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Tattle Tails



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

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By Maggie Tate-Techtmann, Executive Director

Life is a forever journey.

At HAWS, we are grateful to be able to support so many pets (and their people!) at different stages of their lives. It never gets old greeting a transport of animals, witnessing a cat meet its forever family, watching a group of adoptable dogs zoom around in a playgroup, seeing a dog master a skill in Day Training. Similarly, it is an honor to support animals in their darkest hours with their greatest needs.

I hope you enjoy the stories and program updates that fill the pages of this newsletter. I also want to share with you a glimpse into an often-unseen journey at HAWS — when all hands are on deck to support an animal in need.

Visiting our SNIP clinic this morning I met a kitten who'd been stabilized after being struck by a car. One of our incredible vets made a makeshift sling for one of the kitten's adorable little legs to help him rest. All around, the clinic was buzzing with activity; our team kept a watchful eye on the kitten while continuing to attend to the animals on their roster for the day.

Yesterday I greeted a couple coming in to donate food and supplies after their long-time pet passed away. It was a beautiful way to honor the journey of their pet and family, and impact the journey of pets now awaiting their forever homes.

We recently wished "happy trails" to a dog who came to us as a stray, in need of major hip surgery. During his recovery, our team took turns supporting his physical therapy until he transitioned into a foster-to-adopt home.

Throughout the day, staff and volunteers bottle-feed countless kittens or diligently watch them in a brooder. Puppies are held and instinctively bounced or swayed rhythmically, small animal's heat lamps are adjusted...the list is endless.

Each stage and contribution to an animal's care is important and shapes that animal's journey; a daily testament to our mission. As an open admission shelter, HAWS welcomes pets each time they need us, as many times as they need us, throughout their journey.

In both the joyful and challenging times, I'm struck by all that our team of volunteers and staff do each day to support the journeys of the more than 11,000 pets HAWS supports each year.

Please stop in to visit us soon; we have amazing animals waiting for their forever homes, the next chapter in their journey! 🐾

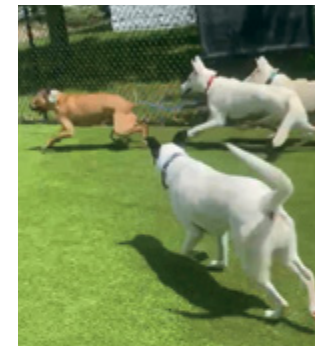


Many Stops on Jade's Journey

*Notes from Sophia N.,
K9 Task Force Lead*

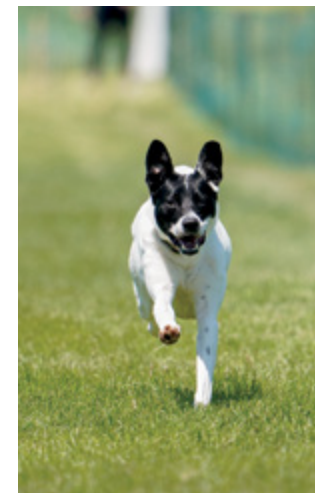


Jade has been a HAWS resident for over a year. Even though that is quite a long time, her stay has been filled with a variety of activities. She had her first trial in FASTCAT (Course Ability Test) in May, and she received three ribbons! Jade made her TV debut, co-starring on The Morning Blend (she was a great guest). Jade also spent a day at HAWS' business partner Cesarz, Charapata & Zinnecker, where she spent the time lounging, relaxing and helping their employees de-stress.



Jade is an active member of HAWS' playgroups. She has helped other adoptable dogs come out of their shells and has a tight-knit group of besties.

Jade's recent accomplishments would not be possible without the support of volunteers, who cheer her on, help administer her medication and provide her with quiet areas to rest and recover.



But, even with all these amazing things, nothing would be more amazing than for Jade to have a forever home. She has lots of love to give; it may take time for her to open up, but when she does her affection is endless.

