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Animal Humane Society is the leading animal welfare organization in the Upper Midwest, dedicated to engaging and serving local and regional communities of people and animals. Our mission is to engage the hearts, hands and minds of the community to help animals.

Through comprehensive programs and services, Animal Humane Society provides resources that compassionately serve all the stages of an animal's life.

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a message from Janelle Dixon

Throughout the last several years, Animal Humane Society has placed an increased emphasis on community engagement. I have repeatedly shared my view that AHS can provide leadership in the community but without you, we cannot address the challenges facing animals.

We need you – not just your financial support, but your ideas, activism, volunteerism, advocacy and action as well. I challenge you to think about what you do each day or week throughout the year that models your compassion and the place animals hold in your life and heart.

Our actions and decisions influence how others perceive animals, positively or negatively, and more importantly, impacts the lives of animals themselves. Are animals welcomed in our communities? Are they integrated in the fabric of our lives? What importance does society place on animals as members of our families, that are loved, and whose passing is grieved?

The smallest to the biggest things have an impact. When we don't clean up after our pets we leave a bad impression – one that keeps animals from being welcomed by all. When we properly train our companion animals, we enhance our relationship with them but we are also sending good animal citizens out in our neighborhoods, creating good impressions. When we adopt we are saving lives.

Thank you for the importance you place on animal lives. When we are thoughtful and intentional we create a welcoming place for animals that integrates them in all facets of our lives and gradually influences the value society places on them, improving care and treatment as we move toward our vision of "creating a more humane world for animals."

I am reminded of "The Starfish Story," by Loren Eiseley. A wise man was walking down the beach and saw a young man throwing back into the ocean starfish that had washed up on the beach. "I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the somewhat startled wise man. To this, the young man replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die."

Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!" At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "It made a difference for that one."

What will you do today to make a difference?

Sincerely,

Janelle Dixon, President & CEO



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Mission

To engage the hearts, hands and minds of the community to help animals.

Vision

To compassionately and responsibly create a more humane world for animals.

Core Values

Be good to animals. Partner with people. Lead responsibly with compassion.

locations

Buffalo

4375 Hwy. 55 S.E. • Buffalo, MN 55313
(763) 390-3647

Coon Rapids

1411 Main St. N.W. • Coon Rapids, MN 55448
(763) 862-4030

Golden Valley

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1115 Beulah Lane • St. Paul, MN 55108
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(651) 730-6008

Now Boarding

6002 28th Ave. S. • Minneapolis, MN 55450
(612) 454-4850
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hours

Adoption Centers

Monday through Friday Noon – 8 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Animal Humane Society is closed New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

Incoming Animals

Surrender by Appointment

Please call our Animal Admissions Center at (763) 412-4969 for an appointment to surrender an animal.

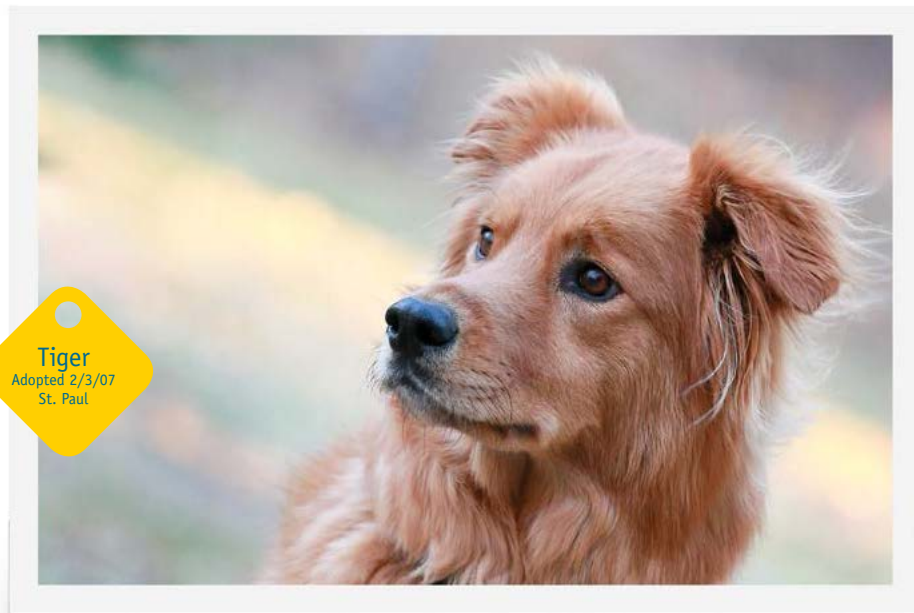
Appointments are available
Monday through Friday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.



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Tiger
Adopted 2/3/07
St. Paul

our services ★

Adoption

Let an animal choose you! Cats, dogs, rabbits, birds, ferrets, guinea pigs and small critters are available for adoption at our five locations. View the animals available today at www.animalhumanesociety.org.

Surrender

Companion animals may be surrendered at any of our five open admission locations where we provide safe refuge for thousands of animals each year. Appointments are required to surrender an animal. Call (763) 412-4969 or visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/surrender.

Kindest Cut low cost spay/neuter

Through our partnership with Kindest Cut, we offer high quality, low cost spay/neuter services to the pets of people in need through a mobile clinic and at Melrose Animal Clinic. Visit www.kindestcutmn.com or call (763) 489-7729 for more information.

Pet boarding

We offer two options for pet boarding – Animal House at AHS in Golden Valley (763) 489-2222 and Now Boarding near the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport (612) 454-4850. Visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/boarding.

Pet training

We speak fluent animal! More than 50 classes are offered weekly at our Coon Rapids, Golden Valley, Woodbury and Now Boarding locations. Classes include Introduction to Dog Training, Reactive Rovers, Puppy Kindergarten, Therapy Animal classes, the Canine Good Citizen certification as well as Dog Playgroups. Programs for rabbits including Hoppy Hour and Rabbit Agility are offered at AHS through Minnesota Companion Rabbit Society. To learn more about all animal training opportunities, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/training or call (763) 489-2217.

Pet food and supplies

Purina One dog and cat food and treats, Tidy Cat litter, as well as collars, leashes, toys and grooming supplies are available at our five locations.

Youth programs

There is a lot for kids to do at AHS! Opportunities include Unleashed Camps, projects for Scouts, PetSet Youth Club, birthday parties, movie nights and classroom programs for students in grades K-12. For information on all AHS has to offer kids, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/youth or call (763) 489-2220.

Humane investigations

Our humane agents work with law enforcement and respond to thousands of reports of animal neglect and cruelty each year. Visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/prevention for more information.

Microchip and nail clinics

Microchip and nail trim clinics are offered monthly at our five locations. For specific times and locations visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/microchip.

Wildlife rehabilitation

Injured and orphaned wildlife are accepted at our Golden Valley location. For information call (763) 489-2223 or visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/wildlife.

