

# animal tracks



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At home with  
*animals*  
*we loved*

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Behind the scenes  
with our  
**volunteers**



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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Animal Humane Society is a member of the National Federation of Humane Societies and Pets Across America, a consortium of humane organizations throughout the country that raise funds to care for animals in local shelters.

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a message from Janelle Dixon

As I write this, we are just finishing our Report to the Community for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2012. What struck me most in reviewing our accomplishments is how much success we've continued to have with our Bound for Home initiative. The impact it has had on improving the quality of life for animals in our community is more than most of us could have imagined.



We have seen our placement rate steadily increase since Bound for Home began two years ago, to 80 percent as the fiscal year ended. Within reach is our goal to find loving homes for at least 90 percent of the animals that come through our doors. We know it will take continued focus and dedication to achieve that goal. We've made great strides, but there is much more work ahead.

Bound for Home has many aspects. Our surrender by appointment program, the Kindest Cut affordable spay/neuter service and the Law of Paw community awareness campaign have received a lot of attention, and justifiably so – they are key components of the initiative. But there are smaller, sometimes less publicized pieces of Bound for Home that are also critical in moving us forward.

Fresh Start, for example, is a program started for cats that come to us with an aversion to the litter box. Chow Hounds, for another, is an initiative that provides special training for dogs that exhibit food guarding behaviors. Those programs, and a number of others, are designed to help make specific animals suitable for adoption, animals that in years past might never have reached the adoption floor. They require innovation, creative thinking, hard work, and a belief in the concept that we will reach our 90 percent placement goal by concentrating on helping one animal at a time. While they may not get the notice some of our other programs do, they are absolutely essential in helping us realize our goal.

What also impressed me in reviewing the past year is how much your commitment to our vision has been responsible for bringing us to the point where we are today. Your continuing support, along with the dedication of our staff, volunteers and board of directors, is crucial as we move ever closer to our goal. It will take all of us working together to get there—and we will. Thank you for your support and for being part of this journey.

Sincerely,

—JANELLE DIXON, CEO/PRESIDENT

To view our latest Report to the Community please visit our website at [www.animalhumanesociety.org/aboutus/annual-report](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/aboutus/annual-report).

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## 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 loss services, 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](http://www.nowboardingpets.com)

*Pet boarding, doggy day care, grooming, dog training*



## hours

### Adoption Centers

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

### Incoming Animals

#### Surrender by Appointment

Please call our Animal Admissions Center 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.

Animal Humane Society is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Day.

## 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](http://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/surrendering](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/surrendering).

### Kindest Cut low cost spay/neuter

Through our partnership with Kindest Cut mobile clinic, high quality, low cost spay/neuter services are available to the pets of people in need. Visit [www.kindestcutmn.com](http://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. [www.animalhumanesociety.org/boarding](http://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. Check out [www.animalhumanesociety.org/training](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/training) or call (763) 489-2217.



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### 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](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/prevention) for more information.

### Youth programs

From Unleashed Summer Camp and projects for Scouts, to PetSet Youth Club there is a lot for kids to do at AHS. Call (763) 489-2220 or visit [www.animalhumanesociety.org/youth](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/youth).

### School programs

We offer interactive classroom programs for students in grades K-12. For information on selecting a program for a child's school call (763) 489-2220 or visit [www.animalhumanesociety.org/classroom](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/classroom).

### Microchip and nail clinics

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

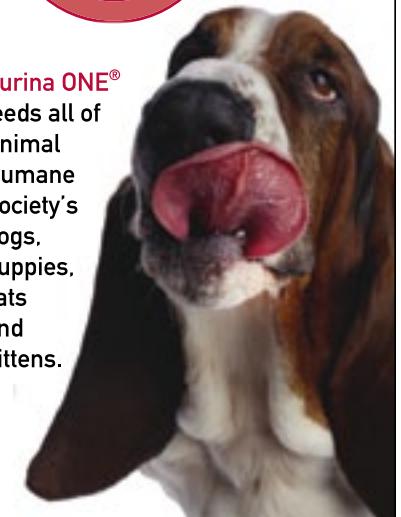
### Wildlife rehabilitation

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

Animal Humane Society thanks Purina ONE® for its ongoing support.



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



### Pet loss

Humane euthanasia and cremation services are available. Call (763) 412-4969 or visit [www.animalhumanesociety.org/petloss](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/petloss). 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/help](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/help) 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.



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# Calendar of Events

December 2012 - March 2013

## Whisker Whirl

Saturday, February 23, 2013

The Depot Minneapolis

5:00 p.m. Exclusive VIP reception; 6:00 p.m. General Reception and Silent Auction opens

Dress to the canines and party with your dog at Whisker Whirl! This party for you and your pup will be an unforgettable evening of doggy fun at The Depot 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](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/whiskerwhirl), email [whiskerwhirl@animalhumanesociety.org](mailto:whiskerwhirl@animalhumanesociety.org), or call (763) 432-4842.

## Walk for Animals

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Golden Valley AHS, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/walk), email [walk@animalhumanesociety.org](mailto:walk@animalhumanesociety.org), or call (763) 432-4841.

Save  
the date!



### 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.

## Rabbits

### Bunny Basics

This is a class for people interested in getting a rabbit or those who already have one and want to know more about their care (no rabbits in class please). 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.

December 6 • Woodbury  
December 10 • Golden Valley  
January 3 • Woodbury  
January 14 • Golden Valley  
February 7 • Woodbury  
February 11 • Golden Valley  
March 7 • Woodbury  
March 11 • 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](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/events) or contact [rabbitagility@mn.companionrabbit.org](mailto:rabbitagility@mn.companionrabbit.org) for more information. All rabbits must be spayed or neutered.