If you are not able to adopt but are interested in fostering, Jade would be an excellent candidate for long-term foster! *To learn more, scan the QR code.* 🐾

Foster

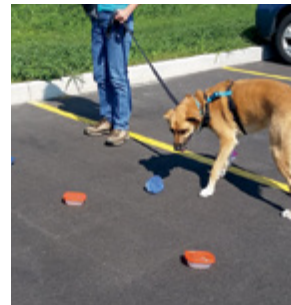


BEHAVIOR DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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Train With HAWS

HAWS training classes are not only useful but also fun for pets and their people! Along with the unique, popular classes listed below, stay tuned to our website and emails for a new series of 1-day seminars coming soon! *Use the QR code at right to register.*



Scent Work 2:

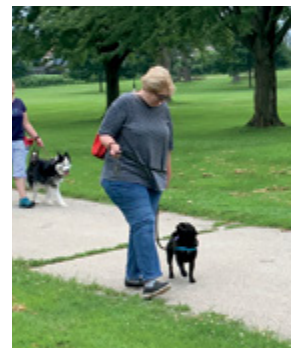
Saturdays, August 24th - October 5th
Class begins at 9am

Reactive Rover:

Sundays, August 25th - October 27th
Classes begin at 9am or 10:30am

NEW: REACTIVE ROVER DROP-INS

Have you taken our Reactive Rover class and are looking for more ways to practice? Reactive Rover Drop-Ins at the HAWS Schallock Center for Animals help build on the skills learned in class, with different dogs and different interactions. Many dates are available in August and September. Drop-Ins are open only to clients who have taken our Reactive Rover class. 🐾



Try HAWS' Lure Course!

Unleash the thrill of the chase with **Lure Coursing** at HAWS Schallock Center for Animals! Watch as your furry friend darts, twists and leaps in pursuit of the elusive lure, an experience that satisfies both their physical and mental needs. Seasoned competitors and novices welcome! *Use the QR code to register.*

September 20th: 3-6pm
September 21st: 12-3pm
October 11th: 3-6pm
October 12th: 12-3pm
November 1st: 3-6pm
November 2nd: 12-3pm



Journeys

made possible by HAWS

By Jennifer S.,
Communications
Specialist

9:00am: While our front doors may have just been unlocked and opened for the day, HAWS has already been a hive of activity for several hours. Kennel caregivers and the SNIP clinic team have been busy bringing the shelter to life, greeting the current residents and prepping for the day ahead. Adoption counselors are busy managing animal accounts, assorted paperwork and a lengthy list of emails and other messages. Let the chaos begin!

9:20am: The first official intake of the morning arrives - a lost dog brought in by local law enforcement. Our overnight on-call team had received word from neighbors that a pup was wandering, but he eluded all attempts at capture. In this case, the officer had a stroke of luck and the dog jumped right into his patrol car, apparently finally tired from the chase. A quick scan finds the dog is microchipped, yay! After a call from our team with all the details, his family will be in shortly to claim him.

10:05am: A different story for the stray cat from a week ago: with no owners coming forward, she is now in line for spay surgery today, so she can be placed up for adoption and find a new loving home. In the meantime, caregivers have been loving up on this shy, sweet cat, bringing her out of her shell just in time for her debut in the adoption ward. Volunteers prep her new cubby.

11:00am: HAWS' Education team welcomes a group of very excited middle schoolers, eager to tour the facility, and learn about the animals and what we do each day. A mostly excited murmur goes through the room when education ambassador Kaa, a ball python, arrives for a meet'n'greet. Next up, a rabbit, a few kittens and a puppy!

11:15am: Since all the dogs have been walked, it is now playgroup time for the HAWS adoptables! Volunteers bring several dogs at a time to the special fenced yard, to observe and facilitate a much-appreciated romp in the fresh air. Those not in the group get important one-on-one time, working on manners skills - and getting snuggles.

