and Isabelle were recognized at Walk for Animals.

LOCAL YOUTH SET A HUMANE EXAMPLE

Animal Allies was founded on the principles of Humane Education, in the belief that kind children become kind adults. For the past 60 years, we have helped build a truly humane society by teaching children and adults the pillars of compassion, empathy and responsibility.

In our extraordinarily caring community, young people often lead the way, setting an example for how to treat animals in need of special compassion.

Every year, Animal Allies recognizes outstanding youth who show compassion for animals and leadership in helping to make our community a better place for our animal companions. We ask for nominations from area teachers, and we nominate youth from our various programs throughout the year. These are 2018's nominees.

Isabelle Sydow

Isabelle has been involved with Animal Allies for almost her entire life. A long-time member of Youth Allies, she has now become a Dog Buddy volunteer as well. Isabelle makes animals feel safe and relaxed around her, and seems to always know what they need. She is a talented camp counselor, takes great care of her own animals, and is a wonderful advocate for all animals in our community.

Tyler Hedman

Tyler is *very* caring towards animals. He is very gentle, kind and careful with every dog who has ever visited his classroom. He is also very interested in wolves, and shares pictures and information about them with his classmates. Tyler shows true love and compassion for animals of all shapes and sizes.

Thor Rickard

Thor joined Youth Allies and got to work immediately, attending nearly every event and doing everything he could to help the shelter animals. He is very kind, positive, and respectful toward animals and toward other people. We appreciate his willingness to help in any way he can, whether it be by selling roses, bathing puppies, or helping younger kids.

Gracie Pazdernik

Gracie attended Animal Allies camp last summer, and then joined Youth Allies. She has been at almost every event, quickly learning all the tasks the club completes every weekend to help the shelter animals. Gracie is a quiet leader, always on task and willing to work hard to accomplish as much as she can.

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Sophie Grunze-Johnson

Sophie is a long-time Youth Ally and Birthday Party assistant. She is really helpful in working with younger children and has become a leader in Youth Allies. She is especially good at helping our older dogs, and is especially compassionate toward Isi, our blind and deaf ambassador dog. We appreciate how comfortable she is taking on leadership roles and talking to people about our work, and she is really good at selling rubber ducks!

Zoey Botnen

At just seven years old, Zoey is already deeply passionate about animals. She helps raise awareness about homeless pets and wants to work with animals when she grows up. Zoey has raised over \$2000 for homeless animals in Minnesota. This year she celebrated her birthday at the shelter, asking friends to bring gifts for the animals instead of for her. Zoey tries to help every sick or injured animal she sees, has donated supplies that she bought with her own money to Wildwoods

Wildlife Rehab, and works to help companion animals find loving homes.

2017-2018 Youth Allies Club

This year we had 55 Youth Allies. Some came to nearly every event, helped at birthday parties, assisted at camps, and helped with work around the shelter. Some couldn't attend often but showed up whenever they were able. Youth Allies is a great way for kids to get involved at the shelter, and we greatly appreciate seeing this caring group of kids grow.

Duluth Area Teachers and Classrooms

Thank you for inviting us into your classes, thank you for your donation drives, your treat-baking events, and the compassion you share in your schools so more and more kids hear the messages about animal safety and compassion toward both companion animals and wildlife.

FEATURED DONOR:



LIAM PERRY-SPEARS

Young entrepreneur Liam Perry-Spears held several lemonade stands to benefit the animals, raising over \$50 to donate to the shelter! Liam also brings treats and toys to the dogs and cats whenever he gets a chance.

HUMANE EDUCATION MANAGER: SHAWNA WEAVER



How long have you been with Animal Allies?

Two years last May but I had served on the Board of Directors prior to that.

Where did you grow up?

Northern WI. I spent my summers on Lake Nebagamon, and went to school in Superior.

Why did you choose Duluth?

After grad school I came back to live closer to family and be around my nieces while they were growing up. I also missed the big lake. We have some of the best views in the world here!

What do you like best about working for AAHS?

Besides kittens, I like seeing people connect with animals and learn about the best ways to live together.

What do you like to do for fun?

I like the music scene in Duluth, anything outside during the summer, and anything inside during the winter. I really enjoy sand volleyball and learning how to garden, though I am terrible at gardening. Maybe at sand volleyball too.

Do you have any animals?

I have two dogs. Isi, Duluth's most recognized dog, comes to classrooms all over Duluth. Durga is more shy and doesn't come to many classes yet, but is learning the ropes from Isi.

What's your favorite animal transformation story?

I'm going to have to say Durga. Durga was a stray dog in India. She lost a leg and an eye after getting hit by a car when she was living on the streets as a tiny puppy. She came to the U.S. when she was about six months old and was already very scared of people and other dogs. For the last 4 years she's learned how to trust people more and has come to enjoy getting to work with Isi and me.

What's life like as a humane educator?

Days are always different in this job. Days might include visiting classrooms, getting ready for camps, coordinating Youth Allies programs, hosting groups at the shelter, running birthday parties, training kids to read to our shelter dogs, and attending events. Usually each day includes a combination of those!