### Rabbit Agility

An opportunity to work with your rabbit to learn a skill most of them excel at. This class provides rabbits with a fun way to get exercise and mental stimulation and will help you and your rabbit be comfortable and confident in different settings. For more information, please visit the website of our partner, Minnesota Companion Rabbit Society at [www.mn.companionrabbit.org](http://www.mn.companionrabbit.org) or email [rabbitagility@mn.companionrabbit.org](mailto:rabbitagility@mn.companionrabbit.org). Classes are \$25 for five weeks and held in Golden Valley. All rabbits must be spayed or neutered.

## Tours, Clinics & Groups

### AHS Tours

Ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes at AHS? Join us for a tour of any of our five facilities led by one of our professional humane educators. 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 (\$15 minimum). Participants must be at least 6 years of age. Tours are offered throughout the year by appointment, and can also be combined with an AHS classroom program. Advanced reservations are required for all tours. Call (763) 489-2220 or email [education@animalhumanesociety.org](mailto:education@animalhumanesociety.org) to register.

### Animal Ambassadors

Animal Ambassadors are teams of volunteers and their pets who have been trained and registered as therapy animal teams. They provide animal-assisted therapy in nursing homes, memory care facilities, assisted living homes and other senior centers. These special teams unleash the power of pets to enhance the lives of the people they touch. To become an Animal Ambassador, you must become an AHS volunteer, you and your pet must pass the Canine Good Citizen Test (dogs only), and you and your pet must complete training to become a registered animal therapy team. To learn more visit [www.animalhumanesociety.org/animalambassadors](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/animalambassadors) or contact email [bcooney@animalhumanesociety.org](mailto:bcooney@animalhumanesociety.org).

### Microchip and Nail Clinics

Microchip your pets for their safety in the event they are lost. Nail trims also available. Microchipping is \$25 plus tax and nail trims are \$12 plus tax. Clinics are held from 1–3 p.m. at the locations and on the dates listed below. For more information visit our online Events Calendar at [www.animalhumanesociety.org/events](http://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 parking lot. For more information, please call (612) 730-6016.

## Programs for Kids

### PetSet Youth Club

Spring session begins January 15

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 5-7 on Tuesday in Woodbury or on Wednesday and Thursday in Golden Valley. New members can join at any time! For more information, or to register online, visit [www.animalhumanesociety.org/petsetyouthclub](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/petsetyouthclub).

### Pawsome Pet Picture Show

Now Showing: Bolt

The Pawsome Pet Picture Show is a youth movie night hosted at Animal Humane Society. It is a two-hour program, from 6–8 p.m. in the Education Room at Golden Valley. AHS will show an animal-themed movie (complete with popcorn and juice boxes) and have a special intermission featuring time with an AHS animal. Families are welcome, but all attendees must be at least 7 years of age. For more information, or to register online, visit [www.animalhumanesociety.org/pawsomepet](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/pawsomepet).

Disney's "Bolt" • January 18

### Unleashed Presidents' Day Camp for Kids

Looking for something for your child to do on Presidents' Day? Our one-day camp includes time with animals, crafts, games and activities, with a special emphasis on leadership traits such as teamwork and service, and how to make the world a better place for people and animals. For kids in grades 3 - 6. Camps will be held at Golden Valley, Woodbury and Coon Rapids. For more information, or to register online, visit [www.animalhumanesociety.org/unleashed](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/unleashed).

February 18

### Unleashed Spring Break Camp for Kids

Do your kids love animals? And theatre? This unique spring break camp is for them! Kids will work together to create a play that they will perform at the end of this week-long workshop. For kids in grades 3 - 6. Camps will be held at Golden Valley, Woodbury and Coon Rapids from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. For more information or to register online, visit [www.animalhumanesociety.org/unleashed](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/unleashed).

March 11-15  
March 25-29  
April 1-5

### Unleashed Summer Camp

Registration begins February 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 3-10. Camps run from mid-June to mid-August. For more information or to register online, visit [www.animalhumanesociety.org/unleashed](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/unleashed).

### Classroom Programs

This year, bring humane education programs to a child's school or a meeting site! Our classroom programs offer interactive presentations provided by AHS professional educators at your location. Each program is tailored to the audience's ages and interests. These presentations are available for groups of any kind, including schools, clubs, homeschool groups and community organizations. For more information, visit [www.animalhumanesociety.org/classroom](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/classroom).

### Girl Scout Badge Program

AHS offers a Pet Badge program for Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies and Juniors. Our comprehensive program features a shelter tour and other educational activities which meet all the requirements to earn a Girl Scout Badge. This program is available at all AHS facilities. For more information, visit [www.animalhumanesociety.org/scouts](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/scouts).

## 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. No registration necessary. Classes are held at 6:30 p.m. and are available in Coon Rapids, Golden Valley, Woodbury and at Now Boarding. For exact dates and a schedule of all our dog training classes, visit [www.animalhumanesociety.org/training](http://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](mailto:training@animalhumanesociety.org).

January 16, Golden Valley • 7-8 p.m.  
February 27, Saint Paul • 7-8 p.m.  
March 20, Golden Valley • 7-8 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 and to register, visit [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) or 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](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/events).

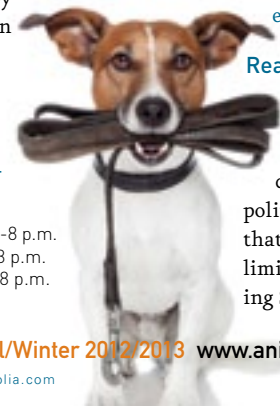
Coon Rapids • the third Wednesday of the month at 8:15 p.m.

