

WALKI FOR ANIMALS

Come and enjoy this year's Walk for Animals

on the midsummer evening of Thursday, *July 15th at Leif Erikson Park from 4:00 to 8:00pm*. The 2 mile walk is an out and back along the beautiful north shore of Lake Superior on Duluth's Lakewalk. In addition to the Walk for Animals, the event also features pet contests, live music, pet microchipping, children's activities, a pet agility and obstacle course, food trucks, local vendors, and an opportunity to meet our new full time veterinarian Dr. Brianna Piechowski.

We are fortunate to have evening anchor, broadcast journalist and Animal Allies volunteer, Bonney Bowman as our emcee. Pet contests will be happening from the main park stage and everyone is encouraged to gather around and vote for the winners with your applause. The pet agility and obstacle course will be open from 4:00 to 6:30pm but please note that official times will end at 5:30pm. Get to the walk early if you plan to get an official agility time!

Participants are encouraged to register and launch their fundraising efforts at secure.qgiv.com/events/wfa21/. As you may know, the Walk for Animals is a free event. We enthusiastically encourage supporters to do a little fundraising

to ensure Animals Allies can continue to save the lives of pets. Every gift

given is golden, no matter the size. Animal Allies appreciates the commitment and dedicated support of our community of pet lovers. Together, we believe in the humane treatment of animals. We believe in the rescuing and rehabilitation of homeless pets into loving homes.

You can choose to do the walk virtually. Simply register online and turn your fundraising envelope in to Animal Allies.

EVERYONE is encouraged to pre-register between noon and 4:00pm on Sunday, July 11 or Monday, July 12. Simply stop by the Animal Allies Humane Education Room to drop off your fundraising packet and pick up your walker packet and wave sticker.

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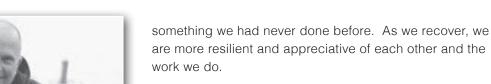








A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



As you read this newsletter, you will see that we are incredibly hopeful and expect 2021 will be a year of reconnection with our supporters. With this sense of renewal, I am thrilled to announce we are making plans to open our doors to the public for visits, following CDC guidelines, beginning on July 1 (see opposite page.)

I wish you a bright and beautiful summer! We look forward to engaging with the community again as we continue to make it a healthy place for pets and the people who love them. Thank you for all that you do in support of Animal Allies Humane Society so we can successfully carry out our mission to ensure a loving home for every pet. We hope to see you soon. Stay well.



Greetings, Dear Friends!

Summer is in the air and there is a sense of ease and hope as new cases of COVID-19 are declining. As I write this letter, 50% of Americans and 57% of Minnesotans have been vaccinated. One year ago as I wrote this letter, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic and we were called to respond guickly to

Yours Warmly,

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Saturday, October 16th, 2021

Animal Allies' annual gala is scheduled for October 16, 2021. We look forward to gathering at Northland Country Club to eat, drink, and celebrate our continued commitment to the animals. After a long socially-distant year, we are in the mood for a party!

The Fur Ball has always been one of our most important events, raising vital funds for the animals.

This year's gala promises to be more festive, and more meaningful, than ever. Featuring stories of our work told with the talented help of Blue Forest Films. Together we'll ensure the powerful work at Animal

Allies continues.

WELCOME BACK TO THE SHELTER

We are very excited to announce that on July 1, the adoption center is open to the public again!

For over a year now, Animal Allies has chosen to ensure our staff' and volunteers' safety by restricting visitors to the shelter, conducting adoptions by appointment only. This unwanted change offered a silver lining, as we discovered that the dogs thrived with less traffic through their kennel area. With only staff and volunteers in the building, dogs got amazing one-on-one time without feeling overwhelmed by the usual rush of new people passing by them throughout the day. For this visitor-free year, dogs in the shelter have been much less stressed, which in turn makes them better-behaved and more adoptable.

As we open our doors to the public again, we plan to keep the best of both worlds. During open hours, anyone can shop in our retail space or visit freely in the cat rooms (cats seem unbothered by a flow of visitors—in fact, many prefer it!) However, the dog runs will be closed to the public. Anyone who wishes to visit adoptable dogs can do so on a first come first serve basis accompanied by an adoption staff member. This way, adopters have a chance to meet potential pets, but dogs don't get over-stressed--while the cats will get all the socialization they need.

Our adoption holds for adult pets will be made only in person, not over the phone, so that adopters can meet the pet and be sure they are a good fit before committing. Welcoming visitors back to Animal Allies will be a big change after a quiet year. After a quiet year, welcoming visitors back to Animal Allies will be a big change. College students and kids in need of a "cat fix" will once again



be able to come spend time with the shelter kitties and give them the attention they love. Both the cats and the communities will benefit!



