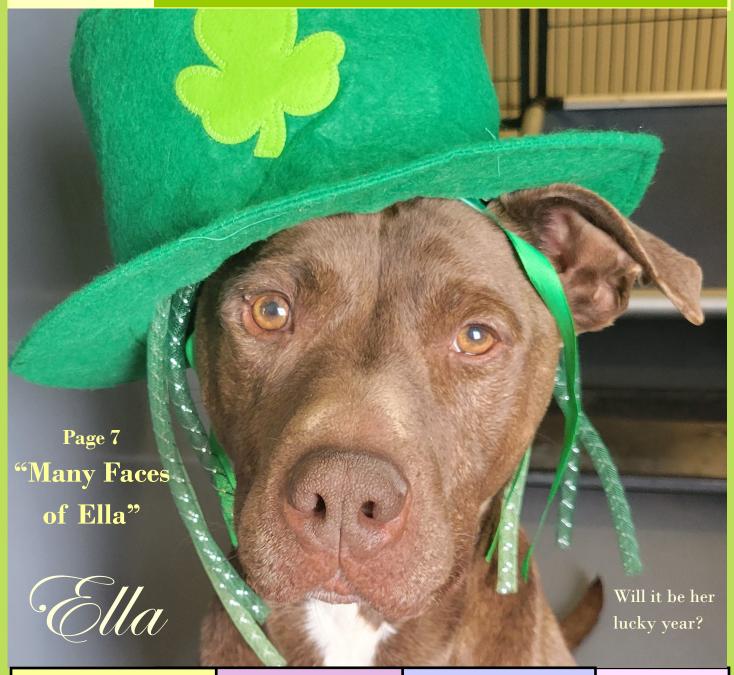
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Location:

Waupaca Municipal Airport

2601 Runway Drive, Waupaca, Wi 54981

Donation Drop Off:

June 4th, 5th and 6th, 9am-3pm

Rummage Sale:

June 9th 8am-6pm
June 10th 8am-5pm
June 11th 8am-2pm



Please donate clean and gently used household items, small appliances (must work), hand tools, toys, fashion accessories.

We cannot accept clothing, computer equipment, large household appliances, upholstered furniture, expired car seats or exercise equipment.

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Monday:12-3 Wednesday: 2-7 Friday: 2-7 Tuesday: Closed Thursday: 12-3 Saturday: 12-5 Sunday: 11-1

DIRECTIONS: Coming from HWY. 10, exit at the bypass (HWYs 54/10/A/K) Turn right on Appletree Lane. Turn left on Commercial Dr. and continue to our red-roofed building on the left side of the road.

Our Statistics

July 1, 2021—March 31, 2022 Live Release Rate 95.24%

Statistics	Dogs	Cats	TOTAL	
INTAKES				
SURRENDERS	139	96	235	
STRAYS	16	88	104	
TRANFERS FROM	0	7	7	
OTHER				
ORGANIZATIONS				
RETURNS	4	6	10	
*CLINIC IN	122	308	430	
TOTAL INTAKE	281	505	786	
OUTCOMES				
ADOPTIONS	110	137	247	
TRANFERS TO	25	46	71	
OTHER				
ORGANIZATION				
EUTHANASIA/DIED	4	22	26	
RETURN TO	18	9	27	
GUARDIAN				
*CLINIC OUT	120	304	424	
TOTAL OUTCOMES	277	518	795	

*Clinic numbers are a combination of Microchip/Vaccine Clinic, No More Litters and Paws In Need



Calendar

Vaccine Clinic July Date TBD

October Date TBD

Rummage Sale June 4, 5, 6 Drop off

June 9, 10, 11 Rummage Sale



Wish List

(No Generic Foods, Please)

Dry Kitten & Cat Food

Dry Puppy Food

Dish Soap

Jungle Jake

Floor Cleaner

Laundry Detergent

Paper Towel

Scrub Brushes

Office Paper

Tapes (Scotch, Masking,

Duct)

Sticky Notes

Spray Cheese

Toilet Paper

Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags

Liquid Hand Soap

For more information about our Wish List items or how to donate,

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Wish Lists Available on CHEWY and amazon.com



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HSWC Brick Sale



The Humane Society of Waupaca County is a non-profit organization that inspires caring and compassion by bringing positive change to the lives of people and animals through humane education and companion animal care.

