

The Paw Print

May 2015

HEALTHY TEETH, HAPPY PETS FIRST DENTAL SURGERIES PERFORMED



Brooke and Dr. Laura prepare for Benji's dental procedure.

At the 2014 Fur Ball Gala, Animal Allies Humane Society set the lofty goal of raising \$20,000 to purchase much-needed dental equipment to provide oral care for shelter animals.

Previously, animals had to be sent to outside partners to correct dental issues before adoption. Traveling to another facility for oral care added costs and could be very stressful for the patient. Staff knew it would be better if we could perform these procedures right at the shelter.



Dr. Laura extracts one of Benji's teeth.

Our generous donors also recognized the importance of providing dental care at the shelter. Fur Ball attendees raised just over \$24,000 to "Fund-a-Smile." Over the past few months, the dental equipment has been purchased and installed - and the first two surgeries were performed!

Animal Allies would like to thank everyone who contributed toward the purchase of this very important equipment. Because of you, shelter animals will receive the dental care they need without leaving the building.

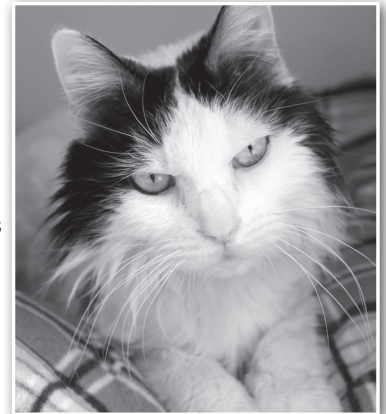


Benji leaves the shelter in Tricia's arms.

THE FIRST TWO PATIENTS: BENJI AND HERBERT

Benji, a sweet little Norfolk Terrier, was found stray on the streets of Duluth. During his initial shelter vet exam, it was clear that several of his teeth needed to be removed. Shelter Veterinarian Dr. Laura Kiehnbaum and Veterinary Technician Brooke Anderson gave Benji the treatment he needed. Now, Benji is happy and healthy in his new home.

Handsome, black-capped Herbert the cat also came to Animal Allies as a stray. He suffered from severe gingivitis and tartar accumulation - his teeth needed a good cleaning! It was also found that one of his canine teeth was fractured and needed to be removed to make him more comfortable. Herbert's dental treatment was performed and he was adopted within a week after the procedure.



Handsome, black-capped Herbert.

**Don't miss the 2015 Walk for
Animals on Saturday, June 6th!**
The Walk for Animals is presented by:



Details inside.



Lindsay Snustad

SPRING GREETINGS

Spring greetings, dear friend!

As I write this, the shelter is abuzz with caring for fifteen delicate kittens after they were entrusted to us by an individual who called

the shelter, seeking our help. It is now our job to provide medical treatment and care to these little ones so they can eventually be placed with loving families.

Attending to this litter has been an ongoing process for our animal care team: they have administered flea baths, ear treatments, daily eye medications and oral antibiotics, all in addition to regular daily care. This hard work has been well worth it. Although the kittens were extremely sick when they arrived, today we are optimistic that all fifteen will survive. We consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have the capacity to help when a need like this arises and we recognize that saving these lives would not have been possible without you.

We have been overwhelmed by the community's outpouring of support. We asked you for help and you responded far beyond our expectations. Being able to nurse these kittens back to health is a great indicator that this organization is achieving its mission. We thank all who helped share the kittens' story and donated to offset the costs of their care. We should be proud of the work we accomplish together.

I am so grateful for the talent and passion of the Animal Allies team. I feel very fortunate to be a part of a system that focuses on best practices and continuous improvement. In addition to saving these fifteen kittens, which were among the over three hundred pets who have already found loving homes this year, we have also installed dental equipment to provide oral care for our animals, trained our kennel manager to become OSHA

certified, and trained our shelter veterinarian to become our Radiation Safety Officer.

Concern for the well-being of animals motivates every action and every decision made by our organization. With this amazing team, I will continue to focus on determining how best to fulfill and sustain our mission.

Above all, I am thankful for you. Our year has already been filled with triumphs only possible because of our loyal supporters who are committed voices of compassion for the animals. Your impact and belief in our work is what sustains me each day, and I thank you for your support.

