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Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS) of Waukesha County, Inc.



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## [IN]DIRECT LINE

By Maggie Tate-Techtmann, Director of Organizational Development Maggie takes over writing duties for Lynn for this issue.

HAWS was created by community members to serve the needs of our community. Co-founder Mike Schallock famously said "It's about the animals," and his words guide us to this day for each program, service and activity we offer for the pets and people of our area.



Recently we received a letter from local residents Tim and Joyce L., sharing an experience with our animal rescue team:

"This past weekend we noticed what initially appeared to be an opossum under our deck.... After purchasing a live trap and being unsuccessful, we reached out to HAWS. I contacted the after-hours team and spoke with Christopher. He was professional and understanding of our circumstances, took our information and indicated that he would come to our home within a half hour.

My wife was able to get a better look under the deck: the opossum was in fact a raccoon and appeared to be ill. Within a half hour, Christopher arrived and was provided with this new information. He put on his protective gloves and was able to securely reach the raccoon. The raccoon was transported by Christopher to HAWS.

We are truly grateful to Christopher and to HAWS for this outstanding service. No one wants to see an animal suffer, which appeared to be the case.... Please share our comments with Christopher and thank him again for caring and his compassion in his work."

We agree, Christopher is a rock star!

While this call was business as usual, for this couple the experience was much more. As animal welfare workers, we assist both in times of chaos and joy. Our work can be crazy, and at times unbelievable. But everything we do is important to the people and animals of our community. It is our responsibility to preserve the well-being of both the animals and the people who live here.

We are grateful for your support and cannot thank you enough. We are equally grateful for the kind words that come our way: they tell us we're doing the right thing, and we should keep teaching, training and leading our humane community!



Join us at the Romp

HAWS' Behavior Team is joining the fun at this year's Romp 'N Rally! Our trainers will be on site to teach your dog new tricks. discuss common behavior concerns and solutions, and help you and your pup embrace your creative sides with a DIY enrichment toy station and canine paintings! Think your dog has a trick that can impress our Behavior team? Join our midday trick contest for the chance to win a prize! Judging will be based on most unique trick, and best executed trick.

#### Don't forget our feline friends!

Whether you are looking to adopt a kitten for the first time, or tackle litter box problems with an elderly cat, HAWS is here to help! We have a variety of FREE online resources, a virtual Kitty College and knowledgeable staff to provide compassionate advice. Our feline friends are complex creatures; if you are dealing with ongoing issues like aggression, litter box lapses or marking, your cat is not out to get you, but just needs help. Contact us at 262-542-8851, x204 for more.





#### **BEHAVIOR DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

hawspets.org/training-behavior

#### Focus, Function & Fun

HAWS offers a large variety classes beyond basic manners, allowing owners to build an even stronger bond with their dogs. Athletic dogs love agility, scent work is great for super-sniffers, and clicker training can make your pup the star of the show wherever you are. But how about something practical that will aid with your dog's day-to-day?

For years, professionals working directly with animals have been teaching them to actively participate in basic care, without force or restraints. One of HAWS' newest classes, Cooperative Care, guides owners in how to make experiences - including grooming, vet exams and even basic handling - positive, fun and rewarding for both dog and owner. Dog and owner work together to "opt in" for nail trims, ear drops, etc.; owners practice how to administer basic care in a relaxed setting.

Cooperative Care is taught by HAWS' Behavior Department Manager, Megan A., who has her bachelor's degree in Anthrozoology (the study of human-animal interaction) and her master's in Companion Animal Behavior and Welfare. Teaching these cooperative care principles is her passion.

Sometimes the solution to day-to-day, routine issues is a stint at doggy day care or a board-and-train program. HAWS has another option: Day Training! Our professional trainers welcome your dog to HAWS for one-on-one time during your usual work day hours. Twice a week for six weeks your dog spends the day at either our Waukesha shelter or Delafield Schallock Center for Animals. Dogs work on basic life skills such as sit, down, leave it, wait at the door, sit to greet (no jumping), mat, crate, loose leash walking and recalls, while also incorporating lots of exercise and enrichment. Limited to three dogs per class, your pup gets a full day of engagement and will come home both trained and tired! This program also includes two transfer lessons with the owner and trainer, daily photo and video content, and progress reports.

