The Paw Print ***

Animal Allies to Join Forces with Superior Shelters

Animal Allies Humane Society is proud to announce exciting changes on the horizon for area pets. Beginning next year, we will be combining with Superior shelters to help more homeless pets in both Duluth and Superior.

Though the communities of Duluth and Superior are separated by water and reside in different states, they are joined by a common mission of helping homeless pets: this goal bridges us. This was more than evident when, early last spring, a cat was rescued from a perilous situation on the Bong Bridge by a Superior police officer and two Minnesota state employees. This cat wasn't concerned whether he was from Duluth or Superior. He needed care, shelter, and adoption by a loving family, all of which he received.

In 2010, the City of Superior formed a task force with representatives from the Humane Society of Douglas County (HSDC) Board, the Animal Rescue Federation (ARF) Board, city administration, business members from Superior including the Chamber of Commerce, an attorney, a veterinarian, and Animal Allies as an advisory non-voting participant. This group addressed the community need for improving animal sheltering in Superior, WI and the surrounding area. The task force also reviewed a report drafted by the Humane Society of the United States where one of several recommendations was that Animal Allies lead the operations of a new shelter.



(Left) Niko, from Superior, was adopted by a Duluth resident (Right) Trixie, a special needs cat from Superior, found a home in Minnesota



(Left) Gabbie, from Duluth, was adopted by a Superior resident (Right) Laine, from Duluth, found a home in Superior

Recognizing the great benefit to the people and animals of Superior and Douglas County, a recommendation was passed in August 2010 by the Animal Allies Board to join forces with Superior shelters. Since that date, MAP for Nonprofits has been facilitating the integration process along with three board members from Animal Allies, ARF, and HSDC in this exciting development for all animals in our community.

A new, state-of-the-art shelter is greatly needed to serve more animals in Superior. Land is in place for a new facility that will combine both the City of Superior Shelter, currently operated by ARF, and the Douglas County shelter (HSDC). Initially, Animal Allies will be pooling resources with ARF – directing operations out of their existing location. The City of Superior will be working together with Douglas County to build a new shelter that will be operated by Animal Allies. A ground breaking this coming spring will kick off construction, with the hopes of a finished and operational building by the end of 2012. Because the current City of Superior building is not big enough to accommodate animals from both the city and the county, HSDC will stay in operation from their own facility until this new building is ready.

Often, a stray from the city of Duluth will find a family with a Superior resident and, likewise, an animal rescued



Rick and Chantey

TWO PORTS, ONE MISSION

The shelter is abuzz with excitement and anticipation as the dream of uniting with Superior shelters becomes a reality. On September 6th, the Superior City Council authorized \$2.6 million dollars for a new animal shelter for the community.

Over the next year, the Humane Society of Douglas County (HSDC), Animal Rescue Federation (ARF), and Animal Allies will become one organization with a single mission to reduce pet overpopulation, increase adoption of homeless pets, and promote humane values in our communities. Animal Allies will lead and manage the new shelter, which will honor the good work and dedication of ARF and HSDC board and staff.

Although we realize there will be challenges to this union, the collaboration between Duluth and Superior shelters will make a beneficial impact on people and pets in our community. When asked if it is worth the effort for the positive results, we reply with a resounding, "Yes!"

The cities of Duluth and Superior have worked together for years. Consider the multiple businesses and organizations that operate in both communities. There are many of us who live in one city and commute to the other. At Animal Allies, we have staff, board members and volunteers who have roots in both places. My own life is symbolic of the united history we share. My mother was born and raised in Superior and my father in Duluth. I am a product of their union.

I have fond memories of summers spent in both Superior and Duluth. My grandmother, who lived on John Avenue in Superior, would let me help serve customers in her small "Five and Dime" store and I would occasionally be rewarded with a visit across the street to the South Superior fire station. There, I was allowed to walk their Dalmatian.

My aunt and uncle who lived in Superior had a family of Cocker Spaniels. When I would visit them, the dogs and I would chase each other endlessly until we all collapsed into one of those laughing, panting, swirling piles that can only be created by a giggling kid and licking canines.

While in Duluth, I would visit another aunt and uncle who I was sure had a haunted house. I was lucky, though. My beloved dog,

Flame, braver than I, always snuggled away my unease. The similarity in these stories? The animals.

The Dalmatian at the fire station didn't care which city it lived in so long as it was given food, water, shelter, and the satisfaction of a job well done.

The family of Cocker Spaniels were happy to be living with a loving family, their needs provided for, regardless of place of residence.

And Flame? Where was his home? Well, it was right by my side.

These animals share a common bond: the desire to love and be loved and the need for quality care from someone who doesn't care about their past, but is looking to their future.

It is with these heartwarming memories of Superior and Duluth in mind that I look forward to Animal Allies joining forces with the city of Superior. With your help, hard work, and dedication to our mission, Animal Allies will bring to both of our communities the shared goals of Campaign for Zero, state-of-the-art animal care and a loving home for every homeless pet – not just in one city, but across the Twin Ports.

