Sun-drenched Days, Starlit Nights...

Late summer greetings from Southwest Metro Animal Rescue (SMARAS)! It has been said that there is eternal summer in the grateful heart. And as we savor the lingering splendor of the season, we are grateful for the gifts of sun-drenched days and starlit nights, of fields of fresh hay, and the glow of fireflies in flight. We are also grateful for your support of SMARAS which allows us to continue to make a positive difference in the lives of homeless and abandoned animals! Remember, whenever you adopt a rescued pet, you give love a second chance…

SMARAS Newswire

SMARAS Receives an Athletes for Animals Grant!

On April 1, 2016, we received a grant from Athletes for Animals, headquartered in St. Louis, MO! Athletes for Animals is a united team of professional athletes with a shared passion for rescuing and protecting the welfare of homeless pets nationwide. Their Athlete Ambassadors represent sports teams across the nation and the leveraging of their public platforms help make an impact on the lives of homeless companion animals. They help to broadcast the messages of pet adoption and responsible pet ownership, including the benefits of spaying and neutering, by lending their voices to the cause of volunteering at local shelters, attending fundraisers, and making charitable donations. They believe that providing accurate information about homeless pets will help current and future generations make decisions about their animals, leading to a more humane pet population. We are very grateful to Athletes for Animals for deciding to grant our rescue and seeing the importance of what we do!

Second Chance Tails

SMARAS’s motto is “Rescue, give love a second chance” and we love to share stories of folks who did just that by adopting from us! We call it ‘Second Chance Tails’. Got a SMARAS adoption story to share? We’d love to hear from you!

Mowgli

Mowgli (Mobley) has settled in nicely, already giving notice to the rabbits and squirrels that they are in HIS yard. He’s fascinated with all the birds around too. He had a great time at Lake Riley attacking the waves this afternoon. He’s still a little nervous when one of us leaves, and will get up and follow through the house, but is doing much better. Marc & Lori
**Upcoming Events**

**The Pet Zone at Penn Fest**

SMARAS will be onsite at The Pet Zone during Penn Fest in Richfield MN, Sat. Sep. 18 from noon-4pm. The Pet Zone features a broad collection of rescue groups, pet businesses, and animal advocate groups, so be sure to stop by our booth and check out our fun pet costumes for Halloween!

**Pet Adoption Days**

SMARAS’s Pet Adoption Days are held the 2nd Saturday of each month from 11am-2pm at PetSmart in Eden Prairie (11200 Prairie Lakes Drive, 952-941-4660). If you wish to meet a specific pet, please call ahead of time at 952-368-PAWS (7297) to confirm that the animal will be at the event. A list of our adoptable pets can always be found on our website or look for us on www.petfinder.com and www.adoptapet.com!

**SMARAS News & Events**

🐾 A heartfelt thanks to the following individuals who made memorial donations to SMARAS in memory of Laura LaBarre Fry:

- Carolina K.
- Patricia M.
- Kyle K.
- Marta Calisti R.
- Diana S.
- Sasi R.
- Bill L.
- Drew T.
- Bruce & Sylvia H.
- Kathryn L. Nancy Z.
- Stephen & Jean N.
- Bruce & Mary Ellen H.
- Richard F.
- Gregor D.
- Marianne B.
- Joyce & Chris G.
- Nina A.
- Cathleen Cox S.
- and Mary P.

🐾 ‘Fursday’ Wine Tasting

On Thurs., June 16, we held our annual wine tasting and raffle at La Dolce Vita Wine Cellar and retail store in Chaska, MN. We were fortunate to have a sunny afternoon to set up our raffle tables on the lawn of La Dolce Vita to display all the great donated items and gift cards from local businesses and supporters of SMARAS. Our rescue chose La Dolce Vita for our raffle/fundraiser this year because of its uniqueness—the owner/manager renovated the former Chaska train station into a charming place to bring together the dog and cat lovers that support us. We served an assortment of great hors d’oeuvres and had the fun of tasting and learning about different wines by La Dolce Vita’s expert sommelier. The evening was a great success and a special thank you to all the volunteers and guests that helped us raise the funds to continue our efforts to help homeless and abandoned cats and dogs!

🐾 Chaska’s River City Days

Chaska’s 41st annual River City Days celebration was held on July 29th - 31st. This celebration of life along the Minnesota River is a fun event for the community and is supported and sponsored by dozens of organizations and businesses in the Chaska area. Thousands of people experienced three days of good food, fun garage band music, arts and crafts, talent shows and a parade, to name just a few of the many events. SMARAS has had a booth in City Square Park for many years to help make the community more aware of our efforts to rescue homeless cats and dogs in the greater Carver and Scott county area.