Lost and found pets

We offer a Lost and Found Online Bulletin Board for you to post missing or found pets. You can also review stray animals in our care. Visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/lostandfound.

Tours

Tours of our facilities are available to students or other groups by appointment. Maximum group size is determined by location. To schedule a tour at any of our locations call (763) 489-2220.

Pet behavior help

Need some advice regarding your pet? We're here to help. Call our free Behavior Helpline at (763) 489-2202. Or visit our online library for help with pet training and behavior at www.animalhumanesociety.org/library.

Therapy animals

Through AHS's animal-assisted therapy program, Animal Ambassador teams visit hospitals, nursing homes and other facilities. For more information, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/ambassadors or call (763) 432-4847.

Pet loss

Humane euthanasia and cremation services are available to the public and a pet loss support group is offered on Mondays at 7 p.m. in Golden Valley. Visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/lossofpet or call (763) 412-4969.

Ways to help

Visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/help to find out about the ways in which you can help AHS, including volunteering in our shelters, as a foster volunteer, and donating or contributing to our wish list.

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Wine Dinner

Friday, November 7, 2014
The Saint Paul Hotel, St. Paul – 6:30 p.m.

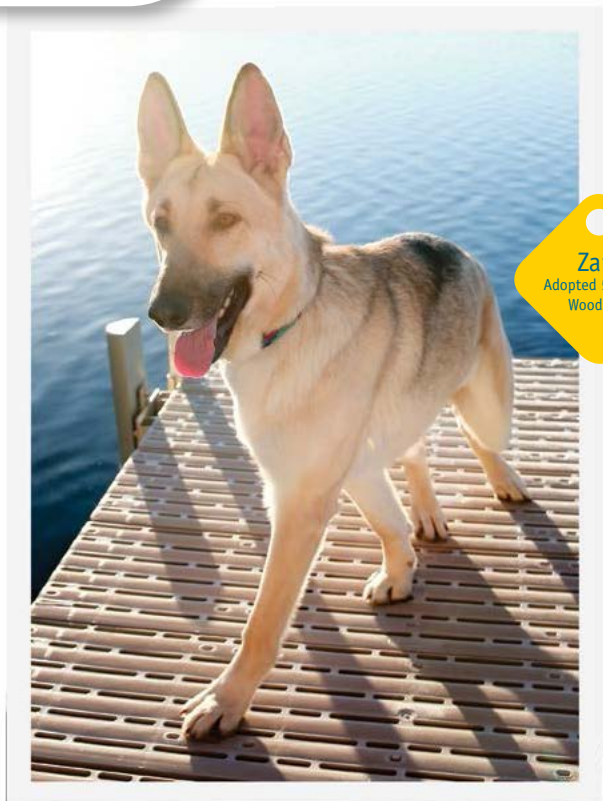
Wine and dine at this unique event that supports the programs and services of Animal Humane Society. For just one night, top chefs in the Twin Cities prepare courses paired with fine wine, creating a one-of-a-kind dining experience in the intimate setting of The Saint Paul Hotel ballroom. You'll also have the opportunity to bid on exclusive auction items while hearing more about Animal Humane Society.

Seating is limited. Please make your reservations early to guarantee your seat at this premiere Twin Cities dining event. For reservations, call (763) 432-4842 or email winedinner@animalhumanesociety.org. Supported by Ray Zemke of The Cellars Wines & Spirits and The Saint Paul Hotel.

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First-class felines

Cats get the suite life while they await new homes.

The cats at Animal Humane Society's adoption centers now know a little about how we humans feel when we get an upgrade at the Hilton.

The centers at all five AHS locations have been modified so that instead of having access to only one cage, cats available for adoption can now wander through three of them. Yes, the felines have gone from having a room to having a suite.

According to Kathie Johnson, senior director of operations at AHS, the change came about based on recommendations from Sandra Newbury, DVM, of the University of California-

Davis' Koret Shelter Medicine Program, after she was invited to visit AHS.

"Dr. Newbury, using the Association of Shelter Veterinarian Guidelines, recommended that each cat should have two feet between litter box, food and an area to rest, or a separate area for each whenever possible," Johnson said, "and our new arrangement gives them that separate area." The change did not require replacing the existing cages, just the addition of a few new ones and cutting holes between them all. The modifications were made site by site during the past few months.



The new, joined cages offer a more appealing living space for cats, and some flexibility for housing needs.

"We looked at a lot of data to be sure we would have the number of cages we needed."

—Kathie Johnson,
senior director of operations

A key to making the change was being sure AHS could give the cats the extra rooms without causing a shortage of overall space. "We looked at a lot of data to be sure we would have the number of cages we needed," Johnson said. "But we also know that if a situation causes the need for extra cages for a short period of time, we can always temporarily 'plug' the holes to immediately create more housing."

"The people here think the new arrangement is great," Johnson said. "But the reviews from the cats are the most important thing -- and they just love it."



Sherrie Buzby PetSmart Charities

Tales from the Road

The Rescue Waggin' program gets some star power.

Animal Humane Society plays a starring role in a new eight-part documentary series that debuted online in March.

"Rescue Waggin': Tales from the Road" follows 21 dogs on their journey from the Carthage (Mo.) Humane Society shelter to Golden Valley, where AHS staff and volunteers help them find new homes with loving families in Minnesota.

The series highlights Rescue Waggin', a program operated by PetSmart Charities that picks up pets from shelters in communities where there are more dogs and puppies than can be placed through adoption. Rescue Waggin' transports those animals to adoption centers in areas where adoptable dogs and puppies are in higher demand.

AHS is a primary destination for Rescue Waggin' animals. "Last year, AHS

"Last year, AHS helped find homes for nearly 6,000 dogs and puppies that arrived here through Rescue Waggin' and other transport programs."

—Paul Sorenson,
digital strategy manager

Actor and producer Josh Duhamel lends his talents to spread the word about Rescue Waggin' in an 8-part web documentary.

helped find homes for nearly 6,000 dogs and puppies that arrived here through Rescue Waggin' and other transport programs," said Paul Sorenson, AHS digital strategy manager, who helped coordinate AHS's involvement in the web series.

The documentary, produced by PetSmart Charities, actor Josh Duhamel, and Duhamel's production company Dakotakid Media, includes cameos from celebrity pet adoption advocates including Kristen Bell, Adam Shankman and Bret Michaels, and significant footage shot at AHS.

Duhamel, who spent several days at AHS last November during production of the series, narrates the documentary and appears in several episodes.



Watch the documentary series online at
animalhumanesociety.org/rescuewaggin



It's an opportunity for the students to get experience with surgical training and learn about shelter medicine, as well as the value of affordable, high-volume, high-quality surgery.

Building better vets

An AHS/U of M partnership provides valuable experience.

