# The Paw Print " May 2012



# **CELEBRATING OUR 20TH YEAR! WALK FOR ANIMALS IS SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH**

Presented by Miller Hill Subaru, WDIO and Mix108



Photo by Joseph Yetman

The 2012 Walk for Animals will be packed with exciting events including an obstacle course and contests for you and your pet, beautiful artwork made by shelter animals on sale from Art Junction at UDAC, a continental breakfast and more! These fabulous activities are free and open to the public.

Register in advance at www.animalallies.net/walk. All pre-registrants who raise \$40 or more are

guaranteed a t-shirt the day of the walk! Registration will also be available the morning of June 9th beginning at 9 a.m. at Bayfront Festival Park.

On your own, or with a team – it's easy to help homeless pets! Start a team with friends, family, and coworkers. The top two fundraising teams will win a pizza party from Grandma's Sports Garden. Enter a drawing to win exciting prizes by raising \$100 or more.

#### Are you up to the Grand Marshal Challenge?

All participants who raise \$300 or more will be honored as Grand Marshals of the walk! As a Grand Marshal, you get:

- special recognition by being the first on the walking path with other Grand Marshals;
- a special 5x7 portrait of you and your pet, taken on the day of the event; and
- entry in a special drawing to win prizes!

Join us at Bayfront Festival Park to celebrate two decades of family fun on Saturday, June 9th at 9 a.m.



All funds raised will be used to support homeless pets through Animal Allies Humane Society's adoption, spay/ neuter, and humane education programs. Last year we saw a duck, a tortoise, and a horse – you never know what this year's walk will bring!



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Rick and Chantey

### LATE NIGHT HOURS INVITE MEDITATIONS ON OUR MISSION

Well before sunrise on a recent Sunday morning, in the middle of the 30-continuous-hour ASPCA Mega Match-a-Thon, I settled in for a break and felt my thoughts begin to drift.

The shelter was peaceful. A number of staff and volunteers were setting up for the next flow of activities, some were making rounds and checking on the comfort of the animals, others were quietly working – taking advantage of the time to put final touches on reports, and two could be heard having a discussion about which animal might be adopted next.

It takes a team of dedicated animal lovers to make a difference in the lives of homeless pets. I pondered over the fact that there are multiple organizations collaborating to make the dream of a new state-of-theart shelter in Superior a reality. They are all a part of this exciting shift in regional animal welfare.

Operations of the Superior shelter have been smooth. In the first three months, 164 animals within its walls found loving homes. But the existing Superior building is antiquated, difficult and costly to maintain, has insufficient space for adopters to visit with potential new family members, lacks areas for humane education and volunteer training, and needs improvement so we can give the best care possible to animals in need.

As my thoughts continued to drift that night, instead of counting sheep, I began to count stories. There was Miracle, the dog who survived a horrible case of

mange; Fudge, the cat with only one eye; Rah Rah, a small Chihuahua who was so timid and scared when he arrived as a stray, but bolted into the arms of his owner – a ball of happiness – when he heard her voice; Gnome, the diabetic cat who has been dubbed "desk inspector" and will stretch across paperwork for attention; and Tennille, the puppy who "dialed" 911 and was subsequently adopted by the deputy sheriff. The parade of animals goes on and on.

This is why staff and volunteers are in the shelter in the middle of the night. This is why multiple groups are willing to work together. This is why the hard work and dedication of animal lovers is worth all the effort: a lifetime of loving care for every pet.

Miracle, Fudge, Rah Rah, Gnome, Tennille, and countless others, have shown us unconditional love. We must take advantage of those opportunities to give it back.

For the animals,

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P.S. Your contribution makes Animal Allies' life saving work possible. Would you consider a donation today?





#### **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 quality animal sheltering services.

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

### **ASPCA® MEGA MATCH-A-THON: A GREAT SUCCESS!**

On March 31st and April 1st, members of the community gathered at Animal Allies Humane Society.

In just 30 hours, hundreds of supporters visited the shelter to participate in a variety of activities and share in the joy of our wonderul animals and 44 homeless pets were matched with loving families.

We appreciate all who participated in this unique and exciting event!



Daisy and Duke, lifelong friends, were adopted together at the event.



