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A SAFER COMMUNITY - ONE PET AT A TIME

Keeping Our Community Safe Through Veterinary Medicine

Featuring Dr. Laura Kiehnbaum

Duluth is a special city. We all know a particular spot near the lake, in a local park or place just down the street that we explore with our furry friends. There's few places like it. Our community has a strong bond and a long history of treating our pets like part of the family. For that, we are thankful here at Animal Allies. Safety and security in our community is a shared responsibility we all play a part in. From East to



the West neighborhoods, our families are the core of all things we hold dear. The pets in your home are no exception - they are family. You take them for regular vet visits, make sure they're up to date on their examinations and vaccinations, and protect them with fences and leashes. They're microchipped, licensed and wear collars when outdoors. Pets are family and we do our best to keep them safe.

This is something we think about every day at Animal Allies Humane Society. As your local animal shelter, we recognize our responsibility to our neighbors to make sure that the pets adopted through us are healthy and ready for their new homes. Our licensed veterinarian, Dr. Laura Kiehnbaum, knows just how important healthy pets are to our community. That's why she follows an established set of protocols that every pet must meet before they can leave the shelter to their future happy homes.

Dr. Laura explains, "At Animal Allies our medical staff evaluates the health, well-being and behavior of every pet brought through the door. Each animal receives vaccinations per nationally recognized guidelines, treatment for parasite control, and laboratory tests for certain diseases. A licensed veterinarian examines every animal prior to adoption.

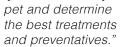
Our goal is to optimize the health of each individual animal. We feel strongly that 'every animal deserves a chance' and we do our best to see they have it. Many treatable diseases and chronic health problems are addressed while at the shelter. Each animal eventually becomes a member of the larger shelter

population, so not only is their individual health evaluated, but the impact on our shelter and (ultimately) the greater Duluth area is assessed. Our protocols help ensure the health and safety of our shelter and community animals.

While in the shelter, canine behavior is assessed to ensure a good fit for individuals and families. Our behavior assessment provides insight into an animal's character and personality while pinpointing potential issues. When necessary our staff, volunteers, behaviorists and local trainers work with animals to re-shape problem behaviors."

Having healthy happy animals in your home is all part of protecting our area pet population and ensuring a bright future for all of our furry friends. So, what steps can you take to make sure your pet is happy and healthy at home? Dr. Laura suggests building a relationship with a licensed veterinarian for continued care.

"We strive to protect and improve animal health while at the shelter and encourage you to continue the same at home. Annual visits to the vet are important to maintain health, prevent infectious disease, and identify potential problems. Common annual examination recommendations include vaccination, blood testing, fecal testing, and internal and external parasite control. Your veterinarian will work with you to evaluate your





Dr. Laura Kiehnbaum is a licensed veterinarian and works in Duluth, MN at Animal Allies Humane Society and Affiliated Emergency Veterinary Services.

When you adopt a pet from Animal Allies Humane Society you

can feel good about the care they have already received. Once you bring them home, we recommend reading through your adoption folder and setting an appointment with one of the vets on our 'welcome home' card. Several of these area veterinary clinics offer \$25 off of your first visit. This is a wonderful way to establish a new relationship with your family veterinarian.

WINTER GREETINGS, FRIENDS!



Executive Director Lindsay Snustad

This year's 15th annual Fur Ball Gala was the most successful on record and we are still marveling at the energy and enthusiasm felt in the room that evening. I want to call attention to this year's Fund-A-Need concept "Saving Lives Through Enrichment." Research indicates that enrichment increases adoptability and decreases the length of stay for the animals in our care. Enrichment is moving to the forefront of animal welfare work because, as clean and beautiful as our adoption center is, a shelter can be an uncertain and stressful environment for rescued pets. Providing an interesting, complex and stimulating environment both indoors and outdoors encourages the animals to be well mentally and physically. Stray and surrendered animals who have experienced a traumatic transition can be transformed through enrichment activities. Thanks to your gifts we will be adding doggy play yards, an outdoor cat catio and activity stations along the trails in the coming year.

Advances in animal welfare work coupled with success in addressing overpopulation provide an opportunity to expand our scope and save even more animals in the coming years.

From the earliest days and humble beginnings, Animal Allies Humane Society has been the caring hands for a community of incredibly compassionate individuals. Since 1957, your passion and input have guided and supported this work, and we continue to frame our board and leadership decisions around two key questions: 1.) What do you think Animal Allies does? and 2.) What do you think Animal Allies should be doing? This feedback is critical in helping us define our humane values, set priorities, and create initiatives that respond to advances in animal welfare on a national level.

