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Victims of home foreclosures aren't exclusively human- Kati and her kitten were left behind when her owner moved out.

Home Alone

By Claire Sychowski

Kati's story is unfortunately one that we're all too familiar with. When her owner's house foreclosed, little Kati was left behind with one of her kittens. Although food was provided, Kati and her kitten lived in the empty house, scared and alone. Eventually, the cats were found and brought to Pet Haven. Kati's kitten has been adopted, but Kati is still looking for her forever home.

Kati is part tortoise shell and part tabby. She has a very sweet disposition, loves to play and loves to have your attention. Like most cats, Kati is very curious and enjoys her catnip. Although she's not a full-fledged lap cat (yet!),



she does like being picked up for short periods of time and having her cheeks rubbed. She also likes occasional tummy rubs, but only when she is in the mood. And if allowed, she may choose to cuddle up with you at night at the foot of your bed.

Not surprisingly, Kati wasn't always that receptive to cheek or tummy rubs. When she first arrived to her foster home last summer, she didn't like to be petted or picked up. After being abandoned, Kati's trust in people had waned. But after receiving lots of love from her foster mom, Amy, she began to learn to trust again. "It's been amazing to

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Ya Gotta Love Drake

By Sheila Goeken

People who adopt rescue dogs often don't know the background of their new friend - and have no way of finding out. One can only speculate about their beginnings based on their personalities or quirks because their past only goes back to when someone found them. In the case of Drake, one has to believe his life was pretty good before his tragic accident.

Hit by a Car

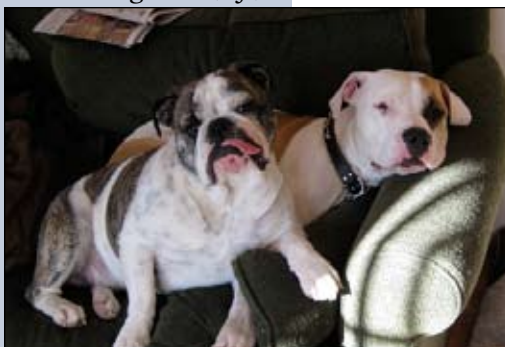
Drake's life (as we know it) began on Sept. 15, 2008, when Minneapolis Animal Control brought him to Camden Pet Hospital after he had been hit by a car. Kristen H., kennel manager at Camden reports, "He was breathing fine, but his left-front leg was badly

damaged." After the surgery, he was walking better. As Kristen explains, "It was actually lighter for him because he had been dragging the leg so much." She observes, "Drake was so good through all of it. He was very sweet and laid back in the kennels. He never tried to bite. He was just very good."

When it was time to find the three-legged American bulldog a new home, Pet Haven was one of the first places Kristen contacted. She knew that Pet Haven assesses its dogs before placing them to be sure they will be successful after adoption. Ann S. of Pet Haven's Dog Division remarks, "A number of parties were interested in adopting Drake, but we chose a young couple who already have an English bulldog. We felt that it would be the best home for both the dog and the family since

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Drake (right) found a home with a family that already owned a bulldog, Zoe (left).



Suzie and Daisy: Rescued From a Puppy Mill

By Celayne Jones

These two small dogs were used as breeding females in a puppy mill operation. They, along with many other dogs of various breeds, were confiscated after an investigation of the commercial breeding facility located in a rural Minnesota county.

The conditions that the dogs were forced to live in were deplorable. There were three dogs in each cage and the kennel floors were covered in feces. The filth contributed to painful and foul-smelling mats in the dogs' fur. The dogs had little human contact, and were consequently unsocialized and fearful of people.