HAWS has the training program for focus, function or fun! Learn more at hawspets.org/training-behavior.

"Jane was willing to take on our 10-month-old dog Winnie who is going blind and has renal disease. Jane adjusted the curriculum to work with Winnie on what was important to me cues for moving through her advanced loss of sight - as well as basic manners. Jane took the time to research how to work with Winnie and her compassion was off the charts. Jane is the kindest soul and so much fun to work with. Winnie had a blast at Day Training, loved playing with the other dogs, and the amount of daily enrichment she received through walks, play time, music and snuggling was priceless and far more than I could have expected. Thank you!"

SNIP Veterinary Clinic



#### Although May 5, 1983 was

somewhat cool - not unusual for spring in Wisconsin - that day marked the beginning of a warm and welcoming event that would endure for decades. Did the Friends of HAWS fundraising volunteers know they were creating a day that would become an amazing annual celebration of animals in Waukesha County?

The first Pet Walkathon, an idea conceived by volunteers Jill and Gail Strong, was a pledge walk held on the trails of Waukesha's Minooka Park. The overall goal: to raise money in support of an in-house spay/neuter program at HAWS. At the time, only eighteen years into our existence, HAWS was already growing beyond just an animal control center and adoption facility. Two building expansions, in 1973 and 1979, underscored the general consensus that continued growth and advancements would be the norm for this vital organization.

The Friends of HAWS were determined to make an impact, being the true friends they are and always have been. In successive years, funds from "the Walk" were earmarked to support HAWS' building expansions and specific animal care needs, like new animal rescue vans and equipment.

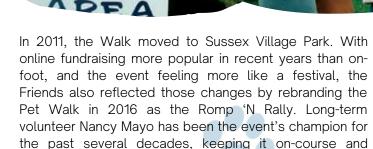
Fast forward to 2000: new features, under the direction of Friends' volunteer Cindy DeBruine, included paw print art, pet contests like Best Trick, and agility and flyball demonstrations. Vendors set up shop in the picnic area, with a local vet office offering microchipping. The changes were well-received and the 17th annual Walk brought in a recordbreaking amount of \$28,000, introducing a new fundraising benchmark to be met, and exceeded, in future years!

The first Saturday in May has been a regular appointment on our Waukesha community's calendar. Families and friends and their pets have made it a date to get together each year at the Walk.

One particular group, the German Shepherd Dog Club of Wisconsin, has attended every year with a large portion of their membership. Their large-scale fundraising and contributions to HAWS number in the thousands of dollars. HAWS and the Friends are grateful for their loyalty and generosity.

As expected for an outdoor party at a park, most of the animals that attend are dogs. But we've also enjoyed the regular sightings of the gentleman and his turtle, the occasional cat - or ferrets - in a stroller, and the young man who, along with his little brother, brought pet guinea pigs... and then ended up working for HAWS as a teenager and into his twenties. (Side note: he and another staff member who met during their time at HAWS got married not too long ago - HAWS really IS a family!)





In recent years, a lure course, agility 'try-it' ring, K9 officer demos, local mascots and award presentations have been wonderful highlights of the day's activities. HAWS' Mobile Adoption team also now brings shelter dogs out to the event, both for some fresh air and for exposure to potential new homes.

running smoothly and successfully.

One year, the catch phrase for the Romp was "We've been walking for years...and we're still not tired." True: the only thing that stopped us in our tracks was Covid in 2020! Forty years of fundraising - and fun - has gone by in a flash, and has been worth every moment for the great impact this event has had on the pets and people of our community. The Friends of HAWS' Pet Walkathon/Romp N Rally is an amazing legacy, full of great memories and lives saved! 🦀



# CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!



Saturday, May 6th, 10am-3pm Sussex Village Park

#### **Featuring**

Beverages by Raised Grain Food trucks Fun Raffle Items Dog Dash by Central Bark Sussex DIY enrichment toys Canine van Gogh painting Animal-related activities for kids **HAWS Mobile Adoption Team** Lure course Teach-a-Trick Trick contest



## **RESCUE TAILS & ADOPTION STORIES**

Find a new family member at hawspets.org/adopt!

