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Meet the 20,000th animal served at the Spay/Neuter Clinic!

Ozzie became part of the Konkel family just before Christmas and has been a treasured member of the family ever since. He loves belly scratches, prefers drinking out of the 150lb Lab's water bowl instead of his own, and he learned to climb the bunk bed ladder so he can sleep next to his human sister. Thank you for being such a fantastic (and highly photogenic) patient, Ozzie!

It's hard to believe we opened our clinic doors in West Allis just 2.5 years ago on June 1, 2015. At the time, Milwaukee was one of the only major metropolitan areas without a high-volume spay/neuter clinic and we were determined to fill this need for our community. By providing high-quality, affordable spay/neuter services to the public, we're able to decrease animal overpopulation, as well as improve the health of individual animals. We are tremendously grateful to the community for welcoming us with open arms; it's an honor to be entrusted with the care of your pets!



To learn more, please visit: www.wihumane.org/clinic

FOX6 to host Wisconsin Humane Society Telethon!



The Wisconsin Humane Society is excited to announce our new telethon to benefit homeless animals in our community! The 2018 Pet Telethon will be broadcast live on FOX6 News (WITI-TV) in Milwaukee from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 23, reaching an audience of about 175,000 viewers. In addition to live in-studio segments, Carl Deffenbaugh from FOX6 will be broadcasting live from the WHS Milwaukee Campus throughout the day. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 to support the 40,000 animals we serve each year! We are so grateful to our friends at FOX6 and the following sponsors for their generosity:



Learn more at www.wihumane.org/telethon

Bay Area and Door County Humane Societies officially a part of the Wisconsin Humane Society!

In December 2017, it was announced that the Bay Area Humane Society (BAHS) and Door County Humane Society (DCHS) would become part of the Wisconsin Humane Society (WHS), and that transaction is complete as of January 1, 2018!

WHS was approached separately by leadership at both organizations about succession plans to ensure the continuation of animal sheltering and other services in their respective communities. Both BAHS and DCHS were looking for an ongoing framework that would reliably sustain their operations into the future. "This is truly the best thing that could have happened for the Bay Area Humane Society," said Marlene Walsh, former executive director at BAHS. "...In the end, the animals win. The resources that they can bring to the region will strengthen our ability to serve animals in need."

"Today, the fragmentation of animal welfare into so many different organizations has created a new need: the need to support vital work for animals with strong, simple infrastructure. We believe that local organizations face significant risks to sustainability and relevance if each one is a separate silo that must reinvent every wheel."

The board at Door County also voted unanimously to become part of WHS. As a small organization, DCHS found that the challenge of bearing overhead costs alone was threatening the future of their work. WHS can bring efficiencies and innovative philosophies to ensure that service to animals continues uninterrupted in that region.

All three organizations were already committed to finding a home for every treatable and safe animal, no matter how long it takes. WHS helped pioneer the approaches that make this possible in the 1990s, and BAHS and DCHS have followed them for some time. These approaches will continue. In addition, the organizations expect that this change will bring more resources for medical and behavioral care for animals at the new locations.

Service to new communities is not foreign to WHS. In 2004, the Milwaukee-based WHS acquired the Ozaukee Humane Society, and in 2013, it acquired the Countryside Humane Society in Racine. The consolidation of staff and resources helped to ensure high-quality animal care and services to animals and families in both counties.

The George Kress Family Foundation is generously helping to support the acquisition. Other donations are being sought to help with transition costs, which are estimated to be about \$175,000 and include expenses for animal care equipment, veterinary supplies, training, travel, facility improvements and advertising. As always, donors have the ability to dictate where their money is used, and donations specific to a community will stay in that community; otherwise, donations go to the highest area of need.

"As Wisconsin's oldest animal welfare organization, WHS has always worked to identify and respond to the most pressing needs of animals," said Anne Reed, President & CEO at WHS.



Door County Campus



Green Bay Campus

Snowy Owl in Milwaukee: An unexpected traveler



A sick and injured Snowy Owl was found on the ground in a parking lot in downtown Milwaukee in late November.