Huck shows off his moves at the agility demonstration by Ram Reizel Dog Training. Photo by Joseph Yetman

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Reggie is happy and comfortable as he heads to his new home. Photo by Joseph Yetman

## **REGGIE'S STORY**

When Reggie walked through the shelter doors this past January, his owners thought that those were to be among his last steps.

The 16-year-old German Shepherd had a large tumor on his elbow and, sadly, there was nothing more his owners could do to help their beloved pet.

Shelter veterinarian, Dr. Mary Wictor, believed there was still hope for this sweet dog. Reggie was surrendered to the care of Animal Allies, where the medical team was able to remove the mass and send it in for a biopsy. Although the test results showed that the growth may return over time, the removal alone made Reggie happier and more comfortable.

Karen Irving, still grieving over the loss of her dog six months before, heard from her grand-daughter about the nice boy recovering from surgery at Animal Allies Humane Society. Although she didn't think she would ever adopt again, she had to come see this miracle for herself. She fell in love.

Mrs. Irving finalized Reggie's adoption at the ASPCA Mega Match-a-Thon and he has now joined her menagerie of donkeys, horses, chickens, and a duck! He is full of energy and loving his new life.

# **VOLUNTEER NEWS**

Volunteers make our work possible!

# **Behavior Makeover: BARC Edition**

BARC students enrich lives, improve behavior, and give shelter animals a better chance to thrive in new homes.

The Behavioral Applications Regarding Canines (BARC) program is coordinated by Julie Slowiak, PhD, through the Psychology Department at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. Focusing on



**Emily and Puppy** 

shelter canines, students engage in "polite puppy" training to accelerate a pet's placement into a loving home and improve post-adoption pet and owner satisfaction.

Dogs are taught basic skills, such as "sit," and are redirected away from less-desirable behaviors like jumping and barking. BARC trainers use behavioral principles in their "polite puppy" training with an emphasis on positive reinforcement.



BARC students, Emily and Katie, work with Coca Bean

"I've found this program to be very rewarding - both for the animals and the students involved," said Megan Thiesse, a current BARC participant. "Watching Engle grow to become the well-behaved boy he was when he found a home was an amazing experience."

### **VOLUNTEER HOURS:**

Volunteers contributed over 5,400 hours between our Duluth and Superior locations in January and February alone. *This is the equivalent of 16 full time employees!* These hours are donated by our Dog and Cat Buddies, Fosters, Office Assistants, Shelter Greeters/ Docents, Committee Members, and Event/Community Outreach Volunteers.

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We welcome volunteers to both locations.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

Becky at becky@animalallies.net or call (218) 623-6343

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BARC students have also participated in Animal Allies' community events and have developed a training program for Dog Buddies who would like to expand their knowledge of basic kennel manners and learn how to incorporate "polite puppy" training into their visits.



BARC Program Participants

Since its inception in the Fall of 2011, the BARC program has primarily focused on dog behavior. However, the plan is to expand the program to cats, enhancing socialization and decreasing fear and anxiety. In the future, the BARC program hopes to provide post-adoption consultation to area pet owners.



Engle and Megan

A similar program, headed by Dr. Eleni Pinnow, recently started at Animal Allies in Superior. Dr. Pinnow and a group of UWS students enrich the lives of shelter animals and promote positive behaviors to help homeless pets get adopted more quickly.

For more information about the BARC Program, please contact faculty supervisor, Julie Slowiak, PhD, at jslowiak@d.umn.edu.

# CAN YOU HELP?

**Out on the Town?** Spread the word about Animal Allies' cutting edge campaigns for spay/neuter and adoption by hanging new posters – hot off the press! Volunteers needed to service specific zip codes.

**Extended Dog Walking Hours.** Animal Allies seeks Dog Buddies between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday for walks, play groups, and enrichment activities for our canines. Get in your morning workout while helping your four-legged friends!

**Love Puppies and Kittens?** Become a foster family and care for puppies and kittens who need food, love, shelter, and the chance to grow before being adopted. Foster volunteers are especially needed in the upcoming summer months!

#### Help Adopters Find Their New Best Friend.

Docents/Shelter Greeters are needed Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. to help greet visitors, give tours of the shelter, and help potential adopters find the new love of their lives!

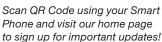
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Stay connected to the inspiring stories, exciting events and current happenings at Animal Allies Humane Society.



Receive updates by email, "Like" Animal Allies Humane Society on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, simply by visiting our home page at **www.animalallies.net** or scanning the QR Code below with your Smart Phone.







