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## HAWHS CELEBRATES HELPING HANDS

*Waukesha animal resource center announces grants, programs that benefit*

**WAUKESHA - Summer, 2020.** The [Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County](http://www.hawspets.org) (HAWHS) is grateful for the support we have received from our animal welfare partners! HAWHS has been awarded several grants to help fulfill our mission, and assist pets and their people. In alphabetical order:

### ASPCA

HAWHS is entering the second year of our expanded outdoor cat assistance program - growth made possible by a substantial grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). This grant has allowed HAWHS to open our free [Project Guardian](#) spay/neuter services to those outside of Waukesha County, saving even more lives and assisting an even larger community footprint.

### BISSELL PET FOUNDATION

HAWHS has been awarded funding from the Bissell Pet Foundation to further our work with trap/neuter release initiatives. After spay/neuter, our [Seeking Sanctuary](#) program finds housing for cats not suited to typical adoptive homes. These “working” cats live in barns, stables, warehouses and the like, where they are sheltered and cared for while providing helpful rodent control!

### PETCO FOUNDATION

Thanks to the Petco Foundation, HAWHS continues to achieve no-kill status, three years running! Foundation funding has helped curb even more unwanted litters and win the battle against overpopulation. HAWHS' [Spay-Neuter Initiative Program \(SNIP\)](#) is funded solely by grants and private donations, doing up to 8,000 surgeries each year! The number of incoming stray cats has declined by over 50% since SNIP began in 2003.

### PETSMART CHARITIES

Funding from the “Keeping Pets and People Together” grant supports HAWHS' [Safe Keep](#) emergency pet boarding program, helps provide supplies for our [Community Pet Pantry](#), and gives basic medical care to those pets whose owners are facing financial hardship. Especially during difficult times, we all look to our pets for comfort and love - and we agree that owners and their pets should stay together!

“HAWHS is grateful for every dollar we receive to support and grow our programs and services,” states Executive Director Lynn Olenik. “These grants are truly both life-changing and life-saving for the animals and people of our community.”

*A non-profit organization established in 1965, each year HAWHS 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, HAWHS 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.*

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