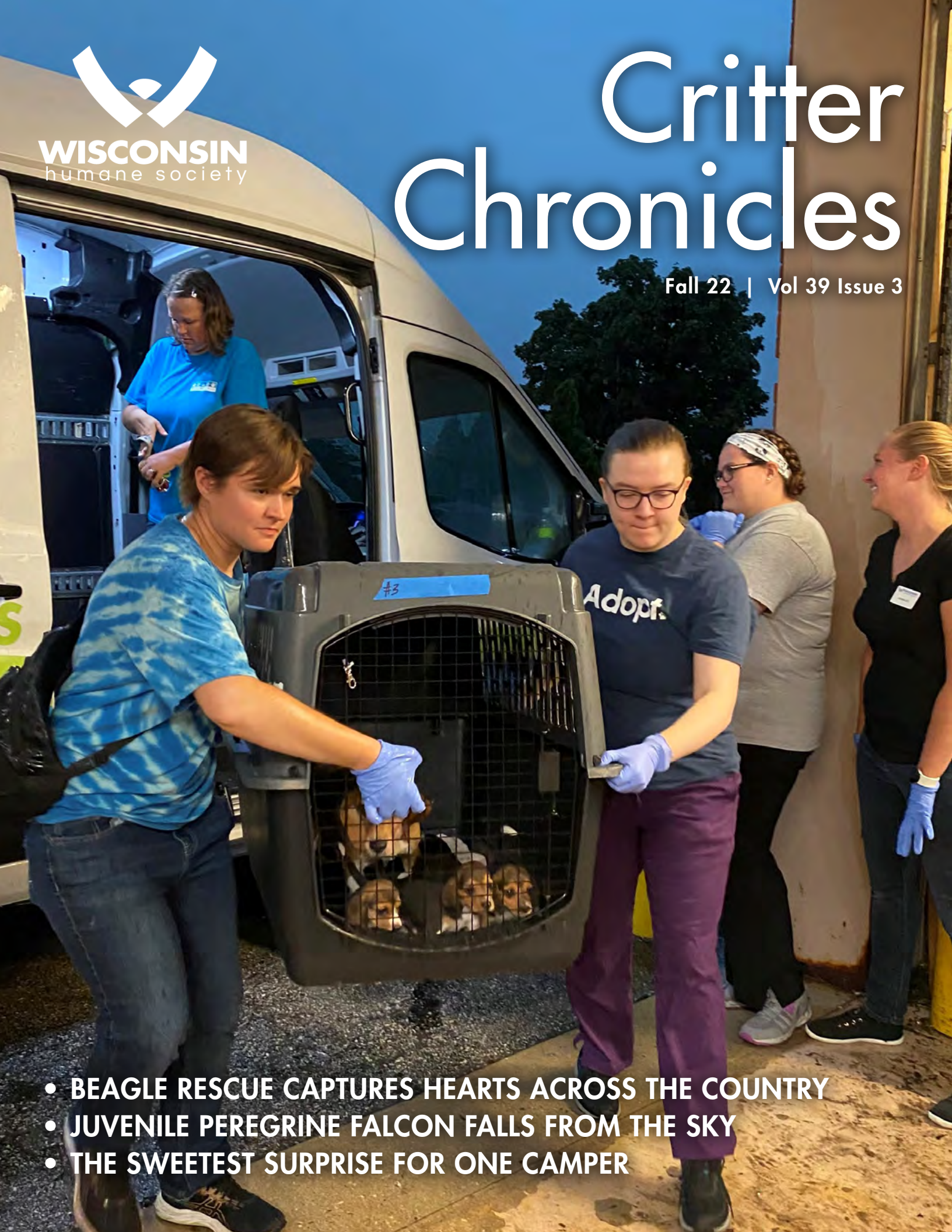


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PETS FOR LIFE: MEET BRIAN AND COOKIE