## **CHICO & MIRI**

I adopted Chico and Miracle in March of 2022 and they are both loved so much! They've bonded with our cat that we adopted from HAWS in 2017. Miracle is now called Miri and she loves to play and sleep with her stuffed animals. Both follow me everywhere and love to snuggle! Thanks for bringing them into my life!

- Lisa C.



Mimi is doing soooo good! She's not skittish at all and can even stand the vacuum. She also likes chasing and running with our 7-year-old cat. Mimi manages to get a good amount of snuggling and play time out of all four of us pretty much every day. We never thought we'd find another kitty like our 19-year-old that you can pet and play with and cuddle with so freely, but she is that (if not more). We are so thankful that she was so well cared for by HAWS and her foster caretaker. She is a perfect fit for our family. Thank you again!

- Jake H.

your HAWS adoption story:

Email your update & pictures to marketing@hawspets.org.

See more great stories on Facebook!



## **LOUIE**

Louie joined our family from HAWS in April, 2022. He has definitely adjusted well to our home and broke out of his shell quickly. He loves playing with his big sister Mylee and chewing on his collection of Chuck-It balls. He got to dress up as a pumpkin for Halloween and got to rip open his gifts on Christmas morning. This November we got married and Louie and Mylee got to join us in our wedding photos at Grant Park!

- Carolanne & Zack

#### **ANNIE & PEANUT**

Several months ago we adopted the canine version of "The Odd Couple" – Annie and Peanut. This bonded pair of seniors has doubled the laughter in our house. The first time hearing Peanut "ferociously" bark at the squirrels in the yard let us know this was going to be a happy companionship. Annie is the snuggler of the two who always has to sleep under the blanket...however, when she flips it over her head, Peanut sometimes goes with it! Senior dogs can be surprisingly energetic when going for a walk, and then very loving when sitting next to you on the couch. They are a treasure; thank you, HAWS, for providing us with such wonderful dogs.

- Gail S.

## **SUMOMO**

We adopted Sumomo (Gigi) on Memorial Day weekend. I was volunteering as a dog walker and immediately fell in love with her. She really hammed it up when my husband came to meet her. Sumomo has been the perfect dog for our little family and I couldn't be happier! She has blossomed since we got her. Her favorite things are car rides, puzzle boxes, chewing on sticks and visiting new places. Thank you HAWS for helping us find our little girl!

- Sharon L.

#### **JORDY & NELSON**

We adopted brothers Jordy and Nelson about twelve years ago from HAWS. They have been the best cats! This bonded pair spends all of their time together. They are so fun and entertaining. They carry just about everything throughout our house in their mouths, including boxing gloves, blankets and kids' toys. They even drag blankets through their small kitty door up a flight of stairs. They are so amazing and unique. We could not be happier with having adopted them so long ago - they show no signs of slowing down! Thank you HAWS for all the work you do to bring families together with the greatest animals!

- Victoria S.

#### **ROSIE**

In May, 2022, my boyfriend finally agreed to adopt a dog. I went to HAWS with eyes on Jessie Rose, now named Rosie. I was the first one there and said I wanted to meet Jessie Rose right away. I went straight to her kennel and the second I saw her I knew I wanted to bring her home. She snuggled and gave me kisses during our first interaction and was absolutely perfect. After two minutes, I told the staff I wanted to adopt her, and within 20 minutes I was walking out the door with our newest family member. She has been our little angel and we are so happy we found her.

- Sydney K.

## **FREDDIE**

We adopted Freddie from HAWS in September of last year and he is enjoying life with us! Freddie has learned to be friends with another piggie in our house. He also lived for some time next to our cancer-patient piggie: their hay buckets were next to the shared wall and they would eat together. Freddie is super friendly and chatty. We love him very much. He also loves to watch YouTube....