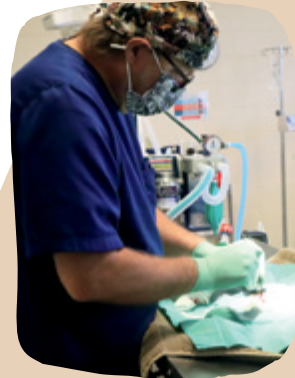
12:00pm-ish: Lunchtime! The kennel quiets for a bit while the dogs and cats dig in. (The small animals have been munching all morning, thanks to their caregivers.)

1:00pm: Viewing hours have begun! The kennels are all clean and fresh, and the pets are enjoying full tummies, wondering if this is the day one of the visitors who walks through will decide they are the perfect match. They also watch with anticipation as the Marketing team takes video and photos. Who will be the next social media or television sensation?



I am so grateful for my girls, and for all that HAWS does for all of the animals in your care. I adopted Jellybean in April of 2020 and Charlotte in July of 2023. These two girls now act like siblings — they cuddle, play and tussle — and it is so fun to watch! They are also friendly and affectionate with people. I'm so happy to have these two as my fur babies! Thank you, HAWS, for giving me the chance to adopt such wonderful cats.

-Anne



2:00pm: Mobile Adoption team members are loading up the van for a visit to a local business. The employees have specifically requested a dog and a few kittens, and Jagger the puppy is eager to go. Tomorrow he might also be the guest of honor at a Pause with HAWS wellness visit.

2:15pm: The Marketing team gets a call confirming a television appearance the next day to talk about HAWS' unique programs...and to give reassurance that an adoptable is coming along. One of the hosts on the show loves rabbits, can we bring a rabbit? Of course! See you then!

3:00pm: With spay/neuter surgeries and other special procedures completed, the Veterinary team can concentrate on shelter animal wellness checks and follow-up on medications being given. They might actually get to sit down, too.

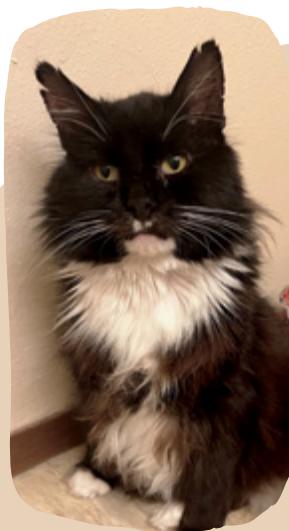
3:35pm: A bell rings in the lobby and a buzz spreads throughout the building as a long-term resident is being adopted. Staff and volunteers drop what they're doing to bid the pet a fond farewell and remind the new family to send pictures of that pet in their home, loving life. Nothing makes us happier than a great update!

4:10pm: Dog walking, round 2! Now that food coma has worn off, naptime is over and it's time to get outside again and sniff everything that has changed since, well, a few hours ago. And, the cats in the lobby condos and those with windows overlooking the front entryway and vestibule need something amusing to watch. Enrichment for all!

5:00pm: As viewing hours end, a few last adoptions are happening! Someone has come in for not one but two of our turtles. The bonded pair of guinea pigs is being officially adopted by a teacher who fostered them in her classroom. Education staff are prepping for tomorrow's in-school program visit. The volunteers are handing out appropriate treats and chew toys for the evening. The last SNIP patient has been cleared from recovery. Fund Development staff heads to a radio station to do an interview and live social stream. Staff sweeps and mops up the lobby.

6:30pm: The day isn't over yet! Behavior staffers are getting the rooms ready for tonight's training classes. Volunteers brainstorm ideas to support the animals - is there a need for a certain type of equipment? At the same time a group of staff and community members are meeting to plan this year's fall fundraising gala. What items were popular in last year's auction?

9:00pm: Dogs, cats and small animals are safe in their kennels and habitats - most sleeping peacefully, but a few nocturnal ones are making busy noises. An Animal Rescue team member answers a phone call for a pet in distress. Yes, tomorrow is another day, but there are still a few hours left in today...🐾



I adopted Papa Steve at the end of October last year and wanted to give an update and thank you for rescuing him! He is the sweetest, most loving cat I've ever met. He immediately fit into my family like he's been there for years! He enjoys bird watching with his sisters, going crazy for catnip, getting chin scratches and always being by my side. He is an FIV+ warrior and I can't wait for many years and snuggles with him!

