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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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The past 18 months have been a whirlwind. So much good has come from the work and dedication of our employees, volunteers and board members, all of which was supported by your generosity and goodwill. It has been exhilarating, at times overwhelming, but most of all inspiring.

It is a rare opportunity for any one of us to be associated with transformational change in animal welfare — transformation that has had such a positive impact on the animals in our community.



Our Bound for Home initiative has done just that. Every day I am grateful for our success on behalf of animals and I am so appreciative of your trust and support.

Two years ago we embarked on a journey to improve the quality of lives of animals in our community. Through planning, hard work and determination we've begun to see a change and have seen success in saving more animal lives.

January through September of this year our placements have increased to 78% and we have experienced a 41% decrease in euthanasia. The average time a cat stayed with us plummeted from 32 days to just eight days. Dogs have seen a decline in their average length of stay as well. It is so wonderful to visit a dog or cat up for adoption one day and by the next day they've gone to their new home!

I never expected to see such dramatic results so quickly. It was difficult to predict what would happen and frustrating not to be able to set progressive milestones of when we would achieve success for animals. I am filled with even more optimism after seeing the outcomes so far. We can aspire to see the day when 90% of the animals surrendered to our care are placed in loving new homes.

Your loyal support has been critical in moving this transformation for animals from a dream to reality. Despite the dramatically positive outcomes we've seen for animals, donations to Animal Humane Society's annual fund are down this year, so your support is more important than ever

Thank you for taking this giant leap for animals with us. Your commitment to our mission of engaging the hearts, hands and minds of the community to do more for animals has provided us with boundless opportunities for the future.



-JANELLE DIXON, CEO/PRESIDENT

locations

Buffalo

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

Pet adoption and surrender, memorial garden, microchip and nail clinics, pet loss services, retail area, shelter tours, youth programs

Coon Rapids

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

Pet adoption and surrender, dog training, microchip and nail clinics, pet loss services, retail area, shelter tours, youth programs

Golden Valley

845 Meadow Ln. N. • Golden Valley, MN 55422 (763) 522-4325

Pet adoption and surrender, dog playgroups, microchip and nail clinics, pet boarding, pet training, retail area, shelter tours, wildlife rescue, youth programs

St. Paul

1115 Beulah Ln. • St. Paul, MN 55108 (651) 645-7387

Pet adoption and surrender, microchip and nail clinics, pet loss services, retail area, shelter tours, youth programs

Woodbury

9785 Hudson Rd. • Woodbury, MN 55125 (651) 730-6008

Pet adoption and surrender, dog training, microchip and nail clinics, pet loss services, shelter tours, retail area, youth programs

Now Boarding

6002 28th Ave. S. • Minneapolis, MN 55450 (612) 454-4850 • www.nowboardingpets.com Pet boarding, doggy day care, grooming, dog training

hours

Adoption Centers

Monday through Friday: 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Incoming Animals

Surrender by Appointment

Please call for an appointment to surrender an animal. (763) 412-4969 Monday - Friday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

AHS is closed November 24, December 24, 25, January 1 and 16.



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/adoption.

Surrender by appointment

No animal is ever turned away at any of our five open admission locations where we provide safe refuge for thousands of animals each year. Appointments are available to surrender an animal. Call [763] 412-4969 or visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/surrender.

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Low cost spay/neuter

Through our partnership with Kindest Cut, high quality, low cost spay/neuter services are available to the pets of people in need. Visit www.kindestcutmn.com for more information.

Pet boarding

We offer two options for pet boarding. There's Animal House at AHS in Golden Valley (763) 489-2222 and Now Boarding near the Minneapolis St. Paul Airport (612) 454-4850.

Pet training

We speak fluent animal. More than 50 classes are offered weekly at our Coon Rapids, Golden Valley, Woodbury and Now Boarding locations. Check out www.animalhumanesociety.org/training or call (763) 489-2217.

Pet food and supplies

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

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.

Youth programs

From Unleashed Summer Camp to PetSet Youth Club and our extensive programs in the classrooms, there's a lot for kids to do at AHS. Call (763) 489-2220 or visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/youth.



There are many ways to get involved. You could foster animals not quite ready for their new homes, volunteer at the Walk for Animals, or help shelter animals find their forever homes.

Volunteers are integral to all aspects of our work. For more information and to apply, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/help/volunteer



Animal Humane Society thanks Purina ONE for its ongoing support



Purina ONE feeds all of Animal Humane Society's cats, dogs, kittens and puppies.

Microchip and nail clinics

Microchip and nail trim clinics are offered monthly at our locations. Check the calendar in this magazine for specific times.

Wildlife rehabilitation

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

Lost and found pets

We offer a Lost and Found Online Bulletin Board for you to post missing or found pets. Also, review stray animals in our care at our facilities at www.animalhumanesociety.org/ lostandfound.

Behavior helpline

Have a question regarding your pet? Call our helpline at (763) 489-2202.

Online behavior library

Visit our online library for help with pet training and behavior. www.animalhumanesociety.org/training/library.

Therapy animals

Animal Ambassadors, AHS's animalassisted therapy teams, visit hospitals, schools and nursing homes. For more information call (763) 489-2220.

Tours

Tours of our facilities are available to students or other groups by appointment. Maximum group size is determined by location. Our Golden Valley location also offers evening volunteer-led tours on the first and third Wednesday of the month by appointment. To schedule a tour at any of our locations call (763) 489-2220.

Birthday parties

Have your birthday party at an AHS location and invite up to 15 guests. Call (763) 489-2220 for more information.

Pet loss

Humane euthanasia and cremation services are offered. Call (763) 489-2203 or visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/services/lossofpet. Pet loss support groups are offered on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in Golden Valley.

Memorial garden

Visit the peaceful perennial garden at our Buffalo location where past pets are honored with memorial plaques throughout the garden.

Ways to help

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

Online store

AHS's new online store Sit Stay Shop has all the apparel and accessories you need to show your pet pride. Visit www.sitstayshop.org.



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Where are they now?

A few words from the cat cast of AHS's "I Want..." commercial

This past May, Animal Humane Society posted a commercial on You-▲ Tube featuring talking cats and kittens stating what they wanted in their new home. The video promoting feline adoption was created by MAKE, a local

visual effects company. Four MAKE employees had adopted cats from AHS and were inspired to help after reading a story in Animal Tracks about the cat crisis in our community.