Your gifts- in the form of time, talents, memberships, legacies and bequests- are what make this work possible in our past, present, and for the future. My heart is filled with gratitude this holiday season as I reflect on the overwhelming love and support you as a community provide for our pets. I know all the cats and dogs whose lives were saved would say the same if they could talk (rumor has it they can on a certain stroke of midnight). May the warmth of the season be reflected in the love of your animal companion as they curl up in your lap, safe in a loving home, thanks to you and all we do.

Warm Regards,

Lindsay Snustad. **Executive Director**

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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.



Bob Meierhoff

END OF YEAR

MATCHING DONATION

Did you know that over 67% of the operating budget for Animal Allies Humane Society comes directly from folks just like you? Every donation - annual and sustaining memberships, kennel sponsorships, bequests, exciting events like The Fur Ball and Walk for Animals- it all helps us continue our essential work for homeless pets in the Duluth community.

We need your help! Our goal this year is to raise an additional \$50,000 by December 31st. The Meierhoff family will contribute an *additional* \$10,000 if we are able to reach our goal! We can't do this without you. Will you please help us? Simply use the remittance envelope included with this newsletter or give online today. No donation is too small. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Give online: animalallies.net/member

WATER LILY & UPDATE &

The infamous Water Lily has come a long way in her short kitten life, and what a story she has! Her saga began when she was rescued from the side of the road with two damaged front legs by caring passers-by. When she arrived at Animal Allies her future was uncertain. Our community stepped forward in a big way- raising necessary funds to provide for her treatment through the *Healing Hearts and Paws Fund*.

Water Lily's recovery needs ended up including casting, a kitty 'wheelchair', treatment here at the shelter, multiple surgeries, metal pins in her legs, an extended stay in Minneapolis with a caring foster during her full recovery at Blue Pearl Clinic, veterinary appointments at Blue Pearl Clinic, and her eventual return to Animal Allies. After all of this, we are thrilled to share with you that Water Lilybecause of the Healing Hearts and Paws Fund- was able to keep both of her front legs! What a fantastic outcome for a sweet and loving kitten. Her journey with us is complete as we write this article, as she was adopted by a loving and caring family. We know her future story will unfold in a happy home- the best kind of story we can hope for every furry friend who leaves our care.

Donate to the **Healing Hearts and Paws Fund** to help animals like Water Lily.









THE 15TH ANIMAL ALLIES HUMANE SOCIETY FUR BALL



A gorgeous gala for our generous community.

Over 200 animal lovers gathered at Northland Country Club for a night of fine food, live music, dancing, and bidding to help homeless pets at the 15th Animal Allies Humane Society's Fur Ball Gala on October 22nd. The beautiful ambiance of the event and warm community presence was felt by all in attendance.

Thank you to all who were able to join us for this magical night! Over \$29,000 was raised that evening for our new Saving Lives Through Enrichment program, which will see the build-out of brand new enrichment facilities for cats and dogs in 2017, including new outdoor dog play yards, and an indoor/outdoor cat catio. Stay tuned for exciting updates on this project!

Our community often steps forward in a meaningful way to show their support for the work done at Animal Allies,

and this year's Fur Ball was an exceptional example. The live and silent auctions featured the work of generous and talented artists. Businesses and volunteers donated their goods, time, and energy, providing both auction items and event décor- transforming Northland Country Club into the lavish gala that Fur Ball has become. We are proud to announce that, because of your generosity, the 2016 Fur Ball raised over \$100,000 to support ongoing adoption, spay/neuter, and humane education programs.

This year's featured goal was to raise awareness surrounding enrichment and funds for our highlighted Fund-A-Need project of outdoor dog play areas and a stylish cat catio so the animals in our care can spend time outdoors roaming, rolling, and playing freely.





















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TED THOMPSON FEATURED VOLUNTEER



For over 15 years Ted Thompson has been a leader of the pack. Owner of Duluth Camera Exchange, a local photography print lab and frame shop in downtown Duluth, Ted has generously donated his time and talents over the years as the photographer for *Holiday Photos with Santa*. One of the longest running holiday events for Animal Allies Humane Society, *Holiday Photos with Santa* has grown from its humble beginnings on cold winter days spent outdoors in the parking lot at Continental Ski and Bike. You may remember going to Bayfront Park- or perhaps up at the shelter- wherever it was held, having your portrait with Santa and your pets has become a long-standing community tradition.

Over the years Ted has worked with a variety of 'Santa' figures and has seen all types of family pets participate in the event. Ted shares, "Every year there is a duck! But the most interesting was when a family brought their pet snake. Santa wasn't too keen on the snake..."

