HAWS’ 2017 has been an amazing year, and we cannot thank our community enough!

Because of donor generosity, our new SNIP clinic and Behavior Department rooms were quickly opened – and are already surpassing goals. HAWS’ new cozy cat colony housing became a reality because of ingenuity and teamwork. Helping our neighbors took on a new meaning when HAWS welcomed adoptable pets from Alabama, Texas, Florida…and South Korea! More lives were saved through innovative programs such as Seeking Sanctuary and Annie’s Medical Fund, programs that rely on community involvement to be a success.

Waukesha County is ever closer to becoming a No-Kill Community. HAWS is so grateful for your continued support, philanthropy, action and kindness!

Please turn the page for more of our favorite successes.
**DIRECT LINE**

**Looking Ahead!**

*By Lynn Olenik, Executive Director*

As we leave the previous year behind – and work to get all of our current programs functioning to their fullest capacity – we have our eye on our future. Some key things stand out.

Education on humane values has never been needed more in our society. Empathy, compassion, nurturing, parenting skills, team work and positive communication are all things we can teach and reinforce with animals as our guides. Offering more youth opportunities for hands-on animal interactions can reduce stress and improve self-esteem. We also hope to reach those youngsters who are lacking in empathy and compassion as early in life as possible, through even more programs in and out of the shelter.

We will be helping our community’s animals by improving their safety net. We are exploring a pet food donation program, transportation for pets to their veterinarians, even bringing basic medical care to those that do not have pet-friendly transportation options. Working with our community partners we will engage in training to help people prepare for crises, both small and large.

These initiatives, along with our current education programs, dog training opportunities, SNIP/veterinary clinic, animal rescue services and, of course, adoption services, will keep us busy! HAWS has a bright future ahead of us.

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**Staff Spotlight**

**Dana Leair**

*Fund Development (BS; UW-Stout)*

**What do you do at HAWS all day?**

Network with new and existing corporate contacts, donors and volunteers – showing our sincere appreciation to HAWS’ supporters and building relationships!

**What makes you good at your job?**

I love to meet and interact with people – let me know when you want to go out for coffee and “talk HAWS”! Also, I love pets and have fostered many dogs.

**What did you want to be when you grew up?**

A zookeeper.

**Who are your pets?**

Dogs Koby, Ladybug, Oden and Bekett.

**Your hobbies/interests outside of work?**

Travel, any dog-friendly activities, art, working on my home projects, yard work.

**Why do you work at HAWS?**

Animals and animal people make me happy – working everyday to help animals and our community is a dream come true!
HAWS’ Kids ’N Critters Day Camp has become increasingly popular. The past few years HAWS has been able to fill all of our camp slots, and each summer our sessions fill earlier than they did the year before.

HAWS is committed to educating the community since we see this as an important part of our mission. Educating the next generation to help them develop empathy and respect towards other living beings, learning what it means to be a responsible pet owner, and learning about other animal welfare issues is what our camps strive to do. We try to do this in a way that ensures the campers also have fun and carry positive memories about HAWS after they’ve finished their camp session.

We attempt to keep our camp registration fees slightly below the market rate for camps in the Waukesha County area, because we want it to be affordable enough for all families to be able to send their children. However, there are still families who cannot afford our camp fees.

We are proud of the fact that we are able to offer scholarships to families experiencing financial difficulty, so that any child is able to come to HAWS and experience camp, interacting with and learning about animals.

This summer we provided camp attendance to 18 children who otherwise could not have afforded to attend!

We are thankful to our Kids ‘N Critters Day Camp sponsors who support HAWS’ mission of education and help make it possible to offer scholarships each year. This year we thank Davies Orthodontics, Menomonee Falls Family Pet Clinic and Waukesha State Bank. Individuals Nick Corgiat and Kerry Schnier also donated money specifically towards our scholarship fund.

If you would like to donate money to HAWS’ camp scholarship fund, or be a business sponsor, we would greatly appreciate that support! Information about sponsorships is available on our Camp webpage, hawspets.org/kids-camp-waukesha.

With the opening of our expanded SNIP/medical clinic in April 2017, we are happy to report that we are able to help many more animals in need!

In the past, our clinic completed an average of 52 “special surgeries” a month for our resident adoptable animals. Now, we have increased the amount of these “special surgeries” to an average of 70 a month.

These procedures are known as “special surgeries” because they are not run-of-the-mill spays or neuters. These are more intense surgeries that can include limb amputations, eye enucleation, ear hematomas and many more.

