

The Paw Print



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MEET BONNIE AND CLYDE

By Lisa Johnson

Bonnie and Clyde didn't look particularly dangerous the afternoon they were brought to Animal Allies Humane Society. In fact, just the opposite.

Bonnie, a cream and beige terrier mix with eyes straight from a stereotypical "sad dog" television ad was dirty and crawling with fleas. Her partner Clyde, a shaggy gunmetal-gray terrier mix, was a bit worse for the wear. In addition to fleas, he had what looked like mange, his teeth were bad, and the poor guy was infested with worms. Since they arrived late in the day, shelter staff made the pair comfortable and alerted the medical team to their plight so they could administer exams and treatments the next day.

But the team had a shock the next morning when they checked on Bonnie: four brand-new puppies. Three healthy little girls and one little boy, each no bigger than a Twinkie, were snuggled up next to their mother -- and crawling with fleas.

It was almost like she knew she was finally somewhere safe to have her puppies.

The little family became instant favorites with staff and volunteers. The 'Small Breeds' room was converted into a maternity suite and both parents welcomed visitors with smiles and wagging tails.

Clyde's skin concerns required special handling practices, but he was delighted with company in

any form. Bonnie and Clyde quickly blossomed into happy, affectionate dogs. Bonnie even enjoyed the occasional break from the babies, which staff and volunteers were happy to provide.

Finding a foster home for Bonnie and "the Twinkies" would give the little family a comfortable home environment while the puppies were nursing, and free up space at the shelter for adoptable dogs. Once again, Animal Allies' foster network came through.

Clyde, though, had to stay at the shelter while his skin condition was being treated. Good news there: he didn't have mange after all! His skin condition was the result of his long-term flea infestation, and in no time at all, his patchy coat began to grow back.

Despite his desperate need for a good haircut, Clyde reveled in loving touches, friendly scratches and the chance to roll in the grass. And Bonnie, happily ensconced in her foster home, revealed a preference for snuggling on the couch and Netflix!

Today, both Bonnie and Clyde have found loving homes and so have their happy, healthy puppies. Stories like this are frequent, but the combined concern of the man who brought them safely to Animal Allies, the dedication of the medical staff, and the open arms and hearts of the foster home meant a happy ending for a pair of neglected, homeless dogs.

For more information on how you can help homeless pets by fostering, visit AnimalAllies.net/volunteer.

To read the entire Bonnie and Clyde story, please visit AnimalAllies.net.

Tip Lisa Johnson is a photographer and volunteer at Animal Allies Humane Society. All photographs provided by Pupparazzi Companion Animal Photography.





WINTER GREETINGS, FRIENDS!



Executive Director Lindsay Snustad

The 16th annual Fur Ball Gala was a success on so many levels. The Northland ballroom sparkled with energy and enthusiasm for the life-saving work we do together. We are proud to be a part of this truly humane society and it is fun to stop and celebrate together through food, wine, song, and giving each year. I want to thank the Fur Ball committee, staff, and volunteers for their tenacity and focus on the finest details in creating such a wonderful experience for our two and four-legged guests.

"No Place Like A Home" was the focus for this year's Fur Ball Fund-A-Need. We know that pets belong in loving homes and this belief forms the core of our mission. Our roots began in homes like yours. From the very beginning, our founding members rescued stray and abandoned animals from the streets and sheltered them in homes

all across the Northland. Fosters form the foundation from which modern adoption centers like Animal Allies have grown.

Each year, more than 400 animals benefit from foster care provided by Animal Allies foster volunteers. As the number of homeless pets in need continues to increase, so does the need for trained and experienced fosters. With support from our medical staff, foster volunteers help animals recover from traumatic injuries, heal from surgeries, and give comfort to orphaned babies and animals in hospice.

This holiday season, we appreciate your thoughtful gifts that allow us to continue our life-saving work. Together we will save even more stray and surrendered animals in the new year. Thank you for supporting, following and donating to Animal Allies Humane Society and for being part of a community that values pets as members of our family.