- Jessica B



Animal Rescue team members Cameron and Alicia went on a distress call for an entangled juvenile bald eagle that needed to be freed. Upon seeing the eagle was in good health and unharmed they were able to let it go without additional care. It flew a few feet and stretched its wings before taking off.



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ADOPTION STORIES

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FRANKIE

We adopted Frankie, formerly Lottie, one of the Western Lakes Loves, in November of 2022. We had been looking for a sister for Charlie, also adopted from HAWS (in March 2022). The two girls have become wonderful sisters. They love the outdoors, dog parks and stealing sticks from each other.

- Denise



MILO

Milo has been such a welcome addition to my family and a little miracle kitty. I have been recovering from some medical issues, and he has been a fabulous side companion. He loves absolutely everybody that comes in contact with him! I've never seen a cat roll over and beg for his tummy to be rubbed, and constantly beg to be petted and allow anyone and everyone to pet him at any time. It's hard to resist him! I am forever grateful that he is now member of my household! He gets so much love I don't think he knows what to do with it all. Thank you - he will forever be well-loved.

- Michelle



ROSIE

We adopted Rosie in May of 2022. This past year we found out she is a mama and her puppies were also adopted through HAWS. Through the social media grapevine, we discovered one of her babies was only living 15 minutes away. We met at the nearby dog park and Rosie KNEW that was her baby! At her baby's birthday party, she met ANOTHER one of her babies. We love that Rosie is a mama and she has reunited with her pups!

Pictured is Mama Rosie on the right with her two babies, Donny (middle) and Gibbs (left).

- Sydney



PACO

This is Paco, formerly known as Frozone. He had his 2-year "Gotcha Day" on March 19th and had his 6th birthday on February 23rd. He is such a sweet boy and total goofball! He loves going to the park and on walks, playing with toys, and stealing blankets. He's also a 65-pound lap dog! Thank you so much for connecting me with my sweet baby boy 2 years ago, he is such a blessing.

- Joe



Foster to Adopt!

ROBERT

We adopted Robert (formerly Roosevelt) last year, when he was just 3 months old. He was just a cute little bundle of fur. Now he's a year old, and he's over 14 pounds and still growing. We found out he's part Siberian, and may top out at 20 pounds or more. He's still a lovable bundle of fur, only not so little anymore! He's very handsome, and loves to play with bottle caps and his catnip-filled elephant.

- Jeff & Ruth

ANNIE

I adopted Annie (formerly Allie) in May 2022 and couldn't be more thrilled to have her. She has brought so much joy into my life with her warm, loving nature. Annie enjoys playing at the dog park with all her friends, and loves boat rides, swimming, hikes in the woods, tug of war, laying on the couch and watching doggie TV. Annie just loves people and other dogs, and because of Little Annie, I have met so many wonderful people. Thank you for all you do and for bringing Annie into my life. She will be forever loved.

- David

GEORGE

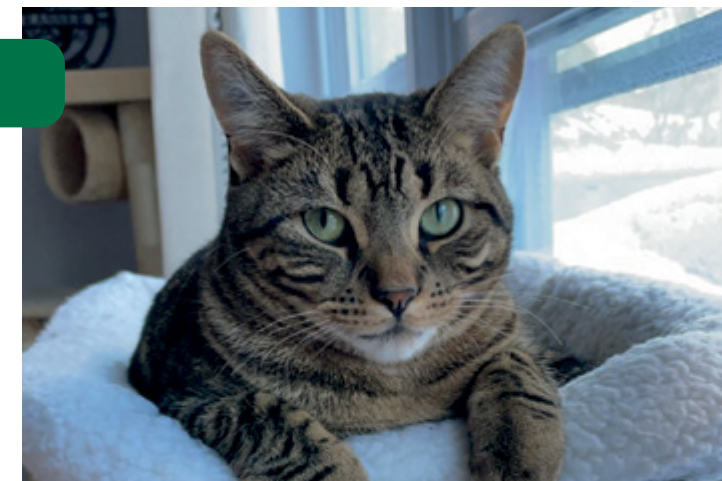
We brought George home in September. He was very shy at first, but it only took a few days for him to show us his curious, playful self. It's been so fun to see him become more confident, going from very skittish to nearly fearless! Georgie loves naps, cuddles, treats, watching out the window, and playing - especially with his pompoms! He loves being picked up and snuggled. He brings us so much joy. We are excited to see him become a big brother - we are due with our first child this September!

