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**UPDATE ON CHINCHILLAS HOUSED AT HAWS**

*Waukesha animal resource center caring for animals seized by Waukesha law enforcement*

**WAUKESHA — April 6, 2015 — HAWS**, the Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County, is incredibly thankful for the community's support and the overwhelming generosity of the public while we continue to care for the over 300 chinchillas seized on March 29 from a home within the city of Waukesha.

Unfortunately, as of today HAWS is still only responsible for the housing and general care of the chinchilla herd. "All we can do at this point is to continue giving them care," noted HAWS' Executive Director Lynn Olenik. "Our hands are tied."

HAWS is working with the owner of the chinchillas to encourage their release to HAWS, so the animals may be placed in adoptive homes as pets as opposed to releasing them to a breeding situation.

It is in the hands of the District Attorney and local law enforcement as to the outcome of this case. It is HAWS fervent hope that authorities will do what is best for the lives of the chinchilla heard.

*Donations of timothy hay, chinchilla dust, food and money to cover their care can still be made:*

- *By visiting [hawspets.org](http://hawspets.org) and clicking on the DONATE button,*
- *By purchasing from HAWS' Chinchilla Wish List on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com),*
- *By calling 262.542.8851 and making a credit card donation over the phone,*
- *By sending a check to HAWS, PO Box 834, Waukesha, WI 53187-0834,*
- *Or in person at 701 Northview Road, Waukesha.*

*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 and full service shelter, HAWS assures sanctuary for 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 [hawspets.org](http://hawspets.org). Friend us on Facebook at "Humane Animal Welfare Society" and follow our Tweets at "HAW\_S\_Waukesha."*

*HAWS: Building a Society that's Humane.*  
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