Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County, Inc.

IMPACT REPORT

July 2020 - June 2021 Accomplishments & Inspirations



making a more compassionate community.

HAWS & Humane Animal Welfare Society



HAWS is an open-admission, no-kill shelter dedicated to strengthening the relationship between animals and humans through adoptions and education - making a more compassionate community possible.

MISSION

The Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County leads the community in animal welfare and assures sanctuary for animals in need.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bill Stone

I am truly thankful for all the support we have received over the past year. Thank you to our donors, both ongoing and those that have made HAWS a part of their legacy through endowment gifts. Planned giving is an excellent way to ensure that HAWS will be able to meet the needs of the animals in the future. HAWS could not have provided consistent programming and services for our community this past year without the generous support of our donors.

We have spent the past two years working to upgrade the facilities of the Schallock Center for Animals to make it a safe and inviting place, and were able to open the Center this spring for behavior and education programs! A special thank you all who worked tirelessly to make this place of learning, respite and sanctuary a reality. We are grateful to Mike and Jane Schallock for their generous gift to HAWS, entrusting us to continue their legacy.

This past year we asked our team to maintain focus on animal welfare during a very trying time, from working remotely and juggling virtual school for their families to providing all that our community has come to expect. These individuals truly give the organization their hearts and souls on a daily basis to ensure that the animals are provided with the most humane treatment possible. I sincerely thank you for your efforts and look forward to another successful year at HAWS.

Thank you to the Board of Directors for setting the direction of the organization. The opening of the Schallock Center for Animals would not have been possible without their guidance.

And finally, thank you to Lynn Olenik for her unwavering leadership during this past year. She has been the rock that has allowed our team to continue to flourish in a very challenging time. Lynn is truly an ambassador for the animals. We are lucky to count her as one of our own and look forward to her vision and guidance for 2022.

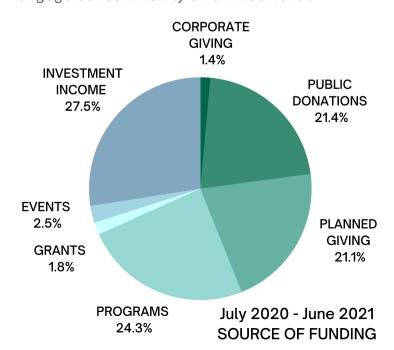


A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

By Lynn Olenik, Executive Director

At this time last year, we looked forward to a return to normal and, as in prior years, had a plan for steady growth. While the world is still faced with challenges, HAWS has met ours head on - and been industrious as well!

Animal adoptions and intakes continue. Transports from overcrowded partner shelters continue. Our spay-neuter clinic has expanded services, and our Pet Pantry is ready to assist those facing financial difficulty. Education and training programs, though somewhat limited by the pandemic, now also engage our community on a virtual level!



Just prior to the pandemic, the HAWS Schallock Center for Animals was taking shape. We opened in April, thanks to strong community support, the Schallock Foundation's generosity, and sweat equity from HAWS' staff and volunteers. The Center presents new possibilities for education, enrichment and respite - for both animals and animal lovers of all ages.

With strong feelings of optimism we move forward into what we believe is a very bright future. Opportunities exist in all areas and around every corner, both at our main shelter facility and at the new Schallock Center.

This past year we gained an increased understanding of the value of animals. Their companionship and restorative nature along with the ability to walk peacefully in the outdoors and share time with them, is a gift! We have been reminded, again, that life is precious. Our family members – including the furry ones – are key to our happiness.

A special thank you to our staff and volunteers for your dedication and hard work, and the unprecedented amount of flexibility they showed this year. To a great and grand year ahead!

For your unwavering support during trying times, thank you!

WITH YOUR SUPPORT,



EDUCATING YOUTH

Our animal friends and our one-of-a-kind hands-on education programs instill the values of empathy, kindness and compassion in today's youth...and ensure strong leaders for tomorrow!

273 programs offered, teaching humane values



helped

FINDING HOMES FOR PETS

The beating heart of our organization is adoptions. We found homes for 3,101 animals including 796 cats, 874 kittens, 603 dogs, 325 puppies, numerous small animals and 1 pig!

96% of animals in our care found homes

LOWERING PET OVERPOPULATION

Through our spay/neuter initiative, Project Guardian and Seeking Sanctuary programs we are keeping pet population under control - reducing animal suffering in our community.

8,845 surgical procedures performed



HEALING HURTING PETS

HAWS' SNIP Manager reflected on her most memorable patients: "The sweet dog with cancer; we removed his tumor and he spent time with us in hospice...the pup who came to us with an embedded collar, from neglect; she lived in my office while healing...the young man who brought us cookies after we saved his cat from a blockage...the struck-by-car-kitten whose leg needed to amputated; he was adopted by his rescuers."

