Unprecedented. Uncertain. Unbelievable. Through all of the ups and downs of 2020 so far, one thing has been reliable: the love from our pets. And they sure loved us being around more!

While it hasn’t looked like “business as usual” at HAWS in quite some time, we have figured out how to continue doing what is needed for our community. Along the way we’ve had some amazing triumphs:

• A bonded trio of cats, another cat whose owner passed, and long-term resident Monkey all found themselves safer-at-home in brand new loving homes!

• A tiny Papillion named Lady, missing from her home in Utah, somehow made it all the way to Waukesha… and once we scanned her microchip and contacted her overjoyed owners, they were more than happy to make the trek to HAWS to reunite with her!

• Our staff kept smiling – of course taking time when a mom dog and her litter of puppies arrived needing snuggles!

We found ourselves humbled at the rate our supporters continued to donate! Our spirits were lifted when many also wrote personal notes, highlighting the importance of HAWS – and their adopted pets – in their lives.

“HAWS is awesome! Deaks, previously Dean, is the love of my life!! So glad I adopted.”

“I adopted Toby and Lila...they are absolutely wonderful companions...thanks to HAWS for a great pair!”

“Thank you for bringing us so much joy by matching us to such an amazing dog.”

“I appreciate all the work that HAWS does for the animals, especially during these challenging times. Please keep up the great work!”

“Thanks for your extraordinary efforts and can-do attitudes! HAWS is such a special place and makes a difference every day.”

So, who rescued who? Looks like we’re all rescuing each other. Stay safe, everyone! And give your pet an ear rub from all of us at HAWS.

SAVE THE DATE!
Happy Tails 2020 is set for October 23rd!
Details on page 4...
HUMANE EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS
New Ways to Celebrate
By Kris Erickson, Education Department Manager

Parents and children have always enjoyed the birthday parties offered by HAWS Education! But what better way to celebrate your day than spending it with your friends, meeting furry new friends? With continuing social distancing, and families having different preferences, HAWS has created a variety of birthday party options to appeal to everyone.

While our virtual birthday package doesn’t offer hands-on with adoptable pets, children will get an online tour of HAWS, viewing several animals at play, taking treats or engaging with enrichment activities. This package includes a short animal facts game, and a gift box sent to the birthday child. For an additional donation, this virtual party can be combined with a visit from a HAWS’ van and a furry friend that can stop by your house or be included in your birthday parade!

For families that are comfortable with an in-person celebration at HAWS, we have two options. One is for the birthday child’s immediate family. During the one-hour visit your family will have a special personalized experience at HAWS, including a behind-the-scenes tour, a meeting with two or three animals, and the opportunity to engage in an activity to help shelter animals. This package also includes a gift box for the birthday child.

If your family is hosting two or three of your child’s friends for a more traditional gathering, you can include a one-hour visit to HAWS as part of the festivities. In this package, your child and their guests will get a behind-the-scenes tour and learn how HAWS helps the animals in our community. The kids will meet two or three animals and do an activity to help shelter animals. Each child receives a small gift bag, and the birthday child also receives a plush toy!

The turn our world has taken has meant an adjustment to how we interact with each other. But HAWS still wants to make your child’s birthday special! If you’d like more information about any of these packages, or would like to schedule a party, contact us at 262-542-8851, x123.

SNIP UPDATE
Help Wanted? Inquire Within!
By Alysha Danko, HAWS SNIP team

A handful of particularly lucky cats from HAWS have found employment at their nearby feline farm, in ELKHORN! These cats were at HAWS for different reasons. One had litter boxes not causes a meaningful problem, another had very pasted the age of our foster program’s socializing capabilities. One young cat was easily over-stimulated and would lash out with teeth and claws.

While waiting in the unemployment line, HAWS’ veterinary staff provided them with the necessary care. As part of HAWS’ Project Guardian and Seeking Sanctuary programs, cats are spayed or neutered, and receive an ear notch, rabies vaccine, feline leukemia/FeLV test and microchip.

To learn more about all of the resources available to pet owners, visit hawspets.org/spay-and-neuter-program/ or call 262-542-8851, x110.

Congrats to HAWS’ 2020 Youth Kindness Award Winner.
Olivia Daines started as part of HAWS Tuesday Troops volunteer team and very quickly became one of our most enthusiastic members. She continued on with Critter Club and ACE, helping people with hands-on opportunities. Olivia brought many people around to help her friend at HAWS. Olivia is a passionate volunteer, and love and respect for animals is shown in all that she does, and we are so proud of her! Olivia stalked around the cat kennels, writing a beautiful essay on her favorite cat. All of her hard work is acknowledged in the selection of Olivia as HAWS’ Youth Kindness Award Winner, and she will receive a $75 gift card to a local pet store, as well as a certificate and a photo session with our resident cats.

We’re thrilled to announce Olivia as this year’s winner and to acknowledge her hard work and dedication to the love and care of all animals. Olivia is an inspiration to us all, and we wish her many more years of saving lives and spreading kindness.

