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HAWS HAS ‘PAWS ON THE GROUND’ DURING COVID-19
Operational status, donation ideas for Waukesha animal resource center

WAUKESHA - April 2, 2020. The Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County (HAWS), is meeting the challenges of social distancing and safer-at-home with a mix of teamwork and fuzz therapy!

Please Call!
Until further notice, HAWS facility is closed to general public access; all business is being conducted by appointment only, Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm, and Saturday-Sunday from 11am-4pm.

- It’s a great time to adopt: begin HAWS’ Online Adoption process at hawspets.org/adopt-a-pet!
- HAWS’ 24-hour on-call Animal Rescuers continue their important lost/found/reuniting work.
- Spay/neuter/veterinary services for the public are on hold at this time.
- All training classes, events and activities have been postponed; new dates to be determined!
- Questions? Call 262-542-8551, x0 or email office@hawspets.org.

Paws on the Ground
Thankfully, HAWS is considered essential under the Safer at Home order, and will remain open to provide animal care and rescue services for our community. But, less adoptions and foot traffic mean a greater need for donations! Please consider a donation - safe, secure online donations can be made at http://weblink.donorperfect.com/PAWSontheGround. We are so grateful for support!

Community Pet Pantry
HAWS Pet Pantry is available to those who need supplies for their pets, and for those who can donate supply items. Social distancing available: simply pick up or drop off items in the bins located at HAWS’ front door. If desired, call 262-542-8851 for a receipt, either in person or email/USPS.

Staying Connected while Staying Safe!
HAWS is having lots of fun on our social platforms! From “Jeo-paw-dy” games from HAWS Education Department to Behavior Department training tips and pet boredom busters, from Story Time from the Shelter to Caption This Picture and Adopt Me posts, online is the place to be! Follow along with HAWS on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and now TikTok.

We’ll see YOU back at HAWS, as soon as possible! Stay safe, cuddle your cat, take a walk with your dog...be kind!

A non-profit organization established in 1965, each year HAWS assists over 8,000 animals and welcomes more than 35,000 human visitors.
As an open admission, no-kill animal shelter and full service humane society, HAWS assures sanctuary for animals in need while offering many diverse programs and services to promote responsible pet ownership and prevent animal abuse.
The Humane Animal Welfare Society is located at 701 Northview Road in Waukesha, Wisconsin.
For more information call (262) 542-8851 or log onto hawspets.org.
Follow HAWS on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube!
HAWS: Growing Our Humane Community.
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