Before long, the commercial had made its way around the world and back. Within weeks it had been viewed one million times, and hit the two million mark in August.

We recently caught up with a few of the cats and kittens who starred in the commercial. They were all adopted shortly after filming and we'll let one of the stars, Oscar, tell you how they are doing.

Dear Animal Humane Society,

Since the YouTube video "I Want" came out (and MEOW! what a video -2million+ views), I've been checking in on some of my co-stars. You know how it is when you become a cat-celebrity... you just have to know what everyone else is up to. We sure had some fine cat-araderie on the set.

I've adopted a stage name, Oscar, at my new home theater directed by Jeff and Harmony Beneviste. I now have three co-stars to play with: their three-yearold daughter, Holly, Shadow, a five-year-old rescued feline, and Sadie, a 10-yearold American Eskimo Husky. Sadie and I like to wrestle on the outdoor set. And oh my, what a set — it's a fenced-in garden paradise. We also like to tear up the steps. I run around the hand-rails just to make Sadie jealous because, well, she's a big-boned gal and she simply can't do it.

Venture, you know the cat who says she wants a big house, got both a big house and a big family! She's with Katina, Chad and Olivia Vernon and has a brother feline, Snowflake, and two brother canines. Two of her three siblings came from AHS too. You know how celebrities can be; she hit it off with Snowflake right away but was a little standoffish with everyone else. She now knows the rest of the fam won't go all paparazzi on her and she's fitting right in.

Max, the orange tabby who tears at our heartstrings with the line, "I just want a home," settled in with producer Travis Carr and feline co-star Lucy in the big city of Minneapolis. As you know it's quite a theater town and perfect for him because he's very social and wants to know what everyone is up to. Can you believe he's always rubbing up to Travis' visitors? His favorite spot is the windowsill where he keeps tabs on the Minneapolis nightlife scene, and outside it's a shady spot under a tree where he and Lucy hang out in their harnesses and indulge in the occasional catnip. I wonder if the harnesses have bling?

Not to be catty, but Georgie is so spoiled because he not only has one warm belly to sleep on, he's got two — Alice Brown and her husband. He's so curious; he's always trying to get in the refrigerator and cupboards. I told him he'd better watch his feline figure or his rolls, er, roles will be limited!

Well, that's all for now. Thanks again for finding us all such amazing homes. Isn't it great that we all got exactly what we wanted? Keep me in mind when you are doing more filming. I'm available!

Hugs and Kisses,

Oscar

© Andrey Zyk - Fotolia.com See the cats' commercial debut at www.animalhumanesociety.org/iwant.

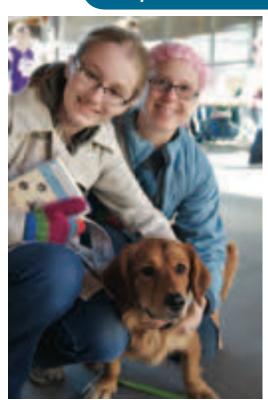




Max then ...



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Adoption fair

Great Minnesota Pet Together is just that

On October 1, nearly 1,300 animal lovers came out to the Great Minnesota Pet Together at the state fairgrounds to meet hundreds of animals for adoption. Twenty-six different animal welfare groups were there to celebrate the human-animal bond by helping more than 60 animals find new homes.

From Airedales to wolfhounds, greyhounds to basset hounds, there were mixed breeds big and small, puppies, kittens and cats from Duluth to Brainerd and St. Cloud and St. Paul, all eagerly awaiting for just the right person to stop. And, for some, that's all it took.

Jane, a golden retriever/basset hound mix from the Animal Humane Society Woodbury, found her new family early in the morning while others waited until the warm afternoon to find their new owners.

"It's exciting to be a part of an event that brings dozens of animal welfare organizations together for one reason — to find new homes for homeless animals," says Pete Sorenson, site manager of Animal Humane Society St. Paul and one of the event coordinators. "The weather was perfect and it was worth every effort to see so many cats and dogs go off with their new families."

This second-annual event was sponsored by the Minnesota Partnership for Animal Welfare (MnPAW) and PetSmart Charities.

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At the Capitol

AHS works hard to make sure Minnesota laws stay humane

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In 2012, Animal Humane Society will continue its state legislative efforts on behalf of animals. And your help is still greatly needed.

We need your voice to reinforce the messages our legislators receive about these important animal welfare bills. A simple call or note at just the right time can make all the difference. Sign up to receive alerts on how and when you can help at www.animalhumanesociety.org/takeaction.

Puppy and Kitten Mill Bill (In favor)

Thousands of dogs and cats live their lives in deplorable conditions found at inhumane breeding facilities in Minnesota. This bill will provide oversight of commercial dog and cat breeding facilities ensuring the animals receive the care they deserve. (S.F. 462/H.F. 702)

Ag-Gag Bill (Opposed)

Many Minnesota animals have been saved because citizens like you were able to provide proof of their neglect and abuse. This bill will make it illegal for you to document any acts of animal cruelty, further hiding abuse and neglect in our state. (S.F. III8/H.F. I369)

"Minnesota Companion Animal Protection Act" (Opposed)

In the past year, Animal Humane Society has had incredible success in doing more for animals. Through effective procedural changes, we have successfully made it possible for more animals to find new homes and have reduced the rate of euthanasia at our organization by 41%. This bill will force us to abandon our best shelter medicine practices which have allowed us our recent forward progress, and instead require us to put animals in harm's way. Learn more about this flawed legislation with a nice name and what you can do to help at www. animalhumanesociety.org/mncapa. (H.F. 1735)

Give the gift of fun to your pet

New classes for dogs and cats

Our pets are social animals and one of the best things we can give them is time with other furry friends. Celebrate this season by putting a class pass in their stocking.



New classes!

For our youngest canine friends (under 18 weeks!), our new Off-Leash Puppy Kindergarten class will have them socializing with other puppies and learning lifelong skills before the snow melts.

For the more refined pup, join us at the new **Tricks and Games** class. This class is all about fun, playing games and learning the best tricks week-byweek. If you've completed Level 3 at the AHS Training School or have your Canine Good Citizen Certification, you're already qualified for fun!

And the classics

If your dog needs a little help making new friends, **Wallflower** class will make one of the greatest holiday gifts. Developed for the shy and fearful dog, this class will keep your pup celebrating with the family, instead of cowering behind the decorations.