Holiday Photos with Santa is currently held during our Subaru 'Love-a-Pet' adopt-a-thon. This year's event was on November 19th and 20th. Ted generously donates his time, the money raised from the photo sessions, and photo printing services- which on average includes over 80 families and countless furry friends. The yearly average donation from the photo sessions is around \$2500.00. Thank you for all you do for Animal Allies Humane Society, Ted!

INTRODUCING: EMILY ALDRITT



How long have you been with Animal Allies?

I have been here one month as the Volunteer Coordinator, but I have been a volunteer with Animal Allies since May, 2016.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Minnetonka.

What brought you to Duluth?

School. I also have family that lives out on Rice Lake Road. I really wanted to go to UMD. UMD just felt right. I have always wanted to be a social worker and the advisor I met with was really down to earth.

What do you like best about working for AAHS?

I really like the culture and everyone that works here. Everyone is obviously here for the animals. Everyone is happy to be here. Our reputation in the community is awesome. People know where I work and what we do and that feels nice.

What do you like to do for fun?

I love to walk my dogs and cook.

Do you have any animals?

I have two dogs; Boomer is a Rottweiler-Lab mix who is 8 and from Animal Allies. Fargo is a Coonhound mix and he is 3 and also from Animal Allies.

Give us your best communication technique?

I think the best communication skill is listening. Sometimes people do not need advice, they just want you to be a sounding board. You will be amazed at what people tell you if you just listen. Silence can be powerful.

What's your favorite animal transformation story?

Water Lily. I really like that story. Everyone loves her personality.

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Miriam Carlstedt Society \$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 an Animal Allies Power Bank Charger.	Email
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\$500 Annually / \$40 Monthly* This level feeds 40 dogs and 27 cats in the shelter for one month. Additional benefits: Personalized kennel sponsorship for one year and an Animal Allies Power Bank Charger.	☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover Acct #CVV
Animal Protector \$250 Annually / \$20 Monthly* This level spays/neuters a mother and her litter of 4 puppies. Additional benefits: Animal Allies Power Bank Charger.	ExpSignature
☐ Animal Friend \$100 Annually / \$10 Monthly* This level vaccinates 10 dogs against disease.	 I have included Animal Allies in my estate plans. I would like more information about including Animal Allies in my estate plans.
☐ Family/Business – \$50 Annually This level feeds 20 dogs for one week.	Thank you for your donation Donation Amount
☐ Animal Ally – \$30 Annually This level microchips 3 pets to help them return home should they become lost.	In honor of Person, name
	In memory of Person, name
☐ Student/Senior – \$25 Annually	In honor of Pet, name
This level feeds 25 cats for one week.	In memory of Pet, name
*Become a Monthly Sustaining Member! Same great membership benefits, one monthly payment. For more information, or to become a Sustaining Member,	Send acknowledgment to: Name
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Be the first to know! Sign up for email notifications on our website or follow us on Facebook to learn about exciting events and adoption promotions!

Saturday, December 31st

The Final Day for Match Donations

This is the last day we are able to accept your donation towards the \$10,000 end of year match donation. Missed the mailing deadline? <u>Donate online:</u> animalallies.net/donate or call 218-722-5341

Friday, January 27th

New Years Social; Fitger's Frozen Fundraiser

Join Animal Allies at the Fitger's Frozen Fundraiser! Held at the Historic Fitger's Complex, this event is full of food, fun, and fundraising for the animals. Enjoy Fitger's beer, wine, appetizers and more. \$15 admission ticket and raffle for amazing prizes. We hope to see you there!

Thursday, February 9th

Humane Happy Hour at the Shelter

Adults 21 and older are invited to enjoy spirits and appetizers, get exclusive after-hours tour access of the shelter, and hear from our Humane Education Manager! Visit our website or e-mail Shawna for more details! (Shawna@animalallies.net)

February 20th - 24th

Winter Break Girls' Camp

For girls aged 10 and up who are interested in helping animals, animal careers, and spending the week playing with dogs and cats! The camp will run from 9:00-3:00 every day. Visit our website or e-mail Shawna, our Humane Education Manager, at Shawna@animalallies.net for more details!

Wednesday, March 8th

Save the Date: Nibbles & Networking

Behind the scenes tour and meet-and-greet networking event for twin ports area veterinarians.

For details and to register: communications@animalallies.net

Saturday, June 3rd

Save the Date: Walk for Animals

Animal Allies' Annual event Walk For Animals will be held June 3rd, 2017!

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!