### 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](http://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.







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## AHS helps felines in Florida

This past spring when it became apparent to the ASPCA that they were facing the largest cat seizure in its history, the organization knew Animal Humane Society was one place it could

call for help. AHS responded to the request by sending a four-person team to Jacksonville, Fla. to aid in removing and caring for nearly 700 felines from an overwhelmed cat sanctuary.

“One organization can’t handle these large-scale cases on its own, and AHS has the staff and expertise to be a valuable resource,” says Kathie Johnson, AHS director of animal services. “ASPCA knows they can rely on us to send professional, hardworking teams. We are very proud every time they contact us – we know our reputation has a lot to do with the continued requests.”

Shortly before the Florida request, ASPCA had sought AHS’ assistance with the seizure of more than 100 small-breed dogs from a puppy mill near Lexington, Ky. In that case, AHS dispatched a team of five to assist in the care of the dogs at a temporary shelter, and then sent back another team of four one month later to aid with the continued care.

## Picking your next Thumper

If you’re looking for a rabbit who loves to play, an Eager Explorer may be right for you. If you prefer just relaxing on the couch, perhaps a Calm Cuddler is more your speed. It’s now easier than ever to find your perfect rabbit match at Animal Humane Society.

The new Pawfiler program launched this fall helps to identify specific personality traits in adoptable rabbits at AHS, allowing potential adopters to see if a particular rabbit would be a good match for their unique living situation.

When a rabbit becomes available

at AHS, specially trained volunteers spend 30-45 minutes with the animal and complete an extensive survey about the personality characteristics they observe. From that information, a profile is created that indicates the rabbit’s personality type. Adoption staff and volunteers are then able to

share and discuss that information with visitors who are interested in adopting a rabbit.

The profile includes such information as how well the rabbit would interact with children and/or other animals, its exercise level, and whether it might be a good agility or therapy animal candidate.

Using Pawfiler, AHS can help make sure you’re not getting a Rebellious Spirit if you’re looking for a Quiet Character!



## Thinking about summer?

It’s just about time for the snow to fly (if it hasn’t already), but not too soon to be looking forward to next summer’s Unleashed camps at Animal Humane Society.

Unleashed campers entering grades 3-10 spend a full week immersed in animal learning and fun at all five AHS locations. Mark your calendar as registration for 2013 camps begins February 15, 2013. Dates and locations of the camps will be posted at [www.animalhumanesociety.org/unleashed](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/unleashed). Because space is limited and many sessions fill up fast, early registration is recommended.

In addition, registration begins on



January 4, 2013 for Unleashed Spring Break Camp for Kids, which take place during school spring breaks at our Golden Valley, Woodbury and Coon Rapids locations for students in

grades 3-6. More information on the day camps can be found online at [animalhumanesociety.org/unleashed](http://animalhumanesociety.org/unleashed).

## The A, B, C’s of animals

Getting kids excited about learning is not always easy. When that learning involves animals, the classroom can suddenly be a lot more fun. That’s why Animal Humane Society provides classroom education programs for kids in grades K-12, covering everything from responsible pet care and ownership, to opportunities in animal related careers, to the perils of dog fighting and more — all presented with an emphasis on compassion and respect for animals.

Each interactive program is tailored to the audience’s age group and specific interests, and is available for groups of any kind including schools, clubs, home school groups and com-



munity organizations. Most programs can be taught to groups of up to 50 students and run approximately 45-60 minutes.

“The kids love it because they enjoy learning about animals, and the teachers love it because their

students are learning how to be compassionate not only to animals, but to each other as well,” says Holly Wetzel, humane education lead at AHS. “It’s always fun to see kids so engaged in learning.”

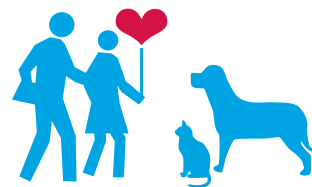
The cost for each program is \$50, with discounts available. The fee can be paid by the school, but parents are also encouraged to sponsor a program for their child’s class. To register for any program or for more information, contact the AHS Education department at (763) 489-2220 or [education@animalhumanesociety.org](mailto:education@animalhumanesociety.org). Information is also available online at [animalhumanesociety.org/classroom](http://animalhumanesociety.org/classroom).





## THE GREAT MINNESOTA pet together

a MnPAW adoption event



tions from across Minnesota took part in the adoption event, sponsored by PetSmart Charities and the Minnesota Partnership for Animal Welfare (MnPAW), a coalition of animal welfare organizations working together to aid animals.

Puppies, dogs, kittens and cats were onsite and available for adoption during the one-day event. Thirty-three animals were adopted from AHS, going right from the fairgrounds to their new homes.

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## Going home

Animal Humane Society was once again an enthusiastic participant in the annual Great Minnesota Pet

Together, held October 6 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. More than 25 animal welfare and rescue organiza-



**Friday,  
January 18**  
*featuring*  
**Disney's  
"Bolt"**

## Lights... Camera... Kids!

You can find them all at the Pawsome Pet Picture Show, a youth movie night hosted at Animal Humane Society's Golden Valley location. The two-hour program, which includes the showing of an animal-themed movie, runs from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Education Room. The cost is \$5 per person and includes popcorn and juice. In addition, a special intermission will feature time with an adoptable animal. Families are welcome. Supervision will be provided for children attending without their family, but all attendees must be at least 7 years of age.

The first Pawsome Pet Picture Show in 2013 is Friday, Jan. 18 featuring the Disney film "Bolt." Other dates in 2013 are Friday, April 12; Tuesday, June 11; Tuesday, July 16; and Tuesday, Aug 20. Featured movies for those dates will be announced on [www.animalhumanesociety.org](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org).