Not only can you help your kittens be the best they can be, you can also teach them tricks and how to walk on leash with our **Kitten Kindergarten** class. Sign up today and help your 7-12-week-old kitty be the cat's meow.

For information on these and other classes, give the AHS Training School a call at (763) 489-2217.

There when help is needed most

AHS extending compassion beyond our shelter door

Each year, a dedicated group of staff travel great distances to help animals affected by natural disasters and other large-scale events, while here in Minnesota our humane agents reach out to help thousands of animals each and every day.

Joplin, Missouri

In mid-June, a six-person team from Animal Humane Society traveled to Joplin and helped care for more than 1,200 animals that were separated from their families in the aftermath of the tornado. The team spent long, 100-degree days caring for the animals in a warehouse setup as a temporary shelter.

"We were there to help the animals and give our assistance," said Melissa Carlson, animal care technician with AHS. "They let us do what we do best—take care of the animals and make sure they have food, water, exercise and, of course, love."

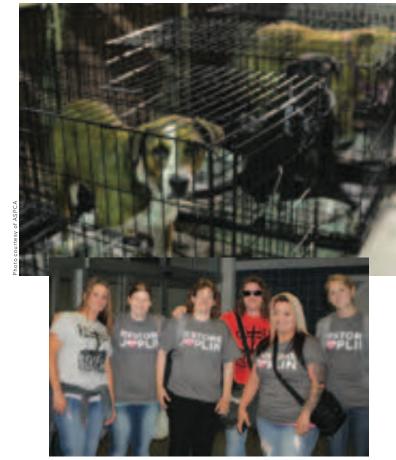
East Bethel, Minnesota

Late this past summer, Animal Humane Society Humane Agents Keith Streff and Wade Hanson brought 10 horses to safety after receiving several complaints regarding the condition and care of horses found on the NV Arabian Horse Ranch in East Bethel. The owner of the ranch had a history of providing at-or-below-minimum standards of care governed by Minnesota state law.

This most recent investigation was conducted in partnership with the Anoka County Sheriff's Department and Dr. Jeff Johnson, a veterinarian local to the area. Sixty-four horses were found on the property and received onsite evaluations, the outcomes of which determined grounds for removal of 10 horses.

"We've received calls about the welfare of horses on this ranch for well over 10 years and have conducted numerous investigations," stated AHS Humane Agent Keith Streff. "Unfortunately, the extent of our intervention has to be done within the parameters of Minnesota animal welfare laws. I continue to be concerned about the animal husbandry practices on this ranch, but I am also happy that we were able to help 10 horses."

Animal Humane Society has presented its case for criminal charges against the owner of the ranch to the Anoka County Sheriff's Department and the City of East Bethel regarding the status of the ranch's permit.



They let us do what we do best—take care of the animals and make sure they have food, water, exercise and, of course, love.

-MELISSA CARLSON, ANIMAL CARE TECHNICIAN

Each of the 10 horses continues to receive rehabilitative care in foster homes or in new homes with families that have already adopted them.

For more information on the work of Animal Humane Society humane agents, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/prevention.

What a difference a year makes

AHS staff shares their memories

Society. Through our Bound for Home initiative, we implemented changes that have allowed us to do so much more for animals, something that has staff jumping for joy. Being a part of this transformation and seeing the incredible success and opportunities it has created for animals has truly inspired this already passionate group of animal lovers. Here are just a few of their favorite memories from the past year.

ne of the happiest things I've seen in the past year is watching stray animals get new homes so much faster than ever before. In the past, I would see strays arrive in the adoption center after they had already been here for five days, waiting in one of our holding areas to be reclaimed. We are still required to hold strays for five days, but because we can manage how animals come into our shelters we're now able to put them in the adoption center right away to meet potential new families. Now sometimes days or even hours after they arrive someone has fallen in love with them and has made the decision to adopt on the sixth day if their owners don't come for them.

I was skeptical when I first

heard we were doing this.

I didn't think people would be willing to put a stray on an adoption hold and risk not ultimately being able to adopt that pet, but that's not the case at all. People are very receptive and although they are hoping the animal won't be reclaimed, they understand that it might be. I just think it's so great because no matter what, that animal is getting a home.

Sometimes adopters are so excited about their possible new pet that they visit the animal several times during the stray hold. Amanda was one of them. She came on the first day of the cat's hold and then visited him every single day. He was

found living in someone's garage, so she didn't think anyone would claim him; however, she said if his owners did come forth she would just have to find another cat.

On the sixth day we called Amanda to let her know that she could come adopt her new cat. I see this kind of story play out all the time now and I absolutely love watching animals go home so quickly.

DENISE THOMPSON-BAUER,
 CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE



I'm so proud of the impact our new changes with Bound for Home have made on the number of animals we are able to save. We're not euthanizing as many animals as we used to and nothing makes me happier!

Just last year, we struggled with the number of animals being euthanized. There will always be those with untreatable health issues or behavior that makes them too dangerous to place in a home, but because of the high number of homeless cats coming into the shelter before, difficult decisions also had to be made regarding their adoptability. Now, because we know exactly who is arriving and

when, we have a place for each animal and we're ready to care for them and give them what they need right when they arrive.

Every day I see vets and vet techs using all the resources they have to save as many animals as they can and we're all a part of something so important. We're saving more lives and we're seeing animals being adopted much faster than ever before!

 NICOLE SANDOVAL, VETERINARY TECHNICIAN "Now, because we know exactly who is arriving and when, we have a place for each animal and we're ready to care for them and give them what they need right when they arrive."

My favorite story from this past year happened right after we opened our new surgical suite in Woodbury. Rose, a middle-aged shar-pei, came into the shelter from a rescue organization. Poor Rose had a lot of medical problems — heartworm, eyelid entropion (where the eyelids curl inward and cause irritation), bladder, ear and skin infections, missing hair and broken teeth. She appeared to have been used just for breeding and had not received any medical care.

What struck me is that she had such a great personality despite all of her difficulties. She was a very mellow and loving dog and I just couldn't give up on her. All the staff felt that way. For more than five weeks we

treated her for heartworm, her various infections, and spayed her.

We wanted to see her through this. When she was finally healthy enough she went home with Maggie, one of our foster volunteers who cared for her until she was strong enough to come back to be adopted. Rose not only won the hearts of all of us at AHS, but also the hearts of people in Maggie's neighborhood. Neighbor Jim Holbrook ended up falling in love with Rose and adopting her. Now she's a happy and healthy girl with a new life. I am so happy that we were able to do this for her.