University of Minnesota veterinary students are getting hands-on surgical experience through a partnership with Animal Humane Society, Kindest Cut and the Melrose Animal Clinic, located at AHS's Golden Valley facility.

The students participate in a week-long rotation at the clinic, with each of the nine students involved performing as many as a dozen spay/

neuter surgeries per day. Students work primarily with animals from rescue organizations, but also dogs from AHS.

According to Kathie Johnson, senior director of operations at AHS, it's an opportunity for the students to get experience with surgical training and learn about shelter medicine, as well as the value of affordable, high-volume, high-quality surgery.

"We are happy to be partnering with the University of Minnesota," Johnson said. "This collaboration benefits AHS because students will graduate with a better understanding of the realities of shelter medicine and the needs in our communities, and it helps the university because it better prepares its students to work in the community and provide spay/neuter services to their clients."

Capitol watch

Stay tuned for updates on the breeder bill.

At the time this edition of Animal Tracks went to print, Animal Humane Society was involved in a number of efforts at the Minnesota Legislature, including supporting a bill that would require licensing and inspection of large commercial dog

and cat breeding operations.

Because action was expected in both the Minnesota House and Senate between the time this magazine was printed and when it arrived in your hands, we have created a page on the AHS website to give you access to the

most current developments in our legislative efforts. Please visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/speakup for the latest information.



SAVE your summer

A summer volunteer program is a future builder.

It's not summer in Minnesota yet (we just hope spring has come by the time this magazine arrives in your mailbox), but we're already thinking about our big plans for Youth SAVE – our Summer Animal Volunteer Experience.

Youth SAVE is a unique program open to 16- to 18-year-olds who want to volunteer with AHS over the course of an entire summer. Participants will help by assisting customers looking to adopt an animal and providing for the daily care needs of animals in the shelter.

"The volunteer commitment is easy and flexible," said Lynne Bengtson, AHS volunteer services manager. "We just ask for a three-hour shift three times a week, over three months, from mid-June to late August."

Volunteers will be invited to attend guest speaker presentations to hear about hot topics in the animal welfare community and to explore possible career options. Topics expected to be covered include wildlife, dog training, vet services careers, issues in animal welfare, and using volunteer experience on a resume or college application.

Applications for the Youth SAVE program are being accepted through April 26. More information can be found at www.animalhumanesociety.org/volunteer.



Sustainers are in vogue

A better way to give.

Monthly giving (or "sustainer") programs are becoming increasingly popular in the U.S. as supporters of non-profit organizations recognize their advantages – most notably the convenience of making automatic contributions.

"It also makes a difference to spread a gift over the entire year," according to Patti Michurski, who along with her husband Rick have been Animal Humane Society sustaining donors for four years. "This way we can make a much more substantial gift than we would be able to do otherwise."

Participants in AHS's sustaining donor program provide ongoing support that AHS relies on to care for the animals, said Sarah Berger, AHS director of annual giving. "In addition, it means less mail so more of the contribution is going directly to the services our donors care about, such as food and shelter, medical care, training, spay and neuter surgery, and adoption support."

"Through secure, automatic monthly payments from a credit card, debit card or bank account, sustaining donors provide support that we can count on all year," Berger said. "We just deduct the designated contribution from the preferred account until the donor lets us know to stop or change it."

To learn more about the sustainer program, go to www.animalhumanesociety.org/donate/sustaining-gifts.



Are you a **cat** person or a **dog** person?



You may wonder (or you may not): What in the world compelled these Animal Tracks editors to devote such a large section of the magazine to this examination of “dog people” and “cat people”?

The idea actually came from an observation I made shortly after becoming editor, a little over a year ago. Rifling through the stacks of old issues, I noticed a clear bias for putting dogs on the cover.

In fact, the last six issues of Animal Tracks (published biannually) have had dogs on the cover. It’s been four years since a feline graced the front, and it’s only happened twice in the last seven years.

Why would that be?

“People respond better to dogs,” one colleague said. Well, maybe. Dogs do look like they’re smiling, at least a lot more than cats do. Then there’s that thing about dogs’ eyebrows. But then why is it that millions of us trade links to funny feline photos and thousands show up for cat video festivals? (I’ve never even heard of a dog video festival.) That’s pretty responsive, isn’t it?

In reality, dogs have been on the cover of Animal Tracks more often in large part because they make more news than cats do. Our last cover depicted the dogs from our Pine River seizure. The issue before was about the dogs that

| By Jeff Moravec

come to Animal Humane Society from Leech Lake Legacy (although we get cats from them as well). And so on.

Still, for whatever reason we put dogs on the cover, as someone with an affinity for cats I just felt our feline friends were not getting their due.

But I remained conflicted. I love dogs, too. And could we really ask our loyal readers to go six months without a really cute pup staring back at them from Animal Tracks?

No, we couldn’t. Or least we didn’t want to. So we solved the dilemma, not by putting both a cat and a dog together on the cover, but by giving them each their own cover. We also intentionally made each cover so darn cute that even if you do prefer one species over the other... you might just have second thoughts.

And so we’d have something to actually put between those covers,



“I love dogs but, in my experience, they tend to be needier than cats. ‘Love me, see me, love me, see me!’ Reminds me a bit too much of my ex-husband.”

“Dogs don’t go in litter boxes then walk on your counters.”

we decided to ask our friends and supporters, along with staff and volunteers, to tell us a few of their thoughts and opinions on cats and dogs.

We conducted an online survey early this year, soliciting input from AHS staff and volunteers and the public (through an invitation on our Facebook page). A total of 661 people responded, about half of them were members of the public.

We were happy to learn -- not that we were surprised -- that most of you like to think of yourselves as animal lovers first and foremost, even if you have a preference for a cat over a dog or a dog over a cat. (So if you need to alternate which of the two covers of this magazine face up on your coffee table, go ahead. We’ll understand.) Fewer than 20% of respondents placed themselves firmly in the dog camp or the cat camp, and further, more than 75% either had no preference between cats and dogs, or if they did have, they still liked them both.

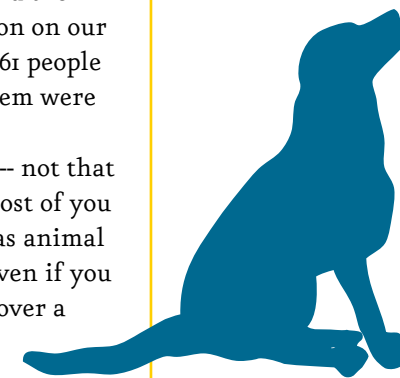
What differences we might have, one respondent wrote, are more than outweighed by the similarities. “Dog



Which breed do you consider yourself?



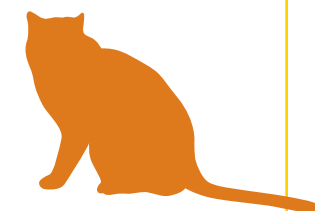
Why are you a dog person?