HSWC strives to be at the forefront of

companion animal care, including shelter management, education, training, rescue, providing resources to other rescue groups, population management, and health care, fueled by adequate financial resources, caring competent volunteers and employees, and evolution toward a state of the art physical structure.

Our plans for that physical structure have been delayed, but not forgotten! In response to many requests, we are again selling bricks to be displayed in our Memorial Garden. Funds raised from this sale will augment our "Building Fund" until we are in a favorable position to realize this dream. Your brick purchases will provide some of the "building blocks" for us to do so!

You can find the mail-in form on the back of this page!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Monica Gardner

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When waiting for the next issue of Paw Prints just isn't enough! Now we're available with day-to-day information on two Facebook pages! To find HSWC's page, just search for "Waupaca Humane" and it will pop right up. Become a Fan of our "Waupaca Humane-Humane Society of Waupaca County" and you'll come to enjoy the daily postings including wish list updates, videos, fun photos and much more!

The HSWC is looking forward to seeing you there!

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We miss you JOHNNY BOY Mom and Dad	\$100 - 4x8 Brick \$25 - 1x3 Mini Replica Brick 3 lines of text, 12 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation) Clipart	21MI 23MI	24B Q 27MI
REMEMBERING ALWAYS Our Best Dog, Red	\$100 - 4x8 Brick \$25 - 1x3 Mini Replica Brick 2 lines of text, 20 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation) Clipart	3ED 7AN	4ED 8AN
Remembering all the Founding Members of The Humane Society of Waupaca County, Their Vision and Dedication	\$200 - 8x8 Brick \$35 - 3x3 Mini Replica Brick 6 lines of text, 20 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation)	3AN 20MI	4AN 11B
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The many faces of Ella



ELLA has a face everyone adores. She has been featured numerous times on our Facebook page and in PawPrints-so if she looks or sounds familiar, that's why! Ella originally came to us as a surrender in October, 2017, by someone who could no longer keep her because they were moving.

Since then, she has gained many fans, spent 5 1/2 months at another shelter and had a short stay in a foster home that was hoping they could adopt her, but it just didn't work out. Just about the only thing Ella hasn't done yet is find a permanent home, but we are still hopeful.

Ella has some special challenges that an adoptive family would have to be willing to accept, but she is a very devoted, affectionate dog once she falls in love with you. She is a bit particular about humans, usually preferring the female variety, but has also become very fond of our male dog-walkers. Either way, we think a home without a lot of strangers coming/going will be the most suitable. She is very smart, and not too old to learn new tricks.

She also has some other "special features" prospective adopters would want to know about. When she gets bored, she chews on things, and sometimes eats things she shouldn't. This wasn't an issue when she was in the foster home, so we think it's just something she does at the shelter. She is fine in a crate, so that strategy can be used when she is left alone. Like many big dogs, she can play rough with toys, and she's also a chow hound, so we feel it's best she is not placed with a family that includes small children. Ella also has a minor incontinence issue, but that is completely controlled with inexpensive medication- and she will go home with a good supply of that.

While Ella may be OK after proper introductions with another large, older, sedate male dog, she would prefer not to live with another female dog. She can not be around cats or other small animals. Ella is well-behaved on a leash and LOVES to go for walks. She would make a great walking or hiking companion. She might even be up for short jogs once she got used to it. She loves playing with big, durable balls out in the yard, but is also happy to snuggle on the couch and watch a movie with you.

Ella thrives on a high quality, grain free diet. She enjoys frozen bananas and Kong toys as treats.

Ella has a bed and her own run. She is not unhappy here at the Adoption Center, but she deserves a person and a couch to call her own. She goes out at least 4 times a day, usually more. She has dog walkers that take her for a nice stroll several times a week. When the weather is nice, she spends a lot of time in the yard, playing or splashing in a pool. She adores our staff as much as we adore her.

We haven't given up on Ella yet, and we know you haven't either. Her adoption fee is only \$99 and she comes with a nice supply of her meds, some of her food and some other great surprises that have been donated for her benefit! Please continue to share her story with anyone who might listen, anyone who might be interested. Let's finally find her new family!



Happy Landings



Maggie enjoying her mom's chair and quilt

Things are going pretty good and Rose (we renamed her Luna) is settling in. She's learning "sit" and "down" and she's already a pro at "NO." Haha





Mogwai (Ravioli)



Monty is such a joy and a terrific companion for Jake and for us!



