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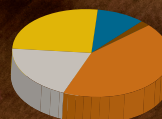
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Animal Humane Society is the leading animal welfare organization in the Upper Midwest, dedicated to engaging and serving local and regional communities of people and animals. Our mission is to engage the hearts, hands and minds of the community to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

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

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a message from Janelle Dixon

On page 20 of this magazine, you can read about the work Animal Humane Society staff put into readying for adoption the dogs that came to us from a July seizure in Pine River, Minn. But there is a part of the story that is not so heartwarming.

The breeder from whom the dogs were taken, Deborah Rowell, was charged shortly after the seizure with nine counts of animal cruelty. But, unbelievably, in October she was allowed to plead guilty to just one misdemeanor. She received a \$50 fine, a year's probation and a 90-day stayed jail sentence.

The simple slap on the wrist makes me wonder what value there is in taking seriously cases of animal neglect and cruelty. If you look at the outcome of this case, it would appear there is none.

When the preponderance of evidence proved so much neglect, why would the county attorney even consider negotiating the deal that resulted? When Rowell has a known history of neglect, why was no request made to restrict the animals she has? And when the county is on the line for the \$225,000 it cost AHS to care for the animals, why was no restitution requested? (The unfortunate result of the latter is that AHS will end up footing the bill. If we charge the county, as we are legally able to do, we know it would jeopardize any future work on these cases; counties simply can't afford to pay these costs.)

All of this gives the impression that animal cruelty and neglect are of little importance in the legal system. Complicating it all is that the animal welfare statutes that exist in Minnesota are weak and make the job of humane agents and law enforcement even more challenging on the front end. As the law currently reads, harm must come to animals before any action can be taken.

But there is a better way. The Rowell case is a shining example of why the Minnesota Legislature needs to pass the breeder bill that will be considered during the next session.

That bill would require licensing and inspection of breeders of a certain size and scope. It would implement a system to identify issues before they become critical or even life-threatening. It needs to become law.

It is evident that the people of Minnesota care about animals and their welfare. It is time that our statutes and the legal system show the values we hold for the care and humane treatment of companion animals.



Sincerely,

—JANELLE DIXON, PRESIDENT & CEO

Note: On pages 15-18 of this magazine, you will find the 2013 AHS Report to the Community. We're including it here to make the information more easily available to our supporters and friends, and to play at least a small part in reducing the amount of material you find in your mailbox. Please let us know if you like this method of receiving the report by sending an email to press@animalhumanesociety.org. Thank you.



One of the Pine River rescue dogs, Ginger, was adopted by 10-year-old Zeke and his family.

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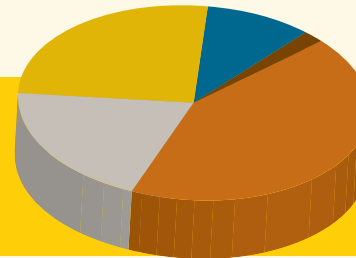
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hours

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

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

Incoming Animals

Surrender by Appointment

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

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



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Ellie
Adopted 1/27/13
Golden Valley

our services

Adoption

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

Surrender

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

Kindest Cut low cost spay/neuter

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

Pet training

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

Pet boarding

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

Pet food and supplies

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

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

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

Microchip and nail clinics

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

Wildlife rehabilitation

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

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save the dates!

Whisker Whirl

a Gala to benefit Animal Humane Society

Saturday, February 22, 2014 - The Depot Minneapolis, 5 p.m.

Where can you dress to the nines, hold a glass of wine in one hand and your dog in the other, and enjoy delicious cuisine, all while benefiting animals? At Whisker Whirl – an evening of fun for you and your best furry friend! For ticket information email whiskerwhirl@animalhumanesociety.org, or call (763) 432-4842.

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walk for animals

40th anniversary!

Saturday, May 3, 2014 - Golden Valley AHS

As our largest fundraiser, raising over \$1 million for animals less fortunate than your own, Walk for Animals is your opportunity to help the tens of thousands of companion animals that will come through AHS's doors this year. For more information visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/walk, email walk@animalhumanesociety.org, or call (763) 432-4841.

Lost and found pets

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

Pet behavior help

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

Therapy animals

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

Tours

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

Pet loss

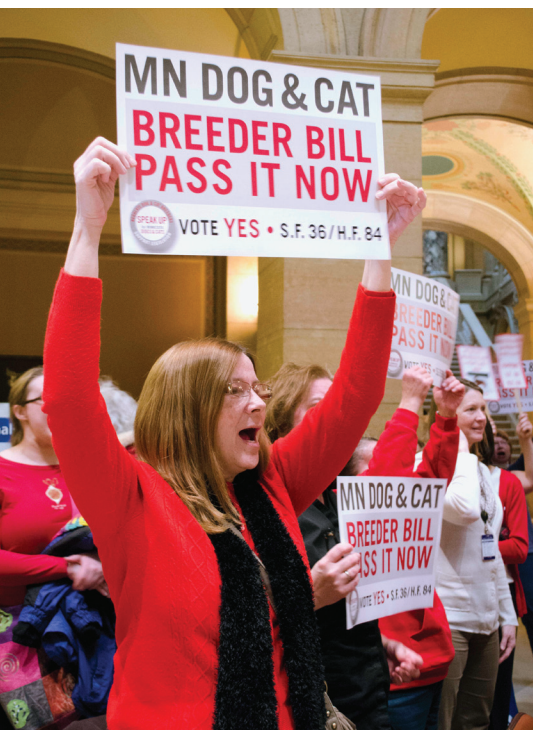
Humane euthanasia and cremation services are available to the public and a pet loss support group is offered on Mondays at 7 p.m. in Golden Valley. Visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/lossofpet or call (763) 412-4969.

Ways to help

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



Henry
Adopted 5/18/13
Woodbury



Supporters of H.F. 84, S.F. 36 gathered at the State Capitol during the 2013 Legislative Session.

“We’re not going to stand idly by while innocent animals are being tortured.”

—Gov. Mark Dayton

Work toward breeder bill will continue in next legislative session

Critical bill will have the support of a coalition of animal welfare organizations.

When the Minnesota Legislature reconvenes in late February 2014, Animal Humane Society and a coalition of animal welfare organizations will be ready to resume the push for a bill to require licensing and inspection of commercial dog and cat breeding operations.

The “breeder bill” (H.F. 84, S.F. 36) was considered in the Minnesota Legislature last winter and despite the notable accomplishment of passing through three committees of the House, it stalled before making it to the floor for a vote. But because Minnesota operates on a biennial session, all the work accomplished in the last session will apply when the next one begins in February.

Advocates of the bill were buoyed during the last session by a rally of bill supporters who jammed the State Capitol in St. Paul, as well as the support of Gov. Mark Dayton, who said, “We’re not going to stand idly by while innocent animals are being tortured.”

To keep up that momentum, coalition members and other supporters of the bill are spending the time leading up to the next legislative session talking about the measure to lawmakers and those in the animal welfare industry who could be impacted by it. The goal is to garner support moving into the new session, when the next step for the bill would be a hearing before the Agricultural Policy Committee.

“This bill is critical to the health and welfare of the animals in this state,” according to Janelle Dixon, AHS President & CEO.