Lasting words of animal wisdom:

Be patient with all people and animals you meet because you never know what they've been through. And, take a walk to smell the flowers whenever you can.

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Last year we adopted a puppy we named Josie. She had some time with Diesel before he passed, learning to play and snuggle together and to give him space when her puppy energy got to be too much for him. Now Josie has taken over Diesel's ambassador duties and is doing a great job.

At sixteen months, it's sometimes hard to control her enthusiasm, since she's a mix of Alaskan Malamute, Australian Cattle Dog, Border Collie, and Lab. Josie has been a hit with the public, too.

One thing we have learned in our time with Animal Allies is how much it costs to keep an effective and successful shelter running. We are amazed by the number of cats and dogs who pass through Animal Allies and find loving homes. Over the years, we've increased our membership level and made periodic donations all year long. We continue to walk dogs three days a week and help with other events. Our support and the financial support of the community are essential for this outstanding mission to continue. That's why we give, and that's why we decided to be the match for this year's spring appeal drive. Even though he's not around anymore, Diesel continues to "pay it back" to other animals in need.



Jan and Josie at the Walk for Animals.



Diesel with his new sister Josie.



Josie hard at work as an animal ambassador.

Jan and Dan Anderson's \$5,000 matching donation inspired other supporters to give to Animal Allies during the month of May! We raised over \$65,000 for this year's Spring Appeal. What better way to honor a big-hearted dog like Diesel?

2018 WALK FOR ANIMALS & FIRST-EVER FURRY 5K

This year's Walk for Animals, held June 2, featured our inaugural Furry 5K fun run. In classic Duluth fashion, the weather forecast varied right up until the morning of the event and Saturday dawned gloomy and wet, as staff and volunteers spent a chilly morning bustling around Bayfront Park to prepare for the festivities. Tables and displays were set out, the dog agility course assembled, and Youth Allies used sidewalk chalk to decorate the start and finish lines for the races. Everything was ready and waiting for the arrival of human and animal participants.

Soon families and pets filled the park. Rain held off as MC Ted Schick presided at the microphone, visitors stopped at vendor booths and food trucks, and dogs greeted each other happily. 5K racers took to the starting line: but just as they were off and running, the first thunder boomed. Soon pouring rain sent spectators ducking for cover. To keep everyone safe and dry, the Walk was cut short and other festivities sped up or postponed.

In spite of the downpour, you made the Walk a success! Brave walkers, runners, and attendees carried on through the catastrophic weather, and the community's fundraising was even greater than in past years! We are so proud to announce that the 2018 Walk for Animals brought in over \$45,000 for the cats and dogs.

A big thanks and congratulations to this year's top fundraisers:

INDIVIDUAL: Linda Lane
TOP YOUTH: Presley Torrence
TOP TEAM: Beaudaysious



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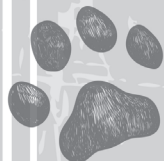
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Wednesday,
August 8th**

Old Chicago Summer Camp Tour; 4:00-6:00 Happy Hour | 6:00-8:00 Summer Camp Party

Animal Allies receives 15% from happy hour sales 4:00-6:00. Enjoy tasty treats and beverage samples from 6:00-8:00 during the August kick-off party. See you there!

**Monday,
August 16th**

Membership Appreciation Day

Members save 20% on retail purchases, program and adoption fees. Visit the shelter animals and save on food and toys for your dog or cat!

**August 22nd &
September 26th
4:00-6:00 PM**

'Doggy Paddle' at Bent Paddle Brewing

Bring your pet and enjoy an afternoon with us on the patio! Visit with Healing Hearts & Paws alumni pets. PLUS, Make a donation and get Bent Paddle dollars for beer, gear, or the newest BP swag. Additional prize drawing at 6:00PM with live music to follow.

**Tuesday,
September 25th
5:30-7:30 PM**

PerPETual Care Conversations

Planning your legacy of giving starts here. Learn about the mission and vision of Animal Allies Humane Society. Discover how planned philanthropic giving provides care for future shelter pets.

October 6th-7th

Engwall's Corn Maze 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM each day

Do you have what it takes to escape the maze? Engwall's Corn Maze in Hermantown, MN is donating \$1 from each admission sold on Oct. 6 & 7 to Animal Allies Humane Society. Visit their beautifully landscaped grounds and enjoy the festivities and fresh air of Fall. .

**Saturday,
October 13th**

The Fur Ball Gala

Experience the grandeur of the Fur Ball Gala. Hosted by Northland Country Club, this gala features distinctive fall flavors, fine auction selections and an evening of celebration to benefit shelter pets. Purchase your tickets online: animalallies.net

**Wednesday,
October 24th
4:00-6:00 PM**

'Doggy Paddle' Ghouls & Growlers Costume Bash at Bent Paddle Brewing

Howl-o-ween is the perfect excuse to put your pet in costume! Dress up your pet and mingle with the other ghoulies on the patio.

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