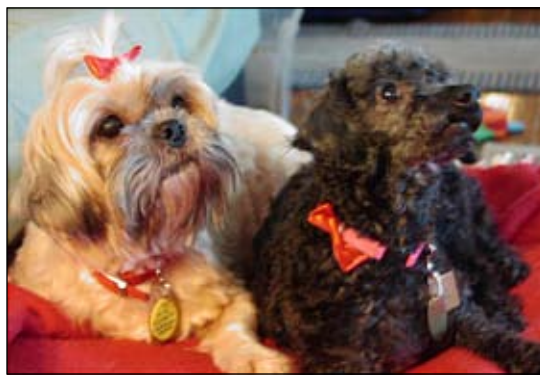
Pet Haven responded to the Animal Humane Society's plea for help with these innocent victims of the breeder's greed. Luckily for Daisy and Susie, we had an experienced foster who had room in her heart and home for two small survivors of the abuse. Vicki was already fostering Chuck, a senior Maltese/Poodle mix. Along with her own dogs, she has quite the household of lucky dogs.

Daisy is an adorable Shih-Tzu or Lhasa Apso of five or six years of age; Susie is a six to eight year old black and silver Miniature Poodle. Both girls were shy when they came in, and they remain a little concerned about new people and new experiences. Daisy is the shyer of the two; when she and Susie were scheduled to make their first appearance at an adoption event, she evaded capture and Susie had to make the trip alone. She was a little nervous, but was content to sit on the lap of a volunteer and watch the proceedings from a distance.

Neither dog was in good shape when they had their intake exam at our clinic. Susie was considerably underweight, and both dogs were horribly matted and had mammary tumors that needed to be removed (likely a result of not being spayed). Susie had such bad teeth

that 18 of them had to be removed. She was already missing 12 teeth, so she doesn't have many left. The good news is that she loves the canned and homemade food that Vicki feeds her. They're feeling better these days, but still have a long ways to go before they'll be ready for adoption.

Daisy has 'dry eye' and doesn't produce tears in either eye. Because this condition went untreated, she's lost a significant amount of vision in both eyes. We hope that the drops she now gets will help to bring some of that vision back. She also has bad knees; the kneecaps in both back legs are permanently dislocated. Despite this, Daisy seems to get around just fine and the vet concluded



that her knees are probably not causing her any pain. Sadly, the knee and eye conditions are likely hereditary, and she would have passed these problems on to her puppies.

As Daisy and Susie learned to trust Vicki, she was learning how to make their lives easier. The girls were not housebroken – how could they be, as they'd never been in a house before? Having to go outside in the winter is hard enough for any little dog, as they're so small and close to the frozen ground, but imagine having to do this when you've never been outdoors before, don't know the human who is taking you out there and you've been shaved to the skin to rid you of your horrible mats.

Vicki humanely decided that housetraining could wait. "I have now decided to spend every minute I can holding and petting them", she says. "Besides, housework is so over-rated!"

The girls are using piddle pads that were donated to us. Two pads are in their puppy pen (where they spend time while Vicki is gone) and two pads go by the back door. More often

Daisy (left) and Susie (right) have come far since being rescued from a puppy mill, but there's still work to be done before they're ready for adoption.

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Drake and Zoe: A Perfect Match

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they have a bully breed and understand (the) breed.”

A Bully? Not!

Drake was being fostered at Pampered Pooch Playground in St. Louis Park. Keith Miller, co-owner of Pampered Pooch Playground, reveals that Drake is



Zoe and Drake have become very attached since Drake joined the family.

his favorite dog of the 13 or so they have fostered for Pet Haven. “He is a complete lover. He loves people, loves dogs. He just loves attention. Every morning he was just excited to see you.”

Gretchen C., Drake’s adopter, says from the first time she saw him online to meeting him at an adoption event, she couldn’t stop thinking about him. Who can blame her with his regal good looks and charming personality? The adoptive family was invited to Pampered Pooch to see how Zoe, their English bulldog, got along with Drake. She loved him. Gretchen confides, “We barely got out of the door at Pampered Pooch to go make our decision before we were back in to take Drake home with us.”

Zoe Gets a Playmate

When I visited Drake’s new adoptive family for this story, I couldn’t stop

adoring the new playmates and wanting to take pictures. Little Zoe is constantly moving, trying to get someone to play with her and Drake watches from his perch on the couch, occasionally obliging. When Gretchen left the room to get something, Drake’s eyes followed her out of the room and watched the door until she came back.