We had fun selling the ever popular cat and dog costumes and pet toys that were even purchased for kids as well. This year we had a volunteer face painter that was a big hit with kids and adults alike! We also collected generous donations from so many animal lovers and managed to recruit some new volunteers as well. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped make our info booth a success, and a special thank you to all those who donated to the SMARAS mission!

**Check Out SMARAS’s Pet of the Week!**

Look for SMARAS’s featured pets in our weekly ‘Adoption Options’ ads in these local papers:

- Chaska Herald
- Eden Prairie News
- The Waconia Patriot
Greetings from the Dog Corner! At the year's halfway point, we have adopted out 35 dogs so far—that’s 35 dogs that have a forever home, sleeping indoors, well fed and playing with their fur parents!

Every dog that comes in has a story, but some stories are sadder than others. Brutus, a Great Dane/Lab mix, came into our rescue very thin—15 lbs. underweight, and just so sad looking. Despite a multitude of medical tests, there was no apparent reason for his weight loss. Amazingly, he's since gained 10 lbs. and we can only assume this poor boy wasn’t being fed well! Also, we discovered he has cataracts and will likely lose his eyesight as he gets older. Well, ok – we can deal with that. But then while playing, he hurt his leg, and the vet determined that he had torn his ACL. And to make matters worse, this was actually an old injury that occurred before he entered the rescue. But Brutus didn’t complain nor show any signs of being in pain. Our rescue went full force into a fundraising effort and we raised over 70% of the money needed for surgery!! It was so heartwarming to see so many people wanting to give to help Brutus!

As always, we will continue our mission helping dogs find their forever homes, and while they are in foster care, we will give them all that we can to show them they are loved!

Brutus

The Cat Corner

Happy Summer from the Cat Corner! It’s been the usual very busy summer for the Cat Program! Thus far in 2016, we adopted out 69 cats. Surrender calls are always present as people’s life situations change and we’re trying to re-home as many animals as possible. We are also partnering with Four Paws, Maple Grove Impound (PUPS), and Minneapolis Animal Care and Control (MACC) to find loving homes for the numerous cats that are abandoned or displaced.

Our biggest goal is to adopt out a few long-term cats that continue to be with the rescue due to either behavioral or medical conditions. Halle, Huff, and Spot are all looking for a loving home to call their own and could use your help to get the word out - they’d be grateful!

Huff Spot

SMARAS is currently reviewing applications for the intake coordinator position. If you’re interested in being part of the rewarding and ever-busy cat team, please inquire at 952-368-PAWS (7297) line 3 or smmetroanimalrescue@hotmail.com or www.smmetroanimalrescue.org. Wouldn't you like to be a foster home to one of the needy cats? We are looking for fosters, both short and long term for some of our cats. A foster home can make a world of difference in these animals’ lives and give them the much needed love that they crave. If you are interested in giving love and attention to one of the wonderful cats or kittens that we have in the rescue, complete a foster application on our website. It will be one of the most rewarding experiences you’ll ever have!
Southwest Metro Animal Rescue & Adoption Society
PO Box 493
Chaska, MN 55318

Address Service Requested

Our Mission
Southwest Metro Animal Rescue and Adoption Society is a non-profit organization committed to the rescue of abandoned, abused and stray domestic animals. We believe the animal-human bond is strengthened through education of the public on the humane treatment of animals, pet population control and support for animal protection laws.

We are an all-volunteer non-profit organization. We do not have any paid staff and receive no government funding. Our founding members have over 35 years combined experience in the animal rescue field. We have established federal tax-exempt status as a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. We rely on donations of food and supplies to care for the pets. We maintain a no-kill policy except in cases when euthanasia is deemed the only viable, reasonable and humane option.

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YOUR KIND DONATION HELPS A HOMELESS PET IN NEED!

Southwest Metro Animal Rescue & Adoption Society is a non-profit organization as per section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your donation is tax deductible!

Some ways your $$ can help…
$30 sponsors a dog or cat for 1 month
$50 helps cover costs of a spay/neuter
$100 assists with yearly heartworm meds
$200 assists with surgical/dental costs
$360 sponsors a dog or cat for 1 year
$500 assists with costs of treatment for a serious illness or injury

Enclosed is a check for my tax-deductible donation of $________ to assist SWMAR in the rescue and care of homeless pets. Please send a receipt for tax purposes to:

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