

The Paw Print



May 2017

WALK FOR ANIMALS

25TH ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD AT BAYFRONT FESTIVAL PARK

THIS WALK SAVES LIVES!

Join Animal Allies Humane Society on Saturday, June 3rd at 9 a.m. at Bayfront Festival Park for the 2017 Walk for Animals. Large, small, furry, feathered, two- and four-legged: everyone is welcome at this family-friendly event. Kick off your day with a complimentary continental breakfast at 9 a.m. and follow it up with lots of fun activities:

- Enter your pet in one of the many contests to win prizes.
- Browse beautiful artwork created by shelter animals on sale by Art Junction at UDAC.
- Test your speed on our obstacle course – no pet required.
- Shop pet-related and other local vendors.
- Face painting for the kids ...and so much more!



This event is free and open to the public. Register online or use the enclosed envelope to raise funds to qualify for great prizes and incentives! Raise \$40 or more and receive a limited edition 25th Anniversary Walk For Animals t-shirt!

The 2017 Walk for Animals is presented by:



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Walking is more fun with a team!

Create a team for the walk by inviting your friends, family, and co-workers to join you. The team that raises the most money will win a prize package including \$100 in gift cards to Grandma's Restaurants!

Are you up for the Grand Marshal Challenge?

Participants who raise \$300 or more earn the title of Grand Marshal. These extraordinary fundraisers are recognized with a place of honor at the front of the walk, a special bandana for their pet, a 5x7 portrait with their pet taken the day of the event, the 2017 limited edition 25th Anniversary Walk for Animals t-shirt, and entry in drawings to win great prizes!!

Can't make it?

You can still support the animals by sending in a donation or raising funds online! Register, pledge, donate online and find out more at: **TheWalkForAnimals.net**

The Walk for Animals is a critical fundraising event for Animal Allies Humane Society. All funds raised support shelter programs and the mission to ensure a lifetime of loving care for every pet. Gather your family, friends, and four-legged sidekicks and let's go Walk for Animals!

**Start raising funds
with the envelope
enclosed in
this newsletter!**



Lindsay Snustad

SPRING GREETINGS, FRIENDS!

Like the seasons, the nature of animal welfare work is always changing. Part of my job is to make sure I keep my eye on the horizon so that we can build teams and strategies that allow us to be nimble and responsible with

our resources. Folks from as far away as Arizona and Arkansas contact AAHS to learn how to be best in class. We are grateful that organizations like Best Friends and the Association of Professional Humane Educators have asked us to speak at their annual conferences and the ASPCA calls on our staff to act as first responders in rescue efforts. Nationally and locally, we continue to develop programs that will keep pets in their homes, reduce their length of stay, practice zero euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals, and provide enrichment activities while they are at the shelter in their temporary home.

All the amazing progress on things like spay and neuter efforts to address overpopulation, reducing intake of stray and surrendered animals, and educating our community about responsible pet ownership has given us the chance to revisit our work with fresh eyes and a lot of input from you. Our new mission and vision statement builds on our strengths and expands our reach even further beyond the four walls of the shelter. Our shared vision and objectives reflect the very special bond we have with our furry friends. The words we use are a powerful motivator and serve to guide this critical and complex work. Our new tagline sums it up very simply: "bringing pets and people together".

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

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- *Reducing overpopulation by altering all animals who are in our care.*
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- *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.*

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,

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COMMUNITY STATISTICS FOR 2016

Progress is good! Here's a review of our last three years of our work here at Animal Allies Humane Society. We're proud to be a part of the community that you call home. Thank you for being the best part of these amazing achievements!