- Christie & Brodie

STITCH

We adopted Stitch 3 years ago. He is such a big part of our family and we love him so much! He is a great spokesdog for pit bulls, as well as amputees and shelter animals. His favorite things to do are riding in cars, cuddling, eating, meeting new people and animals, and chasing after balls! He has all the best qualities of all the dogs we have ever had in our household.

- Sabine



Share

Your HAWS adoption story:
Email your update & pictures to
marketing@hawspets.org.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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Future Humane Heroes

Notes from Megan J., Education Dept. Manager

HAWS' Education department may not directly handle adoptions, but we certainly facilitate an animal's journey in other ways!

HAWS' curriculum centers on the importance of humane, authentic, compassionate future leaders, and what HAWS does to that end. We promote the importance of animal rescue. We illustrate how people who prefer specific breeds of animals and their traits can actually find those in the shelter. We talk about the importance of doing research before adopting ANYTHING to make sure A) you can meet the animals' needs, and B) it fits into your lifestyle. We play games and do activities to show the average cost of owning an animal including food, vet care, habitat and time.

We also talk about how detrimental it is for any animal to end up in a shelter and why the shelter environment is not ideal for any animal. We explain the resources we offer at HAWS including training and spay/neuter, showing how fast an unsplayed female cat can create an unwanted colony. We show that animals adopted from a shelter are always spayed/neutered, microchipped, vaccinated...all included in the price of adoption!

The best part? Usually during one of our programs – summer camp, general tours, birthday parties – someone ends up falling in love with something (see Jack's story)! The result may be an adoption, or it ignites a light in the kids to want to change the world and preach about everything they've learned during their time at HAWS. 🐾



Congrats to Sophia Pialeck: 2024 Diana Boettcher Youth Kindness Award Winner

Sophie first got involved with HAWS through our summer camps and continued until she aged out of the program, moving on to help HAWS in new ways.

Sophie first attended Youth Agility Camp with her rescue dog Piper. She continues to take agility classes at HAWS, is a volunteer assistant and is looking to train to become an instructor. Sophie regularly interacts with less experienced handlers and dogs, and very much enjoys the challenge of keeping agility training fun and safe for dogs and handlers of all levels. Sophie is a hard-working, enterprising young woman; she pet-sits and also hosts a Sniffspot at her house. Additionally, Sophie has worked with the active dog of an older owner, allowing the dog to experience agility while keeping the owner involved - a great service for the dog and a great generational connection between Sophie and the owner. Sophie's positive demeanor with dogs and handlers alike will serve her well in her future!

- Nancy W., HAWS Agility Instructor



HAWS SCHALLOCK CENTER FOR ANIMALS

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HAWS Herd News

Notes from Makayla T., Equine Specialist

Candy Corn, HAWS miniature horse, made her first visit to an assisted living facility in May! When she encountered a lady that was visually impaired, Candy instantly knew to stay quiet and still so the lady could see with her hands and groom her. Because of how well Candy did, hopefully more visits like it are in her future.

This year's Hooves & Flights was a tremendous success; Stella and Ranger were the perfect welcoming committee for our guests. We are looking forward to next year's event, so save the date of June 6, 2025!

The goats are getting some new and improved climbing equipment thanks to a project by a local Eagle Scout. This summer they also got their first taste of "goat popsicles" and enjoyed the fun, hydrating snack!

