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Pets for Life: Carlos & Sassy

A staff member caught this adorable moment between Carlos and his pup, Sassy, before she headed off to get spayed, vaccinated, and microchipped. Thanks to the program's supporters, Pets for Life removes barriers like transportation and cost for pets and families in underserved communities. Thanks so much to Carlos for trusting us with your best friend for the day!

There is not a single veterinary clinic in our PFL service area, and the majority of families we serve report not being able to access the veterinary care they need for the animals they love. With your support, the Pets for Life program bridges this gap by providing information and resources, plus free spay/neuter, vaccines, and select medical care to ensure animals stay happy and healthy in the homes where they're loved.



All Aboard the Cuddle Express!



Are you planning an upcoming employee holiday party?

Now you can toast the end of a busy year while supporting animals in need with the Wisconsin Humane Society's Cuddle Express! Your team will get to meet some of our amazing Animal Ambassadors, including dogs, cats, and even small animals. We'll be there to share information about all of the services and programs offered at the Wisconsin Humane Society, and you'll have a holiday party to remember! It's a great way to give back to our furry friends during a time of celebration.

Interested? To find out more about the donation fee and further details of our Cuddle Express program, please contact Ruadhan Ward at rward@wihumane.org.

Hope's Lights 2019

Honoring Sadie & Her Babies



When Sadie was only a year old, she found herself in a cold, overcrowded shelter, desperately trying to keep her eight newborn puppies alive. Her tiny babies were just a few weeks old and needed round-the-clock care, but the shelter didn't have enough room for the family to stay. Thankfully, they were gifted a lifesaving trip north to WHS.

Upon their arrival, our veterinary staff noticed something wasn't right. Sadie was underweight and coughing, and her puppies had runny noses, coughs, and upset tummies. Tests revealed the whole family had Canine Distemper Virus, a dangerous and often fatal illness that attacks the respiratory, gastrointestinal, and nervous systems.

Despite being so sick, sweet Sadie was focused on her puppies. She was an amazing mama, comforting them when they needed her most. She tended to their every need, keeping them plump and strong.

Sadie and her pups received weeks of medication and constant care from their dozing foster family and WHS staff. Sadie made a full recovery and helped all eight of her babies pull through, too! The puppies found safe, loving homes. And so did Sadie! Today, she's living a happy, healthy life with a wonderful family.

Giving hope is an essential part of what our community does – together. Hope propels us forward, in an effort to create a safer, more humane future for all of us, animals and people alike. We couldn't do it without you.



This holiday season, we're honoring Sadie during our annual Hope's Lights campaign.

You can purchase a light in honor or memory of a beloved companion animal, person, or even a wild animal. If you are interested, just visit wihumane.org/hope or give us a call at 414-431-6119.



Happy tears alert!



On November 5, a beautiful, friendly calico was brought in as a stray by an Algoma Police Officer. Our Adoption Counselor and Animal Care Technician, Sally, went to the office to assist with what was expected to be a routine stray intake exam. However, with just one look, Sally knew this calico was her beloved Barty who went missing nearly 10 months ago while she was recovering from surgery in the hospital! It was a tear-filled and joyful reunion for both of them,

as Barty knew she finally found her mama. Once she had food in her belly and received plenty of attention from our staff, Barty was clearly ready to go home and be reunited with the rest of her family. Sally did everything in her power to find Barty and despite coming home every day empty handed, she never gave up hope. Thanks to your generous donations and support, we can be the refuge lost pets desperately need and the resource to get them back home!

THANK YOU, Banfield Foundation!

We wanted to take a moment to express our utmost gratitude to the Banfield Foundation for their support of Safe Haven, a critical program that provides temporary shelter and care for animals from families affected by domestic violence. We have served more than 230 animals and their families since the program's inception and continue to engage our community in the link between animal abuse and domestic violence. Thank you for making this possible!

Other generous supporters include PetSmart Charities, the Ellinger Foundation, The Union Pacific Foundation, and The Pick Charitable Trust.



PAWS & CLAWS GALA

It's no secret at the Wisconsin Humane Society that not all heroes wear capes, and this year's Paws & Claws Gala was no exception! More than 450 people joined us for our *To the Rescue!* night for the 2019 Paws & Claws Gala. Held at The Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee on October 19, guests participated in wine, jewelry, and gift card pulls, tried their luck at our "Heads or Tails" game, perused more than 200 auction items, and –of course- mingled with some of the shelter's four-legged super heroes. All proceeds from the event help us continue our mission to care for homeless, injured, and abused animals in need. **Thank you to every attendee, volunteer, sponsor, donor, and bidder who helped make the evening such a success!**



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Wildlife Rehabilitation Center Awarded \$50,000 Grant

The WHS Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is thrilled to announce we have received a grant from the Partners 4 Wildlife Foundation (P4W) to improve the care and welfare for wild animals in need. The project will be completed over two years and is expected to be finished by spring of 2021.