Warm Regards,

Lindsay Snustad, Executive Director

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P.S. Remember that all donations made before May 15th will help us meet our \$50,000 goal to earn a \$5,000 bonus donation from the Meierhoff family. Please consider a donation today to continue our important work.



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.

SPEND THE SUMMER "CAMPING" WITH THE CATS AND DOGS

Getting to Know Cats and Dogs (ages 7-8) | June 22-26

Campers will learn how to teach games, manners, and provide enrichment for the shelter animals as well as their cats and dogs at home. They will learn about the needs of shelter animals and have opportunities to help them become more adoptable. Sit, stay, down, come, and other basics are practiced. Campers will practice safety and careful handling of animals, review the responsibilities of having animals in their lives, and explore how shelters care for homeless cats and dogs.

Shelter Cats and Dogs: Making Them Famous, Getting Them Adopted (ages 8-12) | July 6-10

Some of our cats and dogs spend too much time in the shelter and really need people to know about them. Campers will get to know our cats and dogs, find out their likes and dislikes, their talents and special-ness. They will write stories, draw their pictures, take photos, and create fun videos featuring adoptable animals to help them be noticed and get adopted. Several campers will even appear on television with an adoptable animal and tell their story!

So You Want To Be an "Animal-Something?" (ages 10-14) | July 20-24

Learn about careers in animal care and welfare: groomers, animal control officers, veterinarians, veterinary technicians, massage therapists, trainers, pet sitters, canine officers, wildlife rehabilitators, show dog handlers, animal foster care families, boarding facility managers, farriers, zookeepers, aquarium divers, animal photographers, naturalists, whew! We could spend a whole day with any one of these. When you register for camp, you'll suggest some careers you are interested in so we can include your "dream career" people on our guest list!

Art with the Animals (ages 10-12) | August 3-7

Come draw, photograph, paint, create cartoon messages, and mingle with the animals. Meet shelter animals, hear stories of their lives, and use drawing, painting, sculpture, and stories to share that history through YOUR artwork. Stories and art will help visitors to know more about our adoptable animals. Campers can use shelter animals' stories to inspire drawings, paintings, messages of responsibility, respect, safety, and kindness.

Games Dogs and Cats Play (ages 8-12) | August 17-21

What can we do for shelter cats and dogs - and our own animals at home - to keep them busy, happy, healthy, out of trouble, and challenge their minds? (We MUST exercise the mind and body. Dogs and cats are too smart when we forget to exercise their brains.) Have fun teaching old and young dogs all kinds of new tricks; make the dogs and cats really happy with games and activities just for them.

For more information contact **Pat Castellano** at **218-623-6357** or **pat@animalallies.net**

☐ **June 22-26 • 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
(7-8 yr olds)

Getting to Know Cats and Dogs

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(10-12 yr olds)

Art with the Animals

☐ **Aug 17-21 • 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
(8-12 yr olds)

Games Dogs and Cats Play

Please register by June 15. Each session is limited to 20 children.

Name _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____



EACH CAMP SESSION IS \$125

Register online at animalallies.net/camps or complete this form and send to:

Animal Allies Humane Society
4006 Airport Road, Duluth MN 55811

Make checks payable to:

Animal Allies Humane Society

HELP ANIMAL ALLIES EARN A \$5,000 BONUS DONATION!

Thank you for believing in the mission of Animal Allies Humane Society. You make miracles happen.

One recent miracle was Sir Valiant's amazing transformation. This little Yorkie came to Animal Allies after being found trapped in a crate on the side of a rural road near Duluth. His matted coat was filthy, his body just skin and bones underneath. On the day Sir Valiant arrived, shelter staff gave him a bath and shaved off his matted fur. He was given vaccinations, a microchip, and a health check. When he was ready for adoption a few days later, he left the shelter in the arms of his new family.



Sir Valiant when he arrived at the shelter.

Photo by Jennie Lynx Photography



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Sir Valiant after getting the royal treatment from shelter staff and volunteers.