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# spend the Summer "Camping" with the Dogs and Cats

July 9-13 (ages 8-12) Fun for Dogs and Cats In a Shelter

What can we do for shelter dogs and cats and our own animals at home to keep them busy, happy, healthy, out of trouble, and challenged? What steps does an animal go through from arrival to being adopted? Have fun teaching old and young dogs all kinds of new tricks, learning how to care for the daily health of animals, and make the dogs and cats happy with games and activities suited to their dog-ness and cat-ness. Journal your observations and thoughts about the animals you meet to share with shelter visitors.

July 23 - 27 (ages 8 - 12)

Purrfectly Meowelous Doggone Great Shelter Animals!

Get to know our shelter dogs and cats, especially our long-term residents. Find out

Get to know our shelter dogs and cats, especially our long-term residents. Find out their likes and dislikes, their talents and special-ness. Write stories, take photos, and create fun videos featuring homeless animals to help them be noticed and get adopted.



Name		Age
Parent/Guardian		
Address		StateZip
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Please register by June 15. Camp attendance is limited to 20 children per camp session.

Send to: Humane Education, Animal Allies Humane Society 4006 Airport Road, Duluth MN 55811



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If you have questions about Animal Allies Humane Society and how your gift can provide care and hope for homeless cats and dogs, please call:

Rick Sailstad, Executive Director, (218) 623-6348.





# spend the summer "Camping" with the Dogs and Cats

August 6 - 10 (ages 8 – 12)

howdy Cat!

What is it about cats anyway, and why do they do what they do? What is the history of "the cat"? Learn how to brush cats, clip their nails, how to "talk" cat, and welcome guest animals and people who will help us learn about our feline shelter residents and friends.

August 20 - 24 (ages 8 - 12)

Eun for Dogs and Cats In a Shelter

What things can we do for shelter dogs and cats and our own animals at home to keep them busy, happy, healthy, out of trouble, and challenged? What steps does an animal go through from arrival to being adopted? Have fun teaching old and young dogs all kinds of new tricks, learning how to care for the daily health of animals, and make the dogs and cats happy with games and activities suited to their dog-ness and cat-ness. Journal your observations and thoughts about the animals you meet to share with shelter visitors.



#### **EACH CAMP SESSION IS \$100**

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- ☐ July 23–27 9 a.m. 12 p.m. (ages 8–12) Purrfectly Meowvelous Doggone Great Shelter Animals!
- ☐ Aug 6-10 9 a.m. 12 p.m. (ages 8 –12) Howdy Cat!
- ☐ Aug 20-24 9 a.m. 12 p.m. (ages 8 –12) Fun for Dogs and Cats In a Shelter

Register online at www.animalallies.net/camps

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#### Thank you to everyone who began their monthly sustaining contributions in January, February or March 2012.

#### MIRIAM CARLSTEDT SOCIETY

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#### **ANIMAL ANGEL**

Beverly Jacobson Daniel and Donna Powell Madeleine Robins Mary Lou Spicer

#### ANIMAL PROTECTOR

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Disposable latex & non-latex

Dish detergent

gloves

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June Anderson Leslie Dollen & Brad Snelling Jackie Fanning Sue Fleming Lora A. Shatto



We greatly appreciate your generosity of donated items, including those that may be around your house and not currently being used. Thank you for your support!

Items may be delivered to Superior or Duluth locations! 2225 Hill Ave, Superior WI or 4006 Airport Road, Duluth MN or 2002 West Superior Street, Duluth MN

#### **DOGS**

Kongs (black) Kong Stuff 'N Paste Kuranda fleece pads for beds Natural Balance Dog Food Rolls Peanut Butter Pill Pockets

#### **CATS**

Small soft treats

Cans of strained chicken baby food Cat litter (non clumping) Decorative mobile Dry cat food Hide, Perch & Go Kuranda cat towers Kuranda fleece pads for beds Plastic eggs that open Solid bright colored fleece blanket (orange, green or purple)

Stretch and Scratch White noise machine

#### MEDICAL SUPPLIES

2" Vet wrap 4"x4" gauze squares 70% Isopropyl alcohol 9V batteries AA batteries AAA batteries Cosequin/Dasuquin Latex exam gloves Peroxide Snack size baggies