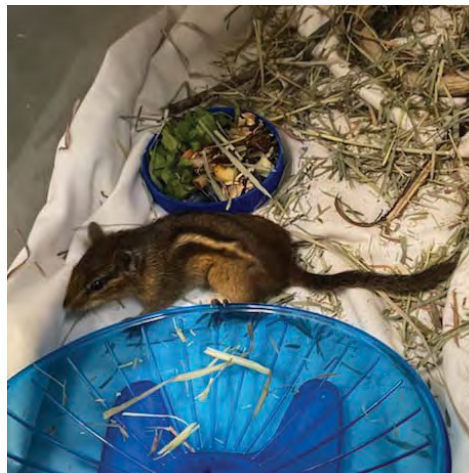
In 2013, Brian and his dog attended our organization's very first Pets for Life outreach event, where we provide free rabies and distemper/parvo vaccines. He is a huge dog-lover and an amazing advocate for our program. Our outreach team loves running into Brian when we're in the neighborhood meeting new families and animals, and he has introduced us to many community members with pets.

One of our staff members' favorite things about the Pets for Life program is the relationships we're able to build and maintain with clients over time. Brian has kept in touch with us through thick and thin; our team visited him in the hospital when he was injured, and there when he said goodbye to his beloved dog, Sandy. We're honored when clients are willing to share their lives - as well as their animals - with us.

Recently, Brian reached out to us to get his dog Cookie (pictured) spayed so he could make sure she was healthy and share as much time together as possible. We're grateful to our supporters for making it possible for us to connect with community partners like Brian. Thank you!



UNTANGLING CHIPPY



We recently released this Eastern Chipmunk who was admitted to the wildlife hospital after being found tangled in plastic landscape netting. She recovered so quickly, and so well, we were only able to snap a quick picture of her in care and completely missed her on our release photo attempt! Every year, we admit wildlife trapped in nets, fishing line, or other plastic waste. Freeing entangled animals can be quite complicated and, depending on the material and length of time the animal was trapped, the material can be deeply embedded. We generally do not recommend attempting this yourself. The finders of this chipmunk carefully cut a section around the netting and secured her in a box before bringing her into our care. Once at WHS, we were able to sedate her and carefully remove the netting on her face and neck. Luckily, her wounds were superficial. This type of netting is a tangle risk for wildlife when applied loosely, but there are multiple other humane, safe ways to deter wild animals that may be getting into your yard, garden, or flowerbeds.

Check out our website detailing the types of fencing we recommend for keeping critters out at wihumane.org/wildlife

BEAGLE RESCUE CAPTURES HEARTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

In late July, WHS brought 62 Beagles to Wisconsin after more than 4,000 were removed from a mass-breeding facility in Virginia. Rather than being sent off to become animal testing subjects, nine mothers and 53 puppies found safety here in southeastern Wisconsin.

"We had more than 100 foster families express interest in helping these moms and pups, which speaks volumes about our community's eagerness to help animals in need," said Alison Fotsch Kleibor, WHS Executive Vice President – CEO Designate. "That Saturday night, our team welcomed, examined, and placed all 62 animals in foster homes in less than two hours. It was such a powerful experience to be a small part of the journey for these animals, and an even greater privilege to be a part of the team who made it happen."

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has been leading the efforts to remove approximately 4,000 beagles housed at the Envigo RMS LLC facility in Cumberland, VA which bred dogs to be sold to laboratories for animal experimentation. The transfer was a result of a lawsuit filed against Envigo by the Department of Justice in May, alleging Animal Welfare Act violations at the facility. Repeated federal inspections have resulted in dozens of violations, including findings that some dogs had been "euthanized" without first receiving anesthesia, that dogs had received inadequate veterinary care and insufficient food, and that they were living in unsanitary conditions.

The transformations have been remarkable. Our hearts swelled when foster parents shared pictures of the dogs romping in the grass for the first time, playing with toys, or cuddling up in fleece blankets. The older mothers, who had spent all their years in cages, were treated to "spa days" and slowly introduced to the joys of being a beloved companion. As they continue to blossom, we'll be here for them every step of the way.

After the news spread about the special operation, we lovingly dubbed it "Beaglemania" here at WHS. We experienced the most incredible outpouring of support from our community – and across the country! Our phones rang off the hook, our inboxes were stuffed full of emails, and our social comment sections were packed with eager adopters and those looking to help in this massive rescue effort. When the first pups went up for adoption, we had people travel from Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, and even California in hopes of adopting one of the rescued puppies. In late August, we welcomed another 25 dogs from the facility, eager to find them loving homes, as well.