Sir Valiant now lives a safe, loving, and happy life. Today, we invite you to consider making a financial contribution which will care for the many animals who enter the shelter during the busy summer months. If you make a donation by May 15, your gift can help even more. The Meierhoff family has offered to donate an extra \$5,000 if our community can raise \$50,000 by May 15. As of April 24th, we've raised \$27,500. Your additional gift is so important to reach this goal.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



THIRD GRADE GIRLS GET CRAFTY WITH DONATIONS



Roslyn Hartley and Liesl Cope-Schaeffer with the donations from their bracelet sales.

By Gina Constantini

Last fall, Roslyn Hartley and Liesl Cope-Schaeffer, two generous Congdon Park students, came up with the idea to make handmade bracelets and donate the profits to Animal Allies to help homeless cats and dogs. They decided to sell the bracelets at Chester Bowl's Fall Fest Craft Sale on September

21st, because, as Hartley said, "We knew there would be lots of people coming and they would probably have money."

But something happened that they didn't expect: "Some people, when they learned that we were donating to Animal Allies, just gave us money," said Hartley, "One guy even gave us ten dollars and didn't buy anything!" This great response motivated the girls to keep making the bracelets. "So many people said, 'We are so proud of you' and we heard tons of stories about people's pets," said Cope-Schaeffer.

The bracelets were such a hit that the girls could barely keep up with the demand. "We made them as we were sitting there because they were buying so much!" said Cope-Schaeffer. Over just a few weeks, the third graders raised an impressive \$246.32, and made at least 100 bracelets.

When asked what they would like the money to be used for, Hartley and Cope-Schaeffer said dog food, cat food, toys, and anything else that helps the animals. When asked what was the main thing the girls learned from this experiences, they replied, "How to make bracelets really fast."

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We sincerely thank our sustaining members who provide a monthly gift for the animals in our care.

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CALENDAR SALES RAISED \$2,000 TO HELP HOMELESS PETS



Thank you to all who purchased a 2015 "Duluth Area Men Who Love Cats" calendar and contributed to this generous donation. Special thanks to Trudy Vrieze from Vrieze Photography for seeing this project through from beginning to end.

MEET THE MEDICAL TEAM MEMBER: JUNE WILLIAMS



June Williams
with Chester

How long have you been with Animal Allies? I started working for the shelter in June of 2014.

Where did you grow up?

Originally I am from Chicago, but I went to college in Steven's Point, Wisconsin.

What brought you to Duluth?

I wanted a job with animals and Animal Allies had a vet tech position available.

What do you like best about working for Animal Allies?

Working with all the other great staff members to help animals find new homes.

What do you like to do for fun? I like to be outdoors. I like to cook and hike.

What are your long-term goals? Help as many animals as possible, domestic or wild.

Do you have any animals? I had a dog that passed away last fall. I do not have one right now other than all of the ones I have here at the shelter. I will be looking for a dog and cat in the near future.

Give us your best customer service tips: Not everyone understands the basics of pet care so they might need some guidance.

What's your favorite pet story? I love it any time senior animals find homes - older animals have a special place in my heart.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you're a Thrivent Financial member, you can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars® to Animal Allies Humane Society. These donations will help continue our important work by providing food, shelter, and care to homeless animals in the shelter.

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 - b. On the Activity History page, scroll down and click "Animal Allies Humane Society."
 - c. If this is the first time you've chosen Animal Allies, enter "Animal Allies Humane Society" in the Search for Enrolled Organization section and click "Search."
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3. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

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KRISTELLE MILLER: HELPING PET LOVERS WORK THROUGH LOSS AND GRIEF



Kristelle Miller poses with a cute kitten.

Kristelle Miller has always been interested in helping others. As a Professor of Psychology at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, Dr. Miller taught both undergraduates and graduates in the counseling program and focused her research on peer relations. This interest in healthy relationships led her to recognize the importance of humans' friendships with animals.

