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32 animals rescued from Brown County home



In February, the Wisconsin Humane Society assisted law enforcement in the removal of 31 dogs and one parrot from a single residence in Brown County.

WHS staff from our Green Bay and Door County Campuses were heartbroken to find dozens of scared pups in a single home; the conditions were deplorable. They were brought to the WHS Green Bay Campus where they received the care they desperately needed.

Most of the pups are smaller dogs resembling Australian Shepherds, although there are also a few larger dogs; the majority of them are adults. They were given initial exams, a safe and comfortable place to relax, and any emergency care they needed. We'll be there for them as long as it takes.

If you believe someone is struggling with animal hoarding, it's important to reach out for help. It's a serious mental health problem that can quickly spiral out of control, affecting not only the animals, but the owners, their families and community. Call your local law enforcement, animal welfare organization, health department, or mental health agency for supportive resources.



Get Involved in Giving Back

With the weather warming up, it's time to shake off those winter blues, and what better way to do that than to help our four-legged friends! Raising funds for the animals can be a rewarding way for all of us to make an impact. Need help getting started? Here are some ideas to get you inspired:

- **School projects:** Get classmates, scout troops, and friends involved in giving back! Kids can organize penny wars, dog treat bake sales, and classroom donation drives to make a big impact. These are great ways for kids to team up and help their furry friends!
- **Young philanthropists:** Does your child have all the toys and Barbies they need? Trying to get creative for your child's birthday? Collecting birthday donations for the animals is a great way for everyone to get in on the celebration! Instead of getting gifts at their next birthday party, kids can ask for monetary donations, as well as items from the WHS wish list. Stop down to the shelter afterwards for a photo on our Kind Kids Spotlight page!
- **Businesses can give back too!** Wisconsinites love unique events hosted by local businesses! Offering a signature drink and donating \$1 back from each sold to WHS is a fun way to show your patrons you support the animals in our community. Register round-ups, where clients can round up their purchases to donate to the shelter, are also a popular and easy way to get everyone involved in making a big difference.



Don't forget to tell us about what you have planned! We have a fundraising toolkit, posters, and more to help. Contact our team today at rward@wihumane.org or 414-431-6122.

Stop. Look. Listen.



Before you roll your sleeves up to get to work with your garden rake and lawnmower this spring, please stop for a few minutes first to look and listen for vulnerable baby wild animals.

Cottontail rabbit nests and young wild bunnies in your lawn or garden can be very difficult to see, as can fledgling birds. We admit hundreds of young wild animals each year who have accidentally been injured by weed-whackers, lawnmowers, shovels, or rakes.

Furthermore, many people who do find a bunny nest or a young rabbit out of its nest often wrongly assume that they are orphaned, when mom is simply hiding nearby to avoid drawing attention to her babies.

You can learn how to avoid injuring backyard wildlife, and how to know when a baby animal you've found is truly orphaned, on our website: www.wihumane.org/wildlife. Check it out!

The fun heats up for kids with Wisconsin Humane Society spring and summer camps!



Discover a range of camp offerings across our Milwaukee, Ozaukee, and Green Bay Campuses. Camps are grouped by grade level to ensure that campers get the most out of every activity. On a behind-the-scenes tour, campers will see the journey animals take, as well as participate in activities that focus on basic training, animal care, ways to be safe around pets of all kinds, and more. Campers can expect crafts, animal-themed games, and – everyone’s favorite – a chance to meet animals!

Our specialty Junior Vet Camp for middle and high school age students allows kids to dive into the world of veterinary science. Camp instructors and special guests cover topics like pet first-aid, animal health, and exams. Campers also practice their skills through hands-on learning.

We’re especially excited to introduce a brand-new half-day camp at our Green Bay Campus this summer. Creative Critters Animals Arts Camp is for kids grades 3rd through 6th who love animals AND art. This camp will perfectly blend these two loves by providing ways for campers to experiment with different art mediums such as paint, photography, printmaking, and collage. We won’t hold back on the creative side, especially if it helps the animals at WHS. We’ll also include plenty of animal interaction time, as well!

For more information about Wisconsin Humane Society kids’ camps, visit www.wihumane.org/for-kids/camps.