	2014	2015	2016	Totals
Animal Statistics				
Number of Furry Lives Touched	1750	1562	1472	4,784
Animals in Foster Care	252	306	399	957
Total Adoptions	1503	1382	1202	4,087
Pets Returned to Owners or Transferred	183	95	134	412
Annual Live Release Rate	95%	97%	96%	Avg. 96%
Average Length of Stay	—	23.45 days	24.15 days	Avg. 23.8
Medical Care Provided				
Spay/Neuter Surgeries	—	797	902	1,699
Number of Animals Vaccinated	1750	1562	1472	4,784
Specialty Surgeries	—	10	23	33
In-House Dental Procedures	—	4	53	57
Community Involvement				
AAHS Members	1891	2172	1917	5,980
Community Appearances & Events	27	28	31	86
Birthday Parties & Shelter Events	98	104	135	337
Educational Outreach & Events	143	155	162	360
Youth Allies Participants	25	25	42	98
College Allies Participants	n/a	n/a	21	21
Volunteer Hours	25,123	27,770	29,407	82,300

MEET KENNEL ATTENDANT: JARED FYLE



How long have you been with Animal Allies?

Almost a year.

Where did you grow up?

Monticello and Brainerd, MN.

What do you love about Duluth?

I love summers in Duluth and the beach. There are always people to meet. I like to be outside and I enjoy fishing. I like the trails and the scenery. There's a lot about Duluth that I didn't know existed until I moved here.

What do you like best about working for AAHS? The people and the environment. I get to work at my own pace and it's therapeutic. I don't have people standing over my shoulder telling me what to do and how to do it. Everyone's happy and outgoing here. I like the variety and that I get to work with both cats and dogs. It makes it easier to know what is going on with all of the animals.

What have you learned about working with cats and dogs?

There are a lot of different personalities. I have learned the signs of how cats and dogs perceive and learn things. I am impressed with how a dog can turn around, from growling and hiding to being my best friend. A dog doesn't need to be like how he was raised.

Do you have any animals?

Not at this time. My landlord does not allow pets. I do want to get a cat at some point.

Give us your best animal-handling technique?

Don't just reach for a dog or walk up and grab it as fast as you can. Let it sniff your hand. Take your time. Watch for signs. Stop and have patience.

What's your favorite pet story?

There have been quite a few. Cruz is one of my favorites for sure. He's still a puppy and has been adopted twice and has come back both times. He's been to R & R Dog Training twice and has learned how to play nice and gentle. He no longer jumps up on people and has more control. He's a super friendly dog but it's important that the adopters follow through with improving his behavior.

What are some of your talents? I like seeing things that others don't see. I see things in more detail than other people do. I am more of a listener than a talker. I like to train in volunteers and new staff. I like to lead by example and show people how to do this work. I enjoy landscaping and construction.

HUMANE EDUCATION IN THE CLASSROOM



Did you know that our Humane Education department does more than birthday parties and special events at the shelter? Education in our community is really the biggest part of our role at Animal Allies. Our Humane Education department focuses on educating youth and adults about the humane treatment of animals through our shelter programs, group speaking opportunities, and teaching in local classrooms.

Educating the youth in our community is a big focus for us here at Animal Allies. By the time this school year is over, we will have worked in over 100 classrooms since the Fall. That means that we are teaching in classrooms about three days a week, touching the lives of over 10,000 kids each school year! We work with all ages, all over the city (and in Duluth's neighboring communities too, of course). We have worked with youth from preschool age to college students and all ages in between.

Highlights of this year include the classrooms who had incorporated our visit into an animal care unit or a wish list supply drive for the shelter. Kids love to be helpful and feel so proud to be a part of something bigger.



So what does a typical classroom visit look like? We lead age-appropriate lessons about how to be safe and respectful around animals, how to help care for them as pets, and how to help animals in our community. We usually have a teaching assistant along with us: ambassador dogs

who have been through training and enjoy being around people. Usually, our lessons last 30-60 minutes per group.

We also have regularly scheduled meetings with some classrooms. Meeting with the same group of kids multiple times in a year allows us to cover more information and forge valuable relationships with students, teachers, and schools. Many classes also celebrate the end of the year with a tour of the shelter following our visits in their classroom.

Schools we have visited this year include Congdon Park, Laura MacArthur, Stowe Elementary, Denfeld and East high schools, Proctor and Hermantown schools, UMD, Lowell, and many others.



