

UNLEASH THE POTENTIAL

FOR RACINE

Animal Rescues in Racine

IN ONE YEAR

Wisconsin Humane Society (WHS) is proud to partner with municipalities in Racine County to assist law enforcement with animal rescues. These partnerships allow us to swiftly take action when animals need us most. In one year alone, WHS has been involved in the following rescue operations:

JANUARY

"...55 cats were removed from a single family residence over the course of 4 days."

Working in conjunction with Racine Police Department (RPD), 55 cats were removed from a single family residence over the course of 4 days. Our team counseled the owner, who eventually relinquished ownership of all the cats, avoiding the need to impound the animals through a lengthy legal process. Many of the cats were not used to human contact and we made a commitment to finding appropriate, alternative placements for them, such as our barn cat program. Once again, support from all three of our campuses was required and helped us give these cats the space they needed.

FEBRUARY

"...needed to surrender 18 guinea pigs due to the owner's health."

Staff from the WHS Racine Campus responded to a community member who did not have transportation and needed to surrender 18 guinea pigs due to the owner's health. We provided assistance and found homes for the guinea pigs utilizing all three of our locations.

MARCH

"...worked with an owner to surrender 31 cats from a single home."

WHS Racine staff worked with an owner to surrender 31 cats from a single home. All of the cats tested positive for, or had been exposed to ringworm, a contagious skin infection that requires 4-6 weeks of treatment, daily medication, and isolation. This particular case resulted in our largest ringworm response to date, made solely possible by the collaboration of all three sheltering locations. The owners later surrendered 20 more cats – all of whom had also been exposed to and/or test positive for ringworm.

MARCH

"In total, 18 Chihuahuas, ages 3 weeks to 10 years, were removed from the home."

Staff from the WHS Racine Campus worked with Racine Police Department (RPD) and the Health Department in response to a hoarding situation. In total, 18 Chihuahuas, ages 3 weeks to 10 years, were removed from the home. RPD allowed the owners to keep three dogs, so we provided free spay/neuter surgeries to those three dogs to prevent additional litters. Under-socialized and fearful, many of the dogs needed weeks of foster care, behavioral support, and were treated for skin issues, dental disease, gastrointestinal issues, ear infections, and fractures.

SEPTEMBER

"Twenty-four dogs were removed from a 960 square-foot residence..."

The City of Racine Health Department and Racine Police contacted WHS for assistance at the home of a local rescue group's president. Twenty-four dogs were removed from a 960 square-foot residence where they were kept in crates stacked on top of one another. The president resigned on-site and the dogs were taken into our care across three campuses. Because the former president was charged as an individual and the rescue group was the rightful owner of the dogs, the dogs were subsequently returned to the group after receiving medical care and behavioral support at WHS. The former president was barred from having any contact with the group thereafter.

SEPTEMBER

"WHS staff arrived to find a significant hoard of cats in dire need of medical intervention."

WHS staff received a request from Mount Pleasant Police to assist with the removal of cats from an elderly woman's home. WHS staff arrived to find a significant hoard of cats in dire need of medical intervention. The home had to be ventilated by the fire department and a Hazmat team. Sadly, they also discovered several cats who had already passed away in the home. The owner was on-site and surrendered the animals to WHS. Seven cats were removed alive; three were already deceased.

OCTOBER

"...we removed 23 animals, mostly small animals, birds, and two cats..."

We responded to a Caledonia hobby farm where more than two dozen different species of animals were living – well over 100 animals. Working with law enforcement, we removed 23 animals, mostly small animals, birds, and two cats, who were in need of immediate medical intervention. This required the support of all three WHS campuses; by operating out of multiple facilities, we're able to calibrate our animal population and recruit emergency staff from across Southeastern Wisconsin as needed. The owner was given orders to clean-up and is now monitored by the Caledonia Police Department (CPD).

None of these rescues would have been possible without the support of donors like you. With your help, we can build a new facility in Racine and Unleash the Potential for animals in our community.