- 71.4% dogs feel more like a member of the family
- 65.7% dogs have better personalities
- 65.2% dogs are more loyal
- 49.3% because dogs understand more
- 23.8% I am allergic to cats
- 4.8% dogs are easier to care for

Why are you a cat person?

- 86.6% cats are easier to care for
- 47.7% cats don't require as much attention
- 37.6% cats have better personalities
- 28.1% cats understand more





You have no preference between dogs and cats. Where does one have an advantage over the other?



people and cat people are both animal lovers and understand the bond and responsibilities that we have for animals," the survey participant wrote.

"Love is love no matter how you get or give it," said another. "If some

of us are cat people, and some are dog people, we will be able to rescue more of the homeless animals."

When there is a preference, it's more a matter of practicality than anything else, survey takers agreed.

"I'm a cat person because it is a practical choice for me. I can take better care of a cat or two than a dog or two," a respondent commented. "I don't have the time to exercise a dog as much as the dog might need. It is a decision based on the needs of the animal as much as any preference that I might have."

"I feel the difference between dog people and cat people has more to do with their expectations of the animals," said an AHS employee who took the survey. "If a person is expecting an animal that will just be there and require little work, they may gravitate towards a cat. If their expectations are for the animal to

be with them and all over them and happy to do whatever they want them to do, they may gravitate towards a dog."

Practicality can be defined in a many different ways, though. "We currently have a large dog," another AHS employee wrote. "Our next pet will be a cat simply because I am tired of cleaning up the poop bombs in the yard and the dog slobber off of my windows. Cats are tidier in that sense and that may be why some may choose a cat over a dog."

Not surprisingly, the difference in what it takes to care for a dog or a cat (bathroom habits and beyond) was a recurring theme in the survey. Less than 5% of respondents with a preference for dogs said they believe canines are easier to care for than felines, but nearly 87% of those with an affinity for felines said ease of care is a reason they gravitate toward cats.

Those who consider themselves

"I can deal with a litterbox once or twice a week when it suits my schedule. I can't imagine picking up steaming poop in a plastic bag outside on demand when it suits a dog's schedule."

"Could you imagine a cat park? It would be one big hissing mess."

"Cats seem more independent. Dogs seem codependent."



dog people believe universally that dogs require more attention than cats, whether it is in direct care or otherwise. Only 1 of 290 who answered that question begged to differ. But a lot of cat fans (because they have more experience with the species, perhaps?) disagreed. Only 47.7% said they believe cats require less attention than dogs.

"I think cat people like to have the freedom of not being home at a certain time, or being able to leave for a day or two," said one respondent. "Dog people have to schedule around going home to let the dogs out."

"I think that dog people and cat people have different energy levels, not necessarily physical energy, but regarding how much activity they want in their lives," one survey taker said. "Cats are less responsibility, but I think provide less companionship as

"When my family returns from a vacation my dogs get so happy they could explode, whereas the cats get passive aggressive and shun us for having ever left."



well. Dog people love to be the center of their dog's world, and cat people don't want to have a pet with as much needs as a dog has."

So, if it takes so much to work to care for a dog and give it the attention it needs, what could a canine possibly offer that makes the pooping and walking and slobbering all worthwhile?

It's because dogs "feel more like a member of the family," according to 71.1% of the dog people who took our survey. About 65% also said their belief that dogs are "more loyal" factors into their preference. Even 91.4% of those without a preference said they are convinced that dogs are "friendlier" than cats.

"I love cats," one respondent said, "but I feel that dogs reciprocate that love more than cats do. When my family returns from a vacation, my dogs get so happy they could explode, whereas the cats would get passive aggressive and shun us for having ever left."

Or, as another dog lover put it, "It seems like dogs care about me as much as I care about them. I feel like often a cat can take me or leave me."

A dog's ability to accompany its family outside the house was also a reason often cited for the appeal of canines. "I don't care how much your cat is just like a dog," said one respondent. "You cannot go hiking in the wilderness with your cat."

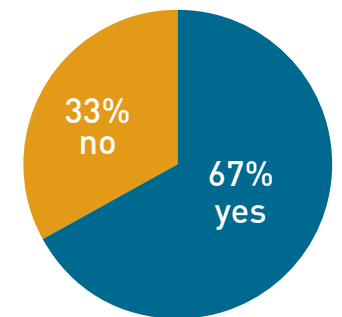
There is a flip side to that, one cat lover wrote: "I would rather curl up on the couch with a cat in my lap than to go outside in -30 degree temperatures and walk a dog."

Also, the reasons for not having a cat stated by those with a dog preference may be exactly the same reasons why cat owners love their kitties.

"With cats you have to work to have them love you," wrote one respondent. "It's somehow more



Do you think there is a difference in personality traits between dog people and cat people?



Describe the personality traits of a "Cat Person"

AloofBusyCalmCat
Easy GoingHomebody
IndependentIntelligent
IntrospectiveIntroversion
IntrovertedLaid
BackLazyLonerHelloPickyQuiet
QuieterReservedshy

Describe the personality traits of a "Dog Person"

ActiveAdventurousAthletic
EnergeticExcitable
Extroverted
FriendlyEasy Going
HappyLaid BackLikesLove
LoyalNeedyOutdoorsOutdoorsy
OutgoingPlayfulSocial

These "word clouds" show the relative frequency (larger type = more) certain words were used in our survey to describe dog and cat personalities.



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If the personality fits...

Who has the better personality, dogs or cats?
Ok, that's sort of a ridiculous question, isn't it?

Animals within any species – dogs, cats, or humans for that matter – will have a wide variety of personalities. We're not sure it's any more accurate to say dogs have a particular personality than it is to say that people have a particular personality.

There are certain traits (behavioral and otherwise) that may be more common in dogs than in cats, and vice versa, and those sometimes fall under the broad category of personality. Some of us humans may prefer certain traits over others, which may in turn lead us to prefer as a pet – in general – a dog over a cat, or a cat over a dog.

That doesn't make one "better" than the other. Different, yes. Better, no.

But it also didn't stop us from asking about personality in our survey.

"Personality" – or whatever you want to call it – did seem to be more important to those animal lovers who prefer dogs over cats. A total of 65.8% of survey respondents who prefer dogs said "dogs have better personalities." It was the second most popular reason, after "dogs feel more like members of the family" (71.4%).

"I love how 'human' a dog can feel," said one dog lover who took our survey. "I love a dog's personality – their ability to kind of know how you're feeling."

Another said, "It's more interesting and engaging to interact with dogs. They have more engaging personalities because they wear their emotions on their sleeve (on their paw?)."

Personality makes a difference to those who prefer cats as well, but just not as much. A total of 37.4% cited personality, but it was behind "cats are easier to care for" (86.5%) and "cats don't require as much attention (47.7%)."