- DR. ELAINE RAYNE, VETERINARIAN



"...She had such a great personality despite all of her difficulties. She was a very mellow and loving dog."



"...when they are in my van I sing to them and we listen to old time rock and roll, pop and country." In my job I transport the animals to and from our five shelters. If a pet isn't being adopted as quickly at one site, we will move them to another so new people can meet them. The best part of my job is when I see an animal that has been moved to another loca-

tion and they are adopted within hours.

I know that classical music is supposed to soothe the animals in our shelters and that's what we play for them. But when they are in my van I sing to them and we listen to old time rock and roll, pop and country. No heavy metal though — they don't like that. Today I sang "How Much is that Doggie in the Window?" to the puppies I was bringing to Woodbury.

- JILL BEHNKE, TRANSPORT



"The training has proven to be very successful in a short amount of time. Dogs learn that it's actually a good thing when someone approaches their food bowl."

One of the changes I'm happiest about is our new Chowhounds program. This is

a behavior modification program that we introduced to work with dogs that display food guarding behaviors such as growling, snarling or snapping when approached while eating.

In the past, if a dog failed the food bowl aggression test, they would not be a candidate for adoption for safety reasons. There are always so many animals to take care of and not knowing how many more were on their way into our shelters meant we couldn't always focus on special needs like food guarding. Now we are able to commit resources and keep dogs with us longer to see if this kind of rehabilitation will work for them.

The twice daily training has proven to be very successful in a short amount of time. Dogs learn that it's actually a good thing when someone approaches their food bowl. So far, all the dogs I've worked with have successfully passed and gone on to be adopted. And we give the adopters information so they can keep working with the dogs at home to make sure they continue to be successful.

I love working with the dogs going through this program and seeing the changes right before my eyes. I love this new program!

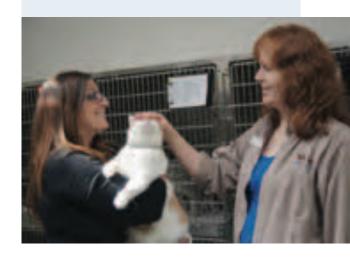
One of my favorite memories is one that happened shortly after we began accepting animals by appointment. A woman contacted us about needing to surrender her cat, Joy, because she was moving into a senior living facility. She was very upset about having to say goodbye to her beloved pet. She had two other cats but wanted to start with Joy as she hoped to still find another home for the other two who were closely bonded.

Originally she talked to us about euthanasia on request services. She was considering euthanasia because she just couldn't bear to think that her kitty might sit here for months and not be adopted. That thought just terrified her.

When she came in for her appointment, Joy was super friendly and very healthy. I was able to reassure the woman that her cat was very adoptable and she did not need to consider euthanasia. If we did not have our appointment process I would never have known about her concerns and been able to talk with her face-to-face about them.

The best part for me? The cat was adopted just a few days later. After that, the owner felt comfortable bringing in the other two cats, Eve and Snowflake, and they were adopted together just a week later! Gone are the days of long waits for homes!

- KRISTIN LIVDAHL, ANIMAL SERVICES



— ALLAN TOWNE, ANIMAL CARE TECHNICIAN

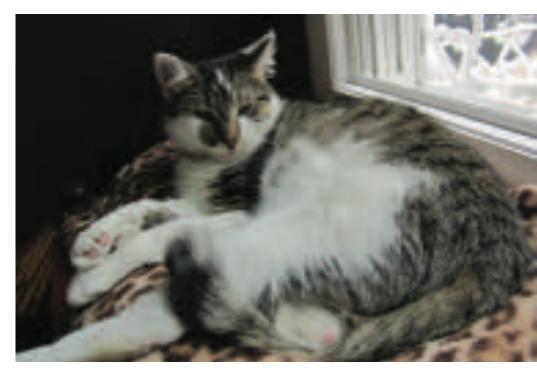
I love seeing all the animals that we are now able to go the extra mile for. We've done great things before, but always knew we could do more if there were fewer animals in our shelters. Now, because of surrender by appointment we're able to do more for more animals, like Melvin.

Melvin was a five-month-old stray kitten that arrived at our Woodbury shelter in February. He was dehydrated, emaciated, and severely frostbitten. He was so skinny that his face was sunken in, he could barely hold his head up and we had to hand feed him. I felt so bad for this little kitten. I left that night thinking he would not make it through the night, or would have to be humanely euthanized to end his suffering.

A few days later, I learned that he survived and I offered to foster him until he fully recovered. Melvin and I spent the next few months together so I really got to know the little guy.

All of Melvin's paws were frostbitten, as were both of his hind legs and the tip of his tail. He needed surgery and then recovery time in the shelter so his wounds could be re-bandaged every day.

Once the frostbite was treated, Melvin began treatment for demodectic mange which had caused severe hair loss all over his body. In order to treat the mange, he would need to return to the shelter every week for lime sulfur baths. As you can imagine, he was not happy receiving the baths each week, but I did my best to comfort him and get him through it. After the first few baths he was looking so much better and his hair was starting to grow back.



The whole experience with Melvin was amazing for me. He was the sweetest little kitten. For AHS to be able to provide the resources to help this kitten that I didn't even think would make it through the first night is incredible. He was adopted the day after I returned him to the shelter by an amazing Animal Humane Society supporter who could give him love, attention and a great home. This little kitten deserved the very best after what he'd been through and I'm so happy I could be a part of that.

 CARLEE BECKMAN, CUSTOMER SERVICE LEAD





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On the road with a great fix

by Brenda Bredahl



Every summer Philip Mathon and his wife, Jackie, make the trek to Minnesota from Utah to visit their daughter Patrice. As always, their four Chihuahuas join them on the trip.

"Our dogs travel with us everywhere," Philip says. "We just love them; they are like family."

When they arrived this summer, they organized a garage sale to help pay for neuter surgeries for two of their dogs, Baha and Teacup. The cost was only \$100 for both dogs through

Kindest Cut, a spay/neuter service provided in partnership with Animal Humane Society.

Spay/neuter surgeries can cost about \$400 per animal at typical veterinary clinics, so for Philip and Jackie, who are retired and living on a limited income, the cost had been prohibitive.

"These are the last two of our four Chihuahuas to get fixed," says Philip, placing Baha and Teacup in their kennels outside AHS's Coon Rapids facility where the Kindest Cut vehicle is stationed for the day.