When the new legislation session begins, you can keep up to date on the progress of the bill by visiting www.animalhumanesociety.org/speakup.

Squeaker is Loved for Life

AHS donor provides for his beloved cat through his Legacy Circle membership.

Squeaker is a handsome and friendly 5-year-old tabby cat who was adopted in 2010 by Ron, an Animal Humane Society donor and adopter since 1995.

Because Ron included AHS in his estate plans, he is a Legacy Circle member and as a benefit was able to

enroll Squeaker in the Loved for Life program. This program was created so that when a member passes away or can no longer care for their animal, AHS will re-home the pet to ensure the new adopter will provide the kind of life the owner would have wanted their pet to have. It’s AHS’s way of

saying “thank you” to Legacy Circle members that have provided so generously to AHS.

Ron’s health deteriorated and he needed to move into a nursing home. He was unable to bring Squeaker with him, but through the Loved for Life program AHS was there to help him find the best new home for Squeaker.

We reached out to our inner circle of staff and volunteers to find some-

AHS assists in Michigan puppy mill rescue

More than 150 animals retrieved from breeding facility.

A team from Animal Humane Society traveled to Lake City, Michigan in May 2013 to assist the ASPCA in rescuing more than 150 dogs from a puppy mill, a large-scale breeding operation where profit is given priority over the well-being of the animals. They helped set up temporary housing for the dogs, provided medical care and helped feed them.

The dogs, mostly Jack Russell terriers, came from two separate locations owned by a large, substandard, unlicensed breeding facility. The removal of the animals was a result of a civil action prompted by violation of Michigan's Dog Law, and was led by the Missaukee County Sheriff's Office and the Roscommon County Animal Shelter.

After assisting in the rescue, the team then brought 42 dogs back to AHS. The rest of the animals were taken and placed by animal welfare organizations in Michigan and Ohio.

The puppies and dogs brought to AHS received additional veterinary care, spay/neuter surgery, vaccina-



AHS Veterinary Technician Lead Nicole Sandoval bathes one of the rescued dogs.

tions, microchips, and the shy or fearful dogs received additional one-on-one socialization work. As the dogs and puppies were ready to begin their new lives as family pets, they were placed in our adoption centers where they were adopted into new homes.



Photos courtesy of Duffer Schultz and The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

one special to adopt Squeaker. Within a few weeks, Squeaker was adopted by Martha, a foster volunteer and Legacy Circle member herself.

Martha hadn't planned on adopting a cat as she already had two 16-year-old cats. But she was drawn to Squeaker and his story. Martha explains, "What drew me to Squeaker was that he was still connected to someone that wanted to keep him but couldn't. I liked the opportunity it

provided for me to have a relationship with Squeaker as well as to Ron. I knew I could bring some happiness into Ron's life by visiting him with Squeaker."

For more information on becoming a Legacy Circle member and enrolling your pet in Loved for Life, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/estateplanning.



Ron and Martha with Squeaker, participants in the Loved for Life program.



The new location has six surgical stations, potentially allowing for approximately 20,000 surgeries per year.

...we are likely to experience steady growth. Having a space that is ready for us to grow is a huge asset.

—Dr. Meghann Kruck

neuter services, the Melrose Animal Clinic will partner with the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, which will use one of the surgical suites, to provide additional services at low cost while training veterinarians in the world of shelter medicine.

“Students will be given an opportunity to see and work alongside Kindest Cut staff so they have first-hand experience with our program and can further educate the public about us as they enter their careers as veterinarians,” says Dr. Kruck. “Students will also have an opportunity to learn new, more efficient ways of performing spay and neuter surgeries that will help them be more productive surgeons.”

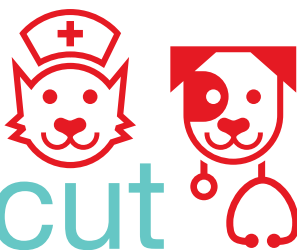
In the first year, Dr. Kruck expects the clinic to perform 4,000-8,000 surgeries. At full capacity, the clinic will be able to perform approximately 20,000 surgeries per year.

“Getting to that point, however, may take a few years,” Dr. Kruck says. “Through our transport efforts, community outreach and subsidized events with partner rescues and shelters, we are likely to experience steady growth. Having a space that is ready for us to grow is a huge asset.”

The clinic is named in recognition of a generous lead gift from the Kendrick B. Melrose Family Foundation that made the endeavor possible. Lia Melrose, a member of the AHS Board of Directors, is a trustee of the foundation.

Two big changes for

kindestcut



1 Melrose Animal Clinic opens at AHS

Kindest Cut finally has a home without wheels.

The organization has been performing low cost spay/neuter surgeries in partnership with Animal Humane Society since 2011, but always from one of its mobile clinics. Now, with the opening of the Melrose Animal Clinic at AHS’s Golden Valley facility in September, that’s all changed.

“My staff and I are delighted to have a full size clinic where we can expand our ability to serve the pets of people in need,” says Dr. Meghann Kruck, Kindest Cut’s director and staff veterinarian. “Our mobile clinic has served and will continue to serve us and the community well, but certainly has limitations in the number of patients we can serve. The new Melrose Animal Clinic has the capability for us to house and provide surgery for up to 120 additional patients a day.”

In addition to low cost spay and



Krista Dahn, Dr. Meghann Kruck, and Andrea Burgeson on Kindest Cut's mobile surgical unit.

2 Grant brings subsidized spay/neuter to Frogtown

Sterilization services are brought to a neighborhood in need.

In June, Kindest Cut began offering subsidized spay/neuter services for pets of qualified low-income animal owners in the Frogtown/Thomas-Dale neighborhood of St. Paul, through a grant from PetSmart Charities®.

Kindest Cut is visiting the neighborhood weekly, either with its mobile unit or offering pet transportation to the Melrose Animal Clinic.

"We learned that residents in this area are typically utilizing very few animal care services," says Corrie Schueller, AHS director of supporting programs. "Spay/neuter was identified as a priority, but there is so little access to these services and they are often too expensive. This effort will help us reach Frogtown residents with services their pets need."

Owners of pets who participate in the program are asked to make a copay of \$10 per household, although no one will be denied an appointment because of an inability to pay.

"Our goal is to sterilize two-thirds of domestic dogs and cats in the neighborhood," says Dr. Kruck, "That would make a substantial impact on the number of unwanted litters and homeless animals in the area."

The grant will run for two years.



Collaboration brings California Chihuahuas to the midwest

Small dogs make a big trip to find new homes.

Moving from sunny California to snowy Minnesota may not sound ideal to everyone, but to dozens of Chihuahuas the move has been a lifesaver. It's all thanks to a partnership between Animal Humane Society and a group called Compassion Without Borders.

The idea was born when Dr. Cindy Karsten, a shelter medicine resident at UC Davis in California, was troubled by the over-representation of Chihuahuas in crowded shelters. Over the past several years, Chihuahuas have filled up California shelters in record-breaking numbers, representing as much as 60 percent of all dogs in some shelters in the state.

Looking for ways to alleviate the problem, Dr. Karsten reached out to AHS where she did a veterinary externship in 2010. AHS agreed to find the Chihuahuas new homes if Dr. Karsten could get them to Minnesota.