"Cats don't have a 'better' personality," said one respondent, "just a personality that better fits my own."

"I like cat personalities," wrote another. "They are mysterious and fascinating."

One survey taker did have a particularly interesting view on the whole question. "Cats' personalities are more like a human than dogs," she wrote, "because they aren't just exasperatingly happy all the time."

Yes, that was someone who prefers cats over dogs. Just in case you couldn't tell.



"Anyone who loves fuzzy critters is good people."

rewarding that way, even though the unconditional love of dogs is nice, too."

"You always know where you stand with cats," said another. "You persuade cats... you order dogs."

In the end, all of this is overthinking the subject, one survey taker told us. Our preference is simply determined "by what we grow up with."

Or, as another said, "Just like foods that we eat, having a dog or cat as a family member is just a personal preference."

That respondent's final comment may be the most important, though: "I think that anyone who brings an animal into their lives for the right reasons is loving and giving and has a wonderful soul."

"I've always maintained the thought 'to each his own,'" another said. "The love is all the same, whether it is a cat or a dog. They all want to be loved and to love in return."

We thought that was a perfect comment to sum up the subject. But then we saw this one:

"What about guinea pig people???"

Next time, perhaps ... 🐹



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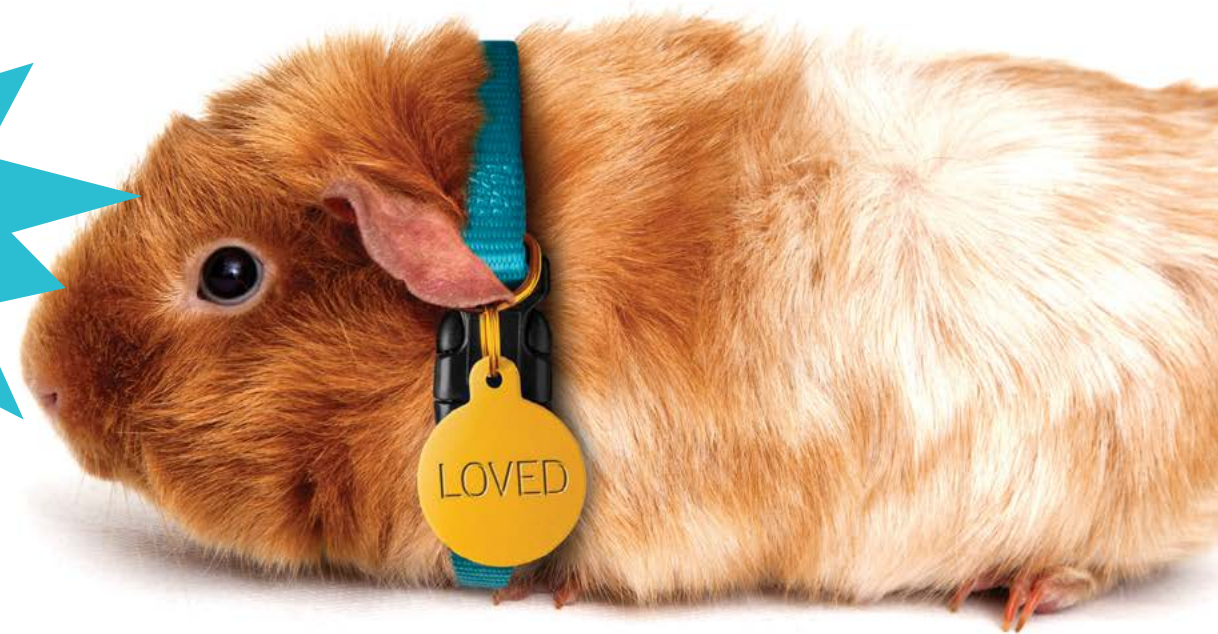
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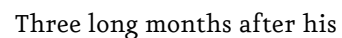
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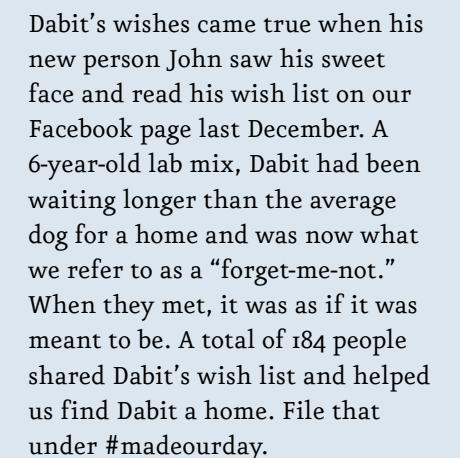
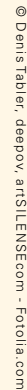
Here we look at some recent stories about how animals looking for a second chance found their new loving homes through social media and the airwaves.



arrival, Elvis was finally ready to make his appearance in the adoption center. We knew it was important to find him a home as soon as possible so he could continue to heal rather than deteriorate. Even though staff

Through the use of our social

Occasionally however, there are animals – like Elvis – who need an extra push; animals who are passed over by potential adopters, senior animals, or those with special medical needs.





Bear

Everyone at AHS, and our Facebook friends, love to hear how pets are doing after they've been adopted. That's the concept behind Success Story Saturdays, when we let our adopters take center stage and provide updates about their new companions. For example, Holly told us about Bear, a 13-year-old lab who came to us after his owner passed away. Senior pets aren't always people's first choice when adopting, but Holly saw something in Bear she couldn't pass up, and a month after adopting him, we passed along her report on our Facebook page: "He was so depressed when we first got him and now his tail never stops wagging! I just adore this old boy! Please don't forget the senior dogs!"

Sharing these success stories has helped us spread the word about the benefits of adoption. Each adoption is a happy beginning and brings thousands of likes and hundreds of shares, not to mention a lot of smiles.



As valuable as social media is these days, we also take advantage of good old-fashioned news media through a partnership with WCCO-TV, the CBS affiliate in Minneapolis. Every Friday on the noon news, WCCO features a "Pet of the Week" segment, where we introduce viewers to an adoptable animal live on the air.



Barney

Barney, a senior Chinese Shar-Pei mix, was found in early December, roaming free in subzero temperatures. A Good Samaritan brought him home, and made an appointment to bring him to AHS. It appeared Barney had been through a lot recently and was in need of some TLC. Our vet staff prepared Barney for adoption, and because older dogs often take longer to find homes, he was featured on WCCO.

That day, Jean was at home watching TV and saw Barney's appearance. She and her husband Dave had said goodbye to their family dog earlier in the year, and were ready to start looking for a new furry family member. Jean told Dave about the sweet dog she saw on the news, and they adopted Barney that evening.

We're happy to report that Barney, now named Bosco, is doing great in his new home. As he discovers he is in a warm and safe home, his personality is shining. He's enjoying exploring the outdoors when temperatures allow, and he's getting along great with the three other dogs in the family.