While on leave from her job at UMD, Dr. Miller began volunteering for Animal Allies Humane Society. In 2000, after extensive reading on relationships with pets, she realized there was no organized local support system for those whose beloved pets had passed away. She decided to combine her knowledge of counseling and connection with pets to lead a Pet Loss and Grief Support Group at Animal Allies. The

group was well attended at first, but slowly faded. Later, when Dr. Miller retired from UMD, Animal Allies had built and was operating out of the beautiful shelter on Airport Road. On the first day she walked into the new facility, Dr. Miller had tears in her eyes. In addition to providing state-of-the-art care for animals, this shelter was also a great place for families looking for a new four-legged companion to visit with adoptable pets.

After touring the shelter, Dr. Miller again began donating her talents to Animal Allies. First, the staff asked her to give a presentation about compassion fatigue, then another on healing after pet loss. This led to establish a monthly meeting for anyone in the community grieving over the loss of their animal companion.

Now, Dr. Miller leads a free Pet Loss and Grief Support Meeting on the third Thursday of every month. These meetings are open to anyone who has experienced the loss of a pet in their lives, or is interested in helping someone who has. At 5:30pm, attendees gather in the Humane Education Room at Animal Allies to share stories and photos of their pet and discuss the impact of their loss with those who are similarly grieving. Dr. Miller also speaks about pet loss and suggests strategies to help cope with these feelings of grief. Animal Allies is very grateful to be able to offer this opportunity to the community with the support of Dr. Miller.

If you are interested in attending a meeting, or have any questions, please contact Becky Mathiowetz at 218-623-6343 or becky@animalallies.net.



VOLUNTEER HOURS

Volunteers have donated nearly 5,000 hours of their time through March of 2015 – the equivalent of 10 full-time employees! Thank you to all of our volunteers. Achieving our mission would not be possible without each and every one of you.

If you're interested in saving lives by becoming a volunteer for Animal Allies Humane Society, contact Becky at 218-623-6343 or volunteer@animalallies.net.

CARS WITH HEART HELPS DRIVE THE CAUSE!



Do you have a car that's rarely used? Are you spending too much on frequent repairs? Donate your vehicle to Animal Allies Humane Society!

Cars with Heart offers a free, easy, and secure way to sell your vehicle and donate the proceeds to help care for homeless pets.

For more information about this great program, visit carswithheart.com.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch our website and Facebook page for other exciting events and adoption promotions this summer!

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| Friday, May 15th | Deadline to raise \$50,000 to receive \$5,000 bonus donation from the Meierhoff Family
Please consider a donation today to help us reach this ambitious goal. |
| Saturday, June 6th
9:00am | The 23rd Annual Walk for Animals
Start a team, grab your pet, and join us at Bayfront Festival Park! |
| Third Thursday
of Every Month
5:30pm | Pet Loss and Grief Support Meeting, Humane Education Room
The loss of a pet can be an extremely difficult experience. These meetings are designed to give people a chance to meet with others who have also experienced pet loss. Contact Becky at 218-623-6343 or becky@animalallies.net if you are interested in attending or have any questions regarding the meetings. More information on page 10 inside. |
| June - August
9:00am - 12:30pm | Summer Youth Camps
Calling all young animal lovers! Sign up for one of our week-long day camps. To reserve your spot, contact Pat at 218-623-6357 or pat@animalallies.net . More information at animalallies.net/camps or on page 3 inside. |
| June 25th
1:00pm | General Membership Meeting
All Animal Allies Humane Society Members are welcome to attend! |
| Saturday, July 18th
9:00am - 1:30pm | Kolar Toyota Blood Drive
Kolar Toyota and Memorial Blood Centers are partnering to raise money to help homeless pets. For every blood donor, a \$40 donation will be made to Animal Allies. Contact Michelle at 218-740-1541 or mkeil@mbc.org to sign up. |
| September, 5th | Run, Walk, Bark 5k at Brighton Beach
Sign up for this fun run at northlandrunner.com . Dogs Welcome! |
| Saturday,
October 10th | Save the Date for the Fur Ball Gala at Northland Country Club
Become a pet sponsor for the Fur Ball! As a pet sponsor, your pet will get a professional photo shoot and will be featured at the gala. You will receive a framed 8x10 photo, 12 note cards, a poster, and your pet's photo and story will be highlighted in the pet sponsor booklet. For more information, contact Michelle Sternberg at 218-428-3686 or hello@sternbergstudios.com . |

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