Adoption Update!



After firefighters extinguished a fire at a Georgia home in December 2017, they discovered a horrific scene inside: more than 90 terrified dogs were huddled in masses inside the home. The owner surrendered the dogs to Fulton County Animal Services in Atlanta who we regularly work with on transfers, so WHS reached out to offer our support and 13 of the dogs from that single residence arrived at our Milwaukee Campus soon after. Recently we received this update and our hearts are so full. To everyone who adopts, volunteers, or donates to WHS: we truly mean it when we say you make these fairy tale endings possible. We can't thank you enough!

"Happy 1 year adoption birthday miss Lizzy! One year ago we brought home this very scared and very shut down little pup. She came from a dog hoarding situation in Georgia where over 90 dogs were found in one house. I was petrified to bring her home because I knew it was going to be a lot of work. But thanks to all the wonderful people at Wisconsin Humane Society who supported us and encouraged us, she is now my little shadow. It has taken her most of this year to completely settle in and let down her guard. Now she is an incredibly silly, enthusiastic, loving and spoiled dog. She has this way of bringing immense amounts of happiness and laughter into the house."

- Sara T.

Deer tangled in hammock rescued by WHS



Another winter deer rescue! We received a call in February about a buck hopelessly entangled in a hammock in a suburban yard. We are unsure how long the deer had been stuck, but by the time we were informed, he had already made a circular path in the snow in his highly stressed attempts to free himself.

Every year we get a handful of calls regarding wildlife caught in nets of some kind, such as soccer nets or hammocks. Please take note - if you use a net for recreation, please take it down when not in use, as it can unintentionally harm wildlife.

For this situation, we were able to send out one of our licensed

wildlife rehabilitators to help safely free this deer. Also, on scene to help were one of our local wardens from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and a police officer from the Oak Creek Police Department. Together, we were able to safely sedate this deer and then work diligently to cut away the huge knot of the hammock he had made (while monitoring his vital signs). Once we had cut off the hammock, this deer was ear-tagged and then given medication to reverse his sedation. After a bit, the buck awoke and walked off - definitely tired from his ordeal, but clearly relieved to be no longer entangled in the hammock! Thank you for caring about wildlife and thanks for your support!

The magic of Sid & Kamau

If you've ever been to Sid's Shear Magic near Hopkins & 24th, you've likely met an adorable cat named Kamau. Years ago, a member of our Pets For Life (PFL) outreach team had been walking by the barbershop and saw an adorable, black-and-white kitten sitting in the window. They stopped in to introduce themselves and Sid was quick to take us up on our offer of a neuter appointment for Kamau. Since then, the PFL team stays in touch with the duo, stopping in for haircuts, checking to see how Kamau is doing, and providing support if any care is needed.

We are so grateful to those who support our PFL program to help ensure pets in Milwaukee's underserved communities have access to pet care resources, regardless of geographic or financial barriers. If you're ever in the neighborhood, stop by Sid's Shear Magic for a cut and say hello to Kamau!



GET READY FOR PET WALK 2019!



GREEN BAY
Sunday, June 2
Brown County Fairgrounds
DePere, WI
NEW VENUE!

MILWAUKEE
Saturday, June 22
Veterans Park
Milwaukee, WI
Formerly Tails on the Trail

The snow is melting and we're all getting a little antsy, now is the perfect time to sign up for our favorite run/walk of the year! Register today for the Wisconsin Humane Society's 2019 Pet Walks in Green Bay & Milwaukee and find out why we're making 2019 our best year yet!



Why register for Pet Walk 2019?

- **It's fun!** Plain and simple, walks are more fun when you're part of a team - and Pet Walk is not just a walk in the park with your dog. It's open to everyone; with or without a dog! It's a blast to see all the dogs and spend time with family and friends. What's even better? It's followed by our post-race festival featuring activities for every member of your family, including music, food, dog games, prize wheels, a doggie fashion show, vendors, exhibitors, lure and agility courses, and our Doggie Dash Speed Zone to see how fast your pup can run!
- **You can earn awesome swag!** Collect donations from friends, family, and co-workers or donate yourself and you'll earn sweet prizes for reaching different fundraising levels! Prizes include a hoodie, access to our VIP Heroes Hangout, event tickets, and even a Fast Pass to skip lines at the event!
- **Your pets will be proud.** 100% of the proceeds from Pet Walk go right back to homeless animals at the Wisconsin Humane Society. You'll never have so much fun making a difference for animals in need.