For the past four years, Carrie Libera, AHS public relations associate, has taken dozens of dogs on the WCCO Pet of the Week segment. "It's such a pleasure getting to choose a lucky dog each week, knowing that their perfect match may be tuning into the news that day," Libera said. "Many times when we return to the shelter, the phones are ringing off the hook with interested adopters – and sometimes there is someone already on the way."

The segment has a loyal following, with people telling us they watch the Friday news just to see the Pet of the Week. "The best part is when I get updates from viewers that have adopted," Libera said. "Sometimes I get to meet them that day, other times they come back for a visit. I've even received Christmas cards from dogs that I've taken on TV. It's a special thing to be a part of and we're grateful for the opportunity." 🐕

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Pine River UPDATE

Where are they now? | By Jeff Moravec

It's been nine months since Animal Humane Society was called upon to rescue 133 dogs and puppies from a breeding facility in northern Minnesota. But to many involved in the case that has become known simply as "Pine River," after the Cass County

town where the seizure occurred, it feels like it was only yesterday.

Part of the reason was the sheer magnitude of the case. Pine River was the largest seizure in AHS history, ultimately involving 244 animals, including the 111 puppies that were born

after the dogs arrived at AHS shelters in Golden Valley and St. Paul. The animals required thousands of hours of care during the three months of legal wrangling it took before the courts would allow AHS to place the animals for adoption. "We expected to have a decision on the disposition of these animals 15 days after the seizure or less," said Graham Brayshaw, DVM, director of animal services at AHS. "It turned out to be almost 90 days."

Mainly, though, the memory of Pine River is so fresh because the emotional impact of the case continues to be felt – the incredible work on the part of AHS staff and volunteers to care for the dogs and the outpouring of support in the community to find them homes will not soon be forgotten.

"I continue to be amazed at that effort," Brayshaw said. "It was phenomenal how an entire organization, and an entire community, could pull together to accomplish such great things."

"Our staff and volunteers worked themselves ragged taking care of these animals. We had staff and volunteers who normally did not work in animal care who agreed to pitch in, and we still needed assistance from the local volunteer community and rescues to provide these dogs with the care they needed. It was truly a team effort," he said.

Adopters lined up at AHS' five facilities when the dogs were first available for adoption on October 12, and by the time it was all over, a total of 167 Pine River dogs and puppies had found new homes through AHS. In addition, Twin Cities rescue organizations helped place many more of the dogs.

"It really was inspiring to see how many stepped up in such a tough situation," Brayshaw said. "It's something we'll feel and talk about for a long time to come."



The Pine River case touched many Animal Humane Society staff in ways that went far beyond their professional capacities. They were reluctant to grow close to animals that could very well have ended up back with the breeder from whom they were seized – but they couldn't help it. So when the long-awaited day came when AHS was allowed to put the dogs and puppies up for adoption, several AHS staff were happy to be able to join the wonderful adopters from the community in taking home their own animals. Here are three such stories, told in their own words.

Kathie Johnson & Shelby

Kathie Johnson is senior director of operations at Animal Humane Society.

Many of the Pine River dogs required foster care to help ready them for adoption. I decided to foster a little Chihuahua we called Shelby Ann. The minute Shelby walked into our home, she touched our lives and just seemed to "fit." Before the case was resolved, I overheard my kids talking about how much they loved her and how awful it would be if she would have to go back to the breeder. I also heard them say, "I don't think Mom will take it very well if she has to go back." They were clearly concerned, but because we are seasoned "fosters," they knew the drill and were content with just caring for Shelby and giving her a great life while she was with us.

The day I was able to share with my family that the dogs were released for adoption, we all cried a bit and then looked at Shelby. "What now?" Everyone knew in their hearts that she wasn't going anywhere. How did she change a "big dog" family into a family that adores this little dog, spoils her rotten and buys her sweaters? It's beyond me. She brings so much joy to our lives and the people that she meets. Our friends and neighbors just love her and so do we. There is truly something special about this little dog and we feel so lucky to have her in our lives.



Did you adopt a Pine River dog?

- Would you be willing to share your experiences with us? We're putting together a special online edition of Animal Tracks that will feature stories of adopters and their Pine River pets, and we'd love to hear from you. Visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/pineriverstories to participate.
- Thank you for your help!





Jen Gackstetter & Winnie

Jen Gackstetter is the animal transfer liaison for Animal Humane Society.

Winnie, a chocolate lab puppy, was born at AHS to a mom that was pregnant when she was seized from Pine River. Although Winnie didn't have to live in those terrible conditions, I watched her and feared so much that she would somehow end up being sent back there. It was such a relief that she and her family and her canine friends didn't have to be returned. And then I knew that her home had to be my home. Winnie has been so much fun, and it's been a joy watching her grow. Winnie and my Dachshund hit it off right from the start but it took about six weeks after Winnie's adoption for my Westie to stop being crabby about the new pup at home. The first time they played I almost cried I was so excited.

Winnie is just the happiest dog I've ever known and just loves to be around people. I can't imagine my life without her now. We weren't looking for a third dog but there was something about this little brown chubby pup that just got to me, and I knew I couldn't let her go. It breaks my heart to think that so many of those Pine River dogs went through years of life without knowing what the love of a person is like, but it's so comforting knowing that they are in good homes now.

Nicole Wallace & Kodiak

Nicole Wallace is a wildlife veterinary technician at Animal Humane Society.

My Pine River guy is Kodiak, but we call him Kodi or Kodi bear. He is one of the Pine River dogs that had to go through our adoption preparation program. When I first got him he was so shell-shocked. He didn't know how to climb stairs, jump into the back of a car, or play.

He would flinch if I raised my hand to pull my hood over my head. He had no idea what it meant to be a beloved house pet.

When Kodiak first came out to live on our hobby farm, he couldn't even run without falling down. The veterinarians assured me it was nothing medical; he just didn't have any muscle mass. It was so sad to watch this big beautiful boy be so excited to get outside and run, only to have his legs give out. But it didn't slow him down much. He loves to go on walks and help with the horse chores. He instantly got along with the other dogs and cats.

It has not been an easy transition and not without challenges. Every day I pray to St. Francis for patience, but he is truly a great dog with a heart of gold. He is making huge progress and has even recently started to play with some of the plethora of toys he has at his discretion!

