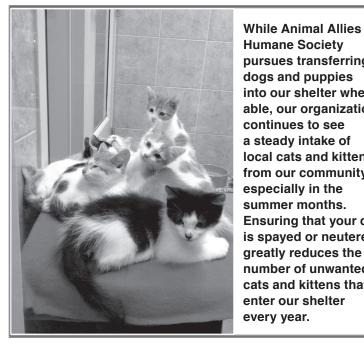
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TRANSPORT: IT'S A LIFESAVER

Animal Allies Humane Society remains on the leading edge of animal welfare trends. Since opening the new building in 2009, the adoption, humane education, and spay/neuter programs have continued to grow. Animal Allies focuses on promoting adoption and educating the public on proper care and treatment of companion animals. Our progressive spay/neuter program has greatly decreased the number of unwanted animals coming into the shelter every year. We celebrate these achievements, and ask ourselves, "what more can we do to help?"

Because of our community's generosity and commitment to responsible pet ownership, we have made great strides in serving the needs of our local homeless animals. This success gives us the opportunity to reach out to others that need help. One of the ways to save more lives is to transport animals into our shelter from communities that are not as lucky as us - those with high euthanasia rates or those who struggle with pet overpopulation. The animals who are transferred in, many of them litters of puppies, would not have a chance at life otherwise.

We can help these animals and maintain our commitment to local homeless pets. From transports in partnership with rescues in the area, to transports from southern states like Alabama and Tennessee, what matters most is the smile on an adopter's face when they leave the lobby with their new best friend, the happy face of a contented dog who is safe and fed, and the success of another life saved.



Humane Society pursues transferring dogs and puppies into our shelter when able, our organization continues to see a steady intake of local cats and kittens from our community, especially in the summer months. **Ensuring that your cat** is spayed or neutered greatly reduces the number of unwanted cats and kittens that enter our shelter every year.



Kit Kat , Photo by Pupparazzi Companion Animal Photography

ANIMAL ALLIES GIVES THEM A SECOND CHANCE

Kit Kat and his brothers and sisters were part of a "puppy roundup" surrender event organized by Leech Lake Legacy this June. The "roundups" are an opportunity for residents to surrender their unwanted animals free of charge and the surrendered animals are then transported to rescue organizations for adoption. The June event served an astounding 128 animals, showing the great need for these events in the Leech Lake community. If animals like Kit Kat are not given this chance to be transferred, they would most likely be abandoned, left to fend for themselves. Partnerships with organizations like Leech Lake Legacy help little puppies like Kit Kat find a loving family.



Deacon was transferred to Animal Allies from a shelter in Tennessee. He was cared for by a foster volunteer until the shelter veterinarian gave him a clean bill of health. Within two days of being available for adoption, he found his new family. Thanks to Animal Allies, Deacon was given a chance at a happy life.

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SUMMER GREETINGS, FRIENDS!



Lindsay Snustad and Olive

Another season of summer sports, cabin fun, and walking the dogs while wearing shorts is coming to an end as the school shopping begins. How time flies! Next month will mark the two-year anniversary of my

time here as Executive Director. I am continually grateful for the fine folks who help me do this work each day.

Our staff and volunteers are constantly curious and able to adapt to the ever-changing world of animal welfare. As independent as animal lovers can be, it takes a team to provide for the needs of our animals and their adopters. Our work is often dynamic, sometimes dangerous, and certainly unpredictable. It is emotional. The stray animals that arrive on our doorstep at all hours and in all conditions can't tell us their story, which makes diagnosing and treating them a complex endeavor. My role as a leader is to acknowledge this and appreciate opportunities, creating the conditions for our team to do their best for the animals.

In this light, I would like to take a moment to celebrate our work. We are seeing a trend both locally and nationally where spaying and neutering efforts are making a measurable positive impact on the number of stray animals in our communities. The US has achieved exceptional spay/neuter rates for owned cats and dogs (83% for owned dogs and 91% for owned cats*). We are taking in fewer stray and unwanted animals from the area we serve, and adopters continually walk through our door to find their new best friend.

Keeping our finger on the pulse of our community, we are working to build relationships with local and national shelter partners who need our help placing adoptable animals in loving homes. Our medical and animal care teams follow a rigorous protocol in screening potential transfers. Our development team finds grant opportunities with national partners such as the ASPCA to help fund these transfers. We continue to focus on meeting the need locally, saving kennel space for local strays and surrenders, before we help others who don't enjoy such awesome support.