For more information, please call (763) 489-2220 or register online by going to [animalhumanesociety.org/pawsomepet](http://animalhumanesociety.org/pawsomepet).

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- Learn real life skills you can use with your pet

When you train your pet at AHS, you're helping to support all of the animals in our care.

## No matter what he's done this time, we can help.



Call our free **behavior helpline** at **(763) 489-2202** to speak to a behavior specialist or visit our online behavior library at [animalhumanesociety.org/library](http://animalhumanesociety.org/library)

**\$10 off**  
**a Training School pass**

Not valid with other offers or discounts. Expires 3/31/13.



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[animalhumanesociety.org/training](http://animalhumanesociety.org/training) **(763) 489-2217**





# getting them

Volunteers helping animals in transition



## Acting in the moment

THURSDAY, 11:00 A.M. • ANIMAL HUMANE SOCIETY, GOLDEN VALLEY

John Cutler's volunteer shift begins at the Golden Valley shelter in the small Adoption Preparation room across the hall from the kennels where animals are kept when they first arrive. Dressed in a T-shirt, jeans and a Twins baseball cap, he greets me with a smile.

The room is empty and quiet. Aside from the counters, the only

piece of furniture is a small desk holding stacks of green, yellow and pink paper detailing each animal in the program. Above the desk, a large bulletin board is filled with reminders for volunteers, "Here's Benji's ball. He loves it." "J ward door doesn't close properly. Loose dog could open it," another says.

On the wall next to the bulletin

John Cutler with Hendricks, a terrier mix who is part of AHS's Adoption Preparation program.

board is the adoption board, a collection of photographs of "Ad Prep" animals that have recently found homes, each with a small handwritten notation of adoption date.

Established in 1992, AHS's Adoption Preparation program helps shy and fearful dogs in need of social skills and emotional healing become more adoptable by using techniques that include de-sensitization and

# ready

By Juliet Patterson

counter-conditioning. "We're not doing obedience training, we're training a deeper part of the brain," John says. "We're giving these animals a second chance and that feels absolutely sensational." In the past year, the Adoption Preparation team of 27 volunteers has helped 400 animals find homes. To date, the program has saved about 7,000 animals.

John pulls on an apron and picks a leash from a clutter of hooks. "This is where part of the magic happens," he says, gesturing to the floor. "A lot of our work starts right here."

A professional actor by trade, John inhabits his body in a distinct and mindful way. He's unassuming, but intense, thinking before he speaks and allowing ample silences to enter our conversation.

Like many AHS volunteers, John has a passion for dogs dating back to his childhood. He says that even as a young child he used to read books about dog training and behavior. He didn't consider volunteering at Animal Humane Society until his personal life reached a crisis point and he began a sobriety program three years ago. "I hadn't really hit bottom yet," he says, "but I could see I was going there. After I sobered up, I started to think about ways to give back. I hadn't done a lot of volunteering, but the Humane Society just seemed like an obvious place to start."

He began on the adoption floor where he volunteered for about a year. "I wasn't very good at it. I saw what the Ad Prep folks were doing and I knew that was a better place for me."

On the day I visit, John first takes a terrier mix named Hendricks out

for some fresh air. A recent graduate of the Ad Prep program, Hendricks is now on the adoption floor waiting for a home. As we leave the adoption floor, Hendricks begins to pull on his lead. John stops, then stands motionless in the hallway. "Okay, okay," he says, gently patting the dog's head.

"Hallways are really important for Ad Prep dogs," John says. "Sometimes, I'll spend a whole session working in a hallway, just letting the dog get used to all the activity. We're really just trying to give the dog a positive experience with something that's potentially frightening—and every dog is different."

Once outside, John kneels to the ground, "It's helpful to get down at their level," he says. "You have to see things from their perspective." Hendricks moves in close to John and licks his face. "This guy is doing great," he says, "he has no problem trusting me and he's never seen me before. It takes the effort of a lot of people to get a dog to this point."

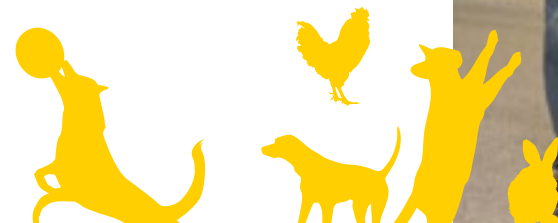
Ad Prep volunteers work alone with several dogs in a given shift, and frequently with animals they have never seen before. As the history of each animal is often unknown, volunteers work together to create a narrative of possibilities, by logging observations of the dog's behavior and making choices about how best to meet each dog to ad-

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—Ad Prep volunteer  
John Cutler

dress specific needs.

Next, John works with a 10-month-old Labrador mix named Tess. Tess has already been through the Ad Prep program, but was re-admitted for more training after showing signs of fear during a physical examination. John starts at the gate of the run, his head down and eyes averted. "Hey there," he says softly, bending down slowly into a squat. "I try to bring quiet into the situation. I tend to not talk to an animal at first. And it's interesting. If I bring anger into this place, it shows





up immediately—so it keeps me honest.”

John removes a hot dog from the pocket of his apron and Tess moves close enough for him to slip on a Gentle Leader and a leash. In a few minutes, he leads the dog out of the run and out into the hallway. Tess stays close to John, but veers wildly from one side to the other, trying to nuzzle between his legs. “She’s got problems with the leash,” he says, “but I can tell she’s a very sweet dog.”

