NEW TRAINING PROGRAM PREPARES DOGS FOR FAMILY LIFE

Animal Allies Humane Society strives to ensure a lifetime of loving care for every pet. The organization continuously looks for new and better ways to achieve this mission. Thanks to the support of two generous donors, Animal Allies is excited to launch an innovative dog training program that will provide harder-to-place dogs with extra training to give them their best chance at a successful adoption.

Professional trainers Ram Reizel and Kim Madill will help transform shelter dogs with behaviors such as aggression, fear, jumping, and mouthing into better candidates for adoption. Educational opportunities will also be offered for dog owners to learn responsible care through individual training sessions, seminars, and consultations on correcting canine behavior through positive reinforcement.

MEET THE TRAINERS



Kim Madill, K9 Dynamix, L.L.C.

Kim Madill is a Certified Veterinary Technician and owner of K9 Dynamix training company. She has twelve years' experience in the animal care field and is pursuing a certification for Veterinary Specialty in Behavior. Kim works with shelter dogs to develop a training plan for a smooth transition into a new home. She also evaluates the potential adopters' home environment and the dog's temperament to teach families what they can expect from a particular dog and how to correct undesirable behavior. After adoption, Kim can continue working with the dogs and their new owners if desired.

Ram Reizel is the owner and head trainer at RR Professional Dog Training and Boarding. He is Dog Trainer certified through **Animal Behavior** College and graduated from the Tom Rose School for Professional Dog Trainers. Ram is extremely knowledgeable about canine aggression and fear issues, and offers lectures to Animal Allies staff on how to minimize anxiety in shelter dogs. He has spoken on training practices to reduce tension, which in



Ram Reizel, RR Professional Dog Training and Boarding

turn reduce chances of dogs becoming stressed and aggressive. Ram says: "My goal is to teach dog professionals to look at the situation at hand through the dog's eyes."

IT'S A DOGGONE SUCCESS!

In the short time the program has been implemented, we've already witnessed successes. Kim's first trainee was a young shelter dog who had very little direction or training in his first few years of life. After one hour with Kim, he was already following commands to sit, roll over, lie down, and relax. She says that sometimes all a dog needs is a little praise. Ram has worked with several shelter dogs, and has made great progress reducing fear, aggression, and resulting behaviors. The collaboration between the trainers and their partnership with our organization has already impacted many dogs' lives.

We are so proud of this new program, and are excited for the opportunity give dogs a better chance at finding a permanent home.







Lindsay Snustad

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Summer greetings, dear friend!

I hope you are enjoying the last few weeks of summer vacation and time with loved ones as we prepare for the fall season to

embrace us. The past few months at the shelter have been guite eventful! Our team faced many challenges. including caring for a litter of kittens with distemper, a mamma Mastiff battling sarcoptic mange after giving birth to fourteen puppies, and another litter of kittens with ringworm. Yet in the face of these challenges, staff were calm and precise in following protocols and processes to ensure healthy outcomes.

Our success in containing infections and diseases is a testament to the effectiveness of procedures we have in place. Overcoming these obstacles demonstrates that we are properly using areas of the shelter created for such circumstances, like isolation and observation, so other shelter animals are not affected during the recovery period. Staff are confident in their ability to work together as we strive to provide an excellent experience for our animals by improving their health and well-being while they are under our roof. This impactful work is all made possible through our careful fiscal stewardship of of your generous donations.

Our community's generosity was demonstrated this spring when we raised \$50,000 to earn a \$5,000 bonus donation for the animals. I would like to thank each and every one of you who helped us reach this goal, and also Bob and Diane Meierhoff for offering this donation challenge. I am grateful to be surrounded by such a caring community of smart and passionate animal lovers.

Some recent shelter projects include:

- Updating our medical examination room to comply with the Board of Veterinary Medicine and allow a wider range of medical care for our shelter animals.
- Beautifying the shelter by adding new landscape design to our trails and gardens and hanging up elegant and youthful artwork inside.
- Teaming up with local trainers to launch a new dog training program that focuses on reducing length of stay and return rate of our animals.
- Raising over \$30,000 at the 23rd annual Walk for Animals event, held at Bayfront Festival Park.
- Upgrading our adoption process to include short-term pet insurance to cover illness or injuries during the first month after adoption. This program will reduce possible medical costs to the adopter, helping them care for their new companion, and also decrease the number of adopted animals returned to the shelter.