One recent case was a cat named Skittles. He came to HAWS as a stray, very much in pain and suffering from a horrible eye infection. Our veterinarians were able to provide some much needed relief and removed his injured eye. In a follow-up after adoption, his new home reported that he is doing great and getting along just fine with one eye.

We look forward to helping many more animals like Skittles!
It’s All About the Animals!

Share your HAWS Adoption Story – use the form on our website under “Adopt” or just email us at office@hawspets.org. Don’t forget to send us your Alumni pictures, too! For more great stories check out #MondayMailbag on HAWS’ Facebook page!

RESCUE TAILS...

Fawning over them
As part of HAWS’ ongoing partnership with Fellow Mortals Wildlife Hospital in Elkhorn, Field Services Manager Mark and Animal Rescue Team member Andres spent time this summer transporting orphaned fawns from southeast Wisconsin to the hospital. The partnership has ensured dozens of young deer have a chance at a full, “wild” life!

“Can” you help?
In 2017, HAWS dealt with an unprecedented number of animals who had become caught in garbage items. PLEASE REMEMBER to tightly cover your garbage and recycling bins, and to crush aluminum/tin cans and plastic bottles/barrels so scavengers are unable to get stuck inside them. This little raccoon wandered the streets of Waukesha for several days before HAWS was able to help her – we hope all of these situations “can” turn out positively!

...AND ADOPTION STORIES

BUNNY BUDDIES
I adopted Huey in 2015 from HAWS; just recently we added Honey (formerly Mama) to the family as well. Huey and Honey are now bonded and enjoying a happy bunny life with my boyfriend and me. They even have their own Instagram @hueyandhoney! — Morgan J.

MR. MIMI
Mr. Mimi was very fearful when he came to HAWS from down south, so I decided to foster him. I quickly became his human, and we have been inseparable ever since! I am helping him learn to be more confident around new people, and he has been making a lot of new friends. — Kirsten W.

AMBASSADOR ROSE
I adopted Rose long ago – her original family had a child with a medical crisis and they gave her to a family friend. Unfortunately, they returned her as she didn’t fit into their lifestyle. Her owners even tried daycare but quickly ran out of funds. Rose is enjoying her life as an ambassador at HAWS for the past 7 years... and she still LOVES toddlers!! — Lynn O.

Staff Spotlight

Katie Sheldon
Adoption Counselor
What do you do at HAWS all day? Help people find the perfect animals for them.
What makes you good at your job? I grew up with all types of animals.
What did you want to be when you grew up? Supreme Court Justice.
Who are your pets? Cats Dobby and Bouche; Boxers Winnie and Meike.
Your hobbies/interests outside of work? Baking, painting, coaching debate.
Why do you work at HAWS? To help people and animals.
BEHAVIOR DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

When it’s GOOD to say Goodbye!
By Leann Boucha, Behavior Department Manager

To reflect back on a full year, and pick my favorite stat for my department, is a daunting task. We have had so many incredible opportunities this past year, and a number of record-breaking measurements that indicate continued growth of our programs.

• We received a $1,000 donation from Arrowhead High School, which allowed us to purchase new floor mats for our dog-training classes.
• We made just shy of $10,000 more in dog-training class registrations than last fiscal year, without raising prices... and that was already $10,000 more from the year before that!
• We offered 48 more dog-training classes than we did last year (154 compared to 106).

But, probably the most meaningful statistic to me this last year is the number of long-term Mod Squad dogs that were adopted. Eight dogs – Atticus, Andy, Betsy, Daisy, Floyd, Frank, Kali and Paco – found their new forever homes, after stays in our care lasting between three months and ten months!

With so many other dogs being adopted within days or weeks of their arrival at HAWS, these dogs were special to the Mod Squad as they handled their much lengthier stays at HAWS with grace. These dogs thrived where others would deteriorate, and we had so much community support in the form of Facebook posts, sponsored adoption fees and promotions on television and radio!

These dogs improved their manners in their time with our Mod Squad members, and their names were known in many households in our community. To see them all thrive and be adopted – this truly was the highlight of the year!

YEE-HAWS! So many thanks to the sponsors of the HAWS Hoedown:

PLAYFUL PIPER
Thank you for taking such good care of me while I waited for my forever family! (My mom and dad take really good care of me, too.) I run and hop and skip and jump and play all day, every day. Be sure to tell all of my furry friends to ‘keep the faith’ – there’s a family out there for them, too!
— Piper, as told to Kim S.