"Our daughter told us about Kindest Cut, and I'm so glad that Minnesota has this program," Philip says. "There is nothing like this back home. I can't tell you how valuable this service is to people like us on a fixed income."

A few minutes later, Tristan Heinrich and Kindest Cut volunteer Sherri Besaw knock on the door of the purple-and-aqua surgical vehicle decorated with photos of happy animals. Tristan, a resident of nearby Brooklyn Park, has been waiting patiently to pick up Tyson, his brindlecolored American Staffordshire bull terrier who is his constant companion. Lauren Hofland, a veterinary technician with Kindest Cut, opens the door.

"I'm here for Tyson. How did he do?" he asks. As Sherri locates the dog's kennel, Lauren reviews post-op instructions with Tristan, sharing with him that Tyson was a star patient and one of the fastest dogs she's seen awaken from surgery.

"That's the terrier in him," says Tristan. "He's so strong and energetic. I don't know why people are afraid of this breed—he's so loving and loyal."

Tristan picks up the kennel and guides Tyson, who looks very happy to

Tristan Heinrich brought his dog, Tyson, to Kindest Cut for low-cost neuter services.





The Kindest Cut team works in a vehicle not much smaller than a metro bus.

see his owner, into his minivan.

"It's an act of kindness for your pet," says Dr. Meghann Kruck, who, with her three certified veterinary technicians—Alysha Coleman, Lauren Hofland, and Andrea Burgeson—makes it her business to help pet owners prevent unwanted litters.

Field work with feeling

Each day when in the field, the Kindest Cut staff performs sterilization surgeries for up to 40 cats, dogs and rabbits in the Twin Cities. Kindest Cut and Animal Humane Society launched this program in May and in just the first month 855 pets were sterilized. Since then more than 3,000 surgeries have been performed. As Janelle Dixon, AHS CEO/President says, "Clearly there was a great need for this kind of service in our community."

Kindest Cut's services are designed for people with limited incomes who find it difficult to afford sterilization surgery for their companion pets. Surgical appointments can be supplemented with routine vaccines, hernia repair and microchipping if needed.

Currently providing services via a mobile surgical unit, Kindest Cut visits locations such as churches, schools "We are thrilled with the Kindest Cut and Animal Humane Society partnership and come here weekly."

> Kim Jaworski, volunteer foster parent with Pet Haven Rescue

and businesses as well as AHS's five shelter locations. Eligibility and location information can be found on its website at www.kindestcutmn.com.

Kindest Cut also serves rescue groups such as Safe Hands Rescue, Heartland Animal Rescue Team, Bark MN, the Minnesota Spay/Neuter Project, as well as humane societies and other organizations in other areas of Minnesota.

Kim Jaworski has worked as a volunteer foster parent with Pet Haven Rescue for nearly two decades.

"I brought five cats here today and two last Tuesday," she said. "We are thrilled with the Kindest Cut and Animal Humane Society partnership and come here weekly. While we do use local vets too, it is so much less expensive for us to use Kindest Cut."

A lifelong animal advocate and owner of Kindest Cut as well as Content Pets, a mobile veterinary service that makes house calls, Dr. Kruck grew up among dogs, cats, a parakeet, gerbils, snakes and a lizard in suburban Minneapolis. She has a B.S. in animal science from Purdue University and received her D.V.M. from the University of Minnesota. She's licensed through the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine and is a member of the American and Minnesota Veterinary Medical Associations. She has three dogs and two cats—all rescues.

A concert in close quarters

Dr. Kruck and her vet techs perform surgeries in a vehicle not much smaller than a metro bus. They work together with the precision of a symphony orchestra. It's as if they can read each other's minds.

Every animal scheduled for surgery is examined to identify health problems that might preclude surgery. For example, if an animal is found to have fleas it is treated and quarantined prior to surgery.

A surgery can take up to 20 minutes depending on the size and gender of the animal. Each vet tech has specific duties, whether check-in and paperwork, preparing medications and anesthesia, prepping each animal or recovery watch.

"My vet techs know my surgery style," says Dr. Kruck as she dictates surgical notes while Lauren transcribes. "They make my job easy. All I have to do is think about surgery, while they have to think about dozens of things. We have a kind of rhythm down and that helps."

Lauren finishes note-taking when Sherri enters the van, depositing surgical kits ready for use. Sherri then grabs the basket of used linens and surgical tools for cleaning and exits the van. There's not an inch of wasted space in the unit, and a knock on the door reveals a pizza delivery person. A short break is in order for the team.

After lunch, Alysha, with some help from Andrea, preps a couple of male kittens and transfers them to the waiting surgical table. There a warming pad can hold up to four kittens at a time. Andrea returns to prepare more medication for the waiting felines.

Outside the van, two volunteers are busy under the attached awning: pet check-in and pick-up, instrument cleaning, equipment organization and kennel identification. They also pack the cleaned instruments into surgical kits and deliver supplies when needed.

On a day with record heat, Alice Bryan walked in the sun to the van parked outside of Northeast Community Lutheran Church in Minneapolis near where she lives.



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"It's an act of kindness for your pet."

-Meghann Kruck, DVM

tioned in there," she says when
Lauren opens the door to put CoCo,
her Chihuahua, in her arms. "CoCo
was my grandkids' dog, but they had
to move and couldn't have pets. I took
her in, and then read about this in
the Northeast Journal. I've been telling
my friends and neighbors about this
wonderful service."

Another client, Lorry Hautajar, brought her seven-month-old rescued Husky, Kira, from South St. Paul. "I'm unemployed, so I called AHS and they told me about the service here today. Kira is so social that I can't wait for her to play with other dogs now. She got her shots too."

Kindest Cut is part of Animal Humane Society's Bound for Home initiative, a multi-year effort to reduce pet homelessness. Sterilization to prevent unwanted pet litters and reduce the number of animals coming into shelters is one of the major components of the initiative. AHS is currently raising funds to build a Kindest Cut spay/neuter clinic at the Golden Valley location in the next year which will augment the sterilization services available on the road.

Brenda Bredahl is a writer based in Hudson, WI with a rat terrier named Scooter.



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A fragile start to a strong new beginning

Compassion and kindness can make all the difference in the life of an animal. With both, we're able to discover the wonder of the human-animal bond and the many things we can accomplish because of it.

One such accomplishment that we're celebrating this season of giving is Olive's story.