As leaders we pause and reflect on our mission of ensuring a lifetime of loving care for *every* pet by reducing overpopulation, increasing adoption, and fostering humane values. We are at an exciting point where success offers the chance to grow and touch even more lives through expanding humane education and adoption opportunities. Your help in the form of fostering, volunteering, and giving greatly increases the impact we have on the lives of the pets and the people we serve.

Thank you for everything you do in support of Animal Allies Humane Society and for being a community that values pets as members of our family.

Warm Regards,

Lindsay Snustad, Executive Director

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* American Pet Products Association National Pet Owners Survey 2013-2014 (Greenwich, CT: American Pet Products Association, 2014), 16.



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.



FAREWELL PAT!

This fall, we will say goodbye to Pat Castellano, Animal Allies' Humane Educator.

Pat has been involved with Animal Allies for nearly 25 years. She began volunteering in the early 1990's as a dog walker and helped out at our early Walk for Animals events. When Animal Allies partnered with the Children's Museum in 2001, it was Pat (who worked at the museum) who taught lessons of compassion and kindness to the children who came in for the program. Pat helped head up Animal Allies' volunteer program from 2002 to 2005, and in 2008 she joined the organization as a full time Volunteer Coordinator and Humane Educator. She helped the efforts to build the new facility on Airport Road, which opened in 2009. About a year later, Animal Allies hired a Volunteer Coordinator so Pat could focus exclusively on Humane Education in our community.

Since that time, Pat has been able to reach out to over 10,000 kids and adults every year. From birthday parties at the shelter, to summer camps, the Youth Allies club, and teaching school programs in classrooms, Pat's efforts to educate have made our community a better, more caring place for people and pets alike.

While we are sorry to see Pat leave this fall, we are excited to welcome Shawna Weaver, PhD, who has been chosen to carry on the legacy that Pat leaves.

Pat: we will miss you and your crazy office antics, your passionate conversations about animal welfare, and the light and life you bring to this organization every day. We wish you a very happy and restful retirement – and don't forget to bring us snacks!









THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

On Sunday, June 12th, Animal Allies Humane Society hosted a special volunteer appreciation event at the shelter. We were so happy to see those who made it out for the event, and wanted to send a special shout-out to any volunteers who couldn't be there. We're sorry we missed you!

To all our volunteers: thank you all for your hard work and dedication to help Animal Allies achieve its mission and vision. So far in 2016, we have achieved a Live Release Rate of 98%! Thank you volunteers for helping us reach this amazing accomplishment. Your support is vital to our success.









We would also like to thank special guests Roger Hill and Sarah Glesner of **The Snake Pit** for stopping by and presenting some of their reptiles, amphibians, and arachnids to our staff and volunteers. Thank you for sharing your knowledge with us!

Guests were excited to see and visit with Cajun, a previous long-term shelter resident who was adopted last year, who came in with his new family to say hi.



CAN YOU HELP?

Each year, fosters help us save the lives of hundreds of animals. Our biggest foster needs at Animal Allies are for kittens and puppies under eight weeks of age, and we continue to see new litters into the fall. We're currently looking for homes that are willing to give the gift of love, care, and valuable time to the animals in our foster care program.

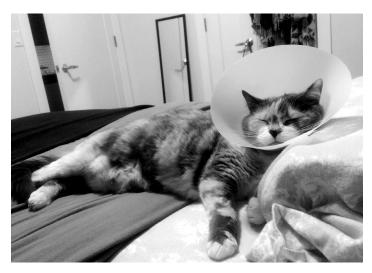
VOLUNTEER HOURS

In the first half of 2016, volunteers donated 11,533 hours – the equivalent of 11 full-time employees! A round of applause for our Dog and Cat Buddies, Interns, BARC trainers, Fosters, Adoption Assistants, Humane Education Volunteers, Office Assistants, Board and Committee Members, Community Outreach Members and Special Event Volunteers. We are so grateful for everything you have done for the animals in our community!

OUR VOLUNTEERS SAVE LIVES!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for Animal Allies, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 218-722-5341, Ext. 213 or volunteer@animalallies.net. More information at animalallies.net/volunteer.

PRINCESS ROWENA RAVENPAW'S RECOVERY



Rowena relaxing at her new home just hours after being adopted.