The caring people who found him called us for help and we responded by sending dedicated WHS Wildlife Rescue Volunteer, Joyce, to get him and bring him back to our wildlife hospital.

Our examination revealed that he was suffering from dehydration, parasites, a wound on his belly, and a broken talon. We named him "Iglak," which in the Inuit language means "traveler."

For the first couple of days, we housed Iglak in an incubator in our ICU, and we administered fluids and electrolytes, followed by a tube-fed diet to address his dehydration and low body-weight. In the coming days, we treated his broken toe and his wound, and once he was strong enough to eat on his own, we gave him a nutritious diet to help him gain more strength and body mass. Eventually, we moved him to our flight cage so he could build the endurance he'd need for his long journey back to the Arctic in spring.

After several weeks with us, we were thrilled to release Iglak, to the wild again in Ozaukee County. Your support makes success stories like this possible.



Why I support the Racine Capital Campaign

Since we announced our vision for a new animal shelter in Racine County, WHS has been humbled by the outpouring of support from donors, volunteers and community partners. We have raised more than \$1.3 million toward our goal of \$5.4 million, but we still need your help. In the words of one of our passionate volunteers, here's why this campaign is important – and how you can get involved.

"As an animal care volunteer at the Racine Campus, I work Friday mornings in the dog lodging area. Each week I meet dogs who are stressed from the cramped quarters and loud environment. The sick dogs are unfortunately housed right next to the healthy ones, as there is no other place for them to go. The vet recovery area is located in the same room as the washer and dryer, dish washing area, and the tub for bathing dogs. This is definitely not a relaxing or quiet recovery spot for animals getting out of surgery, but the current building leaves us no other choice."

I really wanted to help with the building limitations facing the Racine Campus, so in lieu of gifts this past Christmas, the only item on my list was donations to the Wisconsin Humane Society's new building fund. I feel strongly that these precious animals deserve an environment where they are comfortable, and the hardworking staff can perform their lifesaving work. After seeing my Christmas list, my loving husband decided to start a surprise fundraiser in my name. He hoped to raise \$1,000 for Racine's new building fund and was completely blown away when the campaign raised just over \$3,000 in donations! It was such a shock on Christmas to get the best 'gift' a girl could ever ask for!

My wish is that Racine, like the Milwaukee and Ozaukee Campuses, has a new building that is welcoming, designed for the lifesaving work the Wisconsin Humane Society is known for in a location that is much easier for the public to visit.

In October of 2016 my husband and I adopted one of the many amazing dogs from the Racine Campus. We decided to name him Alpine. He specializes in singing us songs on the way to the dog park, snuggling, and giving kisses. Alpine brings so much joy to our lives and I hope that everyone in Racine County can feel the same love when they decide to adopt their new best friend."

- Emily, WHS Volunteer and Unleash the Potential supporter

You can start your own fundraiser to help **Unleash the Potential** for Racine! Visit www.UnleashThePotential.net to learn more, or contact Heidi at (262) 833-4010 or hboyd@wihumane.org.

Corporate Spotlight Zywave Helping Handz



In an effort to be a better corporate citizen and to make a positive impact in the community, Zywave, a Milwaukee-based technology solutions company, plans fundraising activities each month for a different community organization. They created a "Dogs for the Dogs" fundraiser to benefit animals at WHS, and we couldn't be more grateful!

Employees enjoyed a hot dog lunch and purchased tickets to win one of several goody-filled raffle baskets. They also held a Pet Photo Contest for employees to submit photos of their pets and write a short and hilarious biography from the pet's point of view. Photos were displayed at the lunch event, and employees voted to determine the winner.

In addition to raising more than \$1,400, Zywave encouraged its employees to donate wish list items like dog food, treats, toys and blankets for shelter pets. Simply amazing!

Employee fundraisers are a great way to engage your workforce in a cause they care about while having fun and building camaraderie. If you'd like to learn how your workplace can fundraiser for WHS, please contact Ruadhan at 414-431-6122 or rward@wihumane.org. Thank you!