There is a \$50 suggested per-session fee to help defray the costs of transportation and staff time for classroom visits. A donation drive is a great way to generate funds if classes do not have financial resources available.

Thanks to generous grant support from the Kenneth A. Scott Foundation and the Irving Community Club Grant, we are able to waive the per-session fee for a limited number of classroom visits each year regardless of ability to contribute to the shelter.

Want us to come visit your classroom? Anybody can help make a visit happen: teachers, parents, and even students have reached out to schedule a lesson. Email our humane education manager, Shawna Weaver, at education@animalallies.net for more information. Help us make classroom visits a daily reality in the Fall of 2017!

In addition to classroom visits, we are also happy to come in during school breaks and have visited several keyzone and youth summer programs.

A FOSTER SUCCESS STORY; Say HELLO to CHOPPER!



We get many questions about what it's like to foster pets in your home. There are many types of foster situations we seek help with. Chopper's story is a medical foster case. A local shelter contacted Animal Allies to see if we could take Chopper in. While sweet, loving, and entirely

adorable, Chopper had some medical issues that needed addressing. A drainage tube in his side had been left in for too long, causing scar tissue to form. Chopper would have to be in foster care for up to 5 weeks following surgery to remove the tube.

Keeping an 8-week-old puppy calm so he can recover from surgery is a tough task. His foster mom tells us that chewing was a great distraction. "Bones, shoes, toys, pillows... once he felt at home, nothing was off-limits. Thankfully, he is a really mellow guy for a young puppy."

Chopper recovered from his procedure with flying colors. Once he was ready for adoption, his foster family acted as 'Adoption Ambassadors' and worked to find Chopper a home. At almost exactly three months of age, Chopper found his new home with a nearly-retired couple in the country. His new family reports that Chopper is happy and loves the trails around his new home.



Foster volunteers help us provide care for pets like Chopper. Pets who need time to heal and who will benefit from recovering in a home environment. Please visit our website to become a foster volunteer to help pets like Chopper. **AnimalAllies.net**

Animal Allies 2017 Summer Camp Schedule Get ready for Summer fun with our Humane Ed Summer Camps!

June 12-June 15 9:00-4:00 Art Camp (ages 9-12)	July 24- July 27 9:00-4:00 Animal Career Camp (ages 12 and up)
June 19- June 22 9:00-12:30 Kittens and Puppies and Kiddos (ages 6-9: AM only)	August 8- August 11 9:00-4:00 Girls Only! Girl Power Camp (ages 9 and up) <i>Note: This camp runs Tuesday-Friday</i>
July 10- July 13 9:00-4:00 Art Camp (ages 12 and up)	August 14- August 17 9:00-12:30 Kittens and Puppies and Kiddos (ages 6-9: AM only)
July 17- July 20 9:00-4:00 Helping Animals in our Community (ages 9-12)	August 21- August 24 9:30-12:00 Mornings at the Shelter (ages 11 and up; AM only) <i>Special fee: \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members.</i>

Full-day camps run 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday-Thursday (unless otherwise noted).
Half-day camps run 9:00 am -12:30 pm, Monday-Thursday (unless otherwise noted).
Camps are open to the first 15 registrants - Register online today! **AnimalAllies.net**

WALK FOR ANIMALS

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY WALK FOR ANIMALS

Duluth is a great place to be a cat or dog. The past 25 years have certainly proved this, as The Walk for Animals has grown alongside our shelter here at Animal Allies. Today we are able to help more pets find their loving future homes than ever before. We've eliminated euthanasia of healthy and adoptable pets and are able to help other shelters who face overcrowding by providing care for pets they can't accommodate. We serve our community through Humane Education outreach and the shelter is a safe place for pets and people.

The Walk for Animals has transformed over the years. Growing from its humble beginnings as a small, volunteer-organized event to become the event pets and people look forward to every year in Duluth. The costume contests, games, and gathering together with our four-legged (and two-legged) friends, makes the Walk a fun and exciting event for all who attend! While the Walk is free to attend, the funds raised during this fur-filled event are critical for supporting the programs and services necessary to fulfill our mission to find a loving home for every pet.