Outside, he leads Tess to a small field adjacent to a back parking lot. As we make our way across the asphalt, Tess begins to pull harder on the leash, still veering in and out of John’s legs. “I don’t think she’s been on much pavement,” he says. “She’s definitely uncomfortable here, but do you see how she’s trying to stick with me?” As we move to the field, Tess seems to relax. “Well, she’ll need more work with the leash but right now I just want her to know that she can have a good experience.”

After a few minutes of walking her in the grass, John sits down. A few seconds later, Tess lies down next to him. She slowly raises her head and begins to sniff the air. “Look at that,” John says, “she’s picking up a scent—she’s a dog again.”

John describes his volunteer work as “egoless engagement,” emphasizing the collaboration and collective effort among Ad Prep volunteers. “There’s a lot of work involved in establishing trust with these animals,” he says, “and these are selfless people doing selfless work.”

“I’ve learned so much about myself as a person here and it’s helped me a lot with my work as an actor. It’s humbled me. It’s taught me to really listen, to really pay attention—to really be in the moment—because that’s what you need to do with the dogs.”

Back inside the shelter, John gives Tess one last hot dog as we make our

way to the kennel. Her tail wags slightly and as John opens the gate to let her inside, she seems to leap forward with enthusiasm, tail in full swing. “Not bad for the second day,” he says.

As Ad Prep dogs generally move to the adoption floor in 4-7 days, Tess will likely have only a few more days of training.

Last fall, John was the 20th actor to take on the part of Scrooge in the Guthrie Theater’s production of *The Christmas Carol*. As a character so deeply in need of redemption, the role of

Scrooge cut close to home and was uniquely demanding, particularly on the heels of John’s newly established sobriety. He says his work in Ad Prep consistently reminded him of the power of surrender, a tenet that has been especially important in his own recovery.

“These dogs are fighting to survive,” he says. “And at a certain point there’s a surrender—finally, you’ll feel them relax—you can feel them give over, to trust.”



Olivia, Madeline, and Laurie Foster

## The Fosters: It’s more than their name

FRIDAY, 2:30 P.M. • FOSTER RESIDENCE, MINNEAPOLIS

Laurie Foster is home from work early today and the first thing she does is check on her kittens. Today, she’s on the first round of evening care with two motherless 4-week-old Siamese-mix kittens, checking their weight to be sure they are still maintaining good health. “It’s an ounce by ounce thing at this age,” she says, “we’ve really got to stay on top of it since they’re so fragile at this point.”

“These two were just back to Golden Valley for some fluids,” she says, as we enter the spare room adjacent to Foster’s kitchen. “They’re doing great now,

## “It’s very hard to stay cranky with a one-pound kitten staring up at you.”

—Foster volunteer  
Laurie Foster

but they were a little dehydrated so I didn’t want to take any chances.”

The two kittens, just waking up from a nap, amble across a fleece blanket draped over a small futon couch in a room flooded with afternoon sunlight. Cat toys are strewn across the floor and the couch and a nearby loveseat is draped in fleece blankets of varying shapes and sizes.

Laurie sits down and gingerly picks them up—one in each hand. “It’s terribly inconvenient sometimes to be taking care of these little guys,” she says, “but it’s also pretty hard to have a bad day when you come home to this. It’s very hard to stay cranky with a one-pound kitten staring up at you.”

As we talk, Laurie nudges the kittens on to her lap and gently strokes their heads with her fingers and for a moment, seems to drift off into a quiet state of contentment.

A full-time research specialist at Children’s Hospital, Laurie is one of Animal Humane Society’s 300 specially trained volunteers who serve as foster parents to vulnerable animals at AHS’s five shelters. According to Laurie, foster care at their house is really a family affair. “It’s a lot of work and I couldn’t do it without my kids,” she says, “but I love that it’s something we can all do together and that my kids have a meaningful way to take part in something bigger than us.”

Last year, AHS’s 300 foster volunteers provided temporary care for nearly 2,000 animals in their homes providing one-on-one care until the



animals are ready for adoption. Volunteers care for orphan kittens like the Fosters have in their home, in addition to animals that need to gain weight, receive treatment for minor medical issues or recover from corrective surgeries.

With full and active lives, the Fosters keep a tight schedule when they have kittens in the house. “All three of us take shifts,” Laurie says, “and we make sure that someone is always home in the evening.”

On the day I visited, Laurie’s youngest daughter Olivia, 13, was scheduled to feed the kittens after returning home from diving practice and Madeline, 17, was planning to spend the rest of the evening in the spare room with the kittens doing homework. “We’re all very involved,” Laurie says. “My girls love to be in here. They fight over who can sleep on this couch and wake up with kittens tangled in her hair.”

Olivia originally posed the idea of foster care to her family after a friend began fostering kittens through a rescue organization. After some research, Laurie began volunteering at AHS, finishing her volunteer orientation four years ago. The Fosters, who have pictures of all the kittens they’ve

nurtured over the years, have logged 1,816 hours of volunteer time since they became a foster family, “which translates to 726 days of kittens.”

AHS’s foster program has been in place for more than 30 years. The amount of care needed and the time the animal needs in a foster home varies greatly depending on the circumstances. Foster animals generally need in-home care two to eight weeks.

Aside from giving back to the community, Laurie says the experience of fostering has given her kids a true lesson in love. “You know if you love something, you have to let it go,” she says. “The process of taking these kittens in and then letting them go has made us all a little more mature.”

To learn more about volunteering, please visit [www.animalhumanesociety.org/volunteer](http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/volunteer).

Juliet Patterson is a writer who lives in Minneapolis. She lost her beloved cat Chloe of 20 years last May, but is looking forward to adopting a new friend sometime in the future.