Gretchen says he’s very attached. Once when she got sick with the stomach flu, she had to get up several times during the night. It wasn’t until the next morning that she realized Drake had been by her side the whole time. “He just always wants to be right by you,” she says.

Keith Miller at Pampered Pooch can attest to Drake’s affectionate nature. That’s why they gave him a \$100 gift certificate. “It’s kind of a selfish reason, but we gave it to them just so we could see him again.”

On Their Way To Overcoming a Bad Start In a Puppy Mill

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than not, the pads and not the floor are used.

Vicki continues, “When I am home by myself, the girls will follow me from room to room, but if I go to pick one up, it’s still very scary for them.” When Daisy gets a “Better Than Pig’s Ear” treat she makes satisfied noises, obviously enjoying something she’d never had in the bad old puppy mill days. She also accepts her eye drops, which have to be given several times a day. She isn’t happy about them, but they’re getting put into her eyes.

We don’t know if they were caged together at the puppy mill, but they seemed to know one another when introduced at their foster home. Regardless of their past, they surely have

provided comfort to one another as they adjust to their new life and prepare to be adopted into forever, loving homes. Daisy and Susie’s progress to adoption day will be occasionally featured on our dog blog, so be sure to stay tuned: pethavendogs.blogspot.com.

We are happy that we could help two brave little survivors of this horrible practice. A Dog and Cat Breeder Bill (S.F. 7/H.F.253) has been introduced in the Minnesota Legislature that would license and regulate breeding facilities. The bill is designed to “protect dogs, cats, puppies and kittens from unscrupulous breeders and inhumane breeding practices and conditions.” Learn more about this important legislation at www.animalhumanesociety.org/pupmymillbill and www.animalfolksmn.org.



Daisy has numerous health problems, but is enjoying life now that she’s clean and well cared for.

Paw Tawk

By Maggie and Becky Sheldon



Maggie (above) oversees the writing of this issue's article. She's not sure about the new addition to the family, Louie (right).

Hi, Maggie here! I've been a little "under the weather" lately, but I'm feeling better now thanks to "she who waits upon me." One day

I decided not to eat! Of course momma jumped into action right away - just like I'd trained her. She noticed I wasn't interested in food; I'd just sniff and walk away when she offered the usual fare. Now, I'm supposed to be on special food for my kidneys, but I'd decided before this episode that I didn't like it at all. Being the wise woman she is, momma said "it's better to eat something than starve yourself," so off she went to the pet store, bringing home

lots of different kinds of food - chicken and turkey flavors have always been my favorite. She opened up can after can and set it out on plates like a smorgasbord. Of course, looked it over and thought, "You've got to be kidding" and walked away. She even stuffed some in my mouth - I had to eat that, but didn't like it at all! She went back to the store and bought more brands in hopes that one would be what I wanted. But this time, the store gave her a sample of a fish flavored food. In desperation she opened it up, knowing I didn't like fish at all, but thought it worth a try - I loved it! Now, she thinks she has it figured out! So she buys several cans of it. It was okay for a while but I decided to see what she'd do if I didn't eat that. Back to square one and back to the store!



She bought different brands of fish flavored food. I'd eat a little, just to keep her hopes up. Then one day she caught me eating the original chicken/turkey food she had set out for the "others who live here." Guess what, it was tasty! I liked it again! But, now momma has a cupboard filled with fish flavored cat food that no one will eat. She'd better hang on to it though, as you never know when I might change my mind again. Her theory is that my nose wasn't working as well as it should and I couldn't smell my regular food, and that the fish-based food was stinky and so I ate that. Here's the real scoop: every once in awhile we cats and dogs have to test our humans just to make sure they still really love us and will do our bidding. Momma passed the test - this time.

News flash! Momma brought home another cat! His name is Louie and I don't like him any better than the "others who live here!" However, I'm trying to keep him in line by slapping him up side the head. Momma even hollered at me when she caught me trying to bite his little short ear. He's old, maybe as old as me, and sort of wobbly and thin. He was found wandering around in the cold weather and had part of his ear frozen off. Momma says he's doing much better and is happy now that he's in his forever home. Just what we need, another one who lives here.