This summer Stella and Candy are loving girl time with Dottie and Aameeka, our summer assistant horses. The boys have also been getting along great and have made a few closer friendships – Ranger and Coco can be seen frequently trying to give each other scratchies on their backs and neck, a sure sign of affection! 🐾



KIDS' CORNER

JACK: DEGU "DADDY"

We adopted three male degu babies in February named Peter, Dwight and Otis. We tell them apart by their personalities. Peter loves food and can get quite vocal at mealtime. Dwight is the skittish one and startles the easiest (he likes cuddles once he lets you near). Otis is the adventurer and tries to jump out when we open the door, or climbs up us to find new places to explore. They have grown to about twice the size they were when they first came home. They like hay a lot, and apple wood to chew on. We have fun when we play in the bathroom together (a room they can't escape but can run free). They love to run on their wheels and snuggle in their hammock. Our dog watches them like they are a TV show. I love my degus!



Jack attended his first camp at HAWS in June 2023, coming all the way from Racine! He had such a great time that his mom signed him up for two more weeks. Each day Jack would take his mom around the shelter to tell her about the animals he had met that day.



Fall Programs Registration Opens August 5th!



Youth Agility Camp at SCA

October 19th, 12:30-4:30pm & October 20th, 11:30am-3:30pm



This special weekend session is for youth ages 10-16 years who love working with their family dog! Agility is a team activity for human handlers and canine athletes, building the bond between humans and their dogs. Participants will learn training techniques that can be adapted and practiced at home. Plus, experienced dogs will be on hand for youth to work with, in addition to their own dogs that are new to agility! Use the QR code to register.



TEACH TRAIN & LIVE HUMANE

GET INVOLVED

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Advocate Squad

Notes from Devon K., Volunteer Coordinator

HAWS volunteers help our adoptable animals get proper socialization and enrichment while they wait for their new families. Our volunteers are essential in helping prepare all of our residents for their new homes!

Our department has teamed up with long-term volunteers to create a mentoring program for multiple different volunteer opportunities at HAWS. The addition of these mentors has led to us being able to offer more orientations for prospective volunteers each month, which in turn leads to more volunteers available for socializing, enriching and working with the animals every week.

In recent months, Volunteer Coordinator Devon and K9 Task Force Lead Sophia have worked closely to begin implementing playgroups for the adoptable dogs in HAWS' care. Through playgroups, the dogs gain socialization and play that cannot be experienced through dog-human interactions. Playgroups are also supported by Mod Squad and Dog Walker 2.0 volunteers each week. 🐾



Current Volunteer Needs:

- Dog Walkers:** Provide exercise, socialization, enrichment for shelter dogs.
- Horse Chore Crew:** Assist with cleaning, feeding, grooming, restocking supplies.
- Small Critter Caregivers:** Clean habitats, prepare specialized meals, keep the small animal room sparkling!

Upcoming Mobile Adoption Visits

August 14th - Culver's on Sunset Give Back Day

August 20th - Lake Country DockHounds Game

September 26th - Yappy Hour at Liquid Johnny's w/ Tito's Vodka

October 5th - Wilde Subaru Same Day Adoption Event

November 2nd - Turkey Trot w/ Think Pawsitive

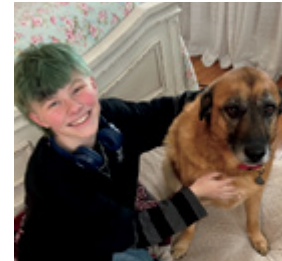
December TBA - The Ingleside Country Christmas

We have a wide range of opportunities! Start by visiting our information page at hawspets.org/volunteer or email volunteer@hawspets.org.

While We Were Out

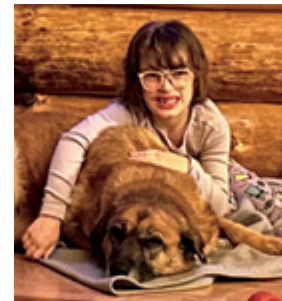
Notes from Carrie S., Mobile Adoption Coordinator

Our Mobile team is always excited to provide our shelter animals an added level of exposure and opportunity for field trips outside the shelter walls. The hope is always to find them a forever family. We are so thankful to our caring community for their support and overjoyed so many of our residents are able to find homes during events!