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This season of giving we're celebrating a special dog whose story touched the hearts of countless Animal Humane Society staff and volunteers.

If you saw Esmeralda now, you would never guess she was once alone and in tremendous pain. This June, a Good Samaritan entered an abandoned home near the Leech Lake Reservation in northern Minnesota not knowing what he would find. A neighbor had called suspecting a stray dog lived on the property. What they found was heart-breaking—a sweet Chow Chow mix who was scared and lonely. Despite being afraid, she was overjoyed to see a friendly face.

After a long drive, Esmeralda arrived at Animal Humane Society. The first thing our staff noticed was that she walked with a limp, protecting her back leg. Our veterinarians soon discovered she was suffering severe trauma, likely from being hit by a car. Without treatment for this injury, her back hip had not healed correctly. We couldn't bear to see the pain in her eyes so we rushed her into surgery.

## A road to recovery

Esmeralda needed special attention following her surgery so we placed her with a wonderful foster family to give her time to heal. This cheerful pup was so excited to be able to use all of her legs after surgery; we needed an exceptional family to make sure she received the therapy she needed and could heal properly.

After more than two months in foster care, Esmeralda was healthy and ready to be adopted. Shortly after coming back to Animal Humane Society she was adopted and joined a family and two other canine friends to play with! Esmeralda will never be lonely again.

## Your support transforms lives

Esmeralda's story didn't have a happy beginning, but because of generous support from our community we were able to transform her life. Through your kindness, we will continue to respond with compassion and exceptional care for every animal in need. Together, we can make a tremendous difference in the lives of animals in our community.

Esmeralda's special circumstances required her to be with Animal Humane Society for 88 days. If she had come to us healthy and strong, we estimate it would have cost \$348 to care for her but Esmeralda needed us to do more for her, nearly tripling our costs.

## Cost to care for Esmeralda:

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<b>\$233</b>	for special surgery that has allowed Esmeralda to live without a limp or pain
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# where are they now?

By Laurie Brickley



Scooby and Bryanna Reinsberg

## Animals we



At Animal Humane Society we care for thousands of animals each year. Fortunately, the majority move quickly through our shelters to adoption. Every once in a while, there are animals that stay with us just a bit longer. They might be harder to place or have medical issues that need additional care until they

are ready for adoption. Here's the story of three animals who quickly became staff favorites during their extended stay with us.

## Scooby: A shadow of his former self

They say the third time's a charm. For Scooby, a 7-year-old Beagle mix, that seems to ring true.

Scooby first came into Animal Humane Society in 2007 as a stray. He was adopted nine days later. Three years later, his owners surrendered him to AHS when they felt he needed more attention. He found a new home quickly but a year later was surrendered once again—this time for behavior issues. However, this time he came into the shelter packing an additional 20 pounds. On the scales Scooby weighed in at 48 pounds.

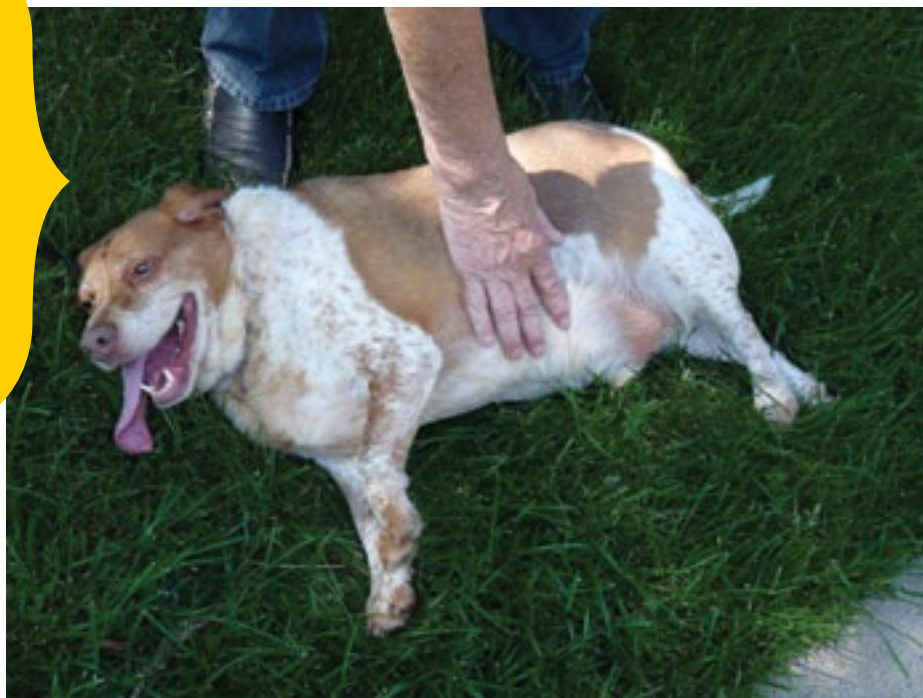
Notes from the AHS veterinary staff in his file state: "Very friendly. Very obese. Constantly panting. Need to start on a diet. Please inform adopter Scooby LOVES to play with stuffed toys."



“When I came into the shelter I was looking for a girl puppy, then I came home with a 6-year-old overweight male.”

—Bryanna Reinsberg

When Scooby was placed in the Adoption Center, he received an unusual amount of attention from visitors who commented on his weight and cute personality. Olivia, a young AHS Unleashed summer camper was so fond of Scooby that she wrote a note in his adoption file to potential adopters: “I want a good family that



Scooby, 48 pounds, at AHS

will excirsice (sic) me and please don't make fun of my condition of over-weighded (sic) problem.” Despite the love, Scooby continued to wait for a home for six weeks—an unusually long time at AHS.