NEW THIS YEAR:

We have a BRAND NEW website for the Walk, a new online fundraising tool, and fun surprises in store for Walk attendees! Visit TheWalkForAnimals.net to get involved, register your team, and become a part of "Walk History" for the 25th Anniversary Walk for Animals. We can't wait to celebrate this milestone with you. See you there!

Visit TheWalkForAnimals.net for event updates!

SITTING THIS ONE OUT?

Your fundraising efforts are JUST as important as those who plan to walk with us. Help homeless pets by raising money online, deliver your donation to the shelter, or send it via snail mail with the enclosed envelope. Individuals and teams participating from the sofa or afar still qualify for all prize rewards.



WE'RE EXPECTING!



Babies, that is! Spring is in full swing. Help us provide care for the homeless puppies, kittens, and their mothers this May by donating to our Springtime Wish List Drive. The donations collected will provide necessary baby-specific items needed to care for the puppies and kittens who will soon grace our shelter.

Each year hundreds of kittens, puppies, and their mothers arrive at the shelter. Some are stray, surrendered while pregnant, and sometimes babies arrive to us without mothers to care for them. Our staff and foster volunteers care for the tiny orphaned babes and provide a safe place for the mothers tending to their young. Orphans require round-the-clock care, with feedings every two hours. Tiny babies are unable to regulate their own body heat and need to be kept warm by being snuggled or wrapped up with a heat disk and blanket.

Feeding supplies, notably milk substitutes, are necessary and add up quickly. The Springtime Wish List Drive will provide much needed supplies for the fosters and staff who will care for the babies when they arrive.

**DROP YOUR DONATIONS
AT ONE OF THE BUSINESSES BELOW
DURING THE MONTH OF MAY!**



Clyde Iron Works, Famous Dave's, Harley Davidson, Language of Hair, Matilda's Dog Bakery, Miller Hill Subaru, Saffron & Grey, ShelDon Print and Design, Twin Ports Cyclery, and the Vanilla Bean Cafe in Fitger's

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy Meal Replacement - Esbilac (<i>canned or powdered</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Snugglesafe Heat Pad Disks | <input type="checkbox"/> Strained Chicken Baby Food | <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets |
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☐ 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 a 2017 Membership T-Shirt.

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☐ Animal Protector

\$250 Annually / \$20 Monthly*

This level spays/neuters a mother and her litter of 4 puppies. Additional benefits: 2017 Membership T-Shirt.

☐ Animal Friend

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This level vaccinates 10 dogs against disease.

☐ Family/Business – \$50 Annually

This level feeds 20 dogs for one week.

☐ Animal Ally – \$30 Annually

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Happening now: **Summertime Youth Camps Registration**

June 12-June 15: Art Camp (ages 9-12)
June 19- June 22: Kittens and Puppies and Kiddos (ages 6-9)
July 10- July 13: Art Camp (ages 12 and up)
July 17- July 20: Helping Animals in our Community (ages 9-12)
July 24- July 27: Animal Career Camp (ages 12 and up)
August 8- August 11: Girls Only! Girl Power Camp (ages 9 and up)
August 14- August 17: Kittens and Puppies and Kiddos (ages 6-9; AM only)
August 21- August 24: Mornings at the Shelter (ages 11 and up; AM only)

May 1st-31st:

Springtime Wish List Drive

Donate baby-specific items to help puppies and kittens this Spring! Visit one of the participating wish list drop off sites: Clyde Iron Works, Famous Dave's, Harley Davidson, Language of Hair, Matilda's Dog Bakery, Miller Hill Subaru, Saffron & Grey, ShelDon Print and Design, Twin Ports Cyclery, and the Vanilla Bean Cafe in Fitger's.

Saturday, June 3rd:

The 25th Anniversary Walk for Animals

TheWalkForAnimals.net | Fundraise online and come walk with us!



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