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HAWS NOMINATED FOR CHARITY NAVIGATOR COMMUNITY CHOICE AWARD

Waukesha animal center recognized for commitment to positive impact, transparency

WAUKESHA – August 17, 2023. [HAWS](https://www.hawspets.org), the Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County, is excited to announce our nomination for Charity Navigator’s 2023 Community Choice Awards, spotlighting top-rated charities that resonate most with people’s passions. Charity Navigator is the nation’s largest and most influential nonprofit evaluator.

HAWS is one of only three charities in Wisconsin to be nominated, and one of only six animal welfare charities. This 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 our community and beyond.

“Our entire team is excited to receive this nomination,” said HAWS Executive Director Lynn Olenik. “It means the world to us to not only be able to impact the lives of pets and their people, but that the importance of our work also resonates within our community. Together we are accomplishing great things, and this award will enable us to save and change even more lives.”

The first round of voting begins today, August 17th, which is National Nonprofit Day, and concludes on August 27th. HAWS asks for your support! To cast your vote, use either [this link](#) or the QR code at the right, and follow the voting instructions.



The top three vote-earning charities in each of the four categories will advance to the final round of voting, August 30th - September 8th. The Community Choice Awards will have one winner in each size-based category: small, medium, large, and super. The determination of the winners will be based on the total number of votes received. The winners will be officially announced on September 27th. As one of the winning charities, 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 our work and impact in the community and elevate the importance of animal welfare.

Noted Olenik: “At a time when pets are staying in shelters longer, this opportunity is priceless to HAWS! We encourage our entire humane community to vote for us, and share and encourage others to vote as well!”

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](https://www.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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