That was until Bryanna Reinsberg visited AHS. At first, she was drawn to Scooby's great personality. But after she met him she felt something even more. “I had this feeling I could really help him,” she says. She felt he needed someone who would invest in him, go on walks with him and help him get healthy. She decided on the spot that Scooby should go home with her.

“When I came into the shelter I was looking for a girl puppy,” says Bryanna. “Then I came home with a 6-year-old overweight male.”

A medical transcriptionist who works from her home, Bryanna started Scooby on a 650 calorie a day diet

and 90-minute daily walks. At the same time they began training classes at AHS where Scooby has graduated through Level 4 classes. Now, they are studying to become a therapy team. Bryanna describes Scooby as “a willing subject.”

Now, a year later and 20 pounds lighter, Scooby can jump up on the bed to sleep. “The best part is he no longer snores,” Bryanna laughs.

“Everyone at AHS loved him so and did so much for him that I still feel like he is still owned a bit by AHS.” In fact, Bryanna says there are announcements made at the Golden Valley facility when she and Scooby come to visit. “Scooby's here if anyone wants to see him.”

Usually, a crowd forms to say hi to the svelte Scooby.



## Olive: Warm days and nights

Olive may have had a rough start on her journey to a new home, but these days she has a warm place to sleep, a kitty sister to play with and two people who adore her.

A 3-year-old tuxedo cat, Olive came into AHS after a kind passerby found her nearly frozen to a sidewalk outside his apartment early one morning last January. When he brought her to AHS, she had snowballs stuck to her fur, frostbite on her feet, nose and muzzle, and upper respiratory congestion.

Veterinary staff immediately began to warm her frigid body with warm water bottles and towels. Slowly, her temperature began to rise. Veterinarians Dr. Shelli Stulken and Dr. Josh Dwuznik tag-teamed on her care. Dr. Shelli recalls that Olive had to be in pain

“We couldn't believe what she had been through.”

—Robert Christensen



Robert Christensen with Olive

but she purred from the moment she came in through her first treatment. “She was such a sweet cat.”

For ten days Olive received medical care and all through this time she remained friendly and purring. Eleven days after her ordeal, Olive was on the adoption floor.

She didn't stay there long. Just 22 hours later, Robert Christensen and Lynne Bolton were visiting AHS and Olive caught their attention.

“I remember she was right at the front of her kennel,” recalls Robert, “and she was purring.” Robert and Lynn did not know Olive's full story until they were going through the adoption process and Mark Peloquin of the customer service staff told them. “We couldn't believe what she had been through.”

These days, Olive lives the good life at her home with Robert and Lynn and another cat Winnie, who has since joined the family. During the day Olive is inquisitive and independent reports Robert, “but, at night she's on the bed cuddling right up to us. I wonder if she knows just how lucky she is.”





## Mack: Never give up on a good guy

Mack's story is a little bit like kismet. Everything seemed to align for this guy once he came to Minnesota and met the two women who would change his life.

Last winter, the sweet 3-year-old Bassett Hound came into the Woodbury shelter on a transport from Mississippi. He tested positive for heartworm soon after his arrival. While waiting for chest radiographs to be completed, he

became depressed and stopped eating. AHS Customer Service Representative Brittany Foley was worried about him and decided to bring him home and care for him until the tests came back.

The X-rays showed that there was damage to his lungs and that the heartworm disease was extensive. It was clear that Mack had been suffering from heartworm for quite a while. His respiration rate, persistent coughing, and very thin 32 pound frame clearly showed the signs of his struggle with the disease. AHS veterinarians were very concerned about how Mack would make it through the heartworm treatment, or if he would even survive the neuter surgery because of his lung damage.

That's when Brittany decided to foster him at her home. Little did she know at the time Mack's stay at her home would be for five months. But Mack fit in right away with life at Brittany's home where she lives with her fiancé, Bob Harmon, and their two Alaskan Huskies, Myles and Luna.

Mack sailed through his sterilization surgery and then began the extensive treatments for heartworm which consisted of antibiotics and steroids. "I remember his first injection," says Brittany, "these are injections given deep into the lumbar muscles and they are tough on an animal. By the next morning it was like the injection never even happened! He got up bright and early as usual and eagerly waited to go outside."

Additional injections continued for the next two months, all while Mack settled into life at Brittany's. He played with her Huskies, even learned to sing with them, and Brittany and Bob were constantly amused by Mack's long ears falling into his water bowl and his excessive drool.

During his time Mack continued to thrive—his cough went away, his coat became soft and shiny and

"Other girls dreamed of their wedding dresses—I dreamed of a Bassett."

—Melissa Stanley-Fulkerson

Melissa Stanley-Fulkerson  
with Bou and Mack



he gained seven pounds. After five months he was healthy and ready to come back to AHS to be adopted.

"As much as I wanted to keep Mack, our house was already full with our two crazy Huskies," says Brittany. "But I was worried if Mack would find a home that cared for him as much as we did." Mack returned to the Adoption Center in Woodbury and awaited a home.

In the meantime at Melissa Stanley-Fulkerson's house in Chaska, she and her two children Annika and Max were coping with the loss of their 17-year-old Daschund/Beagle, Bogey, whom they adopted from AHS

when he was a puppy. It was hard on everyone, including their 2-year-old Lhasa Apso, Bou.

"Bou sat on a chair for a few days, depressed, lying in the same spot for days, and refusing to eat after Bogey passed away," says Melissa. "For two weeks he lost all his energy and my vet suggested maybe he should not be the only pet in our house."