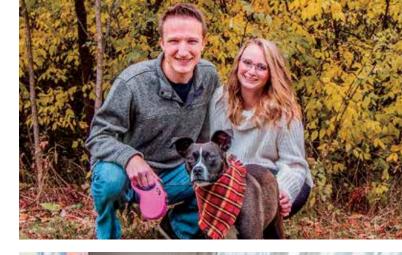
- Julie M.

Help create more Rescues & Adoption Stories:

hawspets.org/ways-to-give











#### **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT** HIGHLIGHTS hawspets.org/humane-education

#### Kids + Creatures = HAWS' Summer Camps!

Registration is now open for all of HAWS' Summer Camps; sessions are for children ages 7-14 at our main shelter in Waukesha and the Schallock Center for Animals in Delafield. Camps focus on animal care, art, science and so much more! Campers are taught to show compassion for all living things through interactions with the animals that reside and are up for adoption at our locations.



MY DAUGHTER SAID IT WAS HER FAVORITE CAMP IM A LONG TIME! SHE LOVED BEING WITH THE ANIMALS AND SAID THE TIME FLEW. 1 CAN'T THANK YOU EMOUGH FOR THE WEEK!

"THE BEST ONE SO FAR - HE WANTS TO COVNE BACK MEXT YEAR!"

THIS WAS AM AWESOWHE CAMP FOR MY SON WHO WOULD NOT ATTEND A CAVAP, BUT LOVES ANIVALS... I HAD NO ISSUES GETTING HIVY UP EACH WHORNING ... THIS WAS RIGHT UP HIS ALLEY! THANKS!

#### hawspets.org/camp





#### Spring is in Full Swing

The weather is warming up, which means it is time for outdoor learning at the HAWS Schallock Center for Animals! Our beautiful property in Delafield is a great place for all ages to explore and learn.

For example, HAWS' Early Childhood Encounters for 3-5 year olds (with an adult) are held twice a month; each month features a new topic to explore. For one hour, hands-on activities allow both adult and child to share the experience of gaining new facts about animals and nature. We also spend time outside hiking the trails to see the signs that animals leave behind, hear the sounds that animals make, smell the scents of the outdoors and feel the textures of the natural environment. Encounters with one of HAWS' resident or adoptable animals are included, along with a game, story or song.

Along with Early Childhood Encounters, we have programs for everyone in the family throughout April and May. See what's next up at hawspets.org/events!

- Hannah's Haven monthly reading sessions
- Family Adventures monthly on Sundays
- Tales by the Fire monthly on Friday nights

HAWS is also excited to present school field trips at the Schallock Center. Can't come to us? We can also present in-classroom encounters, with most of our programs able to travel to area schools for students in K5 through 12th grade. Humane education programs focus on teaching students to be kind, empathetic and compassionate toward all living things, and are aligned with national and state academic standards with a focus on STEM and character education strategies. Learn more at hawspets.org/humane-education.

#### TWO UNIQUE SUMWHER OPPORTUMITIES...

# KIDS

#### Be a Camp Counselor at HAWS

HAWS is now hiring high school and college students to lead our summer camps! Camp Counselor positions are available at both our main shelter in Waukesha and at the Schallock Center for Animals in Delafield. Work with animals and kids with a summer job that is fun and rewarding. Apply today at hawspets.org/careers.

#### Calling all Future Animal Welfare Leaders!

HAWS' Leadership Camp is for middle school students who are passionate about animals and the environment. This summer, we are offering a two-day camp for 12-14 year olds to learn the five core principles of being an effective leader. Campers will hear from guest speakers who hold leadership positions in a variety of career fields, visit with some of our adoptable animals, and participate in team-building activities that focus on the humane treatment of animals and people. Details at hawspets.givecloud.co/sca-camps.





#### **Spring Programs at SCA**

Spring programs at the HAWS Schallock Center for Animals begin the second week of April and run until the first week of June! Check out these great opportunities.

- Equine Explorers, 6th-9th graders
- Skittles Book Club, 3rd-5th graders
- Adult Horse Program Fridays, 8 weeks Details and links to registration are available at hawspets.org/schallockcenter.