We are one united community in our desire to protect and cherish the wonderful animals that become part of our family. Animals know nothing of political boundaries. For their sake, we should look beyond boundaries, too. Together, working as one, we will attain these goals. I look forward to our communities truly becoming animal allies.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

For the Animals.

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P.S. Your support ensures continued care of homeless pets. Would you consider a donation today? Every dollar, every donor, makes a difference.



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, understands 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 guality animal sheltering services.

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

Animal Allies Establishes Endowment at Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation: Fund provides a permanent way to support the region's largest animal shelter

Animal Allies has established an endowed, designated fund at the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation. The fund, which is one of more than 300 held at the Foundation, gives a way for folks to provide permanent support to Animal Allies in Duluth.

The primary source of funding for this endowment comes from a bequest made by Jacquelyn "Jackie" Olsen. Olsen, who volunteered for 52 of the organization's 53 years, filled every day with inconspicuous acts of service and kindness – putting up lost pet posters, anonymously paying the veterinary expenses for low-income pet owners, making baked treats for volunteers, keeping Animal Allies' financial records and writing personal thank you notes for others' good deeds.

Individuals or organizations interested in contributing to the Animal Allies Endowment Fund can do so by visiting the Community Foundation website: www. dsacommunityfoundation. com and clicking on the donate now button.

Animal Allies also has an established endowment at U.S. Bank. For information on contributing to either fund, please contact Madeleine Robins at (218) 623-6353.



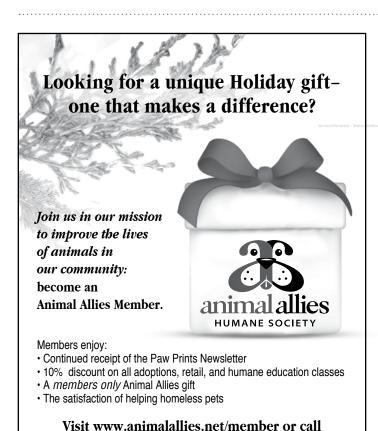
Contributions to the Animal Allies Endowment Fund Provides Lasting Support to Homeless Pets -Photo by Trudy Vrieze

Joined Forces

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by the City of Superior will be adopted by a Duluthian. Our communities already work together to help homeless pets, but this official expansion of resources will save so many more.

Our humane organizations working under a unified umbrella is the next step in serving more animals in our region. Animal Allies is excited to invite the staff, volunteers, and board members at ARF and HSDC to share their talents and enthusiasm for animal rescue with the Animal Allies operated, City of Superior owned, shelter. Our two communities will form a collective front for humane treatment of pets and become one community for the animals.



(218) 722-9084 and become a member today!



VOLUNTEER NEWS

Volunteers help make our work possible!

Docents: Matchmakers in Disguise

Docents are a vital part Animal Allies. In addition to greeting visitors and giving shelter tours, docents fulfill a very important need: helping potential adopters find the new love of their lives. When an adopter walks through the door, docents take the time to help them find that perfect match.

If you have ever fancied yourself a matchmaker, this volunteer position is for YOU! Friendly four-legged companions are waiting for your help to pair them with a loving family.



Help adopters find their next love -Photo by Trudy Vrieze

Events Succeed Because of Volunteers

Thank you to all of you who volunteer at events. You help spread the word about humane education and spay/neuter programs, raise money to care for animals in need, and find loving homes for pets.

Your help with events like the Fur Ball, Walk for Animals, Younkers Community Days, Summerfest Pet Parade, Engwall's Corn Maze, Lakewalk Festival, Snowflake Fall Fest, and visits to local businesses like Matilda's Dog Bakery, Texas Roadhouse, and Savers, has made a positive impact on both people and pets in our community.

You are all fantastic, and you make these events possible. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Through September, 19,017 hours of time have

been donated by shelter volunteers, foster homes, photographers, videographers, board and committee members.

That's the equivalent of 13 full time employees!

Videography Reunites Lost Pet with Family

Charlie Bray loves animals. When deciding what community service work he could do as part of his confirmation course, the desire to help pets in need steered him to the shelter. Combine this desire with a talent for technology, and Animal Allies discovered a videographer.

Videography accelerates adoptions by allowing visitors of our website to access to more than a picture of a pet. The process begins with raw footage of an animal at the shelter. Charlie then edits this footage at home to create a video that best showcases the pet's personality.

Often focusing on hard to adopt animals, Charlie looks for longtime residents, senior pets, shy or rambunctious animals, or those otherwise hiding their best side when someone walks by their cage or kennel. Getting the animal into a one-on-one situation prompts potential adopters to stop for a second look and take the time to get to know these individuals better as they consider bringing home a new member of the family.