Kati: Resocialized and Ready for a Family

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watch her grow over the last seven months," says Amy. "She continues to change every day, and I have no doubt that her forever home will continue to see this growth and embrace the love that they have to give her."

Kati is a talker and will keep up a conversation with you if she gets a response (translation: if you meow at her in return). One of her favorite pastimes is being petted with a rubber brush. She absolutely loves it and will let you brush

her as long as you would like while she purrs extra loud for you. Kati also assists her foster mom with getting ready in the morning - the shower and tooth brush particularly fascinate her!

Her move to a new home should go smoothly since she knows that she can trust people again, but Kati would do best as an only cat. To learn more about her, along with other Pet Haven cats up for adoption, visit pethavenmn.org.

Chuck & Don's Paw Prints Fundraiser Raises over \$36,000!

By Marilou Chanrasmi

Pet Haven was selected by Chuck & Don's (C&D) to be the recipient of their 2009 annual holiday Paw Prints fundraiser. We're extremely grateful to Chuck & Don's and their very generous customers for giving so much. C&D customers donated more than \$29,000 and C&D matched the donations raised by 25 percent. Pet Haven was presented with a check for the amount of \$36,314!. The entire amount will go to support Pet Haven's Spay/Neuter Initiative.

In 2009, Pet Haven distributed approximately \$30,000 in grants to other rescues and shelters (specifically for spay/neuter efforts), and individuals in need of spay/neuter assistance. The additional funds provided by C&D will

enable Pet Haven to help even more rescues/shelters and individuals.



The country has a serious pet overpopulation crisis with three to four million dogs and cats being euthanized in shelters across the country. We simply cannot adopt our way out of the overpopulation problem. C&D

shares our belief that spay/neuter efforts are critical to preventing the needless suffering of animals - we need to prevent unwanted litters.

A million thanks to Chuck & Don's for your commitment and support of the animal welfare community in Minnesota, and for walking side by side with so many local rescues/shelters/organizations to be a strong voice and supporter for spay/neuter efforts.

L to R: Bob Hartzell (President, C&D), Eldora Anderson (Pet Haven board member), Chuck Anderson (CFO, C&D), Mary Ann Cameron (PH board member), Marilou Chanrasmi (President, PH), Dana Andresen (Director of Operations, C&D)

Twice the Gift



By Cynthia Farrell

For the second year, Pet Haven participated in Twice the Gift, a retail store in downtown Minneapolis underwritten by the Pohlad Foundation that sells products and "Share Cards" to benefit participating non-profits. This year the store was open from mid-October until New Year's Eve day. Pet Haven was the featured organization in partnership with A Rotta Love Plus

on two days, during which we had a table with literature and promoted both volunteering with Pet Haven and the Pet Haven products for sale.

The results were fantastic! We finished seventh in revenue totals (out of 67) and first in the number of Share Cards sold with 31. In total, we sold \$2,435 in merchandise and \$690 in Share Cards,

and received a \$180 Share Card match from the Pohlad Foundation.

A huge thank you to everyone who came down to Twice the Gift and made purchases on behalf of Pet Haven, and also to the volunteers who staffed the Pet Haven featured days. Look for us at Twice the Gift in Crystal Court later this year!

Get Fit While Helping Homeless Animals

Trying to find a way to spend more time with your favorite K9? For the second year in a row, Pet Haven will be participating in Team Ortho's 5K9 Run/Walk. Why not train and run (or walk) with us on June 6th in the annual "Fast and the Furballs" 5K9 event? Last year we raised more than \$3,000 for Pet Haven. This year's goal is to raise \$3,500, and you and your favorite pal can help us reach our goal!

Please contact our volunteer director Jen Fieldman at volunteer@pethavenmn.org if you would like to participate in the 5K9 committee and/or if you're interested in joining the "Fast and the Furballs" team! To view photos from last year's event, go to furballsintraining.blogspot.com.