WEAR YOUR ANIMAL LOVING HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE

Support the pets at the Animal Allies online store

We are so excited to collaborate with our Kennel Team Lead: *Sarah Amistadi* on clothes and accessories for our online store! As it turns out she is a cat whisperer who also happens to be an incredibly talented artist and designer. Inspired by her own love of animals and by our vibrant community of animal lovers, Sarah's designs for the shop feature joyous, witty patterns in a variety of styles and highlight aspects of our work like our life-saving animal transports.

Whether you're buying a gift or treating yourself, there is truly something for everyone, from a logo baby onesie to the "I Love My Rescue" coffee mug to camo athletic shorts (look closely at that camo-you'll notice tiny cats and dogs in it! A classic Sarah detail.) The best part about shopping our store: 40% of sales go directly to benefit the animals! Support homeless pets and rep Animal Allies by buying from www.animalallies.net/shop

Introducing Our New Shelter Vet:

Or. Brianna Piechowski

We are so excited to welcome a much-needed addition to our shelter family: veterinarian Dr. Brianna Piechowski. As a full-time staff member, Dr. Piechowski will be on hand daily to oversee the care of Animal Allies' dogs and cats as we prepare them for adoption. She has been an amazing addition to our team! We'll let Dr. Bri introduce herself in her own words:

I'm a Minnesota native from Buffalo. MN. Growing up, my family was very animal-centric, mostly with dogs and horses, as my parents are very actively involved in hunt tests and field trials. They also opened and ran a boarding kennel for twelve years, which I worked at all throughout my high school years and some into college. My first introduction to animal rescue was through my parents as well, as they used to run the rescue program for both the Northstar Weimaraner Club and the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Minnesota. Originally, I never had an interest in veterinary medicine, thinking that the only opportunities for employment were in small animal general practice. After graduating from Iowa State University with a bachelor's degree in genetics, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do with it. So. I decided to live abroad in South Korea instead. While there, I volunteered at a local shelter and my eyes were opened to how fortunate we, as

Americans are to have such great support in our culture for animal rescue and adoption. It was at this time I decided to look further into other career options veterinarians had. I entered into St. George's University College of Veterinary Medicine, based in Grenada, West Indies, thinking I wanted to go into public health research in the government after graduating as I've always had a passion for research, epidemiology and infectious and zoonotic diseases. However, throughout my course work and learning more about the different aspects of veterinarians in a shelter and in the government, shelter medicine began to become of a greater interest to me. It's a good combination of public health and more hands-on work with animals.

Once I graduated from St. George's University in January 2021, Animal Allies was happy to take me on as their new veterinarian as of this past March. This being my first job as a veterinarian and being the only

veterinarian has both come with challenges and rewards. It's been very satisfying to see that what I've learned in school has actually paid off for the animals in my care, like Spruce the cat. When I first started at AAHS, Spruce was a site for sore eyes with long-term ear infections and secondary wounds that would not heal because of his constant scratching. But once I made him a treatment plan and monitored him closely, his ears and wounds soon got better. The pandemic definitely hampered my last year in school, and I lost out on a lot of handson clinical training. Luckily, many of the veterinarians in the Duluth community have reached out and offered to help and be available to answer any questions I might have. It's been a slow process getting everything in order as a newly graduated veterinarian but hopefully soon I'll be able to start doing spays and neuters here at the shelter and we'll be back into full swing as a veterinary team at AAHS. *

While searching for a full-time vet, we have depended on the generosity and expertise of our local veterinary community to give pets at AAHS the care they deserve. Drs Jaimi Johnson and Katelyn Supinski of North Shore Veterinary Hospital have been amazing assets. Dr Grace Brown has taken on our canine and feline dental patients at Lake County Veterinary Clinics. Dr. Tammy Schilling of Twin Ports Spay and Neuter has been altering essentially all of our animals for us! We also want to thank Dr. Paul Fitzgerald of Airport Animal Hospital for providing medication oversight while waiting for Dr. Piechowski's licensure. We also want to express our gratitude to Dr. Steven Schuder of the Duluth Veterinary Hospital and Dr. Thomas Dougherty of Dougherty Veterinary Clinics for offering Dr. Piechowski ongoing mentorship, the opportunity to shadow procedures, or simply the ability to call for a consult on a difficult case. Thank you!

Meet Andi and Allie



MEET THE MASCOTS!