The \$50,000 grant will be used to expand the size of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center's outdoor wildlife compound to make room for additional cages. The existing outdoor animal housing will be enlarged or modified to accommodate more animals and reduce crowding. A new waterfowl habitat and multi-species enclosure will be built, as well as a new songbird aviary. All structures will comply with NWRA and IWRC Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation.

Improved housing for juveniles of several species (Raccoons, Virginia Opossums, Gray Squirrels, Mallards, American Robins, and House Finches) will reduce the average length of stay, reduce crowding in enclosures, and increase the ability to move orphaned animals into age-appropriate housing to meet their needs in a timely manner. These strategies for improvement will reduce stress and lessen the potential for disease transmission among juveniles of key species in the Center's care. Thank you, P4W!



Workplace Giving

Many employers sponsor annual workplace giving campaigns through which employees can elect to make payroll deductions to selected charities. Others will make a gift in honor of an employee's volunteer service hours. There are many ways local businesses support the Wisconsin Humane Society. Ask your Human Resources department if your company participates in these programs and if not, encourage your employer to give back through workplace giving.

- **Matching Gifts**

Many generous employers in the Milwaukee area encourage charitable contributions by matching your gift dollar for dollar. Companies such as Harley Davidson, Assurant Health, Johnson Controls, and many others participate in matching gifts programs and make a positive impact in our community. Check with your company to find out if they offer this great opportunity!

- **Company Grants for Volunteer Service**

Some employers will give grants to organizations where their employees volunteer. Ask your Human Resources department if this is available at your company and how you can take advantage of this opportunity to help us even more.

- **Does your company participate in United Way or Community Shares?**

If your employer participates in a United Way or Community Shares workplace giving campaign, you can support Wisconsin Humane Society through simple payroll deduction! WHS is proud to be a Community Shares Member Organization, and though we are not listed as a United Way agency, you may select "Donors Choice" and designate your dollars by writing in "Wisconsin Humane Society" on your pledge form.

- **Work For a Government Agency?**

If so, you may be able to give to WHS through payroll deduction in your Combined Giving Campaign. Encourage your co-workers to designate their pledge to WHS, too – oftentimes, the biggest reason people don't give is that they aren't asked.

If you have any questions about workplace giving, please contact Billy Zakrzewski at bzakrzewski@wihumane.org or 414-431-6133. Thank you for your support!

Bow Wow Blizzard Camp



Kids in grades 2-6 are invited to spend a day during their winter break going behind the scenes at the shelter, making animal-themed seasonal crafts, playing games, meeting four-legged friends, and learning how WHS helps animals in our community.

Last year's Bow Wow Blizzard camp focused on animals in winter. We read a book with lessons about enjoying wildlife from afar. The campers then made seasonal bird feeders so that they could watch wildlife in their own backyard. We identified animal tracks in the snow and cozied up with the dogs and cats in our care. At the Milwaukee Campus, the campers visited one of our wildlife ambassadors, Roxy, an Eastern Fox Snake. At the Ozaukee Campus, campers were treated to a visit from a rabbit and guinea pig. The campers had a blast!

The Green Bay Campus will host its first-ever Camp Bow Wow Blizzard this December.

To register, visit www.wihumane.org/events-calendar and select date and campus you'd like to attend.

Friday, December 27 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Milwaukee and Ozaukee Monday, December 30 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Green Bay

If you have questions about Camp Bow Wow Blizzard or any of our youth programs, contact Britney at 414-431-6153 or bkruesel@wihumane.org.

Sommers Subaru



The Wisconsin Humane Society is so grateful for the generous donation from Sommers Subaru in Mequon! The Subaru staff brought in over 300 dog toys for Subaru's "Make a Dog's Day" event that was donated from Subaru. In addition, they had even more supplies donated from the community as well. The toys were distributed to local shelter dogs and passed along to other campuses in Milwaukee, Green Bay, and Racine as well.

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Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Classes & Seminars!

Pet Loss Discussion Group | Milwaukee Campus

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 | 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 | 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 | 7 p.m. - 8 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, and 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.

Dog Manners Class | Ozaukee Campus

Saturday, January 18, 2020 | 9:30 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! \$135 per dog.

Pooch Playtime | Milwaukee Campus

Sunday, January 19, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Sunday, February 16, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Sunday, March 22, 2020 | 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!

Canine Massage Workshop | Milwaukee Campus

Wednesday, February 2, 2020 | 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 per dog.

Hoppy Hour | Milwaukee Campus

Sunday, February 16, 2020 | 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.



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

FOX6 Pet Telethon

Friday, March 20, 2020

Live on FOX6 News

6 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Barkin' Beer Fest

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Badger State Brewing

Green Bay, WI

Door County Rummage Sale

Frid. and Sat., May 1-2, 2020

Arle Memorial Hall

(formerly Knights of Columbus Hall)

Sturgeon Bay, WI

Feasting for Fido Door County

Thursday, May 14, 2020

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Pet Walk Green Bay

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Brown County Fairgrounds

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Pet Walk Door County

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More details coming soon!

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Feasting for Felix

Thursday, August 13, 2020

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Thursday, July 23, 2020

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Saturday June 20, 2020

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