Pepper gives his running buddy Claudia a hug after the run.

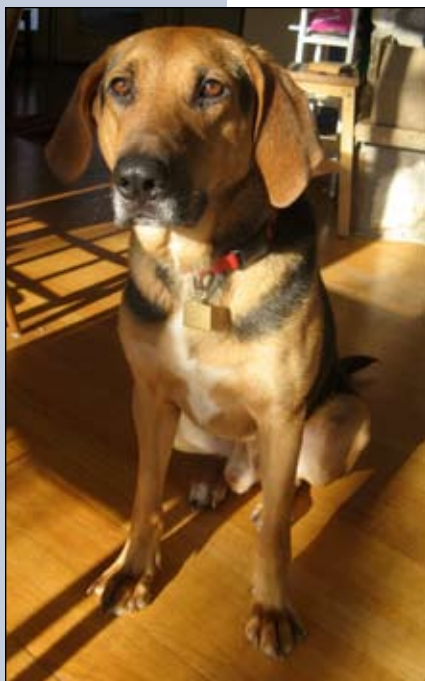


Spotlight on Adoptable Animals

By Celayne Jones and Mary Ann Cameron

Herman

Herman is a happy Hound/Shepherd mix. His floppy hound ears, and black and tan shepherd coat, combined with an 'eager to please' attitude make him an appealing fellow.



He came to us from Sioux City Iowa Animal Control where he was taken after being picked up as a stray in a small town. It was lucky for him that Animal Control came to get him as shooting is a common method of taking care of stray dogs in that rural community.

When Herman came to Pet Haven, he spent some time at Auntie Ruth's Furry Friends. It's a wonderful place for a dog to stay, but since Herman hadn't learned the niceties of playing well with other dogs, he experienced the disciplinary standby that parents of both human and canine children

use, known as the 'time out'.

Now sharing his foster home with Pet Haven alumnae Jack, a German Shepherd, and Geordie, a young black Lab, Herman has put on weight and perfected his housetraining skills. He's also learned the appropriate way to play with other dogs.

Herman is still a young dog. At a year and a half, he's got puppy energy, but he is old enough to have a little bit of decorum. He really enjoys meeting people and other dogs. He's fine with the resident cat in his foster home and loves his young human foster brother.

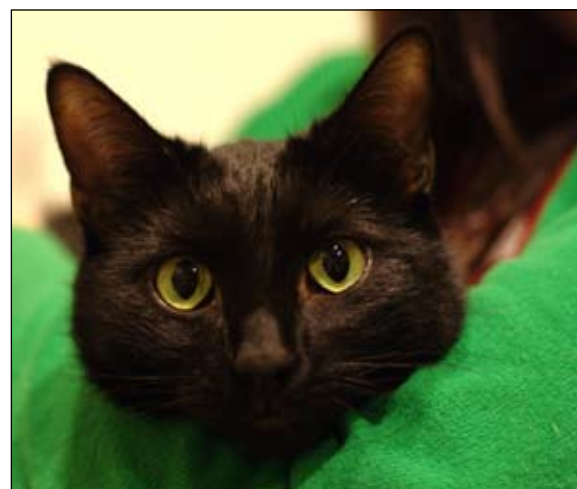
Herman's ideal home could take many shapes, but he definitely would like to be able to live an active life. He likes lounging about as much as the next fellow, but as a young, energetic dog, he needs to be able to go on walks or runs with you. A fenced yard and maybe a canine companion would make him very happy, too.

Herman would enjoy obedience training; you'd love going through it with him, as he's so smart and willing to do what his people want him to do.

Herman's come a long way since his days of running alone and being hungry in a small town. If you'd like to have a loving companion who'll appreciate all you have to offer, please contact us at dogs@pethavenmn.org. Herman would love to meet you!