All of this is made possible because of you, our supporters. With your gifts, we are able to improve the lives of people and pets alike. Thank you for everything you do to make a difference in the lives of homeless animals.

Warm Regards,

Lindsay Snustad, **Executive Director**





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.

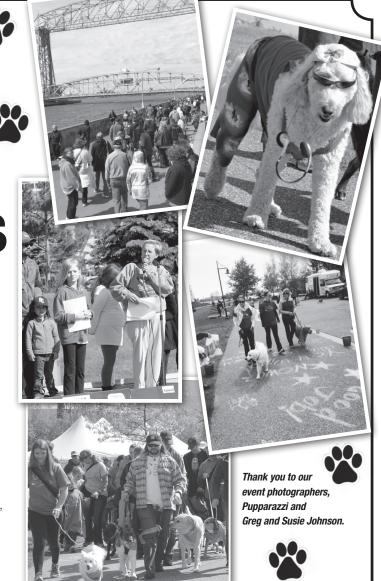


EVERY STEP ** SAVED LIVES

We're happy to announce that the 2015 Walk for Animals was a success! Hundreds of participants gathered with their four-legged friends at Bayfront Festival Park on Saturday, June 6th for this awesome occasion to help homeless pets. The weather was sunny with a perfect breeze, giving walkers a spring in their step for the walk ahead.

By the end of the day, 250 registered walkers and over 400 pledge supporters raised an impressive \$30,000 to support Animal Allies' adoption, spay/neuter, and humane education programs. We are so grateful for our walkers, sponsors, donors, and vendors. Because of your generosity, we have given hundreds of animals a second chance.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our volunteers, staff, and committee members for the hard work and time you put into this event. We are lucky to have such a giving community that supports our mission to make a difference in the lives of homeless pets. Thank you to all who joined us for this event!



MEET THE KENNEL



TEAM MEMBER: HANNAH OLSON

How long have you been with Animal Allies? Since November 2014, so about ten months.

Where did you grow up? Zimmerman,

Minnesota, a small town about 1 hour north of the Cities.

What brought you to Duluth? I came up here to go to UMD. I graduated with a BFA in Acting in 2013.

What do you like best about working for Animal Allies? I like that it doesn't feel like work. Instead, it feels like I am coming to spend the day with furry friends and non-furry friends.

What do you like to do for fun? I like being outdoors, rock climbing, snowboarding, hiking, and going to the beach.

What's your favorite pet story? Older dogs finding loving homes really melts my heart.

Do you have any animals? I have a cat named Bebe. I recently adopted Gigi formerly known as Gingerbread. We are going camping this weekend. She is a wonderful mama.

Give us your best dog-handling technique? Approach with caution. Take it slow. Let the dog get to know you for a minute before you make a quick assumption. Be patient. Not every dog is their true self when they are put in an unfamiliar environment.

CALLING ALL AMAZON SHOPPERS!



Have you heard about the cool and convenient opportunity to donate while you shop? Purchase any Amazon products through our *AmazonSmile* link and you will be helping out homeless pets at Animal Allies! You'll receive the same products, prices, and service you're used to, but when you use Animal Allies' *AmazonSmile* link, a portion of your purchase will be donated for our cats

and dogs. How's that for guilt-free shopping? More information about *AmazonSmile* and our wishlist items can be found at **www.animalallies.net/wishlist**. Go ahead, start shopping today!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. VOLUNTEER!



Looking for a fun way to serve your community and support our mission? We would love to have you on our team of volunteers. Volunteers are a vital part of our organization, and thanks to their contributions, Animal Allies has been able to save the lives of thousands of animals. We have many different volunteer options. Positions with animals include caring for shelter pets as a Dog Buddy or Cat Buddy, helping potential adopters as an Adoption Assistant, providing home care as a Foster Buddy, grooming pets as a Salon Buddy, or taking pictures of shelter animals as a Photography Buddy.

In the office, you can help with data entry, filing, maintenance, or cleaning.

If you like planning special events or want to assist boards or committees, the Events, Building and Grounds, Development, Finance, and Shelter Programs and Operations committees would love your input.

The possibilities are endless - there's a place for everyone! Visit animalallies.net/volunteer for detailed descriptions of positions.

Ready to start? Become a volunteer in a few simple steps:

1. Make sure you meet our volunteer requirements.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old for general positions or 21 years old for a foster position and must be able to commit to at least six months of volunteering to allow for assessment and training time. To review the full list of requirements: visit animalallies.net/volunteer.