#### **Hooves and Flights**

May 19th ~ 4:00pm or 6:00pm Registration required; space is limited. \*Must be 21 or older to attend. Register using QR code at right.





Thank You!

Makayla K., HAWS Equine Specialist, and the HAWS Herd recently welcomed Anne S. of the Wisconsin P.E.O. Sisterhood Sarah Shinn Marshall H.E.L.P. Fund, to thank them for the generous \$2,500 grant to support a new slow hay feeder for the horses at the Schallock Center.

The feeder is very valuable for the health of our horses, and will help them eat more slowly, keep their hay dry, and reduce dust and hay waste! We are so grateful for this amazing gift. 🦝



Anne S. of WI PEO, Herd member Monet and Makayla K.

As a horse lover who was not raised with horses, the Adult Horse Program at the Schallock Center is my dream come true! As if being one-on-one with a horse isn't enough, we're learning about the care of horses, nutrition for horses, identifying horse breeds, maintaining the stalls and equipment. We're working with standard size horses, a pony and a miniature horse, so several varieties of equines. This club is helping build our confidence when handling the HAWS Herd. No matter who leads the meetings, that person is an experienced horse person. After each meeting, I go home feeling fulfilled and looking forward to our next meeting.

- Sandy T.

# **GET INVOLVED**

Become a Volunteer at HAWS:

We have a wide range of opportunities! Start by visiting our information page at hawspets.org/volunteer or call 262-542-8851, x120.



One volunteer recently told me that volunteering at HAWS has had a large positive impact on their mental health. As the Volunteer Coordinator, my responsibility is to ensure we have enough volunteers to help the animals. So the conversation with the volunteer, made me step back and realize that volunteering doesn't just the volunteers, which is pretty cool! Devon K., Volunteer Coordinato

#### **Getting to Know Each Other**

We have begun hosting events each month for different groups of our volunteers, giving them fun ways to interact while also increasing awareness of our adoptable animals.

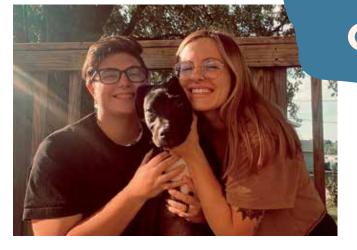
In February, we hosted **Doggy Date Night** where dog walking volunteers participated in making Van Gogh paintings with some of the adoptable shelter dogs. These paintings and dogs were showcased on our social media platforms to celebrate.

March is Adopt a Guinea Pig Month! To celebrate, Sophia N. of our Behavior Department hosted a clicker training session for our Small Critter Volunteers. They learned techniques to train our adoptable rabbits, guinea pigs, and more as a form of enrichment. Going forward, they can use these skills during their volunteer shifts while interacting with our adoptable small critters.

In April, we'll celebrate all of our volunteers as Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 16-23!

May is Adopt a Horse Month, and while we don't have any adoptable horses, we are hosting an event for the volunteers at our Schallock Center for Animals. We'll be making treats and enrichment items, grooming the Herd members, and potentially have a fun photo-op for the group.

Adopt a Shelter Cat Month is in June! We are hoping to do an activity similar to Doggy Date Night with our Cat Cuddlers, with paint and a canvas or a treat/enrichment-making event. Stay tuned!



#### **Mobile Match-Making**

Shared by Carrie S., Mobile Adoption Coordinator

I first met Edwin on July 12, 2022. He was the last pup left from his litter, and we selected him to attend a Mobile event with us. To say Edwin was very much a puppy would be accurate; he was mouthy and rambunctious, a curious ball of energy without a basic manners skillset. He nipped at every heel, shoe and hand that entered his general vicinity.

Our Mobile team frequently coordinates with foster families to attend our community outreach events; this was the case with Edwin. His foster family joined us multiple times in hopes of helping find him his furever home. His foster mom noted, "Thanks so much for all of the opportunities; he may just find a home with us if he's here much longer, haha! He sure is winning us over with all of his great progress."

munity members or our foster families, these are our success stories and each story is why our team does what we do!