HAWS outdoor cat programs have saved the lives of hundreds of cats and kittens! If you’re possibly looking to employ a few cats on your property, please call HAWS for information.

After a short period of confinement at the farm, these three cats were released so they could get to work, and they are all doing great at their new jobs! They spend their days hunting the property or just taking a snooze in the sun. They also all have a best friend with the resident barn cat, and they love snuggling up with their new furry friends.
It’s All About the Animals!

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

RESCUE TALES... (WILD) LIFE AS USUAL

A jigger found an abandoned coyote puppy in the park, and a local homeowner reported a fox stuck in their window well. A stray cat needed to be freed from a chain link fence, and we even found an injured duck in our own parking lot!

HAWS’ Animal Rescue Team answered the call of all the wild things needing our help, getting the animals safely on their way. HAWS and our partners at Wildlife in Need are available to assist, and will follow any low-contact precautions necessary to ensure both your safety and that of the animals. While you enjoy time in the great outdoors, please remember to contact us before taking any action towards wildlife or stray animals!

...AND ADOPTION STORIES

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

By Leann Boucha, Behavior Department Manager

This pandemic has led us to hear it all. “We are in uncharted territory” “Who knows what a new ‘normal’ will look like?” “We are all in this together.” So many phrases, while we try to wrap our minds around this reality we are living in. But even through all the uncertainty, and the chaotic emotional roller-coaster ride many of us are on, there seems to be an undercurrent of constant in many of our lives: Our pets.

The pets of our Behavior Department staff have all contributed not only to our emotional health, but also to helping with our community engagement! These dogs and cats, many of whom are HAWS alumni, have taken part in the making of fun, educational videos for HAWS’ Facebook page, and our newest virtual curriculum offerings. We now have canine enrichment curriculum, our full Basic Manors 1 and 2, and Kitty College... ALL offered online!

Most of our staff have engaged with their dogs and cats to bring our viewers and clients materials meant to allow them to connect at home more intimately with their own pets. In doing so, our own bonds with our animals have grown stronger — in a time when it has been most needed to stay sane and empathetic. We even get to “put our money where our mouths are” when it comes to demonstrating the benefits of training and enrichment, at a time when our own routines are drastically thrown off.

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BEHAVIOR DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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Welcome to Tattle Tails, the newsletter of the Humane Animal Welfare Society, Waukesha, Wisconsin, dedicated to the rescue, care, and placement of homeless pets in our area. We hope you enjoy reading this publication. The staff and Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who helps to make HAWS a success. For more information and updates, please visit our website at hawspets.org.

VOLUNTEER NOTES
From Katie Shelton, Volunteer Coordinator

With HAWS limiting the number of people allowed on site during safer-at-home orders, most volunteers were asked to remain away from the shelter. But a handful of “lockdown” volunteers signed up for 7-day rotations alongside our employees, some logging as many as 68 hours in the month of May alone! That’s more than hours required of most volunteers in a single year. Our heartfelt thanks to Jill Gress, Russ Cumber, Cindy and Russ Szymek, Chris and Lisa Fabisiak, and Kailiya Taylor!

FRIENDS OF HAWS NOTES
Please contact us at FriendsOFHAWS@gmail.com with any ideas or questions!

The Have-A-Heart Bake Sale in February was the best ever to date, followed a few weeks later by a great Spay-ghetti Dinner! The March Media Sale completed an early spring of successful fundraisers for the HAWS cause.

The 37th Annual Romp ‘n Rally, scheduled for May 2nd, unfortunately had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. But the virtual “Paws on the Trail Challenge” was able to bring in very close to the $25,000 goal!

This year’s TAIL-gate Outing will be on Saturday September 5th at Sendik’s Waukesha-Meadowbrook location, from 11am-4pm. Keep an eye on hawspets.org or HAWS Facebook page and be sure to join us!

Holiday Pet Photos will be taken the weekend of November 7th and 8th, by appointment only; call 262-542-8851 x120 to schedule a sitting.

The annual Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale is currently set for November 21st; please check hawspets.org or HAWS’ Facebook page for any updates!

CLOTHING & TEXTILE DRIVE

The 6th annual Clothing & Textile Drive is set for August 29th from 9am-3pm, again in partnership with St. Vincent de Paul. To ensure low-contact drop-off, bins will be available in HAWS’ parking lot on Monday, August 24th and remain all week. Please put items in plastic bags before placing them in the collection bins. Donate clothing, footwear, outerwear, accessories, linens, drapes, bedsheets, pillows, quilts, blankets – basically any household soft goods. Please contact Sandy Hoffmann at gary.hoffmann@att.net with any questions.

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Please be sure to submit the entire receipt; do not trim or cut. Thank you!

HAWKS Thanks you!

Be sure to follow HAWS on Facebook page for pictures of our generous donors. Let us know you want your picture posted — we’ll even include an adoptable pet in your photo shoot!