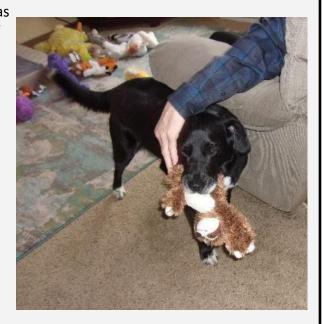
Gizmo & Gertie (Mittens)
They're a great and welcome addition to our home...

Mika (Linguine) She's adjusting wonderfully and seems to have a connection with each one of us!



My "mom" has been working entirely too many hours and has not taken the time I asked her to - to stay in touch with all of you - my most dear friends! Last night when I was outside in my yard - I think I chased the Easter bunny out under the fence - not sure what he was doing in MY yard anyhow! I am learning to play - my "dad" plays ball & stuff with me, but sometimes I forget the part about letting go of the toy he is throwing for me - I DO bring it back to him - and I LOVE the jumping around part - but I think I just forget the part about letting go on the toy. My yard is not green yet - but it is soft and fun to run on - sometimes I run so fast that I look like a flash! Just wanted to let you all know that we think of you - and talk about you often - and I am really doing good! We hope you are all well - and looking forward to Spring like we are!

Much love -Birdie, Jackie & Dick



Happy Landings

Charley AKA Spice.
She is a very spunky, feisty and inquisitive kitty! It's as if Charley came out of her cocoon and is blossoming into the cute little kitten that she is.





Crosby (Zeus)
"We Love Him So Much!"

Elizabeth and Sammy, together again



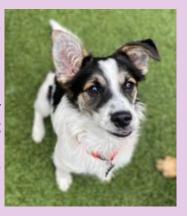
It's been 1 year and he's become quite the funny boy...His favorite treat is peanut butter! Still very food motivated. He's had his first yearly check up and we found he's up to 13 pounds! But vet says he's not overweight, just a big guy.



Thank you so much,

Bob had his first daycare adventure today. The pics the place posted makes me think he was like a kid on a sugar overload! Bob is learning a lot and doing great with his potty training. The bells on the door, ring all day long! I am going to say, success! We will start commands

soon. He is a free spirit and a stubborn little dude. This should



make for an epic showdown. We are so happy that Bob has joined our pack. We appreciate everything HSWC did to make his adoption happen. The efforts of your staff bring joy to many animals and people. That should never be overlooked! Best Regards,

Ken

Waylon is doing great. He is a very smart boy and has a great temperament. He is fitting in so well with our family. He loves our huge backyard and him and Arko are best buds

already. They play and run around all the time.







Frankie and Flash

Adoptable Dogs and Cats at HSWC

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Scout

This guy has a big vocabulary and knows the difference between a ball and a kong, as example.

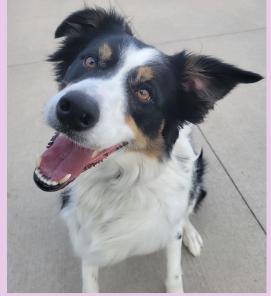
His former family took him on hiking adventures, which he loved. He would be an excellent companion to a family that enjoys the outdoors and appreciates the intelligence and loyalty of herding dogs.



Ms Kitty

She is a super sweet kitty with a lot of love to give and likes nothing more than sitting/ sleeping by her person. She has the loudest purr and loves to be brushed. She enjoys toys and watching the birds. Her only stipulation is that she not share a home with other pets so she can have all of the attention.





Willie is looking for a family with only adults or older children. He's really looking forward to having a large fenced in yard to run in or given chores to do on a farm. He knows basic commands and is still willing to learn! He's got a lot of energy and would love to have someone to share it with!

Raven



Raven is a 10 year old shaved gal that came in as a stray. She is enjoying her new hair cut and is known to be quite the loud talker because she is very hard of hearing.



Gracie

This senior girl came in as a surrender for her hyperthyroid condition. She's doing wonderful on her medication and would love a forever home!

Available in all shapes and sizes!

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Lucky



Lucky is a spunky, loveable girl.

She loves walks and also wants to be a couch potato. She's looking forward to having that special someone that is willing to do both with her.