May your days be merry and bright,

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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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\$10,000 MATCH DONATION!

MAKE PLANS TO GIVE AND HELP US RAISE OVER \$20,000 IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

With over 68% of our annual operating budget coming directly from local donations, your planned gift this holiday season means that we can continue our important work for the homeless pets in our community.

So far in 2017, over 1100 pets have found loving homes, two new outdoor play areas were added to our facility, and we've been able to reach more children through our Humane Education program- including gifting books to local classrooms- all because of your generosity.

This December you can help us raise over \$20,000. An anonymous donor will match the first \$10,000 in donations received this month! Your donation - no matter how big or small - will make twice the impact!

Use the enclosed remittance envelope or give easily and securely online at animalallies.net/give.

WAYS TO HELP STUFF OUR STOCKINGS THIS HOLIDAY



MAKE A GIFT OF APPRECIATED STOCK

Making a gift of appreciated stock can benefit you as well as the animals. By donating stock you've held for more than twelve months, you will avoid capital gains taxes on the increase in the stock's value. Animal Allies will receive the full, fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift.

If you have low cost basis stock or mutual funds and don't want to pay the capital gains tax on a sale – consider gifting the stock in-kind to Animal Allies. Proceeds from the sale of your donated stock will be used to fulfill our mission and offer programs to care for the animals.

JOIN OUR LEGACY CIRCLE

By including Animal Allies Humane Society in your estate plans, you are doing more than just 'good', you are building your legacy - a legacy that will ensure a lifetime of loving care for every pet by reducing overpopulation, increasing adoption, and fostering humane values.

Planned gifts come in all sizes. As a member of our Legacy Circle, you will ensure Animal Allies Humane Society is always here for the animals who need us.

If you would like more information about joining our Legacy Circle, please consider joining us for our next PerPETual Care planning conversation. This gathering will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd from 5:30-7:00 at the Adoption Center. We will have qualified legal and financial advisers available for questions and answers. Adoption Center tours, visits with cats and dogs, food and drinks will be provided. For more information or to R.S.V.P. for this event, please contact:

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THE ANNUAL *FUR BALL* GALA



The Fur Ball Gala Was A Smashing Success!

This October, over 200 animal lovers gathered at Northland Country Club to enjoy a night of fine food, live music, dancing, and giving to support caring for homeless pets in our community. Thank you to all who were able to join us for this magical night!

The Fur Ball Gala was a smashing success, raising just over \$25,000 to support our foster program efforts through the “No Place Like a Home” initiative. Growing our foster program means saving even more lives and providing an opportunity for more people to get involved with this important life-saving work. The money raised that evening will support new foster training materials, supplies, starter kits, and much more - allowing us to expand our current foster capacity.

Our community often steps forward in a meaningful way to show their support for Animal Allies’ mission of finding a loving home for every pet. This year’s

Fur Ball gala was no exception. Our robust live, silent, and premier silent auctions featured works from talented local artists. Businesses and volunteers donated their goods, time, and energy - transforming Northland Country Club into the lavish gala that Fur Ball has become.

We are thankful to be able to share with you that the funds raised at the October 14th gala exceeded our original \$105,000 goal. This money will support our ongoing adoption, spay and neuter, and humane education programs.

Thank you for your support, encouragement, gifts of time, energy, and money to help make our work possible. Because of you, homeless pets have a safe and loving place to call home at our Adoption Center during their time of need. Our hearts are grateful for the generosity and support of all involved with making Fur Ball a success!

GUESTS AT THE FUR BALL GALA ENJOYED VISITS FROM OUR ANIMAL GREETERS, FINE FOOD, AND A MAGICAL ATMOSPHERE AT NORTHLAND COUNTRY CLUB.