- 2. Sign up for a general orientation session. Upcoming orientation dates are listed on our website's Calendar of Events page. Once you find a date that works, contact our Volunteer Coordinator at (218) 623-6343 or volunteer@animalallies.net to reserve your spot.
- 3. After orientation, attend a specialized training session.

At this session, you'll purchase your \$20 Volunteer Starter Kit which includes everything you'll need to start volunteering: a t-shirt, name tag, and a volunteer membership complete with all the regular member perks!

Then, you'll be ready to start changing lives. Sign up for an orientation today!

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Through May of this year, volunteers have donated nearly 9,500 hours of their time. That's the equivalent of 12 full time employees! We would like to give a huge shout-out to our Dog and Cat Buddies, Interns, BARC trainers, Fosters, Docents, Humane Education Volunteers, Office Assistants, Board and Committee Members, and Special Event and Community Outreach Volunteers. We are so grateful for everything you have done for the animals in our community. We couldn't achieve our mission without each and every one of you.

CAN YOU HELP?

Animal Allies welcomes volunteers in any area, but right now we especially need Adoption Assistants and morning Cat Buddies.

HELP OUR FURRY FRIENDS FIND THEIR FAMILY!

Adoption Assistants are needed to greet visitors, give tours of the shelter, assist staff, and answer questions about our organization and the adoption process. Volunteers can also help potential adopters meet dogs and cats or fill out adoption surveys.

DO YOU HAVE FELINE FEVER?

Right meow, we have a great need for Cat Buddies to help keep our cat areas clean and our felines happy and healthy. Summer is our busiest time of the year for new litters, so we have lots of kittens coming into the shelter that need care. Cat buddies provide fresh food and water, clean litter boxes, brush, socialize, and provide enrichment for cats in our adoption program. We particularly need volunteers between 8am and 11am.

GET INVOLVED TODAY!

If either of these positions sounds like something you'd enjoy, or for more information on volunteering, please email: **volunteer@animalallies.net** or call **218-623-6343.**



SUSTAINING MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: MOTIVATED BY THE MISSION



Sustaining Member Molly Cherro.

Molly Cherro has been making a difference in the lives of animals as a volunteer for over five vears. She deepened her commitment to saving lives when she signed up to provide a monthly donation, becoming a Sustaining Member when the program was introduced a few years ago. Her ongoing generosity has helped us tremendously in achieving our mission through the years. No matter what might be

going on in her life, Molly says she always tries to find ways to give as much as she is able.

When asked what inspires her to donate, Molly replied that her motivation is simple: the animals. She firmly believes that each and every animal deserves the best chance to find a forever home, and that they deserve to begin that journey healthy and safe. Molly began volunteering when she felt that something was missing from her life and that she should be actively working to help animals in the community. As her life and her commitments changed, she found she had less time to spend at the shelter, but still wanted to contribute in a way that felt useful. In 2012, Molly felt that there was no better way to contribute than to become a monthly Sustaining Member, and she has been one ever since.

Molly and her husband Tony have a 15-year-old daughter, Katie, and a second baby, their miniature Dachshund Josie, whom they cherish. Molly does her best to attend fundraising events whenever her schedule allows, but says that the Sustaining Membership is what is working best for her. We are so grateful for everything she has done and continues to do for Animal Allies!

Do you want to save lives like Molly does? Becoming a Sustaining Member is easy! To learn more about our various levels of Sustaining Membership and how to become one, visit animalallies.net/member.



Molly's miniature Dachshund Josie.









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

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LEADERSHIP EAN

Take a peek behind the scenes at Animal Allies to see who helps make our mission of saving animals possible! Introducing our amazing leadership crew:

The Directors



Lindsay Snustad has been Animal Allies' Executive Director for nearly a year. When she's not busy leading our organization, she spends time with family and friends, volunteering at her kids' elementary school, playing soccer, or hanging out at the cabin. In Lindsay's perfect world, every child and animal would feel safe, and she would have an ample supply of gin and tonics.



Daryl Yankee works closely with Lindsay as Animal Allies' Shelter Operations
Director. You may recognize his name, as he was our Interim Executive Director back in 2005. Daryl's second tour of duty at Animal Allies began last December. When he's not at work, you can find him studying for his Master's Degree in Organization Development. According to Daryl, if he could live in a perfect world, it would have tons of waves full of dogs on surfboards.