She would prefer a quiet house and to be the center of your world.

She does not care for other animals.

She loves to play and learn, she's such a smart girl!



Tigger

Tigger arrived at the shelter over the winter with some injuries that have not broken his spirit. He's ready for a quiet home with no other cats that is ready to give him the love he deserves.



Oreo

Looking for a smaller companion? Oreo and many other friendly guinea pigs are looking for forever homes!!



Cleo & Suzie

This bonded pair of 7 year old sisters came in when their owner unfortunately passed away. They are both incredibly sweet and love other cats!



Forever in our Hearts

In Memory of Bob Morris.

~Pam & Rick Altendorf, David & Kay Elliot
In Memory of loved ones I miss.

~Lillian Ziebell

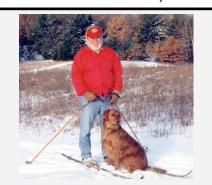
In Honor of my loving kitty "My Boy".

~Yvonne Burkot

In Memory of Marv Shively.
~Maggie & Arnie Miller, Pat Steffek,
John & Faye Belt, Edna Vetter

In Memory of Lona Eg.

~Ann Christensen, The Van Beck Family, Deb Blank & Family



In Memory of Merlin E. Horn.

~Merlin's friends and family, Lynzie Gillespie, Marguerite Chapman, ~Monica Gardner & Family

In Memory of Ted Huber.

~John & Marcia Jaeckle
In Memory of Ruth Steinbach.

~Verlyn Steinbach, Roger & Susan Arndt In Honor of Layla.

~Janet Vissers

In Memory of Duke and Pepper.

~Karen Krueger

In Memory of Mark Suehs.

~Terry Harrington

In Memory of Arnie Enz.

~Terry Harrington, Gregg Aiken, Anonymous Donor

In Memory of Joshua Wieters and his love of dogs.

~James & Mary Paxton

In Memory of Geraldine (Judy) Johnson of Iola.

~Cindy & Claude Berry
In Memory of Sigrid Chase.

~Connie Westphal, Shirley Hopkins, Dorothy & Douglas Kamp In Honor of Adyn Johnson's 6th Birthday. ~Kyle Everson



In Memory of Ann Harvey. ~Edna Vetter, Jeff & Pat Fletcher

In Memory of my Mom, Sigrid Chase.
~Fran Rohloff

In Memory of Dan & Casper.

~Sherry & Dennis Fay

In Memory of Ann Sosinske.

~Michelle Welk

A Gift in Memory of Papa Glen from the youngest grandchildren: Addy, Kali, Dakota, Alex, Kaeelyn, Camdyn and granddog Zara.

In Memory of Neville, on behalf of my sister Kathryn Sullivan.

~Susan Sullivan



In Memory of Jeanette "Jan" Porrey, who loved all animals.

~Bob & Loretta Miller, John & Gretchen Kelley, Russell & Donna Wiesen, Joni & Michael Radley, Wendy Johnson, Ken Porrey and Family, Lee & Pat Koehler

In Honor of Jon & Corrina Sambs.

~Adam & Dennise Ross

Happy Heavenly Birthday Bonnie Romeis.

~Molly Reinke

In Memory of Diane Boneck.

~Debra Schmidt

In Memory of Sweetie 2003-2020 and Cali 2003-2021.

~Henry & Diane Fuller

In Memory of Maxine, adopted from HSWC in 2011.

~Faye Erickson

In Memory of Cocoa Murphy.

~Mason Murphy



In Memory and Appreciation of the generosity of Mary Czerwinski.

~The HSWC Family

In Honor of my sister Donna.

"Michele McHenry Engebretson
In Memory of Marv Shively and Maya.

"Judy Shively

In Memory of my cats Huggy Bear and Bugs who went to the Rainbow Bridge within 3 weeks of each other this fall.

~Fran Dowling

In Memory of my wife, Carol, who found our dog, Boone at HSWC.

~Merlin Lang

In Memory of my nephew Nick Nolan-Plutchak.

~Mary Ann Fiebelkorn

In memory of my little buddy Pedro <3

~Frin Gitter

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Anna & Bella 2017 Adoption

~Pamela Besaw & Eugene Schultz In Memory of Riley, our best friend.

~Donna Pues

Forever in our Hearts

In Memory of Spice.

~Maria Ernst

In Memory of Karen Behm.