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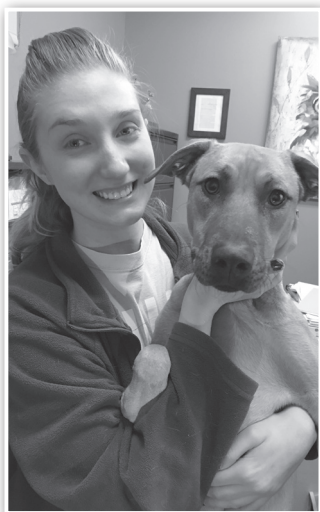
Come on up to Animal Allies this month and find the perfect gift for the someone who has 'everything' in your life.

We're excited to offer special gift sets for the holidays- including "New Dog" and "New Cat" gift sets, "Rescue Me: Alakef Coffee Roasters" coffee gift sets, and much more! Pick up a new fleece vest for your pup, or add some Animal Allies gear to your wardrobe- all in support of pets in need this holiday season!

Your gift will be sure to please and includes a special enclosure card sharing how each gift supports our mission at Animal Allies. Stop by our retail section today!



INTRODUCING: **NICOLE FACCIOTTO** *Animal Enrichment Coordinator*



How long have you been with Animal Allies?

Just a little over two years.

Where did you grow up?

Duluth, MN.

What do you like best about working for AAHS?

It's something different every day. There are always new faces and everyone has a different story. It keeps things interesting and it's always something new.

What do you like to do for fun?

I love to get the dogs outdoors and taking the dogs places.

I do a lot of exercise classes like Zumba and dance. I spend a lot of time with the animals.

Do you have any animals?

We've got three dogs and two cats. They are all rescues and they all have a unique backstory.

Tell us what animal enrichment means to you?

Essentially taking the time to figure out what is going to work for each dog or cat. If they are not enjoying it, it's not enrichment. It's important to figure out what's going to work best for them and find out what they like.

How does animal enrichment make our work better?

Enrichment makes them more adoptable because they are easier to manage. The more mentally and physically busy they are, the more relaxed they are.

What's your favorite animal transformation story?

Recently it would be Remington. I practiced on him for over a month. He had a lot of energy and had very little manners. He's doing great now and is getting a lot of exercise in his new home. The adopters said it's a great fit.

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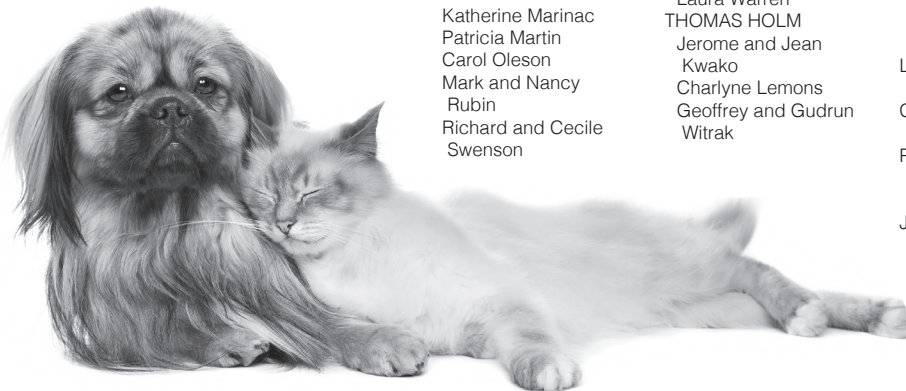
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Membership levels

☐ 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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\$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 a 2017 Membership T-Shirt.

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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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**Saturday,
December 16th**

Youth Allies Day at the Adoption Center

**Thursday
December 21st**

Membership Appreciation Day

Members save 20% on adoption fees and retail store purchases! A great time to grab those last minute holiday gifts.

**Monday,
December 25th**

Christmas Day

**Saturday,
December 30th**

The Last Day to Give

Help us reach our \$10,000 matching end-of-year donation! Give securely online at AnimalAllies.net/give

**Tuesday,
January 23rd**

PerPETual Care Conversations

Planning your legacy of giving. Meet and ask questions of local estate planning professionals.

**Friday,
January 26th**

SAVE THE DATE for Fitger's Frozen Fundraiser!

A furry good time is sure to be had by all.



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!