Spay/Neuter Clinic

affordable | high-quality | compassionate

dogs: \$105+
cats: \$75

about us

The WHS Spay/Neuter Clinic is an affordable, high-quality sterilization clinic open to all dogs and cats.

services

Dog Spay/Neuter - \$105

100-125 lbs. - \$150 | 126-150 lbs. - \$200

Cat Spay/Neuter - \$75

Includes pre-surgical exam, spay/neuter, pain medication, complimentary nail trim.

to schedule

Please call (414) 323-6163 or request an appointment online at www.wihumane.org/clinic.



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Adoption Update: Dixie

One of the most rewarding parts of our work is getting updates from adopters. Every year, more than 10,000 individuals and families open both their hearts and homes to animals in need. It is our privilege to connect these animals and people, and our joy to see the mutual happiness that they bring each other.

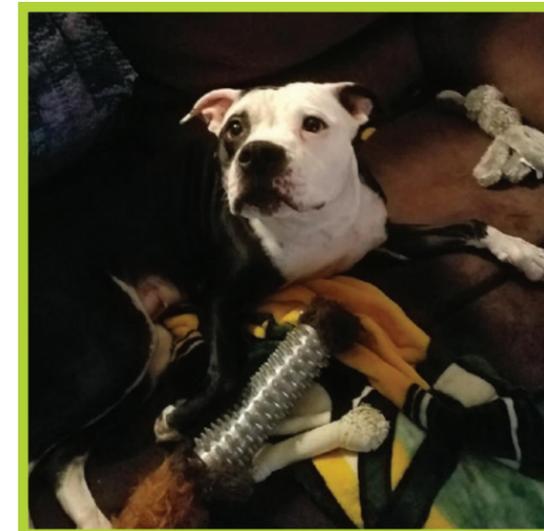
We were so happy to receive this update on Dixie from her new mom. Dixie arrived at the Wisconsin Humane Society this winter after she was transferred to us from the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC). Dixie's new mom writes:

"Our last three dogs were from WHS, one a surrender and two strays. After we had our 15-year-old put down on 1/17, we lasted three whole days without a dog. On 1/21 we came back for a new dog. When we saw Dixie, we fell in love. She seemed to be calling us to her kennel with her eyes."

We interacted with her and she was enthusiastic but once she approached my handicapped husband, she toned it down and just put her paws on him so he could reach her head... we were hooked!

I think if there were a "perfect" dog, Dixie would be the one. She has made our life complete. In a week and a half, she has received and given more love than we ever thought possible. I have a montage of pictures of her snuggling up to various family members and even my son and daughter-in-law's two cats.

Thanks for all the WHS does to make sure that each animal has an appropriate and loving home."



To learn more about supporting our adoption program or to sponsor an animal currently receiving care in our adoption program, please contact Christine at 414-431-6119 or ccarini@wihumane.org.

WHS statement regarding Humane Society of the United States

On February 2, 2018, the CEO of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), Wayne Pacelle, resigned following sexual misconduct allegations. The Wisconsin Humane Society (WHS) is not an affiliate or chapter of any national organization, including the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). In fact, there is no national umbrella organization in animal sheltering. WHS, like every local and regional animal shelter, is a local, independent non-profit organization. We operate shelters in Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Brown, and Door Counties, as well as a Spay/Neuter Clinic in West Allis. WHS relies on the generosity of our community to fund lifesaving programs and we do not receive general government funding.

At WHS, we are committed to our values of compassion, respect, integrity, and professionalism. Our workplace culture does not tolerate harassment or disrespect of employees, volunteers, clients, donors, or the public. Compassion and respect are the foundation of helping both the animals in our care and the people we serve, and behavior contrary to our values is not tolerated.

Happy National Pet Dental Month!



February is National Pet Dental Health month. One of the most common health concerns in pets is dental disease. A foul odor from their mouth, discolored or loose teeth, drooling, problems chewing or loss of appetite can all be signs that something is wrong. It is important to schedule regular visits with your veterinarian to help you develop a plan for at-home dental care, including supplements, specially formulated food, and brushing. They can also let you know when it is time to schedule a professional cleaning for your pet. Remember that good oral hygiene can make a remarkable difference in your pet's comfort and overall health.