~Virginia Niemuth

In Memory of David Behm.

~Virginia Niemuth

In Honor of all the pets that have been cared for by Dr. Ziegler and his colleagues.

~Patrick Huhn and Elizabeth Witt Huhn In Memory of our beloved Beagles.

~Carol Anderson

In Memory of Baylie and Ellie Girl.
~Anonymous

In Memory of Jerry Blackburn, Bitzie's grandpa.

~Barry & Kathy Sanders

A Prayer to keep all of my cats safe and healthy.

~Jenny Landowski



In Memory of Anne Smith. ~Randall Smith

In Memory of my sisters, Jeanine and Sherry.

~Nancy Roloff

In Memory of our 7 rescue dogs- Patches, Booker, Sam, Chivas, Dudley, Nelly and Brady.

~Linda Hutchinson

In Honor of Harold & Lynda Bertrand.

~Aralda & Brion Bell

Rollie is a great dog!

~Jay & Teri Moe

Adopted Murphy (little blind Yorkie) 8 yrs ago. He's wonderful and I thank you.

~Nancy McClain

In Memory of Diane's very loved cat Bliss. ~Terry Harrington



In Loving Memory of Sierra. 4-22-06 / 7-6-21 ~Beverly A. Brandt

In Honor of kitty- Acorn and doggie- Penny.

~Karen Pieper
In Honor of the Marriage of

In Honor of the Marriage of Maureen Kohl and Sue Smiley.

~Sharon Koenigs

Thank you so much for letting our family adopt Finnagan Cornelius (FINN) formerly known as Squash. We love him very much and he has helped us recover from the loss of our old dog Corporal. He is doing well and had been well-behaved.

~Carla, Mike & Emily Reed

In Honor of Forest and Max- our rescue kitties adopted in 2010.

~David & Leigh Begalske

In Memory of our beautiful "Lady".

~Julie Blohm

In Memory of "Bear".

~Carold Beckman

In Memory of Sadie, adopted in 2013. ~James & Peg Boettcher In Memory of Sparky whom we adopted on July 5, 2009 at the age of 6 months.

Our walks have ended but the joy you brought will remain forever.

January 19, 2009 – July 22, 2021.

~Waldon & Christy Wynkoop

For Reilly- Forever in our hearts, and from Kai who helps us cope with losing him.

~Kathy Prather

Stanley, Marvin, Nelson & Carl all say "HI". They started at HSWC but found their forever home (in WI, then TX, then WV, then PA) They're all healthy and sassy!

~ Lisa Coombs



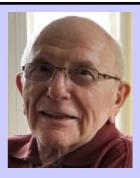
In Loving Memory of Jeremy Portman, given by his family.

In Memory of our beloved calico, Goober.

~Jeremy & Julia Martinson
In Memory of Trevor Paige.

~Patricia Hanlon





In Loving Memory of Jill Zimmerman and Don Zimmerman.

~Jerry Haack, Connie Haack-Hurlbut and Diane, Ike, Ryan & Sarah Clue

Forever in our Hearts

In Loving Memory of Killy & Redman. ~Gary & Pam Farkas



In Memory of my wife, Kristine Grimm. ~Mark P. Thoe

In Memory of
Bear, our first shelter cat, adopted from
HSWC, 2005-2021

~Kevin & Cathy Kuehl

Memorial to Annie (Cinnamon), our sweet girl had 7 months with our family and enjoyed her outside deck every day. Will always miss her. Thank you for all you do! ~Bill & Rosie Lowrie



In Honor of Actress/Animal Lover, Betty White. ~DONORS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION! HSWC thanks you all for participating in the Betty White Challenge!

For our Best Friend Watson.
Still a wonderful walking companion.
~Ann Roser

In Memory of Larry Bauer.

~Marilyn Bauer

With love from the pups, Amberly 2021 and Sonjia 2010.

Thank you for all you do.

~Kristin & Mike Howlett

In Honor of Edna Vetter, who tirelessly worked for many years to secure funding, new facilities and loving care for the animals of Waupaca County.

Thank you for all you do!

~Lisa & Jerry Falk

In Honor of my two boys I adopted from your organization in 2014. Their names are now Charlie and Marlow.

They make me happy.

~Mary Kay Martin

In Memory of Bob Conroy.