It is unbelievable to think of him back as one of the Pine River garage dogs and now the beautiful, beloved house pet he is becoming. He is the light of my life and I could not imagine my life without him, or his without me! Today he is a strong healthy boy with a forever home. It almost brings a tear to my eye to read this and know what he has gone through and where he is today. 🐾



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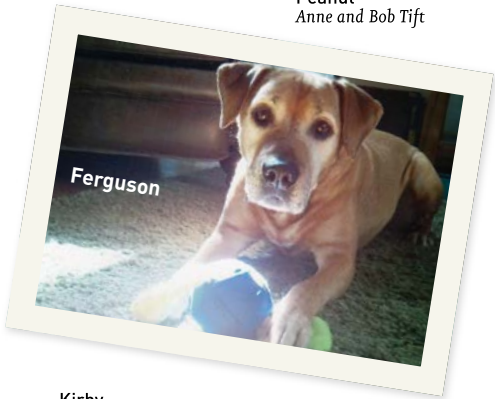
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Grace and jeff Whipps
Jake
Ed Atcas

Jasper
James Miles
Jazmine
Jan Marie Freger
Jezebell
Linda Engler
Junior
Jeff and Michelle Kevlin
Kacy
Dorothy Payne
Kaleb
Brian Harter
Kenai
Craig Olson
Kirby
Marcia Miller



Kirby
Donna Piras
Kitty
Linda Reznick
Lacey
Mark Sheehan
Lady Pres
Barbara Record
Lazer
Eric and Michael Rogers
Leo
Pat Heine
Lucy
Ardelle Kindy
Lucy
Joyce Saabye
Macquire
John Sheldon
Maizie
Laura Elbakkal

Mariah
Molly Deprekel
Martha
Steve and Amy Solberg
Maude
Shelly and Matt Frericks
Maverick
Marie Berghult
Max
Kathleen Schmitz
Me Too
Marti Moore
Meggie
Sandra Donnelly
Mickey
Betty Badali
Minnie
Pam Knolls
Mittens
Pat Beening
Mitz
Gloria Connor
Mo
Jeff and Sandy Behnken
Molly
Lori Wright
Monster
Jon Stelter
Nala
Joe and Peggy Faida
Neava
Marc Stock
Nellie
Jim and Leslie Hanson
Nobber
Lari Richman
Ozito
Jody Porter
Ozzie
Jerry Green
Patan
Stella Nicotra
Peanut
Anne and Bob Tift

Pete
Mike Maye
Petey
Donna Nagel
Pippi
Sarah Kissack
Polly
Kelly Bearson
Poo
Amy Lilibridge
Prince
Bonita Winger
Ranger
Diana Johnson
Rascal
Richard Bunderson
Rascal
Paul and Stephanie Pederson

Reese
Liz Gronert
Rengo
Justin Schweigert
Riley
Dave and Christina Pullen
Riley
Jan and Mike Schneider
Rookie
Jody Laughlin
Rory
Terry and Mary Jo Kelly
Rudy
Ross Bartz
Rusty
Pisey Frutos
Sadie
Doug and Jane Denny
Sahara
Amy Jordan
Sammy
Mary Jane Adams
Sammy
Thomas Mason

Sasha
Amy Dow
Schnitzel
Rita Lehnert
Shadow
Matt Hanson
Skippy
Alyson Hill
Slicky
Cathy Engstrom
Smokey
Wayne Hagen
Smokey
Elizabeth Miller
Smokey
Dan and Celeste Johnson
Snickers
Kaye Scarborough
Sonny
Zoe Severson
Sophie
Lisa Chubb
Sparky
Jennifer Loewen
Stella
Amy Kuretsky
Strompe Kitty
Michelle Madson
Stuart
Lindsey Garski
Tigger
Sheri Narrgard-Hughes
Tigger
Robert Slacken

Tozie
Birgit Anderson
Tucker
Kathy Probst
Ty
Joseph Werner
Winnie
Frank and Linda Thomas
Wrigley
Elissa Clark
Yoda
Lee Tschetter
Zoe
Jim Zacharison
Zoe
Janey Lovelock
Zoey
Jayne Reid-Whalen
Zoey
Kristi Bader
Zoey
Betty Swanson



It was the summer of '98 and we really wanted a dog. We would go to the humane society in St. Paul just about every day. One day we walked into the puppy room and noticed a very shy brown puppy. Right away we knew she was the dog we'd been searching for.

We named her Sally, as in Sally Brown, Charlie Brown's sister. She was very sweet and very shy—always looking away from anyone's gaze. We would take her for walks at Como Lake and she would just lie down—it was all too much for her. But we kept at it and she slowly got used to all the people and dogs walking around the lake. Pretty soon she would get excited every time we would get out the leash.

Training her was easy—she wanted to please and she was very smart. Soon, her beautiful soulful brown eyes would meet our gaze and let us know that we were her people, that she trusted us and she knew how much we loved her.

We had a wonderful 15 years with this beautiful dog. She was our soul mate and our constant companion. She lived life on her terms—very mindful and deliberate, never hasty or rushed. Saying goodbye was one of the hardest things we've ever done. But she had a long and wonderful life and we are forever grateful to the humane society for rescuing this beautiful girl so that we could share 15 years of her life.

Debora N. and Barb S.

White Bear Animal Hospital Would Like to Honor the Memory of... Loved and Missed by...

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Lezlie Bohanon

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Wendy Jenz

Andy
Beth Wolszon

Angel
John and Diane Taylor

Angelo
Mark and Francoise Malek

Annie
Mary Lou Morris

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Lori Gravink

Bailey
Becky Ryan

Baily
Steve Grewing

Barney
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Bart
Jackie Wilcox

Bazel
Laura and Tim Linder

Bella
Beth Huberty

Bella
Lezlie Bohanon

Benny
Travis Green

Bianca
Linda Wiegart

Binky
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Bitsy
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CeCe
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Mike Schulte

Citron
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Cosmo
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Dexter
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Jack
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Jack
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Barb and Dale Norman

Fritz Kelly
Gunther and Mary Nifke

Ginger
Pam Bauer

Goose
Stacey Janssen

Grace
Jim Nelson

Gracie
Melissa Malinowski

Jake
Lesley and Jeff Marshall

Jasper
Diane Rose

Jenna
Margaret and DeEon Philippi

Jewel
Robert Angellis

Jinx
Jessica Mayer

Juneau
Shawn Carpenter

Kalli
Lesa Brandt

Kayla
Dana and Dave Olmstead

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Anne Nelson

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Polly Carlson

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Oliver (Googily Bear)
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Otis
Brenda Groff

Pearl Johnsen
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Rocky
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Sadie
Joan O'Sullivan

Sadie Rose
Arlis and Myron Werley

Sam
Elizabeth and Richard Charbonneau

Samantha
Michael Aafedt

Samantha
Susan LaCrosse

Sammy
Thomas LaCourt

Sandy
Katherine Mankey

Sasha
Allen Willman

Sasha & Minnie
Tom Torborg

Sassy
John Debee and Michael Shields

Satan
Barbara and William Roberts

Shadow
Luanne Brault



Back in 2002, we adopted a cat from your shelter and this cat has brought us so much joy.

We got Booker shortly before we got married in October 2002. Our college professor gave us some money as a wedding gift and told us to get

something that would remind us of our college days. So, we settled on Booker and welcomed him into our home. Booker was a very warm and loving cat. He chose us as much as we chose him.