NEW!
WEBSITE > KIDS' RACE > TANK

The snow is melting and we're all getting a little antsy; now is the perfect time to get your tail on the trail! Register today for the Wisconsin Humane Society's 6th annual Tails on the Trail run/walk for animals. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, June 23 at Veterans Park** on Milwaukee's lakefront, and we're making 2018 our best year yet.

So, what's new in 2018?

Our new Tails on the Trail website! It's mobile-friendly and more user-friendly than ever before! Check it out today at www.wihumane.org/TailsOnTheTrail

- **"Tots on the Trail" Kids Dash** > "Tots on the Trail" is our new fun run for kids 10 & under. Separate from Tails on the Trail registration, it will be held after the main race at Veterans Park. Each entry includes a special race bib and participant ribbon!
- **Easy Savings** > Sign up by May 31st and save with our Early Bird Registration discounts, no coupon code needed!
- **Team Tailgate Zone** > Teams that raise \$2,500 or more will receive a 10x10 space in our Team Tailgate area at Tails on the Trail to use to meet and gather with team members!
- **Special Edition 2018 Tanks & Tees** > Purchase your very own charcoal gray "Home Sweet Home" WHS tank or T-shirt, only available for Tails on the Trail 2018! Available on the registration page so you can cover your race registration and fun new shirt all at once!



And remember, Tails on the Trail is a very dog-friendly event, but you don't have to have a dog to participate—everyone is welcome!

GET STARTED TODAY AT
www.wihumane.org/tailsonthetrail

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Classes & Events!

Hoppy Hour | Milwaukee Campus

Sunday, March 18, 2018 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us for this social hour for rabbits and their people! It's a time when all different kinds of rabbits can come together to play, run, frolic, and socialize. The cost is \$10 per bunny and registration is limited. We hope to see you for this hoppin' good time!

Puppy ABC's Class | Ozaukee Campus

Saturday, March 24, 2018 | 9:00 a.m.

A dog training class for puppies under five months old. Our classes use reward based techniques, teaching you how to use a clicker for training and reinforcement. Puppies are taught in a positive learning environment where they have fun and are set up for success! \$130 for puppies adopted from a shelter or rescue. \$150 for non-adopted puppies.

Dog Manners Class | Ozaukee Campus

Saturday, March 24, 2018 | 10:15 a.m.

This class is for dogs five months and older. Our experienced team of instructors makes training a fun and rewarding experience for people AND dogs! This is a "must do" class, designed to teach you how to communicate with your dog. During this six-week session, your dog will be introduced to cues such as sit, down, stay, off, leave it, wait at the door, come, walking on a loose leash, and more! \$130 for dogs adopted from a shelter or rescue. \$150 for non-adopted dogs.

DOGA: Yoga with your Dog | Milwaukee Campus

Sunday, March 25, 2018 | 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, April 22, 2018 | 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

A wonderful way to bond with your best friend while having lots of fun! This class is for any yoga experience or fitness level. When you come to this class you will do simple poses and meditations with your dog at your side. We will include some relaxing massage for your four-legged friend, too! The cost is \$20 for each 45-minute session.

Pet Loss Support | Milwaukee Campus

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 | 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

This one-hour program includes a discussion of the grieving process for all age groups, suggestions for coping with loss, and attention to special situations such as euthanasia decisions. Topics include commonly-experienced stages of grief, gaining support from others, getting through the first, worst days, when to consult a professional therapist, as well as special situations. A \$10 fee for this seminar includes a \$5.00 gift certificate to our Animal Antics retail store.

Pooch Playtime | Milwaukee Campus

Sunday, April 15, 2018 | 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Is your dog longing to get out for more playtime and socialization? Join us for Pooch Playtime! Your dog can run and play in our indoor, climate-controlled training center. We provide a fun and relaxing environment for playtime that is monitored by two WHS volunteers. Only \$8 per dog for each 45 minute play session, limited to 8 dogs. Pre-registration is required!