By Taylor McCoy

Rowena Ravenpaw, a sweet, people-loving cat, arrived at Animal Allies Humane Society in early January as a stray in dire need of medical treatment and care. She was thin and dehydrated, and the results of her blood tests were worrying. The medical team started her on fluids and antibiotics, concerned that the little cat wouldn't make it through the next few days.

Miraculously, she did. As Rowena's condition stabilized, she was given much-needed dental care and she began to settle into life at the shelter. About a month into her stay, however, staff noted that she suddenly began losing large patches of her orange and grey fur.



Medical staff at Animal Allies felt concerned both for Rowena's health and the health of the animals around her. They moved Rowena into her own private kennel space near the medical team's office where they could keep a close eye on her and, in the event that the condition causing the hair loss was contagious,

prevent its spread to other animals while they worked to diagnose her illness.

The first tests Rowena received at the shelter did not point to a definitive reason for her hair loss, so the medical staff began investigating further. They took samples of skin from her belly and sent them to an outside lab for additional testing.

While the lab processed her skin samples, Rowena waited. She remained patient and loving throughout the entire span of her diagnosis, even when medical staff had to put a cone around her head to keep her from licking the stitches on her stomach.

The staff at Animal Allies made sure she got plenty of attention during her stay in her private space next to the medical team's office. Kennel staff made it routine to give Rowena all of her food in pink dishes that said "Princess" on the side, lots of plush blankets for her to lie on, and spent extra time petting her during her daily kennel cleaning. Rowena loved the attention. Whenever she saw people walking towards her kennel, she would spin around and meow in joy. The first thing kennel staff would do every day was feed her, and she could never decide whether she wanted to eat or to be petted first. Staff eventually had to pet her as she ate or else she would rapidly switch back and forth between her food dish and being petted. One time, she was so excited to greet Sarah, a kennel attendant, that when she ran to the door the cone on her head caught on a ledge in her kennel and flew off!

When Rowena's test results came back from the lab, they showed that her hair loss was due to allergies. Treatment began immediately. Her allergies took some time to get under control, but with the dedication of the Animal Allies team, her health returned to normal.

Rowena's adoption was a proud day for Animal Allies. In early June, within days of becoming available for adoption, she completed her quest to find a loving home. Spending time with Rowena was one of the highlights of the workday for many, and while she is missed, we are incredibly happy that Rowena is once again healthy and even happier now that she has found herself a loving family! Way to go, Rowena!



Rowena and adopters, Claire and Austin.

MEET THE MEDICAL MANAGER: ALEX ALEXSEVICH



How long have you been with Animal Allies?

I started working for Animal Allies about a year ago, but before that I worked at a shelter in West Virginia for two years.

What is your role?

I work on the medical team where my main role is to monitor the health of all incoming and outgoing animals and get them ready for

adoption. I oversee the foster program and ensure the safety of animals, employees, and volunteers.

Where did you grow up? Superior, Wisconsin.

What keeps you in the community?

My family and this job.

What do you like best about working for

Animal Allies? Oh gosh everything. The animals. The people. Seeing the connections between animals and the adopters. Seeing the compassion from the community.

What do you do after you leave work?

I go to my part time job at a local restaurant and I spend time with family and friends. I am pursuing a degree as a vet tech so I spend a lot of time doing homework as well.

Do you have any animals?

Technically 1,000 animals!

What's your favorite pet at the shelter

right now? Oh gosh I don't really have one, I am partial to all of them.

Lasting words of wisdom: Never give up on your goals. The medical staff motto is: "keep moving forward."

Donate to our wish list! Also found at animalallies.net/wishlist.

FOR THE CATS

Pill Pockets
Strained chicken baby food
Fleece blankets
Hide, Perch & Go
Catnip Spray
Kuranda Cat Towers
Stainless steel litter pans
Scratching Posts
White noise machine
Liquid KMR

FOR THE DOGS

Busy Buddy Kibble Nibble Dog Toy Boomer Balls (6 inch, 4.5 inch) Kong Stuff'N Paste Mini-milk bones Natural Balance dog food rolls Pill Pockets Dog treats Kuranda Bed - Large Kuranda Bed - Small Sprinklers

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Dehumidifier
Pallet jack
P.A. System
Portable Projector
Tablet PC
Wheelchair

FOR HUMANE EDUCATION

Fleece material remnants
(2' or longer)
Sticky back name tags
Colorful rectangular
tablecloths (8' tables)
Cat and dog stickers
Markers
Sketchpads
Duct tape

OTHER NEEDS

Copier paper (white)
Standard window envelope
Letter file folders w/3 tab
positions