We lived in Golden Valley for a few years while pursuing graduate school and then moved to the Kenosha area to begin our careers. Booker was with us when we finished our degrees and started "real jobs."

Booker then moved with us into our first house. Soon

after, Booker was there to celebrate the birth of our daughter, Lauren. Lauren is three years old now and affectionately referred to Booker as her best friend.

We had to put Booker to sleep just a few days ago. He had liver and kidney failure. We hope Booker knows how much joy he brought to our family and how much we truly cared for him. As much as we miss Booker, we are thankful that we were able to spend over 11 happy years with him. As we choked back tears to explain to our daughter that our beloved cat was not returning home, she said, "Booker is an angel now."

Thank you for bringing us such an amazing cat. We wanted you to know he lived a full and happy life.

Sincerely,
Hillary S.

Sheba, Monty & Cleo
Curtis Scheible and Jerrilyn Jones
Shilo
Bill Prodhall

Sport & Ike
Kristi Warner
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Tyler
Doug Powell

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Megan Mikulski

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Willow
Kristin and Aaron Johnson

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Chris McAlonie

Yukon
Diane and Daniel Eidsmo

Zelda
Don and Beverly Bajus

Zinny
Jill and Eric Sjodin

Zoe
Prosper Harvieux

Zora & Purmina
Valerie Tiberius

Answers to Playpen on page 31

cat or dog?

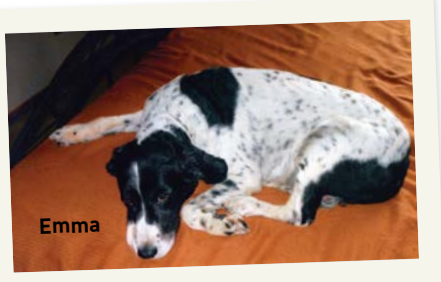
Nermal: cat • "Garfield"
Dug: dog • "Up"
Oliver: cat • Disney's "Oliver & Company"
Slink: dog • "Toy Story"
Mr. Bigglesworth: cat • "Austin Powers"
Monty: cat • "Stuart Little"
Bruiser: dog • "Legally Blonde"
Odie: dog • "Garfield"
Figaro: cat • Disney's "Pinocchio"
Buddy: dog • "Air Bud"
Lucifer: cat • Disney's "Cinderella"
Dodger: dog • Disney's "Oliver & Company"
Einstein: dog • "Back to the Future"
Pete: dog • "The Little Rascals"
Mittens: cat • "Bolt"
Mr. Jinx: cat • "Meet the Parents"
Sassie: cat • "Homeward Bound"
Beethoven: dog • "Beethoven"
Binx: cat • "Hocus Pocus"
Azrael: cat • "The Smurfs"
Pongo: dog • Disney's "101 Dalmatians"
Zero: dog (& ghost) • "The Nightmare Before Christmas"
Crookshanks: cat "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"
Milo: trick question! cat • "Milo and Otis" & dog • "The Mask"

spot the differences

1. flower is a different color
2. diamond on curtains is missing
3. apple is orange in fruit bowl
4. stripe on chicken wing

breed find

g	x	t	q	t	f	e	q	q	y	m	p	k	f
x	f	h	q	n	i	w	e	c	e	a	e	h	s
k	x	o	b	l	m	v	s	c	s	q	n	r	z
n	i	p	l	g	e	k	a	k	g	e	x	s	r
v	k	o	s	i	h	p	u	i	a	q	m	i	f
o	c	m	r	h	o	s	h	o	r	t	h	a	i
s	t	s	i	e	p	a	l	a	p	e	n	i	v
j	e	a	n	i	m	p	u	t	b	d	l	r	v
r	c	t	b	n	s	p	h	y	n	x	g	f	h
v	e	g	o	b	z	u	i	e	m	q	a	n	u
r	h	y	p	a	y	z	h	c	r	u	e	g	p
l	l	o	d	g	a	r	c	m	i	d	b	l	q



Emma

Shiloh, Benson & Wilson
(Chubs)
Sheree Lucas

Sigge & Ari
Aaron and Emily Garnett
and Janus

Simon, Roo, Tigger, Sonja, Mia, Ari & Sigge
Louis Janus and Suzanne Thorpe

Simone
Joseph and Kristin Hoppesch

Sophia
Deborah and Timothy Soulen

Spanky
David Ostrowski

Spike
Joann Sutton

Stumper
Laura Schenk

Sunshine
Lori Van Wechel and Dan Pederson

Sydney
David Christenson

Sylvia & Mama Kitty
Michele Stuart

Tasche
Lawrence Lockman

Thor & Laney
Eric Tadt

Tina
Linda Nesheim

Tommy & Buddy
Carole Weatherby

Tucker
Karen and Michael Larson

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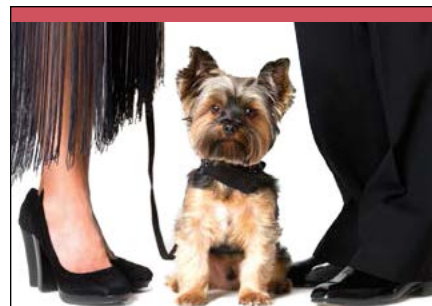
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The Playpen

answers on p. 30



the differences

There are 4 differences in these two pictures. Can you find them all?



breed find

Find these hidden dog and cat breeds.

g x t q t f e q r q y m p k f
x f h q n i w e e c e a e h s
k x o b l m v s c s q n r z p
n i p l g e k a k g e x s r g
v k o s i h p u i a q m i f y
o c m r h o s h o r t h a i r
s t t s i e p a l a p e n i v
j e a n i m p u t b d l r v s
r c t b n s p h y n x g f h p
v e g o b z u i e m q a n u g
r h y p a y z h c r u e g p x
l l o d g a r c m i d b l q d

beagle
chihuahua
collie
manx
persian
pointer
pug
ragdoll
retriever
shepherd
shorthair
siamese
sphynx
tabby



cat or dog?

You know Lassie, Benji, and Garfield, but can you correctly identify these movie cats and dogs?

Bolt	cat	dog
Nermal	cat	dog
Dug	cat	dog
Oliver	cat	dog
Slink	cat	dog
Mr. Bigglesworth	cat	dog
Monty	cat	dog
Bruiser	cat	dog
Odie	cat	dog
Figaro	cat	dog
Buddy	cat	dog
Lucifer	cat	dog
Dodger	cat	dog
Einstein	cat	dog
Petey	cat	dog
Mittens	cat	dog
Mr. Jinx	cat	dog
Sassie	cat	dog
Beethoven	cat	dog
Binx	cat	dog
Azrael	cat	dog
Pongo	cat	dog
Zero	cat	dog
Crookshanks	cat	dog
Milo	cat	dog

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