~Amy & Ben Spindler



In Loving Memory of John Poris from his friends and family

In Memory of my furry, constant and beloved companion Oslo.

We miss him every day!

~Lois Bressette

Celebrating "Larry".

~Karen Jensen

In Memory of John Dahlke, who loved family & friends and spoiling his dogs.

~James & Mary Paxton

Thank you for all you do.
We so enjoyed Jasper while we had him and miss his personality.

~Terry & Sandy Litchfield

In Memory of Abby, my cat.

~Susan Hein

Remembering our past animals and hoping to help others.

~Lynne Wangelin

In Memory of Leslie Rudie.
~Ann Rudie



In Loving Memory of Mary Timdal.

~ Kathy Yentes , Kathy Welk,
Gary & Sue Jacobson, Linda & Ken
Sorenson, Faye Timdal, Valerie
Wykes, Jeanne Zietlow, Gary &
Betty Johnson, Terri Kent, Donald &
T. Gail Johnson, Darrell & Julie
Oligney, David & Margaret Perry,
Anonymous Friends/Family, Sammy
Simms, Susan Lashua-Voie, Jolene
Sopa, Ryan & Jodie Kautz, Gennie
Pedersen, John & Alice Hielsberg

In Memory of Adrienne Sosinske who passed away November 10, 2021.

~Margaret Morey

In Memory of John Harsh.

~Michael Farrell, Carrie Riviera, Timothy Keane, Susan & Kenneth Harsh, Gary & Kalhie Ott, Stanley Heidgen, John & Mary Shea, Scott & Christine Bauman, Gary & Sally Sprenger



In Memory of Jack Heniff.
~Judith Trudeau

Forever in our Hearts



In Loving Memory of Gary Griswold.
~His friends and family, HSWC Family,
Heather Brockman

A small thank you for the great puppy we adopted- Gizmo, now known as Koda.

*Brenda Lowry

Our donation is in Honor of Andrea & Eric Vergauwen.

*Jean & John Fico
In Memory of Luna Thern.

*Randy Thern



In Memory of Louis Potts, an 11 month old dog who died unexpectedly, owned by Camin & Steve Potts.

~Julie Patzke

Giving Tuesday donation on behalf of Amy Engelhart.

~Community First Credit Union In Memory of Cooter.

~Nancy Nielsen



Donations have been made to HSWC in Memory of Mike Garmon. He cared deeply for people and animals.

Merry Christmas from former shelter dog
Scottie, now known as Rico.

~Marjean Mursett
In Memory of Judy & her pups,
Sadie I & II.

~Lori Gunderson
For Jake, still with us at 14!

~Linda & Chris Klein
In Memory of Danny Anderson.



In Memory of Tina Ellingson.

"Bett O'Connor, Mary Halfmann,
Maggie Thompson, Pat Boyle,
Julie Milligan, John & Debbie Grove,
Harold Rice & Diane Petrovic-Rice,
Kathleen Daley, Lori Elmhorst,
Robert & Ellen Shattuck,
Peggy Marta, Erik Ellingson,
Tiffani Vargas, Norma Fochs,
Richard & Janet Zellmer

In Memory of James Westbay, a great lover of animals who took care of many furry friends during his time here on earth. We are grateful for his loving and joyful spirit here on earth.

God Bless you Jim!

~Lavada Torzewski

In Memory of Steve Frederick.

~Patricia Frederick

In Memory of Barb Manitzki's dog, Lacie.

~Julie Blohm

Legacy Gift

~Larry & Ruth Mueller

You can use the following language to include The Humane Society of Waupaca County in your will:

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Humane Society of Waupaca County, Inc., \$____(dollars) to be used for its general purposes." Or the amount may be stated as a percentage or specific items. If you would like to designate your funds to go toward a certain program, please contact us to discuss the specific purpose of your gift.

You can also designate the Humane Society of Waupaca County, Inc. as a beneficiary of bank accounts, insurance funds, investments, etc... in the event of your passing.

Please ask the institution what details they will need and call Monica Gardner if there's anything you need from us, 715-258-2545.