Dr. Karsten partnered with Dr. Christi Cambor, founder of Compassion Without Borders, to raise money for the transport program.

From November 2012 through September 2013, 188 Chihuahuas were flown across the country to begin new lives in Minnesota.

"After walking through shelter after shelter in California and seeing all of the Chihuahuas that fill the kennels, it is so amazing to have an opportunity to rescue some and in turn help the wonderful people who work so tirelessly to find them homes," says Dr. Karsten.

Animal



heroes

*When rescued
pets rescue you*

By Carrie Libera



Any animal lover will tell you that the relationship they have with their pet is special – each in their own unique way. Having a pet can bring numerous benefits to your life. They can give you motivation and help keep you active, make you smile and forget all about a bad day, or provide unconditional love and companionship. JJ, Pooka, and Barry Sanders are three pets from Animal Humane Society that have played a critical role in the families they were adopted into. They've helped them through challenging times, proving just how powerful the human-animal bond can be. To their humans, these animals are heroes.

Quin & JJ

In January 2012, a dog belonging to Kathryn, a Leech Lake Reservation elder, unexpectedly gave birth to a litter of puppies. Unable to care for all eight puppies, Kathryn tried to re-home them and successfully placed

three with new families. The rest, including a puppy named Manatu, were taken in by Leech Lake Legacy, a rescue partner of Animal Humane Society.

Little did Kathryn know that surrendering Manatu that day was the start of something very special. Leech Lake Legacy brought him to AHS and on August 14, 2012 he was placed in the St. Paul adoption center. The very next day, Denise Weber and her son Quin were visiting AHS.

Sixteen-year-old Quin has special needs that make daily tasks more challenging for him. Animals have always been a part of Quin's life – he was raised with a dog and a cat at home, and two years ago he began participating in horse and dog therapy programs which helped him reach social and behavioral goals. Because of his connection to animals and the progress he made with them, Quin's teachers and doctors thought he would benefit from a service dog. But Denise found that waiting lists for service dog programs were long and the fundraising required to obtain one was extensive. So for the time being, getting a service dog would have to wait.

The day Denise and Quin were visiting AHS was simply an opportunity to look at all the different animals for fun. But they found themselves drawn to Manatu, the 7-month-old Lab/Shepherd mix puppy. At the time, he was visiting with a teacher who was experienced with therapy animals and felt Manatu would be a good therapy dog. Denise and Quin learned more about the puppy and took him out for a walk. Once outside, Quin got overly excited and the puppy instinctually walked between Quin's legs and stopped him, allowing Quin to calm down as he gently petted the dog. "He seemed to know what to do at that moment to help Quin," says Denise. "It was incredible to see

and got me thinking that this puppy might be exactly what Quin needed."

They left AHS without Manatu that day, but Denise went home and did some research. She made a few calls to trainers and decided to go back the next day and put their faith into this wiggly puppy. Quin named him JJ.

It's been more than a year since they brought JJ home and the impact he's made on Quin's life is remarkable. Quin's biggest challenge has always been transitions; JJ now goes everywhere with him and helps him transition from one activity to another or from one place to another. In the past, Quin would have daily struggles riding in the car. With JJ's help, trips in the car are now a much less stressful activity for both Quin and Denise. And just as he demon-

strated when they first met at AHS, when Quin gets too excited JJ walks in front of him or nudges him to calm him.

"JJ has a command we use often," Denise explains. "We say 'go hug your boy' and he goes over to Quin and puts a paw on him or lays on him. This gives Quin a comforting pressure that helps him calm down. That deep pressure sensation is so important in helping him work through difficult moments."

Denise and Quin have taken JJ to private training sessions to teach him the skills he needs to help Quin. When they cannot afford private sessions, they continue to train on their own every single day. "It's a lot of work training and caring for a dog to make sure he is a good canine citizen everywhere we go, but it's completely

My wish is that they can continue to learn together, and JJ can help Quin enter the stage of independent living.

—Denise Weber



worth it.”

As Quin gets more independent, Denise hopes they are able to further train JJ so that he and Quin become more of an independent pair that can accomplish tasks on their own. “If this is where JJ’s skillset stops, I would be perfectly happy,” says Denise. “But my wish is that they can continue to learn together, and JJ can help Quin enter the stage of independent living – helping him with things like transportation and having a job.”

“This was certainly not the traditional way to obtain a service dog, but we needed some serious help and this gift from heaven arrived just in time. Sometimes when you least expect it, a hero comes along. I believe JJ was born to be my son’s service dog – it was truly meant to be.”

Sami & Pooka

A 2-month-old kitten was found at a Waste Management facility in Minneapolis and brought to Animal Humane Society in June 2012. AHS staff aptly named her Grungetta after Oscar the Grouch’s girlfriend on Sesame Street. Grungetta was extremely shy and scared, she refused to walk around which made it difficult to evaluate her, and our vets noticed that her tail wasn’t moving normally.

Over the next week, Grungetta was monitored and veterinary staff evaluated her health and behavior. During that time she warmed up to people and began to want to be held. Her tail function improved with just the tip still immobile, which didn’t seem to affect her well-being. She was able to be spayed and moved to the adoption center.

Meanwhile, Sami Bucklin was dealing with her own challenges. She was 18 years old and approaching the second anniversary of the loss of her father and three teenage brothers in

a plane crash in Wyoming. “I found myself struggling to stay afloat in a sea of what can most easily be described as absolute chaos,” says Sami.

In addition to that, after growing up in such a large family, Sami was living alone for the first time in her life. “Being alone had always been a source of anxiety, so living on my own plus the added grief and depression was tough. I thought what better place to end up than Animal Humane Society?”

When she walked in to AHS’s St.



I actually cried a little right there. Just that sudden shift of attitude...

—Sami Bucklin

Paul shelter, Sami was greeted by a room of tiny mewling kittens, most of which were sticking their heads or paws through the kennel doors as if to enthusiastically say ‘come play



with me!’

“They all looked like little hyper-active balls of joy — and then there was Grungetta,” says Sami. “This little tortie was curled up in the back of her cage looking horrified and rather irate. I asked to take her into a room to visit where she quickly lunged for the nearest corner to hide as I sat quietly in the opposite corner, waiting.”

Sami sat in the visitation room with Grungetta for well over 20 minutes before the kitten finally approached her and the feathery toy she’d been semi-enthusiastically waving around. Then slowly, quietly, ever so carefully Sami reached out and gently rubbed the back of Grungetta’s ears. To Sami’s delight, the little kitten sat down, closed her eyes and purred. “I actually cried a little right there,” says Sami. “Just that sudden shift of attitude; I knew at that moment that I absolutely had to take home this grungy little kitten.”

As endearing as the name Grungetta was considering the place she was found, Sami thought a new beginning was in order and renamed her Pooka.

Since then Sami has seen only the occasional glimpse of the scared little kitten that once was. Pooka is now a one and a half year old cat that oscillates between acting like a playful kitten and being a calm, mature old soul. “She’s feisty but also very intuitive,” says Sami. “Pooka knows exactly how I’m feeling. She’s always by my side and seems to know exactly



what I need from her at that moment. I don’t know how I would do it without her.”