MOBILE ADOPTION HIGHLIGHTS

Senior Success
By Geno Smith, Mobile Adoptions Coordinator

Here at HAWS we love all animals, but “senior” animals have a special place in our hearts. The Mobile Team has made a special effort to include senior dogs at our adoption events. They are as popular at events as puppies! Dogs like Taffy (12), Sammi (11), Sara (13), Shadow (12), and Oogy and Thumper (10 and 14) all are now in their forever homes, due in part to their Mobile appearances! Often people are reluctant to adopt older dogs due to the short time they will be with them. But when they open their hearts and homes to these wonderful dogs, owners are rewarded with an unconditional love for the rest of that dog’s life. Senior dogs truly deserve – and appreciate – these loving homes.

When a family recently told me they were adopting Sara, I was so moved I shed a few tears of joy, and so did they! Maybe it is time for you to shed a tear of joy and open your home to a wonderful senior dog? You won’t regret it!
VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS
From Sara Stoss, Volunteer Coordinator

CONGRATS TO HAWS’ VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR!
Standing: Courtney Osborn, Danae Augustyniak, Wendie Koconis, Alyssa Koconis, Sandy Hoffmann, Russ Szymek.
Seated: Dottie Hrenak, Wanda Fobian, Stephanie Benz, Cindy Szymek.
Not pictured: Diana Hankes, Kimble Harman.

FRIENDS OF HAWS NOTES  Shared by Kera Burish
Please contact us at FriendsofHAWS@gmail.com with any ideas or questions!

The Friends of HAWS have had another great year, from a successful Have-a-Heart Bake Sale & Café to the Romp N’ Rally Pet Walk to the Clothing & Textile Drive in partnership with St. Vincent de Paul of Waukesha County. Thank you to all our dedicated Friends who make each of these events successful, and to all who make our on-going fundraising efforts a success.

We would be remiss if we didn’t thank all of you who attend our events, purchase HAWS Wear, and drop coins (and bills!) into our various coin boxes around town. Without you, the Friends of HAWS would not be able to achieve our mission of supporting the shelter through fundraising and education.

The year is not over yet! In fact, it’s beginning to look a lot like...well, Thanksgiving...but other holidays will soon follow!

• Get in the spirit the weekend of November 4th and 5th with Holiday Pet Photos. By appointment only; call 262-542-8851 to reserve.

• Have you started your gift shopping yet? The Friends of HAWS host our annual Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale on Saturday, November 18th and Sunday, November 19th, from 10am to 4pm. Purchase handcrafted gifts and home-baked goodies to kick-off the Holiday season HAWS-style. Shop for all your two- and four-legged friends, and help the Friends of HAWS support the shelter at the same time!

In November the Friends elect new officers. Whether you are interested in a leadership position or just want to come see what we are all about, we would love to see you at our last meeting of 2017 on Wednesday, November 8th at 7pm! Learn more at hawspets.org/friends-of-haws.

SAVE THE DATE!
for the Friends’
Spay-ghetti Dinner
on Friday, February 23rd at HAWS!
Details to follow for this fundraiser for HAWS’ Spay-Neuter Initiative Program (SNIP) clinic.

Learn how you can join in support of the “HAWS cause” as a volunteer, foster family or advocate at hawspets.org or by calling 262-542-8851 x120. Welcome to the HAWS family!
Honor your loved one, person or pet, with a donation to HAWS. Donations can be made via mail, phone or through hawspets.org using PayPal. Click on "Ways to Give" or use our website "Tribute" form.

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Caring Kids Support the HAWS Cause

Celebrating their birthdays for HAWS were Emma & Jillian Anderson, Charlie Bishop, Sam Brockman, Kassie Christensen, Eli Garbe, Aubrey Heideman, Ava Henneman, Julia Krueger, Kira Kunzman, Lily Kurhajec, Kaylee Lebanonowski, Ellie Molinski, Kate Naughton, Nicole Nordress, Eli Simons, Brenna Smith, Cole Vlieger. Have a fantastic year, kids!