The story of Josette is a perfect example of the impact videography can have on homeless pets. Josette was a long term resident of Animal Allies. Last fall, she appeared in the newspaper the same weekend Charlie posted her video to the Animal Allies website. Josette's original owner saw the profile and video and instantly recognized some of

her unique features – resulting in her return to her original family! Without the combination of this video and the article in the newspaper, Josette (named "Cleo") may never have had this happy reunion.

For Josette, videography reconnected her with family. For others, it will give them a chance to been seen in a different light. We thank Charlie and the Bray family who have done a tremendous job featuring our shelter animals and helping them to find loving homes.



Charlie Bray, a volunteer videographer, with his dogs Charlie and Sadie

GET INVOLVED TODAY

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Becky at becky@animalallies.net or call (218) 623-6343

HUMANE EDUCATION

Neighborhood Animal Kids

By Pat Castellano

The Neighborhood Animal Kids program in the Lincoln Park, Spirit Valley, and Central Hillside neighborhoods ended in September, but the enthusiasm goes on. Youth at all three sites and their site staff want Animal Allies back! Oh, and don't forget to bring the animals.

Thanks to the Northland Foundation, the Lloyd K. Johnson Family Foundation, and the Banfield Charitable Trust, Animal Allies was able to provide programming for youth in three targeted sites during the summer of 2011.

The neighborhood kids were busy! Participants took part in many educational activities: visits to the Spay/Neuter clinic and a veterinary clinic, discussions about city animal ordinances with animal control officers, and presentations on pet training and care. Youth shared what they learned with their neighborhoods by distributing information to their community and delivering free ID tags and surveys to 100 of their neighbors. To help others comply with city laws, they also passed out free collars and leashes. If you want to know anything about the pets on your block, ask a young person. They knew their streets and neighbors pretty well.





Children display humane education messages in the Spirit Valley Days Parade. Animal Allies and Valley Youth Center Neighborhood Animal Kids partnered for the float.

Molding young ambassadors to speak for the animals is easy – kids and animals have a bond. The kids in the program, most between the ages of seven and eleven, quickly absorbed information about city animal laws and the do's and don'ts of animal care. Twice, a stray animal appeared at their sites and they knew exactly what to do: 1) Don't touch the pet, it doesn't belong to you and may be scared, 2) If the pet is found in Duluth's city limits, call the city shelter at 218-723-3259, 3) If the city shelter is closed, call 911. Youth were also able to recognize the importance of an id tag in this situation to return an animal to its family.

By teaching our youth about the humane treatment of animals, we create a foundation that improves our community. Both educational and fun, the Neighborhood Animal Kids program develops humane values in young people, making a positive difference in the lives of animals and the children who help them.

Not Your Typical Birthday Party



Celebrating the one year anniversary of adoption

In 2011 a party at Animal Allies went to the dogs – literally. The family of a puppy adopted from Animal Allies organized an event at the shelter to celebrate the one year anniversary of the litter's adoption. The mother of this litter, a Chihuahua mix now named Chi Chi, had seven puppies total and all were invited to attend this special celebration.

Chi Chi and puppies traveled from far and wide to be together for this exciting day. Everyone had a wonderful time eating birthday treats and sharing stories about their playful canine companions.

Now it's time to celebrate YOUR party with us!

By having your party at Animal Allies, you support the care of animals here at the shelter. Visit www. animalallies.net for more information and contact Pat at (218) 623-6357 to make your reservation.



Damon and Rain enjoying birthday treats-Photo by Trudy Vrieze

Membership discounts apply!

CAN YOU HELP?

AAHS needs **Foster Buddies** to help care for litters of puppies and kittens until they ready for the adoption program. With the help of foster homes, we expand our ability to care for special needs pets and are therefore able to save the lives of more animals in the community.

Want to work off holiday indulgence? We can help! **Dog Buddies** are needed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. for walks, playgroups, and enrichment activities for our canines.

Join us in celebrating a successful 2011 Fur Ball!







On October 8th, over 200 supporters of Animal Allies gathered for a night of fine food, live music, dancing, bidding, and helping area pets. We are proud to announce that \$70,000 was raised to support ongoing adoption, spay/neuter, and humane education programs.



Reggie Images Photobooths

Fur Ball was a magical night made possible by generous donors, helpful volunteers, and the wonderful board and staff of Animal Allies. Highlights of this year's Fur Ball include a Photo Booth from Reggie Images Photobooths, a beautiful martini luge donated by Chef Paul Madsen, slideshow by Trudy Vrieze and an amazing performance by Mynx!

A special thanks goes out to our co-chairs, Susie Decker, Jowain Wallin, and Jocelyn Heid.

Join us for next year's Fur Ball, October 27th 2012.

You won't want to miss it!

For more photos visit our website at: www.animalallies.net/furball



(Left & Middle) This year, a puppy and kitten greeted Fur Ball guests as they arrived (Right) Miracle, all dressed up, greets guests - Photos by Lacey Franckowiak

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