Olive wasn't the puppy you often see climbing over her littermates to the top of the puppy pile in the hopes of seeing what lay ahead. In fact, as her littermates grew strong and were adopted into new homes, Olive struggled and her health quickly began to deteriorate.

Smaller than the rest of the litter, Olive was barely able to lift her head when she arrived at Animal Humane Society. She was dehydrated, lethargic and having difficulty breathing. It was quickly determined that she was suffering from a respiratory infection and immediately put on antibiotics by our veterinary staff. Unfortunately, it did not bring her back to good health.

Olive continued to decline and her infection resisted several different courses of antibiotic treatments. The infection progressed into pneumonia putting the tiny little puppy further into a dire situation and gravely concerning the staff caring for her.

Little moments of hope

No matter the obstacle she faced, Olive never gave up and offered moments of hope to let staff know she was fighting for her life right along with them. According to Dr. Tasha Barnes, the Animal Humane Society veterinarian overseeing Olive's care, "Olive's attitude was always bright and interactive. She wagged her tail and got up to greet you despite the poor state she was in."

Olive's condition continued to decline until we found a combination of therapies that her body responded to, which included bronchodilators given through a nebulizer donated just for Olive's care. Over the three weeks that followed, staff documented within her medical chart her journey into a strong new beginning.

"Puppy is much better today...
playing a little. Breathing is much
less labored."

"Continues to slowly improve..."

"Gaining weight... no longer has labored breathing. Ok to go to foster."

"Back from foster. Olive is doing well. She is gaining weight and her lungs sound good. Ok to go to the adoption floor."

After a long and difficult struggle, Olive was finally placed in our adoption center. She went home with her new family the very same day.

Share in the joy of doing more for animals

Animal Humane Society is able to save special pets like Olive because of the support we receive from the community — financial support from donors, professional support from private veterinarians and volunteer support from our foster volunteers. Together we are able to do more for animals and save lives.

Share in the joy of Olive's new beginning by watching her reunion with the staff that nursed her back to health at www.animalhumanesociety. org/ATFallWinter11.



During her treatment and recovery, Olive was with us at Animal Humane Society for 40 days. If she had come to us healthy and strong we estimate it would have cost \$386 to care for her, but it took great efforts to get her healthy enough to find a new family, more than doubling our costs.

Costs to care for Olive:

\$48	for staff time to get Olive to a veterinary
	partner's office who donated chest X-rays
	X Tuy5

- \$60 for spay surgery
- \$93 for exploratory surgery when she didn't respond to antibiotics a cost that would have been 10 times more expensive at a private veterinarian
- \$100 for medical treatments, including six different antibiotics and a nebulizer
- \$526 for vaccinations, microchip and many extra days in our care to regain her health



Total cost to bring Olive back to health so she could find her forever home

You can help us provide extra special care to more animals like Olive.

Donations to Animal Humane Society are down this year, so your support is more important than ever.

During this season of giving, please make a year-end gift to continue supporting life-saving services for animals in our community.

Email: giving@animalhumanesociety.org

Phone: (763) 489-2210

Online: www.animalhumanesociety.org/holiday

memorials and honorariums

January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011

e are grateful for your generous support of the animals through memorial and tribute gifts and are pleased to acknowledge these gifts in this magazine. We are committed to providing quality content with information about our programs and services and want to ensure that your donations are directly supporting the animals in our care. We sincerely appreciate every gift made in honor or memory of a loved one or pet, however due to the volume only pet memorials of \$100 or more will be listed in this publication.

In Memory of a pet Remembered by ...

Abby Bear Norman Walsh

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Bernie Linda Houden and Jerry Van Amerongen

Bernie Tol-O-Matic

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Paula Pede

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Cocoa

Arlis and Myron Werley

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Coquette Jeanette Reichman

Cubby Mark and Jean Menard

Cuddles Gary Glunz

Dakota Linda and Greg Mcewen

Deno Joan Winn

Dieter & Jurgen Barbara Johnson

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Edith & Angus Cheryl and Keith Ciampa

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Mary Welfling Fly

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Joan Olseen Frenzy

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Otis Bole Amy Delmain

Pablo & Nigel Hunt Sabin Peterson

Patch Work Quilt Nancy Brydle

Patches Charlene Boden

Patsy

Joan Winn

Pepito Ashwin Bhouraskar and

Pepper Janie Finke

Pete

Julie Erickson

Pete Timothy and Mary Gerenz

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Murphy Jean Falkavage Nick Janet M. Singer Pumpkin & Krystle Keni Hylbak

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Beverly Wolfe and Daniel Reiva Robbie & Emma

Margaret and John Tackman

Rosie Tabitha Clem

Ruby Debra and Ben Behrens Katie Nelsen Laurie Brickley and Marx Swanholm





C tewie, a guinea pig and favorite little colleague of Animal Humane Society's Education department, passed away in June.

For several years, Stewie's friendly face and calm demeanor helped to educate thousand of kids at schools, community organizations, and summer camps. As a registered therapy animal, Stewie demonstrated the benefits of animal therapy and served as an example of the wide range of animals that can be trained for this important service.

Stewie was also one of the original "Snow Angel" animals whose image and story helped raise money to support AHS. His squeaks and squeals brightened the day of many staff who regularly stopped by to visit. He is sorely missed.

Ruffly Sarah Powell

Salt Janie Finke

Sam Woodall Wade and Suzanne Shromoff

Samantha Betsy Nichols and Joel

Sammy Lisa Bissen

Sanoy & Pepper Jason and Shirley Newman

Sasha & Angel John Spano

Schnoopy Gloria and Glenn Gaster

Scribble Alicia Helling

Shelby Gary Gronstedt and Carl Tubbs

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Snickers Leo Warren

Snickers Nana Salisbury

Spicer Brian Becker

Stella & Sierra Carole Arwidson, Darlene Arwidson, Sigbritt and Ruben Arwidson

Sweet Pea Santana Elaine Wait

Tasha

Patricia and Paul Strasser

Tiger

Barbara and Christopher Nowak

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Tony Kevin Schoonover and Tracey Olson

Wally Todd Skjervold

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Winnie





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Sandra and Jonathon Carlson-Kortebein

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Bailey Michelle and Mark Milbrandt

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Sue Coleman

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Black Kitty

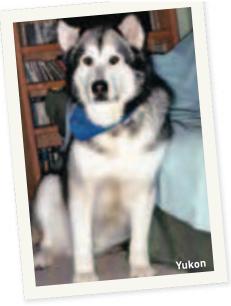
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Browny Michelle Beauchene