Pooka follows Sami around the house and sleeps on her pillow every night. The bond they have has undeniably helped Sami cope with tragedy and overcome the anxiety she felt about living alone. “I’m never lonely with Pooka. It’s hard to feel alone when you’ve got a cat in your face asking for your attention!”

Nothing can bring back the family that Sami lost on that day in 2010, but with Pooka by her side Sami is navigating what is now her new reality.

“Pooka provides more daily comfort than I ever thought possible, and on days when I really need it, she provides purpose. It’s as though no matter what happens I can always come home knowing I mean the world to someone. I owe her so much more than I could ever give, though I certainly do try through massive collections of felt mice and hours of ear scratches. I never could have known all the love I was taking home that day in that little cardboard box.”

Anna, Matt & Barry Sanders

Mickey, an 8-month-old Boxer/Hound mix puppy, came to Animal Humane Society from an overcrowded shelter in Georgia in November 2012. He was very shy and fearful when he arrived, so he was enrolled in the Adoption Preparation program where AHS staff worked with him on gaining confidence and learning that humans weren’t so scary after all. After spending a few weeks in the program, he was able to be placed in the adoption center. Lucky for Mickey, he wouldn’t have to wait long — that same day Anna Bohlke was visiting AHS’s Golden Valley location in search of a puppy.

Anna and her husband Matt had been married since 2010. They decided to add to their family, and Anna became pregnant in 2012. In July of that year, they suffered a miscarriage. “It was a pretty dramatic miscarriage and it left us hurt and confused, and filled with a love we never knew existed,” says Anna. “Our marriage felt strained and we went





**We can name him
whatever you want.
I just want that dog!**

—Anna Bohlke



through some pretty dark days.”

Looking to fill the space left in their family, Anna thought about getting a puppy that they could love unconditionally together. Anna knew Matt had always wanted a puppy and because they worked opposite schedules someone would always be home with the new dog. Plus Christmas was right around the corner so Anna felt the timing was perfect.

She spent some time with Mickey that day going back and forth about whether to get him and surprise Matt, or wait for Matt to meet him and agree that he was the right dog. “I had already fallen in love with this dog and was terrified someone would snatch him up if I didn’t act quickly,” says Anna. “However good senses kicked in and I decided Matt should meet this dog first, just to make sure

I wasn’t making a rash decision.”

The next day Anna called Matt from work and told him about her visit with Mickey. She asked him to go visit with Mickey right away, hoping that he would fall in love with him just as she did. “I think he thought I was crazy because I was so adamant he go right away. But I was imagining someone else adopting Mickey and the dog I loved would be gone!”

Anna raced home from work and before she could take her shoes or coat off, Matt came to the door and said, “Can we name him Barry Sanders?” Anna replied, “Of course, we can name him whatever you want. I just want that dog!” They got in the car and went to adopt their new family member.


It’s been almost a year since Barry Sanders came into their lives, but for Matt and Anna it feels like much longer. “He is so entertaining,” says Anna. “Sometimes we just sit and watch him run around and I think to myself, what did we do before we got him?”

In addition to providing hours of entertainment, Barry Sanders is also a first-class snuggler. Anna describes him as a ‘leaner’ saying, “he always has to be touching you, always has a paw on you.” Matt adds, “He just likes to know that you are there.” When asked if Barry Sanders is a daddy’s boy, Matt smiles and says “no.” But everyone in the room can see that’s not the case. Barry Sanders is leaning on Matt so closely it would seem impossible to separate them.

Matt and Anna continue to help Barry Sanders overcome his shy nature. He’s still nervous around new people, but gains confidence once he’s comfortable. Going on walks can be a source of anxiety for him, but he loves the dog park so they go several times per week. He enjoys running around with all the canine friends he meets and, true to his name, Barry

Sanders can outrun any dog at the park!

One of Anna’s favorite parts of Barry Sanders’ adoption story is what she found out after they brought him home. She later learned that when Matt went to AHS that day, he sat with a dog for quite a while. He knew right away he wanted that dog, and was trying to think of how he would change Anna’s mind to adopt that dog instead of Mickey. He stood up and read the card on the dog’s kennel and saw that this dog was Mickey! He knew right then that this dog was meant to be theirs.

In the future, Matt and Anna may once again try adding to their family with a baby. But in the meantime they are just enjoying spoiling Barry Sanders. “He truly picked us to be his family,” says Anna. “I really believe that this dog saved our marriage and our lives by bringing the joy and smiles back into our house when we didn’t know how.” 

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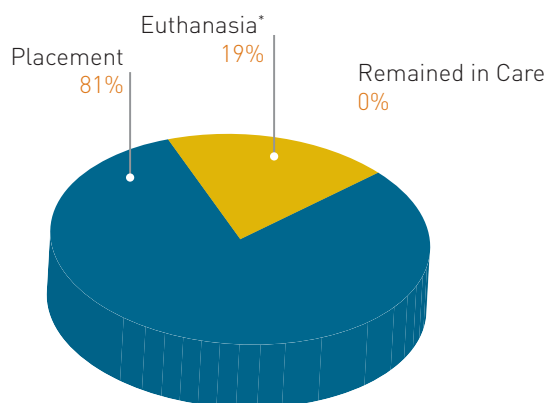




Report to the Community

July 2012-June 2013

Animal Outcomes



* Animals that are euthanized at the request of their owner for end of life reasons are not included in this number.

Our mission is to engage the hearts, hands and minds of the community to help animals.

Thank you for your generous support in helping us achieve the results outlined in this Report to the Community.





In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2013, we maintained our focus on reducing the number of animals coming into our shelters, increasing our placement rate of animals in the community and reducing the humane euthanasia rate. This has been our goal for more than three years, and we remain encouraged by our progress – with the understanding that much work remains. During the past year, we reduced our intake of companion animals by 4 percent and increased our placement rate to over 81 percent. The humane euthanasia rate has decreased by 45 percent during the course of this effort, but saw little change in 2013.

We continue to aspire to finding loving homes for at least 90 percent of the animals that come through our doors. We are grateful for your commitment to our shared vision as we work together to create a more humane world for animals.

Geographic Area Served

Animal Humane Society serves animals and people from its facilities in Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington and Wright counties. The Humane Investigations unit provides services throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

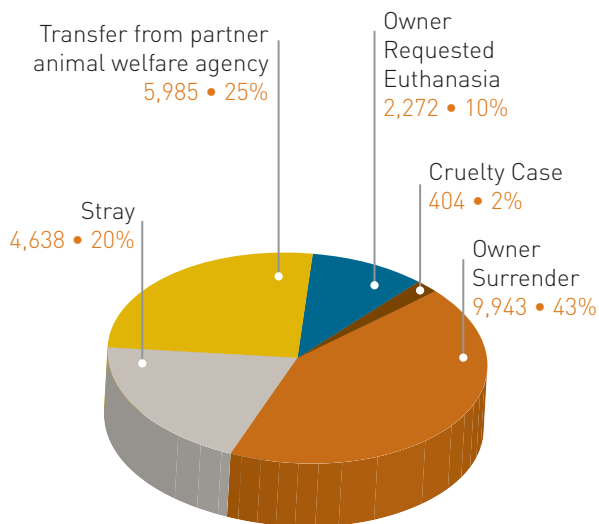
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Animal Intake

AHS receives both companion animals and wildlife that need care and assistance. These figures include companion animals only.