At the same time, a co-worker of Melissa's, also an AHS volunteer, sent Melissa an email with a photo of "the most beautiful dog I had ever seen." Although she wasn't quite ready to adopt so quickly after Bogey's death, once she met Mack she instantly fell

Mack has a friend in Bou, a 2-year-old Lhasa Apso



in love. "All of my life since I was a little girl it has been a dream of mine to have a Bassett Hound," Melissa says. "Other girls dreamed of their wedding dresses—I dreamed of a Bassett."

Mack was on the adoption floor for less than 12 hours before he was home with Melissa and her children. "Right away it was like we had never been apart," says Melissa. "He seemed like he knew everyone here for a long time—including Bou."

Mack is a huge part of the family's life and Bou has a brother with whom he can wrestle and play. Melissa says Mack has brought such joy back into her home, and she believes Bogey brought Mack to their family just at the time they needed him. But, she says "There is no way Mack would have survived without the care AHS gave him and the fact that no one ever gave up on him. Brittany's love and devotion to Mack was so evident. The time he spent with Brittany shows that love truly heals."

Brittany and Melissa stay in touch and are looking forward to getting Mack and Bou together with Myles and Luna for a play date. Brittany is happy to know that "Mack is with people who love him as much as I did."

Laurie Brickley is on staff at Animal Humane Society. Her trio includes 12-year-old Golden Retriever Lucky, 2-year-old Golden Zuzu, and her 2-year-old mystery mix, Champ.



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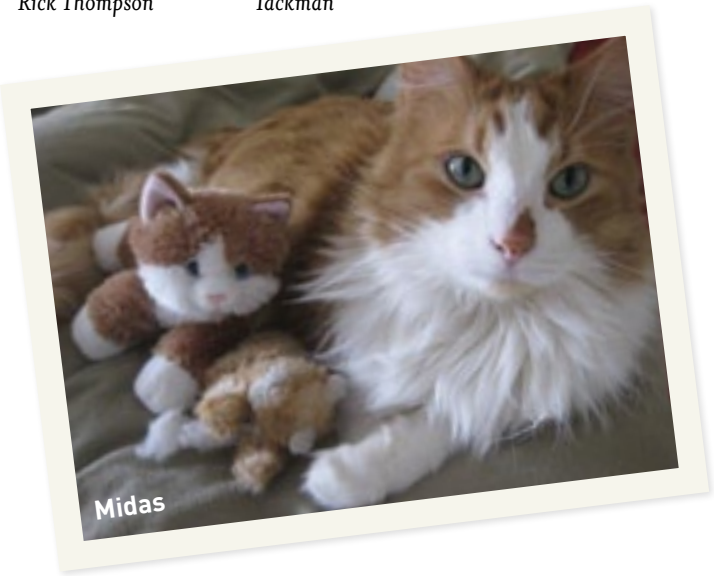


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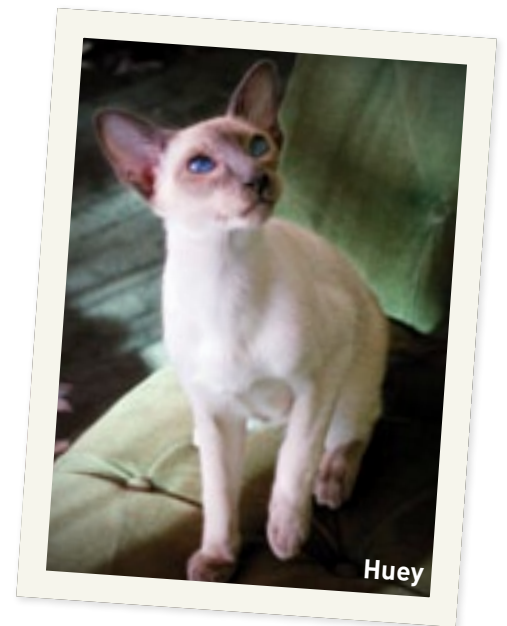


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I adopted “Bear” on a Friday night in January 2000. He was a blue male standard poodle. He was approximately 11 months old and spent the first year of his life in a garage. His previous family had three children and not enough time for this energetic, brilliant animal.

I renamed him SoCo. He went on to live a happy life, earning his CGC and TDI, visiting nursing homes every week, taking agility classes and teaching dog bite prevention classes in schools throughout the Twin Cities and at the Science Museum. We participated in several Walk for Animals. He also became a foster brother to many dogs, sharing his bed and toys, “showing them the ropes.”

He died last May, and I am so grateful to AHS for bringing him into my life. He was my heart-dog.

I still wonder, “Who rescued who?”

— LaDonna Seelye

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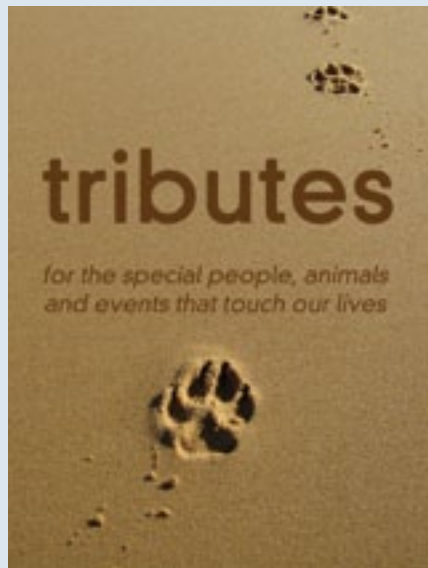
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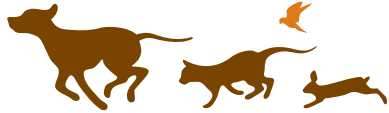
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