"We adopted Harley this past September at the Subaru dealership...we LOVE her and can't imagine our life without her! She loves her walks, peanut butter, toys and her beef bones. She is so sweet and gentle, everyone always stops to pet her when we are out walking, which she loves. She also loves car rides: we took her on vacation over spring break and she did great! Thank you!"

-Pam



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

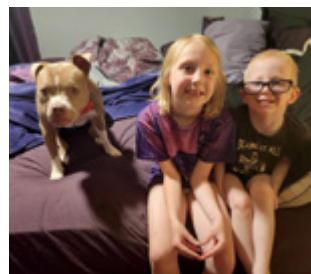
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Recently, combining efforts with our Adoptions team, the Mobile crew was able to hold same day adoptions during our inaugural year of HAWSfest! It was such a successful day with two kittens, a ferret and two former strays - Wilma our dog friend and Marvin our cat friend - being adopted! Wilma met her entire new loving family at the event, including their 100+ pound Great Dane! 🐾

"We weren't in the market for a pet, so meeting such a sweet and cuddly dog was a surprise. When we got to the Mobile tent at HAWSfest, I saw this adorable pup just people- and dog-watching. I knew she was meant for our family."

Now that the newness has worn off, it's like she has always been in our family. She cuddles with me and my kids and loves meeting new people. We take her to the dog park where she runs up to greet the people before the other dogs. Her favorite toys are squeaky stuffies, tennis balls and beef bones. She gets her zoomies and runs around the house, but then jumps on the couch for belly rubs and nap time. We are so glad we found her. Thank you HAWS for the event and our new family member."

- Jacquelyn



The Friends of HAWS

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Join us



TAILgate Outing: August 18th, 10am-4pm

Join the fun at Petlicious Dog Bakery & Spa, 2217 Silvernail Rd., Pewaukee - a great way to wrap up summer along with their annual Pier Pups Dock Diving competition!

Clothing & Textile Drive: August 24th, 10am - 3pm

Bring your unwanted clothing, accessories, linens and more. Bins will be available from 8/19-25 for those not able to stop by on Saturday! In partnership with St. Vincent de Paul of Waukesha. Questions? Please contact friends@hawspets.org for details.

Monthly Meeting: September 11th, 6pm

Our usual monthly meeting...at an unusual location! Join us around the fire pit at the HAWS Schallock Center for Animals, W330 S1205 County Rd. C., Delafield.

Save the dates!

Electronics Recycling Fundraiser: October 5th
Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale: November 15th & 16th

HAPPY TAILS

An evening to benefit HAWS 🐾

Our annual fall fundraising gala is Friday, October 18th.

Event registration opens early September: hawspets.org/happytails

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DATED MATERIAL - PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY

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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.

August

TAllgate Outing
August 18th
10am-4pm
Petlicious, Pewaukee



Clothing & Textile Drive
August 24th
10am-3pm
Details on page 10.

September

Annual Membership Meeting

September 23rd
7pm

*All are welcome!
Voting restricted to members only.*

October



October 18th

Marriott West, Waukesha

Registration opens early September:
hawspets.org/happytails



Friends Meetings

Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 6:30pm
All adults welcome! See hawspets.org/friends.

Each Month

Cat Pedicures

Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9 9:30-11:30am
Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 26 5:30-7:30pm
Please visit hawspets.org/events prior to your visit for procedure and registration.

Pedicures for Rabbits & Guinea Pigs

Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 9:30-10:30am
*Pedicures are limited to the first 20 animals.
No pre-registration or call-ahead available.*

Join ^{us} our team!

HAWS is Hiring: We have positions available on our Animal Caretaker and Adoption Counselor teams, as well as for a SNIP clinic veterinarian. Please log on to hawspets.org/careers to learn more and build your career at HAWS!



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