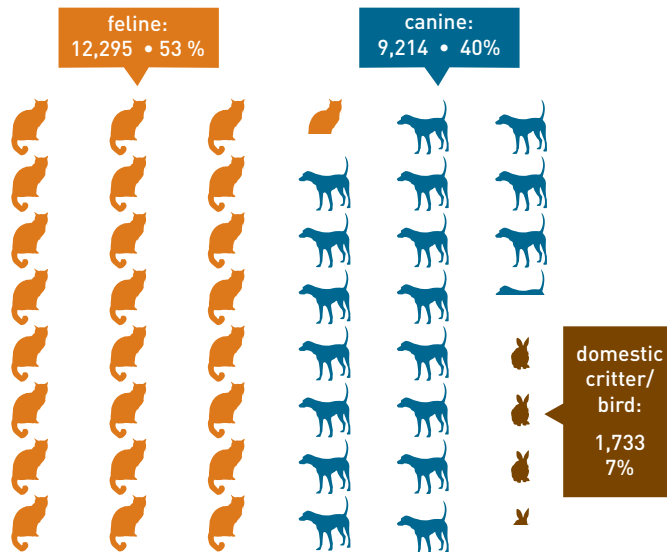
Intake by Reason for Surrender



Intake Total

23,242

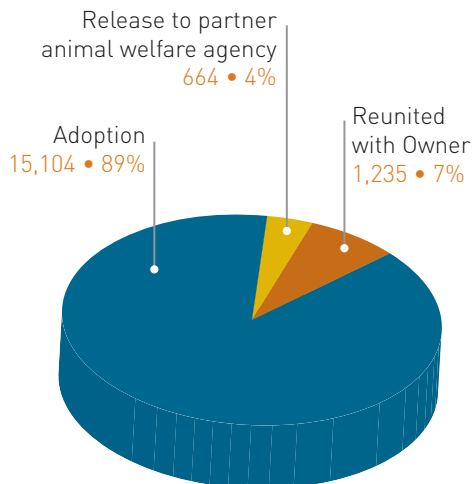
Intake by Species



Animal Placement

AHS provides homes and second chances for dogs, cats and domestic critters.

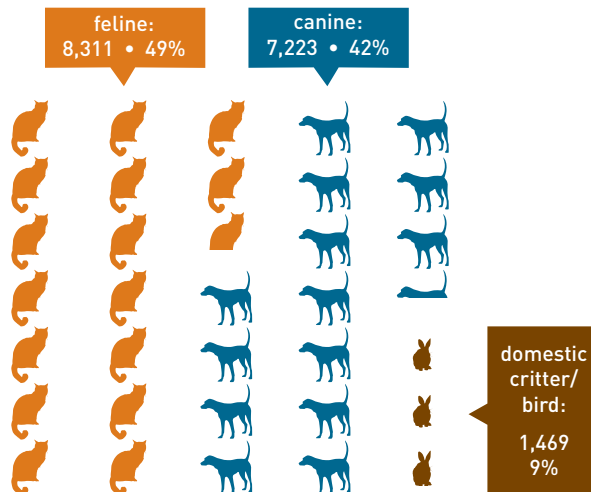
Placement by Type



Placement Total

17,003

Placement by Species

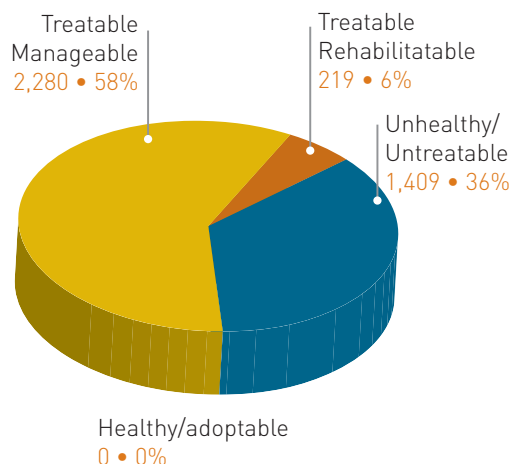


Humane Euthanasia

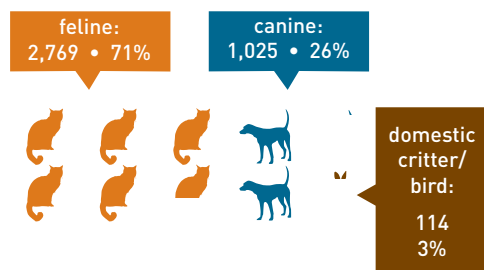
AHS is an open admission organization with a strong belief in providing services for all animals in need. Sadly, some animals come to us that we cannot safely and responsibly place in homes, and as a result, AHS staff makes the very difficult decision to euthanize some companion animals. No animals that can be safely and responsibly placed are euthanized and there is no time limit that animals can remain in our shelters.

Euthanasia Total 3,908

Euthanasia by Reason



Euthanasia by Species



Program Accomplishments

Adoption and Surrender

Our surrender by appointment process started in January 2011. Last year, our animal admissions staff handled a total of 23,935 calls for general information and surrender appointments.

Our Adoption Preparation program helped 609 dogs overcome shyness and fear to be more comfortable in new surroundings.

Partnerships

Partner rescue groups assist us with special needs animals. A total of 664 animals were released to 64 rescue organizations, giving these animals a chance to become beloved pets. And when other animal welfare facilities in Minnesota and elsewhere are too crowded or are unable to place animals, they call AHS for help. In 2013, AHS took in 5,985 animals from 79 organizations.

In all, AHS collaborates with more than 90 animal welfare organizations in Minnesota and other states, including the University of Minnesota Veterinary School, animal rescues in Oklahoma, Georgia, Alabama, Iowa and Indiana, private veterinarians, and municipal animal control authorities throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

Education

AHS believes that education is a critical component of creating a more humane world for animals. In 2013, our education programs served 11,872 people. AHS educators provided 125 school and off-site programs to 3,852 students, and 170 Twin Cities kids took part in PetSet Youth Club, a program for youth in grades 5-7 focused on leadership, community service and advocacy. In addition, 118 kids held their birthday parties at AHS, with 1,664 people joining the celebrations. Forty-one Unleashed camps and mini-camps were offered for kids in grades 3-10, providing 679 young people the chance to experience life at AHS.

Humane Investigations

AHS's two humane agents, the only full-time humane investigators in the state, received 2,317 reports of neglected or harmed animals. Working in 66 counties with local law enforcement officials, our efforts in humane investigations helped 6,376 animals, including 1,301 horses, 1,745 dogs and 1,089 cats.

Pet Services

Animal House, our pet boarding facility in Golden Valley, was home last year to 3,209 pet guests, including dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets and other small animals.

Providing spay/neuter surgery continues to be a core program of our organization. All previously unsterilized animals put up for adoption, nearly 10,431 in 2013, received this surgery at our five locations. The Kindest Cut mobile spay/neuter clinic, operating in partnership with AHS, performed 8,428 surgeries, providing a valuable service at reduced costs for people in need. That total included 3,669 animals sterilized through partnerships with 65 animal welfare groups.

Our obedience and training classes attracted 1,225 participants, with another 475 people participating in playgroups with their animals. We held 398 private training sessions, and our behavior helpline received 1,647 calls.

