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HAWS AND ELMBROOK HUMANE SOCIETY: SAVING LIVES TOGETHER

Waukesha County's animal shelters announce partnership for cat housing, adoptions

WAUKESHA — April 28, 2015 — HAWS, the Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County, and **Elmbrook Humane Society (EBHS)** have created a life-saving partnership with the goal of creating one of Wisconsin's first No Kill communities, within Waukesha County.

“One of the largest obstacles towards Waukesha County becoming a No Kill community is the rampant problem of outdoor cat overpopulation,” notes HAWS’ Executive Director Lynn Olenik. “By working together, EBHS and HAWS are more likely to overcome this obstacle and reach our goal.”

HAWS’ Project Guardian program offers free spays and neuters to those residents of Waukesha County caring for outdoor cat populations. This program has greatly reduced the numbers of cats coming in to the shelter. However, beginning each spring, litters of newborn kittens flood HAWS, causing overcrowding and stress for those animals.

“Elmbrook Humane Society is opening our adoption center to the overflow of cats from HAWS, helping to relieve this overcrowding and reach a greater audience of adoptable homes,” shares Heather Gehrke, EBHS’ Executive Director. “We are excited to strengthen our relationship with HAWS to achieve a No Kill community within Waukesha County while continuing to help all of our partners.”

The shelters are asking for community-wide support to ensure the success of this partnership, including monetary donations, foster homes, and supplies such as kitten formula, cat/kitten food and litter. Donations can be made on either of the shelters’ websites, by phone or in person.

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, Waukesha, WI 53188. For more information call (262) 542-8851 or log onto hawspets.org.

HAWS: Building a Society that's Humane.

EBHS, a non-profit organization incorporated in 1964 and achieving No Kill status in 2011, assists approximately 2,000 animals each year. Our mission is to provide shelter for homeless animals, promote the human animal bond, and prevent animal cruelty and neglect. EBHS is located at 20950 Enterprise Ave., Brookfield, WI 53045. For more information call (262) 782-9261 or log onto ebhs.org.

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