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**HAWS NAMED A FINALIST IN WATERSTONE BANK'S  
95<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY VIDEO CONTEST**

*Waukesha animal resource center needs your vote to win \$50,000!*

**WAUKESHA — May 23, 2016 —** [HAWS](http://www.hawspets.org), the Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County, was named today as one of ten nonprofit finalists in WaterStone Bank's 95th Anniversary Video Contest.

In celebration of 95 years serving the Greater Milwaukee community, WaterStone Bank is giving away a total of \$95,000 to local nonprofit organizations through a video contest. Starting April 11, registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington and Ozaukee counties were invited to submit a one-minute video that tells the story of how their organization is making a difference in the community the way WaterStone has made a difference over 95 years. When the entry period closed May 17, ten finalists were selected by the WaterStone Bank Foundation committee, including the video submitted by HAWS.

Online voting is now taking place at <https://www.wsbonline.com/Community/95thVoting.aspx> (one vote per day, per IP address is allowed). The nonprofit organization that creates the winning video will receive a donation of \$50,000, with all finalists receiving cash donations. The winner and runners-up will be announced on June 8.

“We are absolutely thrilled to have been named a finalist in this competition – and are excited at the possibility of winning the \$50,000 donation from WaterStone Bank,” said HAWS’ Executive Director, Lynn Olenik. “HAWS’ volunteers and staff did an amazing job with our video – they truly captured our work and the spirit of HAWS, and what the \$50,000 donation would mean for our organization.”

Online voting for the winner of the \$50,000 donation runs through 11:59 on May 31st.

Olenik continued: “We are grateful to be a part of this community, and ask everyone to ‘support the HAWS cause’ with a vote for our video – every day through May 31st!”

*HAWS, a non-profit organization established in 1965, assists 8,000 animals each year and welcomes more than 35,000 human visitors to our shelter annually. As an open admissions and full service shelter, HAWS assures sanctuary for animals in need while offering countless educational programs and services to promote responsible pet ownership and prevent animal abuse.*

*The shelter is located at 701 Northview Road in Waukesha, Wisconsin.*

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*HAWS: Building a No-Kill Community.*

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