Sadie

Sadie is a cute and engaging girl. She came to Pet Haven from an overcrowded shelter where she had lived since she was brought there as a young kitten. Sadie will be two years old this spring. Sadie is a friendly and loving girl, but is also a cautious young lady. We believe that she'd like to be owned by a woman who has time for cuddling with her each day as she definitely likes lap time. She wouldn't care if she didn't have a big house to run around in; adjusting to larger spaces intimidates her, so life in a quiet, smaller-sized apartment home would be her idea of a dream come true. Sleek, medium-sized, shiny black fur - she hopes she'll become someone's best buddy soon.



Above Left: Herman overcame a rough start in life and has many years of love to offer someone. Above: Sadie is looking for someone to snuggle and love her; she's ready to give the same back in return!

Happy Tails



Hello! I wanted to let you know that the two sister black and white cats I adopted almost four years ago, then named Serena and Venus, now **Serenity and Milo**, are very wonderful, beautiful friends! They love to tell us when it's dinner-time, even if it's only 3 p.m. And they love to chase each other around the house. It doesn't have to be cold for them to both curl up in one of their kitty beds! Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to have them in my house.

It was just 10 months ago when an extremely shy, thin, black Lab named **Kobi** peered at me from behind a partition at Pampered Pooch. When I saw this timid one and a half year-old dog with the sad eyes watch me from across the room, I knew right away which dog I wanted to take home with me. Although Kobi still has his timid moments, they're becoming fewer and farther between. Kobi has been such a welcome addition to my home and life. We run errands together, and he comes to all of my softball games. We hike, camp, run and chill out on the couch together. The greatest joy for me is watching Kobi asleep on the couch, knowing that he's no longer in that dark scary place that caused him so much fear and distress, and that he's now in a warm, safe home with someone who cares very much for him and loves every funny nuance he has.



My fiance and I adopted **Max** in September. He quickly settled in and enjoyed having the attention (and food!) all to himself, but sometimes we thought he seemed a little bored and could use a playmate. After Christmas we decided to get another cat, looked on the Pet Haven web site (of course!), found Emmett, met him and brought him home. Max had to adjust to not being an only "child" any more, and pretty quickly realized that Emmett was fun to play with. Now, they wrestle and race each other up and down the hall, but also take naps together. Max used to come greet us at the door when we came home - now he's too busy hanging out with Emmett! We really love having them around - and we especially like having two, so there's one for each of us!

At just under two years old, **Ode** (pronounced O'Day and means heart in ojibway) possesses the energy, stamina and full rights of puppyhood. When she isn't shaking down her work-from-home DogMa for walks, yard play, her post-breakfast rawhide chew or any edible she can finagle, she's chasing down the cat (more a partner in hijinx than victim nowadays), snoozing on her cushy chair (directly behind DogMa's computer chair) or screeching at her yard's front fenceline - an antic intended to attract canine passersby, but rarely successful in that mission. A dependable and spirited copilot/sidekick, Ode's happy to join DogMa on car errands, as well as on hikes to various nearby stops. Ode and DogMa thank Pet Haven for helping them find each other - especially Marilou, who seemed to know the two were a destined match before they did.



Dwight is so sweet and friendly! He loves to cuddle with us and even our dog. He has tons of kitty energy and is also good friends with our bunny, Brownie. He talks a lot and always needs to be where the action is. He's doing well and has adapted to his new home wonderfully!



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About Pet Haven

Pet Haven, Inc. of Minnesota was founded in 1952 and is a charitable non-profit organization. Pet Haven's mission is to rescue and re-home cats and dogs, spay and neuter to reduce overpopulation, promote companion animal welfare and advocate on behalf of companion animals. Your donations to Pet Haven are tax-exempt.

Pet Haven has no staff; volunteers do all of the organization's work. Volunteers are always needed and there are a variety of ways you can help. We currently have a tremendous need for foster homes. Please read more about our foster home program on our web site and contact us to volunteer. You'll be glad you did!

Pet Haven Spring Garage Sale

Just a reminder to start setting aside items for the spring garage sale which will be held in May in Bloomington. No large furniture please but most other items are welcome. Garage sale helpers are always needed. If you have items to donate or have questions, email volunteer@pethavenmn.org and your email will be routed to Becky who is organizing the garage sale.