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**FEBRUARY AT HAWS IS FOR HEROES AND CHALLENGES**

*Waukesha animal resource center announces C4H partnership, matching grant challenge*

**WAUKESHA — February 11, 2013 — HAWS**, the Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County, shows the love this month, announcing a partnership with Companions for Heroes and teaming up with Jeff Cirillo to save lives.

**HAWS has been selected as a Wisconsin shelter partner for [Companions for Heroes](#)**, an organization dedicated to alleviating the psychological suffering of our nation's returning wounded warriors and first responders by facilitating their adoption of shelter animals. Capitalizing on the strong bond between people and animals, last-chance pets are connected with our nation's heroes, providing a sense of purpose and fulfillment while minimizing stress, depression and feelings of loneliness and isolation through unconditional love and friendship. "My shelter dog is the sole reason I am here today," notes C4H founder David Sharpe, a U.S. Air Force veteran who was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and depression eight years after serving. "My dog has allowed me to grow close relationships with my family and friends. I believe other veterans can benefit from the same type of companionship." Those interested in adoption through the program should contact David Jurado at [david.jurado@companionsforheroes.org](mailto:david.jurado@companionsforheroes.org), or log on to [CompanionsforHeroes.org](http://CompanionsforHeroes.org) for a qualifying application. They are then sent to HAWS to continue the adoption process, through contact Jessica at [Jessica@hawspets.org](mailto:Jessica@hawspets.org) (262-542-8851, x112).

Retired Brewer Jeff Cirillo has teamed up with HAWS for the **[\\$10,000 Matching Gift Behavior Rehabilitation Challenge](#)**. Bolstered by an anonymous kick-off donation, HAWS has just 90 days to raise the matching funds for the shelter's **[Behavior program](#)**: \$15 can cover a full day of kennel care for one of the HAWS' dogs in the program, \$27 pays for a treat puzzle box, and \$60 supports one dog through the entire program! For every dollar contributed, a dollar-for-dollar match creates that much more impact and saves more lives. Donate by calling 262-542-8851, or log on to [www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org). Help rehabilitate those dogs who may have never received a second chance! *All donations are tax deductible.*

Other highlights from **[HAWS' treat-filled February Calendar](#)**:

- HAWS annual observance of **World Spay Day (February 26<sup>th</sup>)** again includes the **[Cat 'Nip' and Pit 'Snip' Campaign](#)**. Help HAWS by giving a "Sponsor-A-Spay" donation to the SNIP clinic or by purchasing a 2013 Spay Day t-shirt at HAWS!
- **[First Aid for Pets](#)** is presented February 16<sup>th</sup>. Details and registration are available by calling 262-879-0165.
- **[SAVE THE DATES](#)**: HAWS' Annual Bunny Day is Sunday, March 10, and the third annual Extreme Makeover: HAWS Edition grooming competition is Sunday, March 17.

*HAWS, a non-profit organization established in 1965, assists over 6,000 animals each year and welcomes more than 31,000 human visitors to our shelter annually. As an "open admissions" shelter HAWS assures sanctuary for all animals in need, while offering educational programs and services to promote responsible pet ownership and prevent animal abuse. The shelter is located at 701 Northview Road in Waukesha, Wisconsin. For more information call (262) 542-8851 or log onto our website at [www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org). Friend us on Facebook at "HAWS Waukesha."*

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