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**HAWS NAMED ONE OF TOP THREE NATIONAL CHARITIES;
ADVANCES TO FINAL ROUND OF CHARITY NAVIGATOR AWARD VOTING**
Waukesha animal center recognized for commitment to community

WAUKESHA – August 30, 2023. After the preliminary round of voting, [HAWS](#), the Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County, has been named one of the top three finalists in the large-size division for [Charity Navigator's 2023 Community Choice Awards!](#)

Charity Navigator is the nation's largest and most influential nonprofit evaluator; the Community Choice Awards spotlight top-rated charities that resonate most with people's passions. The nomination is the result of HAWS' four-star rating, having earned all four Charity Navigator beacons, and, most importantly, making a difference in the cause of animal welfare and humane education throughout Waukesha County and beyond.

The final round of voting begins today, August 30th and concludes on September 8th. The Community Choice Awards will have one winner in each size-based category - winners will be based on the total number of votes received. The winners will be officially announced on September 27th. As a winning charity, HAWS would receive prominent visibility on Charity Navigator for one year and with Navigator's audience of donors, dedicated posts on Charity Navigator's social media, as well as other opportunities to share the importance of animal welfare and nurturing a humane community.



HAWS asks for your support! To vote, use [this dedicated link](#) or the QR code, and follow the voting instructions.

Notes HAWS Executive Director Lynn Olenik, "We are thrilled our community has rallied to support us for this award! We encourage everyone to vote for us in this final round, and share and encourage others to vote as well, so we can make an even greater impact for the animals and humans in our community."

A non-profit organization established in 1965, the Humane Animal Welfare Society assists over 10,000 animals and welcomes more than 35,000 human visitors each year. 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.

*HAWS 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, TikTok and YouTube.
HAWS: Growing Our Humane Community.*

Founded in 2002, Charity Navigator is a 501(c)(3) organization that guides intelligent giving with the nation's largest, most comprehensive charity evaluation tool. The organization helps donors easily identify U.S.-registered charities making a difference on the issues they care about most while helping charities better understand their donors, deliver on impact, and increase awareness and funding. Learn more at charitynavigator.org.

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