#### **CLEANING SUPPLIES**

Tongue depressors

33 gal contractor garbage bags Anti-bacterial hand sanitizer Bleach

Ziplock freezer bags- quart size

Dustbuster Flashlights Hand soap refills Heavy paper towels Kitchen sponges Large wet/dry shop vac Laundry detergent (HE) Lint rollers Liquid hand soap Lysol Mop heads (clamp) Paper towels Spray 'n wash Swiffer Sweeper Tall kitchen garbage bags Toilet brush

#### **OFFICE SUPPLIES**

Window cleaner

Toilet paper

Copier paper (white) Digital picture frames External hard drive (1 TB) File folder labels Folders with 2 pockets Index cards (blue & pink) Letter file folders w/3 tab positions Manila envelopes Masking tape Post-it notes Postage stamps Rubber bands Scotch tape Self-adhesive envelopes (size #10) Self-adhesive laminate sheets Sharpie markers (black)

Mini Fridge (for vaccines) Portable garden hose reel

#### **BASIC TOOLS**

Hammers Hand Drill Screwdrivers

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Cat Buddies Communication Committee Members Morning Dog Walkers **Transport Drivers** Shelter Greeters/Docents Vet Techs and Vet Assistants

Through a generous sponsorship, Animal Allies Humane Society is able to feed our shelter animals Hill's Science Diet pet foods.





# SAVE A LIFE BECOME AN MEMBER

#### **All Members Receive:**

- Animal Allies Membership Cling
- 10% off adoption
- 10% retail discount
- 10% off humane education activities
- Voting Privileges
- Continued Subscription to The Paw Print newsletter

HUMANE SOCIETY

- Newsletter acknowledgement of Membership
- The 2012 Limited Edition Membership Tote Bag
- \*Additional benefits earned with increased membership levels!

<u>Membership levels</u>	Name
☐ Spay/Neuter Hero \$5,000 Annually / \$400 Monthly	Address
This level spays/neuters all the animals in the Duluth shelter for one month. *Additional benefits: 4 complimentary tickets to the Fur Ball, recognition on the Spay/Neuter Donor Wall, kennel sponsorship and an Animal Allies messenger bag.	City/State/Zip
\$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, recognition with a paw on the Donor Wall, kennel sponsorship and an Animal Allies messenger bag.  Animal Angel \$500 Annually / \$40 Monthly  This level feeds 40 dogs and 27 cats in the shelter for one	<ul> <li>Please be assured that AAHS does not sell or give contact information to any other organization.</li> <li>Payment Method</li> <li>\$Amount Enclosed</li> <li>□ Check or Cash</li> <li>□ Credit card</li> </ul>
month. *Additional benefit: Recognized kennel sponsorship for one year and an Animal Allies messenger bag.  Animal Protector \$250 Annually / \$20 Monthly  This level will spay/neuter a mother and her litter of four	□ VISA □ MasterCard □ Discover  Acct #  Exp
puppies. *Additional benefits: Animal Allies messenger bag.  Animal Friend \$100 Annually / \$10 Monthly  This level vaccinates 10 dogs against disease.	Thank you for your donation
☐ Family/Business – \$50 Annually This level feeds 20 dogs for one week.	Donation Amount In honor of Person, name
Animal Ally – \$30 Annually This level microchips 3 pets to help them return home should they become lost.	In memory of Person, name In honor of Pet, name
☐ Student/Senior - \$25 Annually This level feeds 25 cats for one week.	In memory of Pet, name  Send acknowledgement to:
Become a Monthly Sustaining Member! Same great membership benefits, one monthly payment.	Name
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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Watch the website for adoption promotions this summer!

May Online Adirondack Chair Auction

Four stylish adironack chairs have been made priceless by four local artists. Don't

miss your chance to make the winning bid on a functional work of art.

Watch www.animallies.net for details.

June 9th Walk for Animals at Bayfront Festival Park

Form a team, grab your pup and walk to raise awareness and money for the

homeless pets we serve. More info at www.animalallies.net/walk.

July 9th Humane Education Kids Camps Begin!

Don't miss this opportunity to sign your kids up for a week-long summer day camp.

To reserve your spot, contact Pat at (218) 623-6357 or pat@animalallies.net.

Space is limited!

October 25th General Membership Meeting

All current members invited to attend.

October 27th Fur Ball at Northland Country Club

Join Animal Allies Humane Society for an evening of fine food, live music, and

helping homeless pets.