Andi and Allie are the dynamic-duo, tag-team mascots of Animal Allies. Where one goes, like a tail, the other follows. Andi first made his appearance in May of 2016, courtesy of two long-time supporters who believed that AAHS deserved a bright new doggy mascot for camps and other events. The following February, a calico cat was added to the team when another generous donor pointed out that our felines deserved equal representation.

When trying to figure out what to name the mascots, staff decided it would be fitting to have both names start with A to match the two A's of the Animal Allies logo. After some deliberation, Andi and Allie were chosen, and officially became the most paw-some team ever.

Andi is a large mixed-breed dog. He adores children and spends most of his public appearances surrounded by the Youth Allies. He has appeared at Walk for Animals, Christmas City of the North Parade, Subaru love-a-pet adoption event, and a few special shelter-held birthday parties. He enjoys self-grooming and being pampered with baths, long walks, belly rubs, chasing his tail, playing with toys, and literally any attention from anyone.

Allie is a super social cat and loves being out and about in the public and immersing herself in community outreach events that benefit Animal Allies. She appeared at many local businesses and restaurants including Pizza Lucé, Bent Paddle, Fitger's, Miller Hill Subaru, Great Lakes Aquarium, Marcus theaters, the DECC, and many, many more.

She enjoys taking selfies with staff members and other fans and has as-purr-ations to one day be a public figure-@AllieAAHS. Listening to music, dancing, being around tasty food, modeling AAHS merch, cat naps, soliciting ear scratches, and getting lost in skeins of yarn are her favorite pastimes.

They have important jobs representing Animal Allies, but our mascots also get up to a lot of mischief. While visiting Marcus Theaters for Cat Video Fest 2020, Allie went into the Impractical Jokers movie screening and pretended to be part of the show since one of the characters is afraid of cats and is often chased by a cat mascot. In 2019 Allie rode a bicycle at the Bike Swap! At the 2018 Subaru Lovea-pet adoption event, Andi and Allie had an epic dance-off and even got Santa to join in briefly. Allie jumped on a trampoline while playing basketball at the DECC Home Show in 2017. Andi was once caught bathing himself in the Animal Allies grooming tub.

Coming soon to our online store:

"Team Andi -vs- Team Allie" apparel!

As you read this, final touches are being added to our latest merchandise at www.animalallies.net/shop. Turn to page 3 to learn about the online store.

Walk for Animals 2023 Leif Erikson Park

Thursday, July 15th - 4:00PM to 8:00PM

Register and begin your fundraising at https://secure.ggiv.com/event/wfa21/

Event Timeline

Registration Check in and Fundraising Packet Turn In 4:00-6:00pm

4:00-6:30pm Pet Agility Course is open

-NOTE: Official agility course timing occurs between 4:00-5:30pm

4:00-6:30pm Microchipping Animal Allies Van

Meet & Greet w/Animal Allies Vet Dr. Brianna Piechowski

Food Trucks – The Rambler food truck and Crank & Dasher ice cream cart

Live Music – Hodag & Hooch performing Youth Allies Activities & Humane Education

Vendors

5:10 Official Welcome - Bonney Bowman

Recognize, Honor, and Thank our Sponsors and Top Fundraisers 5:12 Cutest Puppy Contest (all contests are voted on with crowd applause) 5:20

5:30 Pet & Owner Look-Alike Contest

5:40 Pet Tricks Contest

5:50 Agility Course's Fastest and Slowest participants announced

5:50-6:20 Free time to enjoy the event

Walk Waves

6:20	vvaves 1-5 Line up
6.30	The Walk for Animals has

The Walk for Animals begins Wave 1 starts up the Lakewalk (along the north shore of Lake Superior)

6:32 Wave 2 (Waves 5-12 begin lining up)

6:34 Wave 3

6:36 Wave 4

6:38 Wave 5 (Waves will include 25/40 walkers TBD)

Wave 6 6:40 6:42 Wave 7

6:44 Wave 8

6:46 Wave 9 Wave 10 6:48

6:50 Wave 11

(Last Walkers returning at approximately 7:50pm) 6:52 Wave 12

no retractable leashes please



Prize Alert: Thanks to Boehringer-Ingelheim, Animal Allies will be giving away six canine and six feline Frontline Gold doses at this summer's Walk for Animals!



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Why I Give In Memory of Bandit

By Debra Tweten

In January 2003, I put my dog in the car and headed to Duluth to meet Toby, a geriatric spaniel mix that Pat Castellano was fostering. We completed the adoption and returned to the Twin Cities so that he could start living large. He was in very rough shape after living on the streets of Duluth for what appeared to be quite some time. He was renamed Bandit and became a very loved member of my family. He passed away in October 2004, and all but a few of those months were fabulous. Bandit woke up every day with a smile on his face until his kidney failure necessitated a tough decision. Even though our time together was too short, I've often said that bringing him home was one of the very best decisions I ever made. He sure taught me several lessons about how to enjoy life.