We can't thank you all enough for how swiftly you've answered our call for support! Knowing that our supporters have our back – whether that's by fostering, adopting, or making a donation to support such efforts – truly makes it possible to say "yes" when we're called to help in emergency rescues. We are so grateful to be able to help animals in need – all because of you.



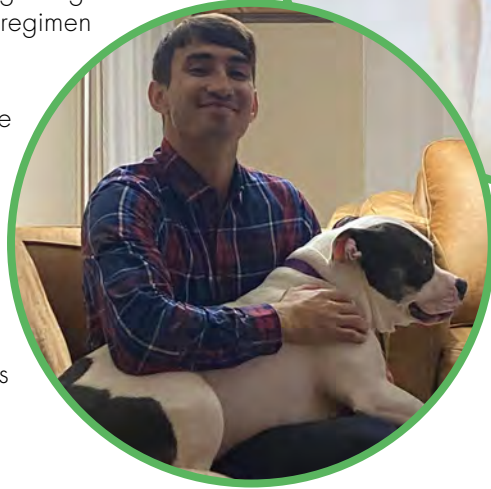
AN EVEN HAPPIER TAIL AFTER TREATMENT

Luna arrived at our Racine Campus with a severe case of “happy tail.” While the name sounds endearing, it can lead to serious problems. The condition occurs when an ever-wagging tail hits solid objects so frequently that the tip of the tail begins to lose hair, bruise, and even bleed. In Luna’s case, she was suffering from all these symptoms, and our veterinary team knew we needed to get this under control. Luna was put on antibiotics, her tail was treated and wrapped, and the infamous cone was placed upon her to prevent her from removing the bandage.

After a stubborn infection extended her stay by weeks, her treatment plan was revised to include daily medicated baths, a hypoallergenic diet, and an adjusted antibiotic schedule. Within a week, things began to improve for Luna, but it would be a month of this new regimen before she was finally healthy enough for adoption.

Luna’s signature blend of loving affection and puppy-like energy has only made her new home a happier one. That same joy even made its way into the backyard where she has become best friends with the dog next door, who meets her every night to chase, frolic, and play.

We are beyond thrilled about Luna’s happy new life and ever grateful for the time, energy, and contributions of those who made it all possible!



JUVENILE PEREGRINE FALCON FALLS FROM THE SKY



No matter what species you are, it is a universal theme that adolescence comes with some awkwardness. This juvenile Peregrine Falcon is no exception, based on his looks and his less-than-stellar first attempt at flight. To quote Buzz Lightyear from Toy Story, his first flight was more of a “falling with style” scenario, which is very common for most avian species.

Working with Peregrines is not for the faint of heart – these birds are power athletes, and we are impressed by their fitness, temperament, and spirit every time one is admitted. We were eager to get this feisty guy back to his parents. Peregrine Falcons are endangered in the state of Wisconsin and the species is closely monitored. He’s already been banded for research, so we know a great deal about him and his family. As an urban-adapted species, this kid’s family has nested in a box placed by researchers on top of a very tall building in the middle of downtown Milwaukee (this mimics Peregrine nesting habitat typically on tall cliffsides).

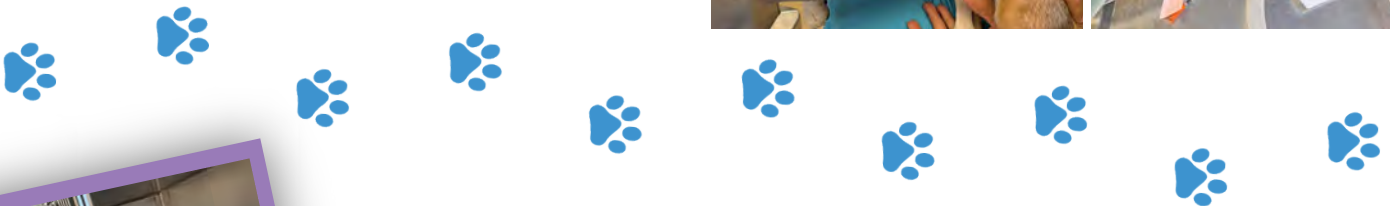
After being admitted to the wildlife hospital, he received a full check-up, and after a brief time in care to rest and recover, he got a clean bill of health before being promptly returned to his nest box and family. We are grateful to all those in our community who care so deeply for wildlife and help make success stories like this possible. Thank you!

