

Pet Haven Ink

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High Voter Turnout For Annual Meeting

The first annual meeting in several years of the members of Pet Haven was held on Saturday, May 8. According to the Secretary's report, 59% percent of all Pet Haven members eligible to vote cast ballots in the Board of Directors election either in person or by proxy.

This turnout was excellent and indicates a high level of interest in the future of Pet Haven. The members in attendance heard a report from the President, P. Diane Cummisford, detailing the number of cats and dogs placed through Pet Haven's adoption program and the number of spays and neuters funded by Pet Haven during the previous two years. Larry Haugen, CPA, presented a financial report for the calendar years 2002 and 2003.



Annual Membership Meeting held May 8th, 2004

The next order of business was the election of members to the Board of Directors. Because the terms of all nine members of the Board had expired, all nine positions were up for election. The by-laws require staggered terms so candidates ran for 1-year, 2-year or 3-year terms. Future elections will be for 3-year terms. The following Pet Haven members were elected to the Board:

1-Year Terms:

Sally Morton
Sue Simons
Frieda Wilson

2-Year Terms:

Keith Lenaburg
Carol Palaia
Debbie Smith

3-Year Terms:

Eldora Anderson
Janice Anderson
Mary Ann Cameron

The new Board is a diverse group. Three of the Board members elected are incumbents, having served on the Board for many years. All of the Board members have been or are active volunteers in the organization as foster homes and in a variety of other roles. Three of the Board members have worked primarily with dogs, four have worked primarily with cats, and two have worked with both cats and dogs. The length of service the individual Board members have volunteered for Pet Haven ranges from 2 to 30 years. They have a variety of professional and other volunteer experience to bring to Pet Haven.

The new Pet Haven Board of Directors held their first meeting immediately following the annual meeting.

The following officers were elected:

Sally Morton, President
Keith Lenaburg, Vice President
Carol Palaia, Corresponding Secretary
Janice Anderson, Treasurer

The Board also made the following appointments:

Mary Ann Cameron, Cat Division Chair
Sue Simons, Dog Division Chair

The Board wishes to thank everyone who participated in the annual meeting either in person or by proxy. The Directors appreciate the confidence you have placed in them by electing them to the Board and are eager to get down to the business of Pet Haven's mission: rescuing and rehoming companion animals, spaying/neutering, and educating the public regarding responsible pet ownership.

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2004 Annual Meeting Statistics

Members in attendance:	33
Members voting in person:	22
Members voting by proxy:	113
Total members voting:	135
All members eligible to vote:	229
% of members voting:	59%

Thank You

All Pet Haven members owe a big thank you to several outgoing Board members and Officers. Their volunteer service with Pet Haven ranges from 1 year to more than 20 years. They have all made many wonderful contributions to Pet Haven and for those efforts, we extend our thanks to:

P. Diane Cummisford
Diane Froslan
Jan Almquist
Robin Oxley
Roxanne Johnson

Pet Haven Town Meeting

Come one, come all! All Pet Haven members, donors and volunteers are invited to attend a "Town Meeting" on Saturday, June 12. The meeting will be an informal brainstorming session to discuss suggestions, ideas and concerns. Refreshments will be served and a few door prizes have been donated as thank you gifts for those who come to share their ideas.

Pet Haven Town Hall Meeting
Saturday, June 12
10:00 – 11:30AM
Ridgedale Library Meeting Room
12601 Ridgedale Drive

The library is located just east of Plymouth Road and south of the Ridgedale Shopping Center. Assisted listening devices are available by prior arrangement (call us at 952-831-3825).

Town Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order at 10:00AM and introductions (5 minutes)
2. Review of survey results (5 minutes)
3. "Ask the Board" question & answer period (20 minutes)
4. Discussion of the four most mentioned issues in the survey (1 hour)
5. Adjourn at 11:30 AM

Board Of Directors Meeting Schedule

All members, donors and volunteers are invited and welcome to attend the regular meetings of Pet Haven's Board of Directors. All meetings begin at 6:30PM and the location varies. Please call (952) 831-3825 to let us know you are coming and to obtain the location of the meeting. The meeting schedule for June – October, 2004 is noted in the calendar of events.

50th Anniversary Booklet Update

Pet Haven celebrated its 50th anniversary of companion animal rescue in late 2002. A commemorative booklet has been in the works for many months. Stories and photos of pets adopted from Pet Haven over the years were solicited and nearly 150 families responded. Many folks also made donations to cover the costs of producing the booklet.

The project turned out to be a huge undertaking. Several volunteers have spent many, many hours scanning photographs, typing the stories and laying out the pages of the booklet. Others were drafted to write stories about Pet Haven's history, the 50th anniversary picnic held at Minnehaha park, and a vignette about life in 1952, the year Pet Haven was founded. We are happy to announce that the end is in sight! The project is nearing completion and the booklet will be available this summer. We appreciate everyone's patience.

2004 Summer/Fall Calendar of Events

Board of Directors Meeting	June 1
Send in member volunteer survey	by June 5
Dog Adoption Show, Minnetonka	June 5
Cat Adoption Show 11:00-1:30 pm	June 6
Town Meeting	June 12
Cat Adoption Show 1:00-3:00 pm	June 13
Dog Adoption, Richfield	June 19
Cat Adoption Show 11:00-1:30 pm	June 26
Dog Adoption Show, Minnetonka	July 3
Dog Adoption Show, Richfield	July 17
Cat Adoption Show 1:00-3:00 pm	July 18
Board of Directors Meeting	July 20
Dog Adoption Show, Minnetonka	August 7
Cat Adoption Show 11:00-1:30 pm	August 7
Board of Directors Meeting	August 17
Dog Adoption Show, Richfield	August 21
Cat Adoption Show 1:00-3:00 pm	August 22
Dog Adoption Show, Minnetonka	Sept. 4
Cat Adoption Show 11:00-1:30 pm	Sept. 11
Dog Adoption Show, Richfield	Sept. 18
Cat Adoption Show 1:00-3:00 pm	Sept. 19
Board of Directors Meeting	Sept. 21
Dog Adoption Show, Minnetonka	Oct. 2
Cat Adoption Show 11:00-1:30 pm	Oct. 2
Dog Adoption Show, Richfield	Oct. 16
Cat Adoption Show 1:00-3:00 pm	Oct. 17
Board of Directors Meeting	Oct. 19

And look for the 50th Anniversary Booklet this summer!