Folders with 2 pockets Stamps, First Class Stick-on Name Tags Like-new condition baskets (for Fur Ball auction item packaging) Tall kitchen garbage bags 33 gal contractor garbage bags Lint rollers Anti-bacterial hand sanitizer Hand soap refills Rubber gloves for dish washing Band-aids Cosequin/Dasuquin Small plastic baggies AAA batteries

Wish List items can be dropped off at our Muriel Whiteside Adoption Center:

Animal Allies Humane Society 4006 Airport Road Duluth, MN 55811 Animal Allies Humane Society partners with Amazon to host an online wish list of products available through Amazon which can be used to purchase items that can be shipped directly to our shelter. Have you tried AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice (including Animal Allies). Go to **smile.amazon.com** and shop to support Animal Allies!

A SHORT WALK GOES A LONG WAY FOR HOMELESS CATS AND DOGS!



Thank you to all who joined us Saturday, June 4th for the 24th annual Walk for Animals. Although we had to deal with some traditional "June in Duluth" weather, hundreds of walkers

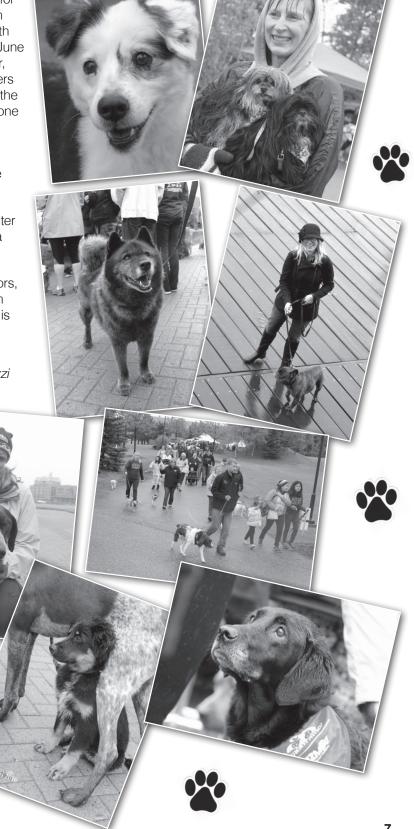
and their pets gathered at Bayfront Festival Park to brave the cold rain and support our mission. We loved to see everyone and hope you all had as much fun saving lives as we did!

By the end of the day, just over \$33,000 was raised to support Animal Allies' adoption, spay/neuter, and humane education programs.

If you would still like to support this event, stop by the shelter to make a donation today! Event t-shirts are available for a donation of \$20 or more.

Thank you to all our participants, donors, sponsors, vendors, and volunteers for making the 2016 Walk for Animals such a success! We are lucky to have a giving community that is passionate about making a difference in the lives of homeless animals.

Special thanks to Greg and Susie Johnson and Pupparazzi Companion Animal Photography for event photos!



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☐ Spay/Neuter Hero \$5,000 Annually / \$400 Monthly*	Address
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,	City/State/Zip
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Miriam Carlstedt Society \$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, a personalized paw on the Donor Wall and cat or dog kennel, and an Animal Allies Power Bank Charger.	Email
□ Animal Angel \$500 Annually / \$40 Monthly*	Check or Cash Credit card
This level feeds 40 dogs and 27 cats in the shelter for one month. Additional benefits: Personalized kennel sponsorship for one year and an Animal Allies Power Bank Charger.	☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover Acct #CVV
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□ Animal Friend \$100 Annually / \$10 Monthly* This level vaccinates 10 dogs against disease.	 I have included Animal Allies in my estate plans. I would like more information about including Animal Allies in my estate plans.
☐ Family/Business – \$50 Annually This level feeds 20 dogs for one week.	Thank you for your donation
☐ Animal Ally – \$30 Annually	Donation Amount
This level microchips 3 pets to help them return home should they become lost.	In honor of Person, name
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Saturday, October 22nd

Save the Date for the Fur Ball Gala at Northland Country Club

Don't miss Animal Allies' largest fundraising event featuring live and silent auctions, a complimentary martini bar, gourmet dinner, dancing, and live music. Tickets available after Labor Day.

Thursday, November 17th September

Give to the Max Day

Mark your calendars for this day of online giving!

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September 24th

Habitattitude Surrender Event

Aquarium fish and plant surrender event by the University of Minnesota Sea Grant Program. Find out more at www.seagrant.umn.edu



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