MILK MONEY AGAIN!

coming to HAWS & head to our Facebook page to donate; a generous donor is matching the first \$500!

And then IT happened: on September 8, Edwin and his foster family attended one more Mobile event where he indeed found his home! While at the event, our team noticed how far along Edwin had come since our initial time with him in July - we also noticed the absolute connection he had to his foster family. Magic happened and "Eddie" (as our team affectionately called him) was permanently adopted by his foster family after this event! Since his adoption, his foster mom has stayed in

Whether our adoptables find their homes with com-

# IT'S TIME TO RAISE

Help all the newborns

# impact the animals, it also impacts

# The Friends of HAWS

hawspets.org/friends

# **FRIENDS** (E) HAWS

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at HAWS. Please contact us at friends@hawspets.org with any questions. We'd love more Friends!

#### Memorabilia Madness Sale: Saturday, April 1, 10am-3pm

For Badgers, Brewers, Bucks & Packers enthusiasts. Autographed footballs, merchandise & pictures, bobble heads, sports cards, pins, bats and more!

#### Ca\$h the Dog Rescue Fair: Saturday, April 22, 9am-1pm

Field Park in Mukwonago. Concessions sold by the Friends including beverages & snacks.

MAY 6TH



#### Plant & Flower Sale: Saturday, May 13, 10am-3pm

Place orders, ONLINE ONLY, from April 10-28; pickup May 13 at HAWS Schallock Center. Link to order at hawspets.org and on HAWS' social media feeds.

#### Rummage-O-Rescue: Friday & Saturday, June 2-3, 10am-3pm

Two days this year due to overwhelming interest! Details & donation info TBA; stay tuned!

#### Save these dates:

August 20: TAILgate Outing

August 26: Clothing/Textile Drive

#### Thank you!

So many thanks to all those who joined us for the February Spay-ghetti Dinner. Special thank you to our sponsor, The Cordon Family Foundation. Grazie!

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** 

#### **Come Hang Out with HAWS!**

All event details are available at hawspets.org/events and on our social media feeds.

#### Sundays, through April 16th

Cause for Paws Fundraiser At Sendik's locations throughout Waukesha County

April 7th - Milwaukee Admirals Dog Day

April 16th - Pet Supplies Plus Oconomowoc Grand Opening

April 22nd - Ca\$h the Dog Rescue Fair

May 13th - Pins for Paws Benefiting HAWS in Honor of Jeremy Vaughan Bowling lanes are full, but join us for raffles, meet adoptable animals and show your support at Sussex Bowl starting at 6pm.

May 19th - Hooves and Flights at SCA

June 21st - Dockhounds Dog Days of Summer

June 24th - Kitten Shower at HAWS

#### I FOUND A KITTEN OUTSIDE: What should I Do?

Kitten Season is here! But before bringing an outdoor kitten into your home, or to us at HAWS, please first "Think C.A.S.A."

Condition In good shape? Leave it be!
Bad condition? Bring it in, stat!

ge Still nursing? Leave it with mom!
Playful and active? Bring it in for adoption!

Situation Is it sheltered? Leave it be! In danger/abandoned? Bring it in!

Can you care for it? Call us for advice!
Not your thing? We're here to help!

Knowing WHEN to get involved is the first step to properly help outdoor cats and kittens in Waukesha County. Questions? Contact us at 262-542-8851, x111.



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## **CALENDAR**

Events are held at HAWS in Waukesha unless otherwise noted. Please check hawspets.org/events regularly for updates and all Mobile Adoption visits.







**Friends Meetings** 

Cat Pedicures

Pedicures for Rabbits & Guinea Pigs Apr. 12, May 10, June 14, July 12 6:30pm All adults welcome! See haws.pets.org/friends.

Apr. 8, May 13, June 10, July 8 9:30-11:30am
Apr. 25, May 23, June 27, July 25 5:30-7:30pm
Please visit hawspets.org/events prior to your visit for procedures and registration.

Apr. 15, May 20, June 17, July 15 9:30-10:30am Pedicures are limited to the first 20 animals. No pre-registration or call-ahead available.



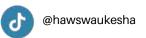
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