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HAWS RECEIVES \$6000 GRANT THROUGH ASPCA SPAY/NEUTER ALLIANCE

Funds enable shelter's spay/neuter clinic to continue providing an extremely safe experience for shelter/public pets

WAUKESHA – March 11, 2026. [HAWS](#), the Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County, has received a \$6,000 grant from the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance (ASNA) to support the implementation of techniques and efficiencies learned while attending training recently at the ASNA facility in North Carolina.

Dr. Kolleen Meyer, Medical Director of Veterinary Services for HAWS, said the grant enables HAWS to stay updated with the most current spay/neuter medications, procedures and protocols. Equipment purchased with the grant includes four new pulse oximeters (pictured), which accurately monitor oxygen levels and heart rates. These items enable HAWS' Spay/Neuter Initiative Program (SNIP) clinic to continue serving the needs of the community, safely and effectively.

"Now more than ever we are seeing the need in our community for affordable access to spay/neuter services for their pets, as well as general veterinary care, and we are thrilled to provide those services," noted Dr. Meyer. "At the same time, we continue to decrease shelter admissions and pet overpopulation."

The ASNA also provides training to agencies like HAWS that operate high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter clinics. Veterinarian training focuses on every aspect of spay/neuter surgeries, in order to perform in the safest, most efficient manner possible. Training for team members encompasses working together efficiently to provide a good experience for every pet, as well as disease prevention and CPR training. In late 2025, HAWS SNIP team members Morgan Donnelly, Kaitlin Frater, Dr. Jamie Oakes (DVM) and Izzy Maravelas (pictured) attended training at the ASNA's state-of-the-art facility in Asheville, NC.

"I was paired 1:1 with their doctors and learned new surgical techniques that have made me more confident and efficient with surgery," said Dr. Oakes. "The whole team learned techniques to help our efficiency and patient care."

Donnelly shared her experience: "We spent the day paired 1:1 with their veterinary staff through a full day of surgeries, all hands-on. They taught us different techniques and worked with us to figure out where we could be more efficient and provide better patient care. We discussed things like keeping our patients warm - utilizing a crock pot to heat up our scrub solutions or putting baby socks on patient paws."

"I came back a more confident and more passionate technician," continued Donnelly. "I've been able to watch our new skills positively impact our SNIP patients, and am grateful for all we will continue to do with the grant we received."

Dr. Meyer summarized the impact. "When we focus on doing one thing, we develop the skills and processes to do it extremely well."

A non-profit organization established in 1965, the Humane Animal Welfare Society assists over 12,000 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.

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