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Gizmo Crystal Tan

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Goldie Mark Melles

Grizz Walter and Michelle Cohen

Gussie Kathy Thiessen

Jackson Shelley Shutes

Jake Jan Christianson

Jasper Roger and Karen Peitso



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Darby David Rodquist

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Steve and Lynn Timmer

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Mr. Bubbles Denise Yannessa

Mr. Kitty Doug Samaha

Murphy Pat Holmes

Mya Corrie Schnur

Neffie Jennifer LaFrance

Niichi Sarah Scott

Pete Kevin Manion

Phoebe Karen and Thomas Schiller

Popcorn Kim Parker

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Princess Leia Kathleen Tapp

Pumpkin Bob and Carol Fiedler

Roman Raul Rojas

Rosie Diane Kirkling

Salem Kathleen Ghreichi

Sam Robert and Jolene Hall

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Sammy Joe Amy Jordan

Samson Deb Frazier

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Tigger Jerome and Dawn Dibb

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Mari Kittridge

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Cleo Laurie Kertis

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Frodo

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Ziggy Jim and Sharon Burns

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Baxter Michelle and Beverly Oelke Belle

Nancy Lokensgard Britta Jerome and Valerie Sechler

Cammie Althea Larson Candi Shirley Mackey Hobbs Marjie Carr-Oxley and Gale

Hogan Heather and AJ Johnson

Rick and Sarah Goullaud

Jasmine Greg and Gail Splitt

Jasper Vicki Koenig Jeffy

Stephanie Magelky Kitty Girl

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Kris Oelschlager and Lise

Fohlmeister Katy and Kelly Bennewitz

Mini Jennifer and Dennis McElroy

Dennis and Deb Wheeler **Molly** Brenda Kunkel

Leslie and Michael

Molly

Molly

Krmpstich

Sandy Penny Helgren Scout Nancy and Steven Cavanaugh Sensee Ryan Tepley Shadow Rita and Eugene Berg Shadow Scott and Denise Price Shiloh Marlene Foote Sidney Ann and Peter Baskin

Quilla

Regan

Ruby

Salt

Daniel and Kristen Lee

George and Carey Rear

Jane and Rodger Finke

Kathe and Dave McFarlane

Silky Lynda Meyer Small Fry Jean and Gary Jarvis Socks

Linda and Jay Levitan Sophia Alan and Karen Siegman

We adopted Harvey in March of 2004. He was a scared little guy, shivering in his kennel at Animal Humane Society in Coon Rapids. We brought him into a visiting room and that was it. Our min-pin was an amazing cuddler and comforted my husband and me through some of our hardest and happiest times.

Harvey passed away in July; he was at least seven years old when we first met him, and we could only guess at his age being nearly 15. He was the greatest best friend we could have ever hoped for, and he rescued us as much as we rescued him.

—KATIE BUTLER

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Judy Zins Bridgette Iack Gill

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Cadfael Joan Fortier

Cal Ken Bruentrup

Callie Betty Romback

Carmen Laurie Pigeon

Cassie Gary and Bev Zweig

Cassie William and Valerie DuFour

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Chunk Blaze and Lorrie Johnson

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Rena Mattoon

Dakota Kim and Doug Brown

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Mickey Betty and Ron Snyder

Miss Moo Evelyn Hunt

Missy Sheri and John Marty

Molly Mary Lou Morris

Muffy Steve Roland

Murphy Debby Brunette

Mya Chris Armstrong

Gary and Karin Ostrand

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Honey Steve Falkowski

Isabelle Lynn Kastka Lois Lane Jennifer and Dean Albrecht

Lucci Kim Ficcadenti Lucy Cathie Perrault

Lucy Katy and Randy Vanderwood

Lorraine Feyder

Lucy Gloria Kjonais

Luke Karol Galatzer Lvric

Susan Huggins Maggie Brenda Peterson

Maggie Betty Schoeberl Maizee

Tracy and Peter Warner

Brenda Peterson

Pepper Mary Scherping

Pepper Theresa Pinotti Pepper

Xavier Williams Phoenix Susan Rumpsa

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Spice Julie Bancroft

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Thomas Everson

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Tilly Stacey Janssen

Titan Tim Jorges

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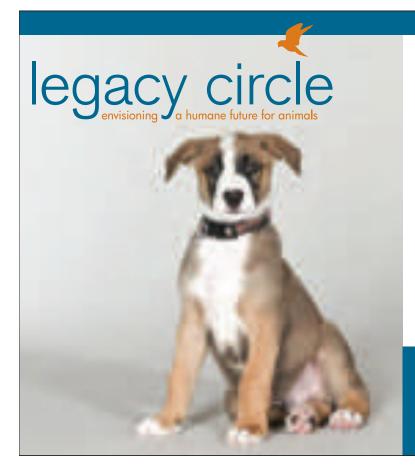
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Tommy & Buddy Carole Weatherby

Winnie Geraldine and Jack King



Include the Animal Humane Society in your estate planning.

By joining the Animal Humane Society's Legacy Circle you will be a part of helping animals find safe refuge well into the future. You'll help animals find forever homes and aid our efforts in humane investigations and humane education.



That's quite a legacy.

For more information about ways to give, our tax ID# and membership in the Legacy Circle, please contact Melissa Peacock at (763) 489-1575 or mpeacock@animalhumanesociety.org.



Calendar of Events

November 2011 - March 2012

Whisker Whirl

Save the Dates!

Saturday, February 25 • The Depot, Minneapolis

Dress to the canines and party with your best friend at Whisker Whirl! This party for you and your pup will be an unforgettable evening of doggy fun at The Depot in Minneapolis, complete with cocktails, dinner, and silent and live auctions all to benefit the animals of Animal Humane Society. For ticket information, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/whiskerwhirl, email whiskerwhirl@animalhumanesociety.org, or call (763) 432-4842.

Walk for Animals

Saturday, May 5 • Golden Valley

You love animals. You know what a difference they have made in your life. You also care about animals less fortunate than your own. The Walk for Animals is your opportunity to help the thousands of companion animals that will come through Animal Humane Society's doors this year. For more information, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/walk, email walk@animalhumanesociety.org, or call (763) 432-4841.