FROM SUMMER CAMP TO VETERINARY INTERN: MEET STAFF MEMBER JAHARI CLARK

Roughly 10 years ago, Jahari attended a program at WHS that gave kids the opportunity to work with dogs, socialize cats, and help out in our wildlife hospital, among other fun activities. Through the program, participants became budding experts on canine body language, force-free training techniques, and the bonds formed through animal companionship.

A decade later, Jahari is back at the WHS Milwaukee Campus, this time as a Veterinary Assistant Intern and an Animal Care Technician for his second summer! He has a passion for animal medicine and intends to apply to veterinary school once he completes his undergraduate degree. Animals are truly drawn to Jahari, and he frequently finds himself helping those in need who cross his path.

We meet around 5,000 young people in our youth programs each year, and we're so excited that Jahari's path led back to us here at WHS. 78% of those who attended our camps last summer reported being more likely to pursue a career in animal welfare as a result of their experience at camp, and we hope to have more of these amazing young people join our team someday!



THE SWEETEST SURPRISE FOR ONE CAMPER

While attending our Camp Unleashed at the WHS Racine Campus recently, a camper named Ella was immediately smitten with a 1-year-old cat named M'Baku. Whenever the campers went out to visit cats, Ella would request some quality time with her feline buddy. She would lament about how great it would be to adopt him, but she wasn't sure if he would get along with their two dogs at home and didn't think it would be possible.

On the last day of camp, Ella said her goodbyes to our team and made the journey home, only to find M'Baku waiting for her! Her family had snuck into the shelter on her final day and officially adopted their daughter's best buddy, bringing him home to adjust before the happy reunion. We are so delighted for both Ella and M'Baku, and we know their bond will become even stronger as the two grow alongside each other!



NEW CAMP PROGRAM ASSISTANT POSITION A HUGE SUCCESS!

This summer, the Wisconsin Humane Society kicked off a new teen leadership program. The Program Assistant (PA) role engaged more than 20 young people ages 13-17 in supporting staff to lead camps at the WHS Milwaukee, Ozaukee, and Racine Campuses. The goal of the program is to give teens the opportunity to connect further with us and learn about careers available in animal welfare. In addition, PAs grow transferable leadership skills like professional communication and relationship-building.

We connected with Luna, 13, one of our awesome PAs who supported camp programs at the Milwaukee Campus this summer. Luna shared her hands-on experience in the role: "I helped prep arts and crafts, led games, helped the counselors, gave tours, and helped lead activities for campers."

"I learned a lot about different jobs in animal care and can share those with others. I 100% loved volunteering. I learned a lot, and it was something to do that would have an impact versus hanging around the house. It gave me a sense of independence. It felt important to do a job without any family members."



We're so excited to continue to engage young people in all of our programs this fall, which will welcome more Program Assistants! Check out www.wihumane.org/for-kids for more information about all of the fun programs we offer for young people. Our fall program schedule is coming soon!

DOG & PUPPY TRAINING CLASSES

Looking for training classes for your puppy or adult dog? Bring your pooch to the Wisconsin Humane Society for our fun and engaging group training classes! Offered at our Milwaukee and Ozaukee Campuses, our classes use reward-based training techniques and focus on building the bond between dogs and their owners, relaxation in new spaces, and basic manners. Most classes run for 6 weeks on evenings and weekends.

From basic puppy classes to get you started off on the right paw, to adult manners classes and shy dog classes, we offer a variety of courses!

To check out upcoming classes, visit our calendar at wihumane.org

Please reach out to **Sam Steinbring**, Training Specialist, at sstein@wihumane.org with any questions.