ALL OF THIS IS POSSIBLE.

RESCUING ANIMALS IN NEED

We are ready 24/7 to help all animals in our community. From opossums to song birds, we rescued 774 wild animals. We also reunited 353 pets with their owners.

1,600+ rescue calls answered

ASSISTING OTHER SHELTERS

HAWS mentors Southern shelters and regularly welcomes animal transfers. One partner noted:

"Transporting to HAWS is vital to us keeping euthanasia rates down; it's the inspiration of what could be that keeps us coming back. It gives our volunteers hope to know more HAWS volunteers meet a single transport van than we see all year. Dogs that would sit for years here are adopted within hours like the treasures they are."



1,245 animals transported from overcrowded shelters

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

HAWS has a robust presence in the community. With our colorful bus, we raised awareness and relieved stress visiting our community 216 times!

safe keep pets temporarily sheltered when owners were in housing crisis

TEACHING POSITIVE TRAINING METHODS

We continue to offer private consults (FREE to all adopters), training classes and the increasingly popular Day Training program. We use only positive, science-based methods. One of our pet parents said, "I highly recommended HAWS training to anyone struggling with a dog that has behavioral issues."





HAWS' staff and animals were supported by 551 volunteers who contributed 26,783 hours of service in shelter!

Opening of HAWS SCHALLOCK CENTER FOR ANIMALS

THE KEY TO GROWING A HUMANE COMMUNITY LIES IN YOUTH EDUCATION.



We are very
impressed with
everything HAWS has
done, so far, and has
planned in the future
at the Schallock
Center for Animals.
By sponsoring a
bench, our family feels
a part of the HAWS
Family.
- HAWS Donor



A TIME OF IMMENSE GROWTH

The breathtaking 77-acre gift of property from Mike and Jane Schallock is the perfect setting for respite, relaxation and rehabilitation. It has also allowed HAWS to nearly double the capacity of our education and training programs.









PET PANTRY

With the goal of keeping pets in homes, HAWS' Pet Pantry provides needed pet supplies to members of the Waukesha County community. We have been able to distribute over

WE CONTINUE TO INNOVATE.

18,500 LBS OF PET FOOD.

HAWS supports pets of families of every gender, race or economic status. We partnered with the longest standing non-profit in Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Turners. Our first mutual aid event with them gave away over two thousand pounds of pet supplies in under one hour!

BACK OF THE PACK

Sometimes dogs reside in our kennels longer than we'd like. For this reason, we created the Back of the Pack club to give our overlooked dogs a better chance at finding homes. These dogs train with our Mod Squad - a volunteer group specializing in canine behavior - to become the best doggos they can be!

One month after the club's creation, four pack members were adopted!

PRIVATE DOG PARK & DOCK

Dogs have varying levels of social skills! We started the dog park and dock to provide a safe environment for ALL dogs to play. Families can exercise their dogs without the worry of negative interactions.

66 Heartfelt thanks to HAWS for creating the private dog park. I have 2 dogs who have anxiety and are unable to go to a regular dog park. We had a blast...they were so happy. 🛛 🤏

AGILITY OFFERINGS

Utilizing the arena in the Schallock Center for Animals' barn, we are now offering agility classes and rentals. Agility provides an outlet for physical energy, builds confidence, develops self control, strengthens natural instincts and creates a unique connection between dog and handler.

HAWS strives to keep pets with their people through education, crisis services, one-on-one behavior training and appropriate adoption placement.

WHAT'S NEXT?



An Evening To Benefit **HAWS**

Join us for a night of celebration and giving on Friday, October 22.

The evening will include a cocktail hour, photobooth, adoptable pets to meet, gourmet plated dinner, fundraising games, silent and live auction, and a presentation that is sure to leave you with a happy tale to tell.

Reserve a seat at hawspets.org/happytails



New Holiday Giving Guide with gifts and gestures that support HAWS to be released in November.

Our foster network is growing!
Are you able to provide a temporary
home to animals in need?
Join us at hawspets.org/volunteer.

EQUINE EDUCATION

Oct. 4 Equine Explorers for children begins.

Nov. 6 "No Such Thing as a Free Horse" all ages seminar.

Nov. 13 "What, When & Why of Equine Care" adult education seminar.



HAWS DAY TRAINING, DOG U & KITTY COLLEGE, TOO!

Training classes for every dog! Classes year-round; see full schedule and offerings at **hawspets.org/training-behavior**.

Treibball is now being taught at HAWS! Triebball is a competitive dog sport that requires teamwork between dogs and their handlers. Together, they drive large balls into the goal. So much fun!

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Early childhood programs & events for the whole family now offered at HAWS Schallock Center for Animals.

Our ever-popular kids' clubs return, too! Learn more & register at hawspets.org/activities-for-kids.

Follow us for more news, resources and fun!