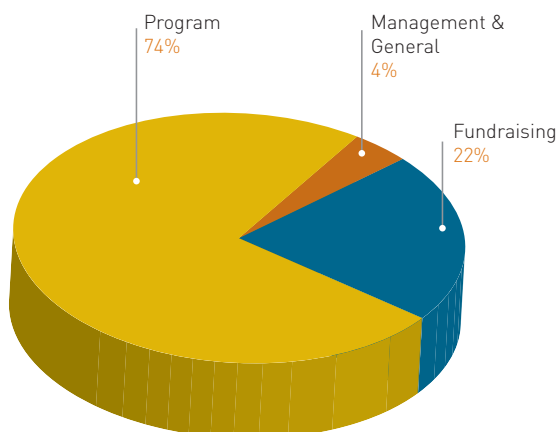
Volunteers

Volunteers are critical to AHS's success. A total of 1,766 volunteers contributed 119,007 hours at all five of our sites to help AHS achieve its mission. Volunteers who worked in our foster program cared for 1,642 animals during the course of the year.

Wildlife

In addition to domestic animals, AHS operates a wildlife program. Through our partnership with Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release, animals are treated and released back to the wild after rehabilitation. In 2013, a total of 2,108 wild animals received services.

Financials



Animal Humane Society Statement of Activities

For the 12 months ended June 30, 2013

SUPPORT & REVENUES

Adoption fees and program revenue	4,256,783
Contributions	5,592,502
Wills and estates	1,072,269
In-kind contributions	199,294
Special events and promotions	900,638
Investment gain (loss)	501,901
Dividend and interest income	135,917
Other	48,453

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES

12,707,757

EXPENSES

Program services:	
Rescue	246,899
Adoption and surrender	8,176,150
Pet services	652,503
Outreach	323,326
Supporting services:	
Management and general	501,524
Fundraising	2,867,790

TOTAL EXPENSES

12,768,192

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

(60,435)

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The Minnesota Charities Review Council's Standards of Accountability state that at least 70% of an organization's annual expenses should be for program activity with not more than 30% for management, general, and fundraising expenses, combined. Animal Humane Society exceeded this standard by directing 74% of our expenses back into programming for the animals and our community.



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Pine River rescue

The long journey home

| By Jeff Moravec

This may have been the longest 89 days in the history of Animal Humane Society.

It started on July 16, an hour before the sun came up, when a cadre of AHS animal care staff piled into three vans to make the long drive from AHS's Golden Valley facility to Pine River, Minn., a resort town of

900 northwest of the Twin Cities. The half-dozen people in the caravan had been instructed to meet AHS humane investigations agent Wade Hanson at a gravel parking lot next to the Pine River Police Department. Working with the Cass County Sheriff's Office and local police, Hanson needed the team to help with the seizure of an

estimated 80 dogs reported to be living in inhumane conditions in a breeding facility owned by Deborah Rowell on the eastern edge of the city.

Hanson and the animal care team arrived in Pine River and huddled to finalize plans. Hanson departed to rendezvous with the law enforcement officials, and they proceeded to Row-



Buck was one of the dogs rescued from neglectful conditions in Pine River, Minn. The dogs were released for adoption on October 12.

ell's property to present the search warrant. He then called in the team.

The crew arrived and rolled up Rowell's muddy driveway. It didn't take long to realize that this was a more severe situation than anyone expected. During the course of the seizure, they would uncover a total of 133 dogs and puppies suffering from

neglect. On this humid, 90-degree day, the dogs were exposed to the blazing sun in a seemingly endless line of chain-link kennels, with only rancid water and moldy food for sustenance. Puppies and pregnant dogs were cowering in cramped quarters and stifling temperatures inside a shed next to Rowell's home.

With tenderness these animals had likely never experienced, the team went to work removing the canines. They watered them and placed them in kennels in the shade of a large tree. Calling in help from the Heartland Animal Rescue Team in nearby Brainerd, they began transporting the dogs to Golden Valley in air-conditioned vehicles, an operation that would extend into the wee hours of the next day. There were so many animals that some of the vans would have to make the six-hour round-trip again before all the dogs and puppies were safely removed.

But rather than the end of Deborah Rowell's story, this was only the beginning. For nearly three months, until October, Rowell would fight the seizure in court, using all legal means available to contest the validity of the search warrant used to seize the dogs.

During those 89 days that Rowell challenged the seizure, the future of the dogs remained in limbo – and not just those that were seized. Dozens of puppies were born to the pregnant dogs, most of them cared for at AHS's St. Paul facility. In all, more than 200 dogs and puppies waited to see whether a court would allow Rowell to reclaim the animals or if AHS would be allowed to find them new homes.

From beginning to end, AHS marshaled its forces to do what it does best – care for animals. Initially, that meant identifying health issues and medical conditions, and providing the appropriate treatment. But then, despite not knowing if these animals

would end up back in Rowell's hands, AHS staff and volunteers took to the task of transforming these timid, unsocialized Pine River dogs into companion animals that could be welcomed into new homes. It was not just a job for hundreds of AHS staff and volunteers – it was a mission.

"Even though there was so much to be sad or upset about regarding where these dogs came from, no one really dwelled on that," says Anne Johnson, AHS director of sites. "Everyone just did what was necessary to care for the dogs while we waited. The compassion and dedication of our staff is what came to the forefront. We expect a lot, but we got even more. It was honestly amazing."

Time and time again, as summer turned to fall, the grapevine would come alive with the word that maybe this case was almost over, that maybe the court was about to release the dogs. But time and time again, Rowell would go back to the court, and the decision about what would happen to the dogs would once more be delayed.

"It was heartbreaking seeing

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One of the Pine River dogs, Ginger, found a new home with 10-year-old Zeke and his family.





1 The animal care team in Pine River found dogs kept outside in dangerously hot conditions, with no access to clean food or water. 2 More puppies and dogs were found in cramped quarters inside a shed next to Rowell's home. 3 Crates were set up in the shade of a large tree to prepare dogs for transport to AHS facilities. 4 AHS humane investigations agent Wade Hanson (back to camera) was among those who loaded kennels into the vans for the trip back to Golden Valley. 5 AHS's Shawn McCarty provides water to the Pine River dogs while they were cared for in Golden Valley. 6 Though tentative at first, the dogs learned to enjoy walks, like this one with AHS's Samantha Arras.

these dogs sit in cages when we knew they should be in loving homes," says Ashley Sheridan, an AHS animal care technician lead. "But we knew we could make a difference in their lives no matter what happened, and that's what we set out to do."

"There have been a lot of emotions through these months, but the most emotional was the first day I spent helping in the big room where all the dogs were kept," says Danny Robb, an AHS volunteer coordinator. "That day I saw staff from different departments, volunteers and donors. It was

truly amazing to see all these different stakeholders coming together for this cause – people from so many different roles, getting in and getting the work done so at the end of the day the dogs were better than when we found them."

Providing basic care for so many dogs was in itself a challenge, but AHS staff was committed to doing more than that. Volunteers were solicited to put the dogs on a schedule for walks, and staff like Ashley even came in on their days off to get the animals outside to exercise in the fresh air.