Fundraising and Communications



Amy Miller is our Marketing and Communications Manager. This August will mark her five-year anniversary at Animal Allies! When Amy is not at work, it's pretty much guaranteed she's at the barn with her horse Sebastian, at home with her husband Steve and their three adopted pets, or hanging out with the group of troublemakers she calls her friends. Amy is motivated by happiness, so her perfect world would be one where people are happy as much as possible.



Beth Albrecht has been Animal Allies' Fundraising Events Manager for a little over eight months now. When she's not working, you can find her enjoying family time with her husband Mike, son Lucas, dog Willy, and cat Gwen - if she's in the mood for attention, that is. She also loves to go hiking, camping, fishing, running, and enjoy as much time as possible in the beautiful outdoors of Duluth.

Finance



Carley Adolfson has been our Finance Manager for over two years now. When she's not at work, she's usually shopping, watching TV, sleeping, or spending time outside (even though she hates bugs.) Aside from those activities, Carley's perfect world would be one full of rainbows and dinosaurs.

Animal Care Team



Brooke Anderson, a certified Veterinary Technician, is going on her seventh year as our Medical Manager. She loves to run, bake, and, as of recently, watch Game of Thrones in her free time. In her perfect world, money would grow on trees, she could run across the country, and there would be peace.



Kat Pinchen is our Kennel Manager and Maintenance Supervisor. She has worked at Animal Allies for a little over a year. She loves playing soccer, hiking, fishing, and exploring outside, so her perfect world would be one filled with all of those activities and, of course, animals.



Betsy Bode, our Shelter Programs Manager, heads our adoption and spay/neuter program. She just celebrated her seventh anniversary at Animal Allies! In her spare time, Betsy volunteers with Lost Dogs of Minnesota, reads, is a member of various animal welfare groups, and was recently appointed president of MnPAW. For Betsy, a perfect world would be one where Animal Allies' services are no longer needed.

because there would be no homeless pets. Aww!



Keri Heise has been at Animal Allies for one year and has been the Adoption Team Supervisor for a few months. In her time away from work, she likes to read, ride her horse, and spend time with her husband and their five rescued house pets. In Keri's perfect world, there would be free ice cream and beach vacations for everyone!

Humane Education



Pat Castellano has been our Humane Educator for about eleven years, but has been volunteering for Animal Allies since the very first Walk for Animals in 1994. In her limited free time, she likes to garden, visit family, read, and be outside as much as possible. She envisions her perfect world as the days when she doesn't have to pack mule a million items to programs or back and forth from work. Otherwise her health,

a roof over her head, good company, and the opportunity to do good for others is more than enough for Pat.



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Becky Mathiowetz has been Animal Allies' Volunteer Coordinator (a.k.a. the people trainer!) for the past five years. In this time, she has helped hundreds of volunteers learn how to work with the animals safely and successfully. When she's not at the shelter, Becky can be found reading, riding her bike, or spending time with her husband and their three adopted dogs. This summer, Becky decided to leave her position at Animal Allies to give herself a little more time to do those things she loves so much.

We thank Becky for her many years of hard work and dedication. She has touched the lives of countless people and pets and we look forward to seeing her as a volunteer herself in the future! Becky, we all wish you the best of luck on your next adventure.









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UPCOMING EVENTS



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Third Thursday of Every Month 5:30 pm

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. Call 218-623-6343 or e-mail volunteer@animalallies.net if you are interested in attending or have any questions regarding the meetings.

September

Humane Education School Programs Begin

Because caring children become caring adults. Invite Animal Allies to your school, fair, fundraiser, carnival, or special event! We offer programs for grades K-4, and all programs meet state grade level learning standards. Contact Pat for more information at pat@animalallies.net or 218-623-6357.

Saturday. September 5th Run, Walk, Bark 5k at Brighton Beach in Duluth

Run, walk, or bark along the shores of beautiful Lake Superior with your pooch and raise money to help homeless pets. More information and sign up on northlandrunner.com.

Save the Date for the Fur Ball Gala at Northland Country Club Saturday, October 10th

Animal Allies' largest fundraising event! Live and silent auction, complimentary martini bar, gourmet dinner, dancing, and live music. Tickets available after Labor Day.

Give to the Max Day Thursday, November 12th

Mark your calendars for this day of giving!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Muriel Whiteside and the Trustees of the Muriel Whiteside Charitable Trust Fund 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!