Caring kids support the hAWS cause


These kids and groups made awesome donations to HAWS through special projects, donation drives and more: Matthew & Alexander Baker, Anne Beck & Aly Denihan, Alexander Ciocci & Brian Hartling, Sadie Curtiss & Anna Saum, Edwardo Familia, Briana Firmas, Kalista Flynn, Emmy Greenwood, Briana Hogan, Chasie Joy (Andrew Buss/Grayson Filardo), Lean Parker, Haley Peller, Lauren Solfelt, Myke Sjogren, Rolling Meadows Neighborhood Lemondare Stand, Hartford Union HS AgriScience Students, Holy Trinity Lutheran School Oconomowoc, Kettle Moraine HS Key Club, Waukau West HS Juniors, Girl Scout Troop 10952 Waukau, Girl Scout Troop 20135 New Berlin.

Equestrian Youth Club of Oconomowoc had lunch sent over to HAWS during Safer-at-Home restrictions, making a grey time a little brighter for our staff!

The Robotics Team at Catholic Memorial HSA made cat houses for HAWS during “Cruiser Day of Service.”

Surrounded by a Caring Community

Thank you to these amazing businesses, groups, and individuals for their incredible generosity: Allard State Brookfield Mission Mondays, Lori Callow, End of the Leash Pewaukee, Franchise, Ionia Bank Casual for a Cause, Milwaukee Magazine’s Cutest Dog Contest, John Perrin, Patricia Greenfield, Picnic Bazaar, Nashotah, Sherry Rohmann, Seesers Mexican Cantina Pewaukee, Shorewood Realtors Brookfield Marketing Dept., Starbucks Waukesha County locations, Walter USA Chili Cookoff.

While doing some spring cleaning, Molly Seidel of Nashotah (yes, THAT Molly Seidel!) found a long-lost donation for HAWS from her 4th grade self, and sent it in a great note in support of our shelter. It’s never too late to help the animals. (And, best of luck at the Olympics!)

The Donors from Westallion Brewing Company, along with HAWS dear friends from Team Emma, came together for fundraising and free beer, raising over $3,000 for HAWS!

The seven members of Girl Scout Cadette Troop 8827 of New Berlin made 90 cat rings, 11 snuffle mats, 45 tennis ball tug toys, and 9 tie blankets for the animals at HAWS to enjoy during quarantine and beyond (photo above!)

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!

Earn Money for Homeless Animals While You Grocery Shop

HAWS receives 1% credit for receipts from the following stores. Be sure to send your receipts to HAWS often because the receipts do expire! Please leave the date portion on the receipt.

Albrecht’s Sentry: Delafield
Ask for a Funds for Friends sticker at check-out.

Piggly Wiggly Stores: Hartland and Oconomowoc
Please be sure to submit the entire receipt; do not trim or cut. Thank you!

August 2020
DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL? Don’t miss out! Get on HAWS’ e-list at hawspets.org; sign up on our home page.

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

AUGUST

Thursday, August 13th | 5:30–10pm | Holy Hill Art Farm
Enjoy food, wine and live bluegrass from The MilBillies, plus meet adoptable HAWS’ pets. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome! $25 per car load; a portion of proceeds donated to HAWS. Tickets are limited and must be purchased prior to the event. Human attendees must be 21 years or older. No carry-ins allowed.

SEPTEMBER

FRIENDS OF HAWS TAIL-GATE
Saturday, September 5th
11am-4pm
Sendik’s Waukesha-Meadowbrook
You know you miss eating off the grill in a parking lot…!
Details on page 6 and at hawspets.org.

LABOR DAY
Monday, September 7th
HAWS will be closed to the public.

HAWS’ Annual Membership Meeting
Monday, September 28th
7 pm
HAWS year in review, plus board member elections and annual awards. Meeting details and updates at hawspets.org.

OCTOBER

Happy Tails 2020
Friday, October 23rd | 6 pm
HAWS largest annual fundraising gala!
Sponsorships are available; event details on page 2 and at hawspets.org/happytails/.

NOVEMBER

Holiday Pet Photos
Saturday, November 7th & Sunday, November 8th
Hosted by Friends of HAWS
By appointment only; call 262-542-8851, x10 to reserve.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE
Saturday, November 21st | Time TBA
Start the shopping season with hand-crafted holiday items and homemade treats!
Hosted by the Friends of HAWS; details on page 6 and at hawspets.org.

THANKSGIVING
Thursday, November 26th
HAWS will be closed to the public.

REGULAR EVENTS

Monthly Friends of HAWS Meeting
See page 6 for details.
Aug. 12. Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11 | 7:00 PM

Cat Pedicures
NEW: Low-contact procedures are in place. Please visit hawspets.org/calendar-of-events prior to your visit!
Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 | 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Aug. 25, Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 24 | 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Pedicures for Rabbits & Guinea Pigs
NEW: Low-contact procedures are in place. Please visit hawspets.org/calendar-of-events prior to your visit!
Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 | 9:30 – 10:30 AM

HELP HOMELESS PETS BY JOINING HAWS!
Log onto hawspets.org for information on how to become an Annual or Sustaining Member.