Cat Adoptions are all held at the Richfield Petco
Dog Adoptions are all from 10:00—1:00 pm

Richfield Petco
 710 W. 66th St. (66th and
 Lyndale Ave. S.)

Minnetonka Petco
 13691 Ridgedale Dr. (SW
 corner of 394 & Plymouth
 Rd next to Best Buy)

Happy Endings

Cooper Moves to the Other Side of the River:



Attention Minneapolis! Cooper, the lover boy of St. Paul, is now sharing his smiles with the fortunate crowds along Minnehaha Creek. Cooper, an absolutely adorable English Setter mix, was the beloved pet of a woman who became ill and could no longer care for him. After jumping the fence and otherwise running amok in his first foster home, he was lucky enough to have Maggie take him in. Soon after he won the hearts of a young couple who had just purchased their first house, and needed only a dog to make it a home. Cooper was just the right dog. Now he gets long

walks down the parkway and the loving attention he had known all his life.

Angel is a very lively girl and had lived in a home with a dog before coming to Pet Haven. She found a new home with two doxies who appear a little stunned by her activity level but is fitting in well there. She likes lots of attention from her new family.



Wesley

Wesley sat at the pound last fall before joining Pet Haven. We discovered he likes to chew plastic and plants are a favorite tidbit too. His new owner has another cat with some of the same traits and these two boys have hit it off famously and are providing lots of amusement to their owner.



Jenna

Jenna and her kittens have all found new homes. Jenna likes both cats and dogs and her new owner has an elderly dog who was harassed by a

visiting cat. The new mom was trying to carefully introduce them but one day forgot to secure the door and came home to find Jenna and the dog curled up in the dog's bed, sleeping together!

Nell came to us with a broken leg. She was adopted while she was still in a splint and found that she could tap another cat or a person to let them know she wanted them to go away or to give her more attention! A girl with lots of personality and definitely a busy and vertical one.



Picot

Picot was found under a shed in the winter after her mother was killed by a car. She was shy at first but now is batting her sparkle balls all around the house and demanding lots of attention.

Foster Tails

Sarah and Aaron are a foster home for Pet Haven cats and kittens. They also fostered for another group before volunteering with Pet Haven. Sarah will be returning to the east coast to finish her undergraduate degree. Their family includes 2 rescued cats and a dog they adopted as a puppy from a litter they fostered. Both work full time jobs and have a good sense of humor, which sure helps when you foster kittens! Austin, their current foster, is a highly interactive 2-year-old cat who thrives on lots of attention, loves to play with toys, and wants to help with all the details of caring for



Sarah Fellows and Annie

a house! *Thanks, Sarah and Aaron.*

Maggie has been a foster home for Pet Haven dogs for many years. She has a special affinity for English Setters, but is always willing to pitch in and foster any medium or large breed dog or pup that needs her help. Maggie attends nearly every dog adoption event as her house is never without a foster dog – or two. She has a lot of experience with dogs and is an excellent trainer. Maggie

has also turned her volunteer time into a financial donation for Pet Haven through a program sponsored by her employer. Maggie has recruited friends to foster for Pet Haven as well and was recently featured along with them in an article in the Jordan newspaper. *Thanks, Maggie.*



Maggie LeFebvre and Sapphire

Thank You Nancy: Pet Haven would like to say "thank you" to longtime Pet Haven volunteer, **Nancy Dardis**. She served as our newsletter editor from 1991-2003. In addition to producing the newsletter and adoption day flyers, Nancy also co-chaired Pet Haven's 40th anniversary celebration and has served as a foster home for Pet Haven dogs!



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About Pet Haven

Pet Haven, Inc. of Minnesota was founded in 1952 and is a charitable non-profit organization. Your donations to Pet Haven are tax-exempt. Pet Haven's mission is to rescue and rehome companion animals, spay and neuter to help reduce pet overpopulation, and educate the public about responsible pet ownership.

Pet Haven has a voting membership. Membership dues are \$10 per year per person. A nine member Board of Directors elected by the membership governs Pet Haven. The Board elects the organization's officers. The current Board and officers were elected at the annual meeting on May 8, 2004.

Pet Haven has no staff. Volunteers do all

of the organization's work. Veterinary, bookkeeping and IRS/Attorney General filing services are provided by independent professionals for a fee.

Volunteers are always needed and there are a variety of ways you can help. We currently have a tremendous need for foster homes. Pet Haven provides every foster home with needed supplies, food and veterinary care. The foster family provides a safe and caring temporary home for the pet awaiting adoption. The more foster homes we have, the more animals we can help. Please contact us for information or note your interest on the enclosed survey form and mail it to us.

We're on the Web!
www.PetHavenMN.
PetFinder.org

Newsletter contributions

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Adoptable Pets Are On The Web

Pet Haven lists all of the cats, dogs, kittens and puppies available for adoption at a web site provided by PetFinder. The internet address is www.PetHavenMN.PetFinder.org. Photographs and narratives describe the pet's temperament and home requirements. Upcoming adoption events are also listed.



Selby



Rosie