"It was emotional taking the dogs outside for their first walk, knowing that they had probably never been for a walk or even touched grass before," she says. "They started off their walks very cautiously, but eventually they relaxed and it was a joyous moment watching how much fun they would have chasing bugs, picking up leaves, and sniffing everything."

AHS volunteers stepped up in amazing numbers. By the time the dogs were released for adoption, more than 260 volunteers had contributed in excess of 2,100 hours of care.

Cheryl Carrigan was one of those volunteers, coming in to help with the dogs two or three times each week. “Each time I would do the same routine – cleaning kennels, giving fresh water, petting the ones that wanted it and talking to the ones that were afraid,” she says. “I kept telling them that we were working hard as an organization to fight for them and to be their voice. As the weeks went on, it was incredible to see their personalities develop and their trust in humans start to be re-established.”

That opinion is seconded by Sue Brown, AHS operations support liaison, who was one of the team members who went to Pine River and worked with the dogs during their entire stay. “Many of these dogs have gone through a major transformation. They don’t have to fight for food or water or to get out of extreme weather conditions. Their personalities have really changed. None of that would have been possible if it hadn’t been for the support and hard work of our animal care staff, behavioral staff, volunteers, and adoption prep volunteers.”

On October 10, AHS President & CEO Janelle Dixon could finally say the words so many had waited so long to hear. Rowell had run out of options. “It is with great joy that I tell you today that the Pine River dogs have been released to AHS and will soon be in our adoption centers and then on their way to new homes,” Janelle said. “It has been a long, hard journey but in the end, this is what we all wanted – the outcome that is best for the animals. Hallelujah!”

It was an emotional day, but not quite as much as Saturday, October 12, when the Pine River dogs, spread out among AHS’s five adoption centers, finally began going to their new homes. By the end of that weekend, more than a hundred Pine River dogs were adopted.

Pine River timeline


- **July 16** • Animal Humane Society works with the Cass County Sheriff on the removal of 133 dogs, including 29 puppies, from the property of dog breeder Deborah Rowell in Pine River, Minn., about 150 miles northwest of the Twin Cities. The sheriff’s office had issued a search warrant as the result of an ongoing investigation into complaints of animal cruelty at the breeding facility.
- **July 29** • A nine-count criminal complaint is filed by the Cass County attorney’s office, charging Rowell with violating the state’s animal cruelty laws.
- **August 16** • In civil court, a Cass County judge upholds the validity of the July 16 search warrant, refusing Rowell’s request that it be dismissed. The judge rules that the dogs could be returned to Rowell but only if: within 10 days, she proves she has improved her facilities so that the animals can be adequately cared for; and if she pays two separate bonds, one for \$10,000 and one for \$60,000.
- **August 29** • A second judge, following recusal of the first, reaffirms the validity of the search warrant but changes the stipulation so that Rowell must pay the actual cost incurred for caring for the animals from the date of seizure to the date of reclaim. She is given 10 days to do that.
- **September 9** • Rowell files a motion with the appellate court for a stay of the August 29 decision.
- **September 11** • The appellate court requires Rowell, in order to continue the case, to post a bond based on the actual costs incurred in caring for the animals. Rowell subsequently asks the court to stay the bond payment, but her request is denied.
- **October 9** • When Rowell does not make the payment, the lower court ruling is allowed to stand, and the seized dogs are released to the custody of the Cass County sheriff. The sheriff’s office then gives permission to AHS to begin placing the animals, which it does, beginning October 12.
- **October 14** • In criminal court, Rowell pleads guilty to one misdemeanor charge of having improper kennel sizes. Eight other charges related to animal cruelty are dismissed. She is fined \$50, and given a 90-day jail sentence, which is stayed. She is required to allow police to inspect her kennels.



Brian Higuera took Zorro home the first day the Pine River dogs were available for adoption.

“From the moment those doors opened, the smiles didn’t leave people’s faces, even when they were crying,” Anne Johnson said.

“Honestly, my cheeks hurt from smiling so much,” added Lynne

Bengtson, AHS volunteer services manager. “It was truly an amazing day, and I am in awe of everyone who cared for these dogs – and the great folks who came to give these dogs loving homes.” 



To see a video about AHS’s involvement in the Pine River case, please go to www.animalhumanesociety.org/pineriver.

Believe you can make a difference



Because of you, we are able to give animals in our community the second chances they deserve. This season of giving we're celebrating a special dog whose story touched the hearts of countless Animal Humane Society staff and volunteers. Vida's story wasn't always a happy one but thanks to animal lovers like you, she found a happy new beginning.

When we first looked into Vida's eyes, we saw a sweet, gentle girl who desperately wanted a second chance. This 8-year-old Border Collie mix was one of 42 dogs Animal Humane Society rescued from a puppy mill. The dogs lived in horrible conditions, cramped into cages and bred over and over again to produce puppies to sell.

When Vida entered Animal Humane Society's care, she was examined by our veterinary staff and they quickly realized she was both deaf and fearful of humans. We knew Vida had a long road ahead of her, but her hopeful eyes told us she just needed a little extra care and attention.





A long but hopeful road

She'd never travelled in a car, encountered a doorway or even gone on a walk when she came to us. She had to learn how to overcome her fear of even the most basic of tasks, like walking on a leash. Our behavior and training staff, with help from our patient adoption preparation volunteers, spent over a month giving her special care to help overcome her shyness and teaching her to trust people. Slowly but surely, she became more comfortable interacting with the volunteers.

We spayed Vida so she wouldn't have to give birth to any more litters of puppies. When she was ready for adoption, we knew it would take someone special to give her the love she'd never experienced before. Before long, a couple named Amy and Bryan fell in love with this sweet girl. They already had two dogs, one of whom was also deaf, and were dedicated to giving Vida the time she needed to heal.

Your compassion makes a difference

At Animal Humane Society we are committed to creating a more humane world for animals. Through your kindness, we will continue to give specialized care to animals that need extra time and attention. With your generosity, we will remain steadfast in taking a stand against animal cruelty in our community. Your compassion allows us to give animals like Vida the second chances they deserve.

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Here's what your contributions do for animals like Vida:

\$126 for Vida's spay surgery, vaccinations and microchip

\$45 for her medical treatments

\$315 for many extra days in our care to regain her health

\$840 for individualized care and socialization from professional behavior staff and trained volunteers

\$1,326 total cost to find Vida her happy new beginning



memorials and tributes

January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013

We 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.

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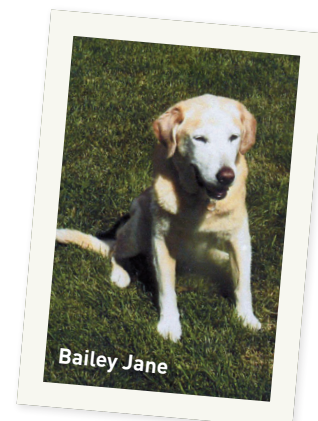
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Abby
Jerry Richards

Aja
Nicole Doercker-Train

Annabell
Amy Walford



.....
Answers to Playpen on page 31

Animal Babies
Dog=Puppy
Chinchilla=Kit
Fish=Fry
Cat=Kitten
Horse=Foal
Hamster=Pup
Turtle=hatchling

Spot the Differences

1. color of leash
2. white fur on chest
3. bone in grass
4. color of tag

Catch it!