I'm the Donor Relations Officer for Can Do Canines in the Twin Cities. We signed on with FreeWill to enhance our legacy program several months ago and I updated my will through it. Because of Bandit, I included Animal Allies. It is so easy to sign up for FreeWill, especially for people that have uncomplicated estates. There's no reason to keep putting it off when such an easy-to-use tool is available. It's been very important for me to put my money where my mouth is, so I was very happy to ensure that my estate will literally "go to the dogs."

I knew that I would want to someday give a legacy gift in Toby's/Bandit's memory. I hope to have several years yet but I will definitely make sure that Animal Allies receives something to be able to keep rescuing sweethearts like





Jennifer V. Julsrud, Development Officer How long have you been with Animal Allies?

It'll be a year at the end of July.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in the southern Twin Cities farm country, in a little place called Credit River Township near Lakeville. When I was a kid, we called it "the sticks." In my backyard was a pond full of painted turtles, a corn field perfect for hide and seek, and an area too hilly to farm which made for ideal sledding in the winter and camping in the summers. My father owned and operated a concrete swimming pool company which meant we also had a swimming pool. I had a pretty fun childhood, full of lots of outdoor adventures. Although we lived near Lakeville I commuted to West St. Paul where I graduated from Archbishop Brady High School.

Why did you choose Duluth?

I started college at the University of Minnesota Minneapolis campus and although I loved it, I realized Duluth was a better fit. After traveling around the four corners area skiing, rock climbing, backpacking and biking through the Canyonlands, I returned to Minnesota and transferred to UMD. Once here, I immediately fell in love with the big lake. I started running along the Lakewalk, running Grandma's Marathon and rowing on Park Point at the Duluth Rowing Club and that was it - I was hooked. Duluth felt like home. My husband and I met and fell in love not many years after I first moved to Duluth. I've been a proud Duluthian since 1993. Our big network of beloved friends and all of its beautiful outdoor spaces make this community impossible to leave.

What do you like best about working for AAHS?

I'm an animal lover and being surrounded all day by dogs, cats, kittens and puppies is heaven. I love that a cat named Steve will sprawl out across my keyboard as I type. I feel really lucky to work here. I remember how proud I was of our community in 2009 when this new building was finally completed. We're really blessed to live in a community that values its homeless pets so highly that we're willing to create such a safe, fear-free space for them to heal and find a new loving home.

What do you like to do for fun?

My husband Erik and I are almost always outside, often with the dogs and our kids Anni and Haakon. In the winter we're telemark skiing downhill, classic cross-country skiing, or fat tire biking through the woods. The rest of the year, we're mountain biking, hiking, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, and canoeing. We spend a lot of time out in Montana relaxing, hiking, fly fishing and skiing. I'm also a foodie - I often love to cook - not always, but often.

Do you have any animals?

We have two cute pumpkins. Our girls are Nikita and Luna Rose. Niki is a smart, loyal, graceful German Shepherd-Labrador mix. We adopted her from Animal Allies about 10 years ago. She's a delight! And Luna Rose, sometimes known as Lonney, is a crazy, silly young girl who needs a lot more training and almost constant exercise. She typically makes us laugh - that is when she's not stabbing us with one of her gigantic sticks or small dead trees. We're grateful for all of the joy they've brought into our lives, especially during the pandemic.

What's your favorite animal transformation story?

Sweet Francesca came to Animal Allies homeless and pregnant. Although we tried to locate her owner, she was sadly never claimed. Two days after arriving in the shelter she spent an entire day giving birth to eight of the cutest assortment of puppies - all of them with different coloring. As a stray, I could only imagine the worry she was experiencing trying to stay warm and find food and water in the

weeks before she made her way to Animal Allies. I was so relieved for her. I was again grateful to live in a community where together we ensure pets like Francesca have a safe place to land especially when they need help, shelter, food, love and medical care.

What's it like being on the development team?

I love development work and I love people especially animal lovers. The support enjoyed at Animal Allies Humane Society is honestly extraordinary and as a development professional, it's also thrilling to recognize all the areas for potential growth in our giving at the shelter. Did you know over 70% of our funding comes from you and people like you? Yes. Together you collectively keep the work at Animal Allies moving into the future. Without you, we wouldn't exist. And it's my job to find where your values meet our work. It's a joy

Fill in the blank. Lasting words of animal wisdom:

My pets have rescued me. *

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