



The well-being of our HAWS family and our entire community is of the utmost importance. We are aware of concerns related to COVID-19 and are following recommendations made by the [State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#), the [Humane Society of the United States](#) and the [World Small Animal Veterinary Association](#).

At this time HAWS will continue to conduct our day-to-day business as usual, including adoptions, animal rescue, spay-neuter services and our small-group training classes. We encourage anyone to contact us with any questions or concerns; as we move forward we will continue to assess our activities and their safety, making changes as advised. Any activities that can be will be moved to an online or virtual arena.

We understand some are more comfortable with remaining away from public facilities and activities at this time. Rest assured, animals cannot contract COVID-19, so human-animal interaction remains safe, and a great way to de-stress during uncertain times! We are still seeing robust traffic for adoptions, so we are employing a “take a number” system to allow visitors to wait outside or in their cars instead of crowding into our lobby.

Common sense and good hygiene remain the best courses of action. At HAWS we have enhanced our already-strong cleaning and disinfecting protocols throughout our shelter. HAWS staff and volunteers who are at a higher risk have been instructed to remain at home. Shelter leadership is monitoring the situation on an emergent basis and will act immediately on any changes and adaptations as needed.

As an emergency service provider for our community, we may be called on to assist. HAWS expects to see an increase in animals needing safe keep housing, families with pets requiring supply deliveries, and an increased need for foster care. For those who might be able to help in this area, monetary donations can be made at [HAWSpets.org](#), pet supply donations can be dropped off at HAWS, or sent via Amazon to 701 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI, 53188. Please refer to [HAWS' Wish Lists](#) for needed items.

Finally, HAWS leadership is meeting on an emergent basis to monitor the information from the CDC and reliable information sources. We are prepared to make decisions based on rapidly changing recommendations.

We are grateful for the tremendous support from our community! Please continue to follow our [Facebook page](#) and website, [HAWSpets.org](#).