Hidden Pets

c	i	d	d	g	t	v	u	t	e
c	a	u	o	u	n	r	d	i	h
e	n	t	g	i	m	t	p	u	y
l	w	c	n	n	v	a	a	e	o
t	n	b	a	e	r	k	u	v	h
r	e	c	s	a	t	k	b	r	p
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Zoe Severson
Paco
Teresa Klotz
Peppe
Kevin Kinoshita
Pepper
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Amy Erickson
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Nelly
Robert and Marsha Silhacek
Patches
Sue Winterstein
Pete
Penny Barncard
Rerun
John Hengel and Megan Horan-Hengel
Rex
John and Joan Carroll
Riley
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Cash
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Michele and David Mahner
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Becky and David Kohler
Kiko
Dale Statsman
King
Phil Winter
Kiwi
Ted Thornquist
Kym
John and Jane Aiken
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Megan Espe
Libby
Kathryn Jolly
Loki
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Louie
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Lucy
Kate Huebsch
Mac
Jenny Shields
Maddie
Shirley Hallquist

Pete
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Phoebe
Mandy Gulbrannon
Pinky
Bonnie Kindt
Pogo
Susan Penniston
Punkin
Burt and Char Heeler
Riddick
Patty Cullen
Riley
Christine Heine
Rocko
Alex Martin
Rocky
Karen McElrath
Rocky
Shelly LeFleur
Rocky
John Steuck
Rooney
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Rowdy
Amy Petrunka
Ruby
Eileen Lorentz
Ruby
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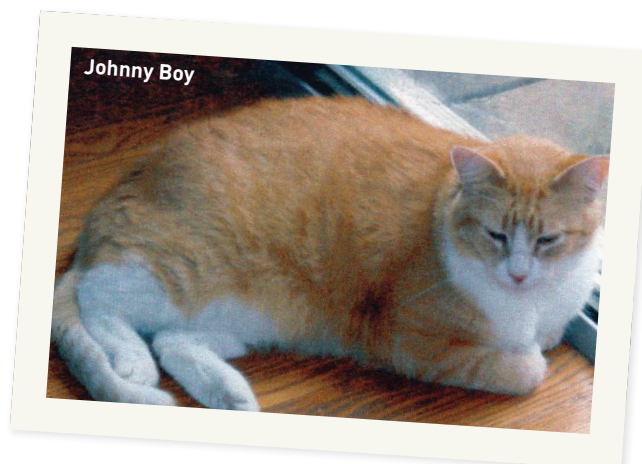
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Brad Boyum
Toby
Kate and Eddie Thomas
Tulip
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Tzippi
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The Guiher Family

Jade
Joan Lampert

Jessica
Jodi Anderson

Jessie
Dave and Chris Rine

Jester
Jenny Ovick



Molly, a Springer/Water Spaniel mix, came into our lives just before the holidays in 1998.

My kids and I walked into Animal Humane Society that day as 3-month-old Molly was just being brought upstairs. One look at her beautiful brown eyes and floppy ears, and the three of us fell in love. Taking a leap of faith that my husband would feel the same—he was out shopping for Christmas—we put this little puppy on hold. When he joined us, he took one look at Molly and it was unanimous. We never doubted after that that she was meant to be part of our family.

Molly had lots of energy and a wonderful personality. Everyone who met her loved her, and she loved them right back. Although she liked to chase a Frisbee around the backyard and go swimming and hiking, her favorite place was “doggy park” (the off-leash park). She wasn’t interested in playing with the other dogs, she just wanted to run and run and run. And each evening, without fail, she would jump up in the chair next to me and burrow down to snuggle until it was time for bed.

We were thankful and grateful every day that Molly was part of our lives. But that didn’t make it any easier this summer when, after nearly 15 years together, we had to say good-bye to our sweet girl. Age had taken its toll, and she was struggling. We told her how much she meant to us, and let her go. Every time I walk into the Golden Valley AHS, I think about how lucky we were that we found Molly.

Sincerely,
Kelly M.



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Lacy Crowther

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The Delianedis Family

Chloe
Ann Shaeffer

Chuckey
The Johnson Family

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Carl Halker

Cleo
Donna Clark

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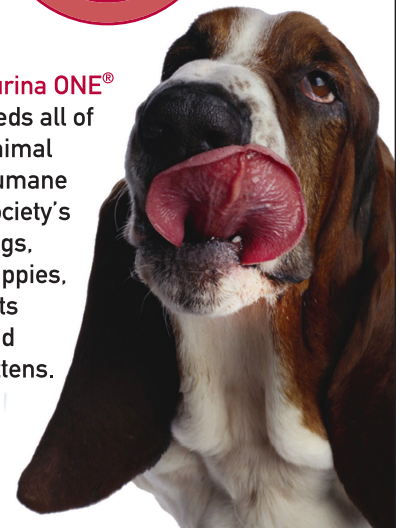


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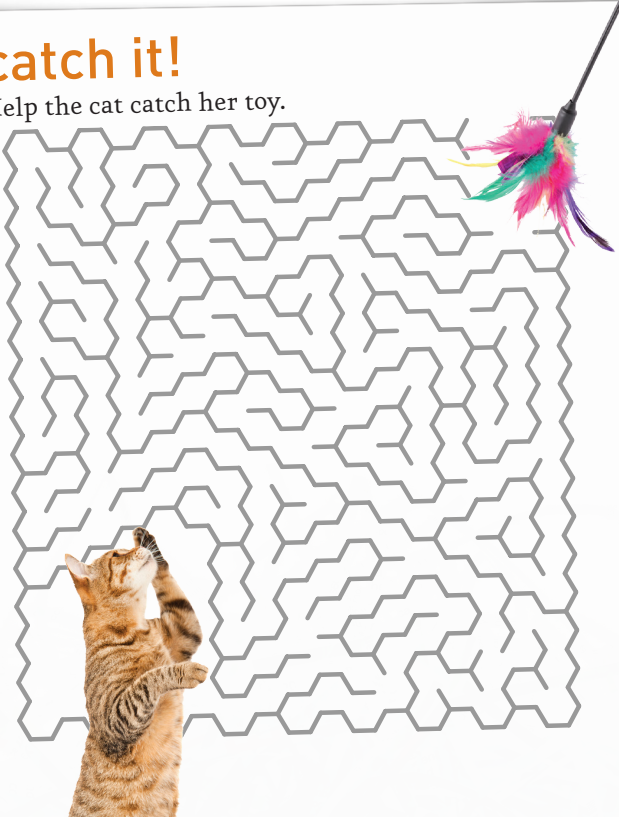
Do you know the names of these new arrivals?



- pup
- puppy
- kitten
- foal
- kit
- hatchling
- fry

catch it!

Help the cat catch her toy.



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



hidden pets

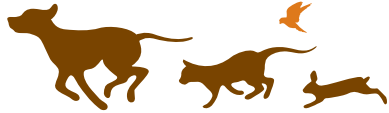
Can you spot the names of 9 pet animals
hidden in this puzzle?

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

- cat
- dog
- guinea pig
- hamster
- horse
- kitten
- parakeet
- puppy
- turtle

Answers are on page 27

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