TO REGISTER for a class, please visit: wihumane.org/events-calendar

SAVE THE DATE

Feasting for Fido | Milwaukee Campus

Thursday, July 26, 2018 | 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Wisconsin Humane Society is celebrating its 10th anniversary of Feasting for Fido in 2018! Join us for a tasting of Milwaukee's best vegetarian food where attendees enjoy samples from more than 20 of Milwaukee's finest restaurants, live music, wine, beer, a silent auction, and more, all to support homeless animals right here in our community!

Feasting for Felix | Ozaukee Campus

Thursday, August 23, 2018 | 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Wisconsin Humane Society Ozaukee Campus will be hosting its 7th annual Feasting for Felix in 2018! This fun evening features tastings of creative cuisine from some of Ozaukee County's best restaurants, beer and wine, festive music, and our four-legged friends as greeters!

Paws & Claws Gala | The Pfister Hotel

Saturday, October 20, 2018 | 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Join us for the 2018 Paws & Claws Gala, the Wisconsin Humane Society's favorite formal event of the year! This year's "Catsino Royale night" will be held on Saturday, October 20 at the historic Pfister Hotel, and will feature silent and live auctions, raffles, a wine & spirits pull, dinner, photo booth, and of course, pups in ball gowns and cats in tuxedos! Learn more at gala.wihumane.org.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, please visit:
wihumane.org/events-calendar
or call 414-431-6121

Wisconsin Humane Society's Kids' Activity Guide 2018

CAMPS

Camps give kids an up-close and personal experience with our WHS shelters and the animals in our care. **All camps run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and fees include snacks & materials.**

Spring

Barks & Blooms Spring Break Camp Grades 2-6 | \$55

This camp is the perfect one-day getaway to learn all about animals and the work we do at the Wisconsin Humane Society. Take a private tour, make animal-themed crafts, play games, and spend time with dogs and cats.

Thursday, March 29 Milwaukee & Ozaukee
Thursday, April 5 Milwaukee

Summer

Camp Critter

*Grades 1-3 | \$130 *Grade completed by date of camp

Enjoy three fun-filled days of crafts, games, and animal friends at WHS. We'll cover topics like animal care, safety, training, and more!

Tuesday, June 26 - Thursday, June 28 Milwaukee
Tuesday, July 17 - Thursday, July 19 Ozaukee
Wednesday, August 15 - Friday, August 17 Milwaukee

Camp Unleashed

*Grades 4-6 | \$130 *Grade completed by date of camp

A three-day camp to learn about animals of all kinds, explore animal-related career opportunities, and meet some cool animals!

Wednesday, June 13 - Friday, June 15 Milwaukee
Tuesday, July 24 - Thursday, July 26 Milwaukee
Tuesday, August 7 - Thursday, August 9 Ozaukee

Junior Vet Camp

*Grades 6-8 | \$110 *Grade completed by date of camp

Dive into the exciting world of veterinary science and discover what it takes to become an animal doctor during this two-day experience.

Wednesday, June 20 - Thursday, June 21 Milwaukee
Wednesday, July 11 - Thursday, July 12 MKE & Ozaukee
Wednesday, August 1 - Thursday, August 2 Milwaukee

Winter

REGISTER BEFORE
Dec. 1 for \$5 Off

Bow Wow Blizzard Camp Grades 2-6 | \$55

Come in from the cold and warm up with furry friends! Spend your winter break at this one-day camp for young animal enthusiasts.

Thursday, December 27 Milwaukee & Ozaukee

Exclusive WHS Youth T-Shirts are available for purchase at the time of program registration.



YEAR-ROUND

Birthday Parties

Ages 6-12 | \$225-275

Celebrate your special day by holding a birthday party with us! All packages include a party host, invitations, cake, juice, decorations, a private tour of the shelter, and a chance to meet animals. Parties are offered weekends at the Milwaukee and Ozaukee Campuses.

Please contact us 6-8 weeks in advance to book your party for best availability.



Learn more at www.wihumane.org/for-kids