These kids and their school groups made awesome donations to HAWS through special projects, donation drives and more: Emma Askew, Makayla Block & Ali Walter, Khloe Derr, Norah Fetters, Derick Flaa, Adam Frontera, Alyssa German, Tika & Emily Holz, Hayden Howard, Gillian/Mia/Gianna Jannazzo and Molly/Mable Obermyer and Abby Warren, Mia Justman & Noelle, Sophia Keene, Sarah Lauper, Evelyn & Charlotte Merkel, Grace & Olivia Nerdel, Sophia Polzen, the Priebe boys, Grace Quella, Mihn & Tam Vigneron, Zoe West, Mia & Tahi Yoga, Julianna/Anna/Julia’s Paws for HAWS, Catholic Memorial High School-Waukesha, Christian Education Leadership Academy-Pewaukee, Congregation Shalom School-Milwaukee, Hawthorne STEM Summer School-Waukesha, New Berlin Public Library, the kids of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church-Oconomowoc, River Glen Christian Church A.O.K.-Waukesha, Miss Littell’s 1st Graders at St. Gabriel’s School-Hubbertus, Kids’ Fun Zone-Waukesha Public Library.


Surrounded by a Caring Community

Jodi & Mick Jurena turned their annual summer pool party into a benefit for HAWS. In lieu of gifts at their wedding reception, Jason & June Sadowski collected donations for HAWS! Thank you to all these amazing businesses, groups and individuals for their incredible generosity! Aaron Montoure/Almon Inc., Animal Lovers Club/Geri Hozeska, Aurora Healthcare Business Center, Bentley’s Pet Stuff-Monomenoe Falls, Crisis Prevention Institute-Milwaukee, First Bank Financial Center, Fredrick’s of Hollymarch, Hair & Body Solutions Salon & Spa/Dawn Panfil, Modern Woodmen of America-Hartland, Orbis Group, Scout & Molly’s Boutique-Brookfield, Dave Simunca/Philuff Management Circuit, Sunset Bank, Three Pillars Senior Living Communities, Triangle Tap.
Calendar of Events

Events are held at HAWS unless otherwise noted. Check hawspets.org regularly for updates and Mobile Adoption tour stops!

**November**

**Holiday Pet Photos**
Saturday, November 4th - 5th
By appointment only; call 262-542-8851 to reserve.
Presented by the Friends of HAWS.

**Hoppy Hour**
Sunday, November 12th
1-2pm
$5/bunny, $10/humans; registration required at wisconsinhrs.org/haws-hoppy-hour.
Co-sponsored by HAWS and Wisconsin House Rabbit Society.

**Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale**
Saturday, November 18th & Sunday, November 19th
10am - 4pm
Hand-crafted holiday gifts and home-baked goodies, plus the latest in HAWS Paw Gear!
Presented by the Friends of HAWS; details at hawspets.org.

December 23rd
THANKSGIVING
HAWS will be closed to the public.

**December**

**Kids ‘N Critters**
Winter Day Camp
Spend winter break at HAWS!
Details/registration at hawspets.org.

**December 24th**
CHRISTMAS EVE
HAWS will be open for receiving only, from 9am – 3pm.
No viewing or adoption hours.

**December 25th**
CHRISTMAS DAY
HAWS will be closed to the public.

**January**

**January 1st**
NEW YEAR’S DAY
HAWS will be closed to the public.

**HAWS Waukesha JanBoree Party**
Saturday, January 20th
It’s “Game On” at HAWS!
Watch for details at hawspets.org.

**Spay-ghetti Dinner**
February 23rd

**Save the Date!**

**Cat Pedicures**
Suggested donation of $7 per cat; please bring your pet in a carrier for safety and comfort.
November 11, December 9, January 13
9:30 – 10:30 AM
November 28, December 26, January 23
5:00 – 6:00 PM

**Pedicures for Rabbits & Guinea Pigs**
Please bring your pet in a carrier; no fee - cash donations greatly appreciated!
November 18, January 20
9:00 – 7:00 PM
@HAWS
November 8, January 10
6:00 – 7:00 PM
@Pet Supplies Plus, Brookfield

**Greyhound Meet’n’Greet**
With Greyhound Pets of America (GPA-WI).
November 25, January 27
1:00 – 3:00 PM

**Greyhound Waukesha JanBoree Party**
Saturday, January 20th
It’s “Game On” at HAWS!
Watch for details at hawspets.org.

**Volunteer Orientations**
Support the HAWS’ cause – hands on!
Many opportunities are available! Register for an orientation session at hawspets.org or call 262-542-8851, x120.

**Help Homeless Animals by Joining HAWS!**
Log onto hawspets.org for information on how to become an Annual or Sustaining Member. Join online using PayPal!

Like “Humane Animal Welfare Society – HAWS of Waukesha” on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram at @HAWS_Waukesha!