And remember, Pet Walk is dog-friendly, but you don't have to have a dog to participate; everyone is welcome!

LEARN MORE TODAY!

PET WALK GREEN BAY: www.petwalkgb.com | **PET WALK MKE:** www.petwalkmke.com

Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Events!

Barkin' Beer Fest | Badger State Brewing

Saturday, April 6, 2019 | 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
990 Tony Canadeo Run, Green Bay

Join us for the Wisconsin Humane Society's 3rd annual Barkin' Beer Fest! This fun afternoon includes tastings of amazing craft beers from local breweries, music, a variety of raffles, food trucks, and your own commemorative glass. Please leave your pets at home; this party is just for the humans. Not a beer fan? Designated driver tickets are available for half off!

Feasting for Fido | Milwaukee Campus

Thursday, July 25, 2019 | 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The Wisconsin Humane Society is hosting the 11th annual Feasting for Fido! 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.



Feasting for Felix | Ozaukee Campus

Thursday, August 15, 2019 | 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The Wisconsin Humane Society Ozaukee Campus will be hosting the 8th annual Feasting for Felix. 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!



Milwaukee Lakefront Marathon Starts at Grafton High School

Sunday, October 6, 2019 | 10:00 a.m.

Join TEAM WHS and help save the lives of homeless animals! TEAM WHS is a new charity racing and fundraising partnership, giving 2019 Lakefront Marathon participants the opportunity to run this year's race on behalf of Wisconsin Humane Society! When you join Team WHS, you commit to raising much-needed funds for the 40,000 animals the Wisconsin Humane Society serves each year, and in return, we'll waive your entry fee into this year's Milwaukee Lakefront Marathon. In addition, you'll receive an exclusive Team WHS race jersey and become part of a community of people who are committed to saving the lives of animals in need.

Learn more and sign up today by contacting us at jvancamp@wihumane.org.

Paws & Claws Gala | The Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee

Saturday, October 19, 2019 | 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Join us for the 2019 Paws & Claws Gala, the Wisconsin Humane Society's favorite formal event of the year! The gala features silent and live auctions, raffles, wine & spirits pull, a delectable dinner, photo booth, and of course, mingling with adoptable pups, our favorite felines, and some of our very best wildlife ambassadors.



TO REGISTER for an event, please visit:
wihumane.org/events-calendar

Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Classes & Seminars!

Canine Massage Workshop | Milwaukee Campus Wednesday, April 17, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Relax, de-stress and relieve your dog and yourself by learning basic relaxation and therapeutic massage techniques. Canine massage is more than just "fluff." Massage certainly relaxes and relieves pain, but it can also lower stress and anxiety, build confidence, soothe arthritis, increase flexibility and prevent potential future injury...just to list a few of the benefits! The fee for this workshop is \$40.00 per dog.



Puppy ABC's Class | Ozaukee Campus Saturday, April 27, 2019 | 10:15 a.m.

Did your puppy come with an instruction manual? Do you have questions? Find the answers in the Puppy ABC's class at the Wisconsin Humane Society. Designed for puppies under 5 months, learn positive techniques and activities to motivate your puppy and build his or her confidence... and yours! Our classes use reward-based training 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 successful!

Dog Manners Class | Ozaukee Campus Saturday, April 27, 2019 | 9:00 a.m.

This class is for dogs 5 months and older. Our experienced staff of instructors makes training your dog 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.

Pet Loss Support | Milwaukee Campus Wednesday, May 1, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

This one-hour program will include a discussion of the grieving process for all age groups, suggestions for coping with loss and attention to special situations such as euthanasia decisions. 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 to purchase one of the pet loss booklets available.

Pooch Playtime | Milwaukee Campus Sunday, June 2, 2019 | 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 \$8.00 per dog for each 45-minute play session, limited to 8 dogs. Pre-registration is required!



Hoppy Hour | Milwaukee Campus Sunday, June 2, 2019 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 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!



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