Training & Playgroups

Introduction to Dog Training

Find out about the convenient dog training classes offered at Animal Humane Society. People only at this first session, please. All classes are held from 6:30–8 p.m. No registration necessary. Classes are available in Coon Rapids, Golden Valley, Woodbury and Now Boarding. For exact dates and a schedule of all our dog training classes, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/training or call (763) 489-2217.

Intro to Therapy Animals

Are you interested in learning how you and your pet (dog, cat, guinea pig, rabbit, and more) can become part of a visiting animal therapy team? Join us to find out more about what therapy animals do, what training you and your animal will need, and how to become a registered therapy animal team. This session is free, but registration is required. For more information, call (763) 489-2217 or email training@animalhumanesociety.org.

January 18 • Golden Valley • 7–8 p.m. February 15 • St. Paul • 7–8 p.m. March 25 • Coon Rapids • 3–4 p.m.

Dogs

Canine Good Citizen Test

A certification program designed to reward dogs with good manners at home and in the community. The program stresses responsible pet ownership. \$10 per dog. Registration is required. For more information, visit www.akc.org or to register call our Training School at (763) 489-2217.

Golden Valley • one Friday per month at 6 p.m. For exact dates, please visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/events.

Coon Rapids • the third Wednesday of the month at 8:15 p.m.

Dog Playgroups

We offer several playgroups and socialization opportunities for your pet at our Golden Valley facility. Playgroups are offered for small dogs and for puppies younger than one year. For a description of the playgroups available and a schedule, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/dogplay or call (763) 489-2217.

Reactive Rovers

This class is designed for dogs that bark, snark, or growl at other dogs. We will help you learn to walk your dog past other dogs and teach your dog to greet other dogs politely.

This class is not appropriate for dogs that are aggressive toward people. Space is limited. For more information, call the Training School at (763) 489-2217.

Wallflower

Does your dog cower when guests come over? Does he hide in the bedroom when the doorbell rings? Does he try to run away when he hears children playing outside? If so, Animal Humane Society's Wallflower class might be for you. This class is for shy and fearful dogs. Call our Training School at (763) 489-2217 for more information.

Yappy Hour!

Well-behaved dogs are welcome with their dog-loving owners at this event. Admission is \$10 for the public and \$7 for enrolled Training School students. Dog owners need to bring records showing proof of rabies, bordetella, distemper, and parvovirus vaccinations. Sessions are held two Fridays per month at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in Golden Valley. For exact dates, please visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/events or call (763) 489-2217.

Cats

Kitty Kindergarten

This innovative two-week class covers play socialization, crate training, handling skills, grooming tips, lit-

ter box know-how and basic training. Kitty Kindergarten is for kittens 7-12 weeks of age. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call (763) 489-2217 or email training@animalhumanesociety.org.

Rabbits

Bunny Basics

This is a class for people interested in acquiring a rabbit or those who already have one and want to know more about their care (please, no rabbits in class). The class is free, but donations to the Minnesota Companion Rabbit Society are welcome. Register by calling (763) 489-2234. All sessions are held from 6:30–8 p.m. on the dates below.

November 14 • Golden Valley December 1 • Woodbury December 12 • Golden Valley January 5 • Woodbury January 9 • Golden Valley February 2 • Woodbury February 13 • Golden Valley March 1 • Woodbury March 12 • Golden Valley

Hoppy Hour

A social hour for rabbits and their owners held at 1 p.m. every other Sunday in Golden Valley. \$3 per rabbit. For exact dates, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/events or contact rabbitagility@mn.companionrabbit. org for more information. All rabbits must be spayed or neutered.

Rabbit Agility

An opportunity for caged and house rabbits to explore and get exercise and mental stimulation at the same time. For more information, please visit the website of our partner, Minnesota Companion Rabbit Society at www.mnhouserabbit.org or email rabbitagility@mn.companionrabbit.org. Classes are \$25 for five weeks and held in Golden Valley. All rabbits must be spayed or neutered.

Tours, clinics and groups

AHS Tours

Ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes at AHS? Join us for a tour of our Golden Valley facility. You'll learn more about AHS and the animals we serve, and get a guided tour through the working areas of our shelter. Cost is \$1 per person. Participants must be at least 6 years of age. Space is limited and registration is required. All tours are held from 7–8 p.m. on the dates below. Call (763) 489-2220 or email education@animalhumanesociety.org to register.

January 10 March 15

Microchip and Nail Clinics

Microchip your pets for their safety in the event they are lost. Nail trims also available. Microchipping is \$40 plus tax and nail trims are \$12 plus tax. Clinics are held from I-3 p.m. at the locations and on the dates listed below. For more information visit our online Events Calendar at www.animalhumanesociety.org/events or call (763) 522-4325.

Buffalo • Second to last Sunday of each month Coon Rapids • Second Sunday of each month Golden Valley • Second Sunday of each month St. Paul • First Sunday of each month Woodbury • Third Saturday of each month

Pet Loss Support Group

This support group is an informal and ongoing support group led by a trained facilitator for those dealing with the grief caused by the loss of a pet. There is no admission charge or reservation required. The group meets in Conference Room D across from the Training Center in Golden Valley, Mondays at 7 p.m., except for holidays. For easy and convenient access, please park in the North (back) parking lot. For more information, please call (612) 730-6016.



Youth programs

PetSet Youth Club

Be a part of the PetSet Youth Club! Youth members meet twice a month to learn from animal experts, examine animal-related current events, develop community service projects to help animals and more. The club is open to students in grades 5-8 on Wednesdays and Thursdays in Golden Valley or on Tuesdays in Woodbury. New members can join at any time! For more information, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/petsetyouthclub or contact the Education department at (763) 489-2220 or education@animalhumanesociety.org.

Unleashed Summer Camps – Registration begins Feb. 15!

Unleashed is an animal-themed summer day camp. Campers spend a full week immersed in animal learning and fun. Each week includes animal-related educational activities, animal interactions, visits from special guests, field trips, and more. Unleashed is available at all AHS facilities for kids entering grades 3-12. Camps run from mid-June to mid-August. The complete schedule will be available online in January. For more information or to register online, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/unleashed.

Unleashed Express Mini Day Camps

Looking for something different to do on Presidents' Day? Unleash your child's love of animals with our Unleashed Express Mini Camp. This one-day camp program features a variety of animal-related activities, with a special emphasis on service projects to benefit shelter animals. For more information, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/unleashedexpress or call (763) 489-2220.

February 20 • Golden Valley (Grades 3-5 or 5-7) and Coon Rapids (Grades 3-5)





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