Thank you to the following for their generous support:



Brooklyn Hildebrandt and Natalie
Latraille- raised funds for HSWC by
having a freeze pop sale

Sweet Medicine Prescriptions Plus Cramer Exterminating Alan and Jodi Fox Family Foundation Smith's Manawa Steak House Harvey Dental Agropur

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Wisconsin Puppy Mill Project



St. Mark's Episcopal Church- blessing of the animals donations

Danes Hall of Waupaca for hosting a silent auction to benefit
HSWC and all the donors and bidders who participated.
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Diggers Excavation
Shambeau & Thern Real Estate
What the Pup? Dog Grooming
The Craving Station

Wisconsin Workers 4-H Club



National Philanthropic Trust Anonymous Grant
Faye Wilson Realty
Cindy Jaeckle Realty
Little Lambs Childcare Center & Families
Hahn-a-Lula Resort & Patrons

Payton and Kannon asked for donations instead of gifts for their birthday.



Waupaca Middle School Student Council, Ms. Erickson's Class & All the Families and Students who participated in the Penny War Thank you to Matthew Rodenz who donated in honor of his birthday!

Your Retirement Account Can Help Heal Pets!



QCD – what is it? Quite cute dog? Quiet cats and dogs? Not really, but QCD has something to do with pets. QCD stands for Qualified Charitable Distribution from your retirement accounts. You can donate your distribution to HSWC animals and receive a tax break at the same time.

People age 72 and above can make a QCD to a charity like HSWC as part of their required minimum distribution from their 401k and regular IRA retirement accounts. Federal law requires they take a minimum distribution each year even if they do not need the money at that point. If you keep the cash after withdrawing it from your retirement account you must pay Federal and State income taxes on the amount. But if you transfer the distribution directly to HSWC you are exempt from paying taxes on it. Win – win!

The bank or financial advisor holding the account makes the distribution directly to the charity which must be done by December 31 each year. This is a wonderful way of giving to your favorite charity. It is a great tax break. It can be any portion of the required minimum distribution. We recommend you contact your retirement plan advisor and tax advisor about your Qualified Charitable Distribution.

The Post Covid World of Animal Rescue

James Ziegler, DVM

What we have seen in the last two years is obviously not the norm for anything. In the world of animals, we have seen unprecedented changes in the world of animal care. When Covid hit, there was a very successful effort to get animals out of shelters and rescue organizations and into homes. With the outpouring of support from the public, the results were very favorable. Populations of pets in rescues trended downwards dramatically. And then, the phenomenon of the "pandemic puppies" hit. The public's acquisition of puppies exploded. Based on these things, the demand for veterinary services exploded. Everyone became busy and stressed, and that is where we are today.

So pets had it great. Everyone wanted them, and the supply chain started to become stressed, right?

Unfortunately, the trend was short lived. While the trend of pandemic puppies and the anticipated increase in surrender rates has not panned out, other things have changed.



The oversupply of pets from the southern states has not let up at all. Many of these cats and dogs are being transported to northern states in large numbers to compensate for our supposed lack of adoptable pets. While transport is a great thing, it has its negatives as we potentially move southern diseases into the north. There is also the question as to whether the shortage of adoptable pets in the northern states is real, and even if it is, is it a bad thing? It would be great to get to the point of having a shortage of adoptable pets, which would mean that decades of efforts to control these populations has paid off and been successful.

I have always believed that we need to first save the community that we live in before we try to save the rest of the world. Rescuing pets from other parts of the country is great, but have we done all that we can for our local community? It is estimated that there are over 100,000 more pets in rescue organizations now than there were a year ago. That is a huge increase in such a short time span.

This, to me, indicates that the public's support of the stray animal crisis when Covid hit was short lived. Cat populations continue to explode, and unnecessary dog breeding continues to be a problem. The requests for animal surrenders and the incoming population of unclaimed stray pets are not in any sort of decline. These are the same problems we had before Covid, and now they rear their ugly heads again.

Yet, at the same time, the number of needless euthanasias of unwanted pets continues to decline, thanks to the efforts of national and local rescue organizations who are doing their best to promote spay and neuter surgeries and basic care services to all pet owners, no matter what their income or life style is. This is a big project, and the positive results will take a lot of support from the public. Even then, we are years off from the ultimate goal of not euthanizing an adoptable pet.

So what can be done to support the current situation in our surrounding area? Much of the advice is the same as always. Adopt pets from legitimate animal rescue organizations. Donate time, needed supplies, and money to the same. The answers seem simple, and they to some extent are. Compliance from the different segments of pet owners is the problem.

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