If you're in search of resources outside of the area, please feel free to contact us at behavior@wihumane.org or 414-431-6173 so we can direct you to a qualified professional in your community.



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THANK YOU, BAKER TILLY!

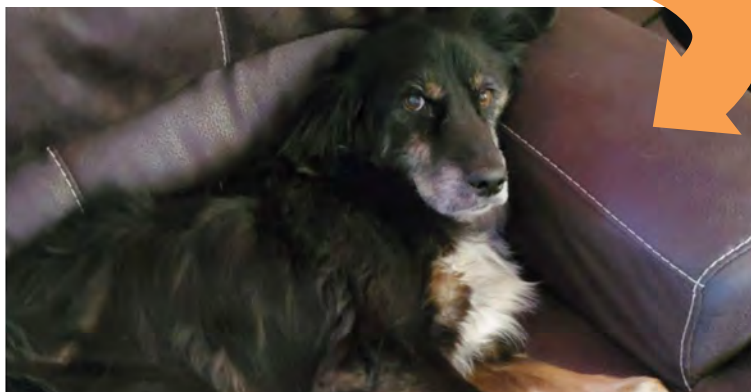


We would like to share our immense gratitude to the amazing employees at Baker Tilly who recently chose to support WHS during their annual Stewardship Week. In a single week, their efforts raised an incredible \$5,444.81 for animals in need! Many staffers also volunteered to help prep surgery cones for our low-cost spay/neuter clinic, and learned about all the different programs WHS offers to the community. To top it all off, one of their employees fell in love during a shelter tour and ended up adopting an adorable cat named Chowder.

If your company is interested in organizing a fundraiser or employee engagement event, please contact **Billy Zakrzewski** at 414-431-6133 or email at bzakrzewski@wihumane.org.

ADOPTION UPDATES

HOBBS



"Hi! Hobbes' name is Theodore now. He has settled in nicely and is getting along well with our other two pups. You were right about his sweet nature - what a great dog! He's gentle and playful and curious, and seems really happy. He sleeps in our bed, loves to hang out on the front porch and watch birds, wants the neighborhood cat to know that he is boss, silently catches and eats flies but is thankfully fearful of bees, follows us around like a shadow, sits with me almost all day while I'm working, sheds nonstop, loves people and kids, has become best friends with our neighbor and the mail carrier... I could go on probably forever. It has been so much fun getting to know him! I took some pictures to do some before and after shots so you can see how far he has come. Our vet said he would like him to gain another 5-8 pounds, but otherwise almost all of his lab work is back to normal! He's doing great and we love him very, very much!!" - Julie

STRUDEL



"On July 13, 2021, I adopted a flame point Siamese from you by the name Barry. I wanted to take a minute out to show you a couple of pictures and tell you how "Strudel" is doing..."

It took a little to settle him in with the family, but he's really a sweetheart. His coat has changed and has become so beautiful. He has a boyfriend that he hangs out with all the time, when he's not trying to get with me. Thank you for letting me adopt him!"

- The Pencz Family

WAYS TO GIVE BACK THROUGH COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

AWESOME PARTY IDEAS!



Game Night Give Back: host a tailgate party or cookout and ask everyone to bring their favorite dish. Attendees can then pay to vote for their favorite entree or appetizer, with proceeds going back to the animals!



Party with a Purpose: Host a get-together with friends where you provide the food, and ask others to bring an item off our wish list or a monetary donation to support WHS.



Time to Celebrate: Collecting monetary donations and items from our wish list instead of gifts can be a fun new tradition for a birthday, mitzvah, or holiday! Guests will have fun and feel proud about using their day for good.



Be a champion in your office: Consider hosting a donation drive, chili cookoff, fundraising competition between departments, or online giving challenge to rally support for animals with your colleagues. It just takes one person advocating for a cause to make big change. Connect with us on different workplace opportunities to raise funds for the animals.

If you have questions on how to get your community fundraiser started, contact our events team today!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2022



PAWS & CLAWS GALA

Pfister Hotel - Milwaukee

Saturday, October 15, 2022 | 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now for the 2022 Paws & Claws Gala, "Barkingham Palace". Join us for our biggest fundraiser of the year! Enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions, raffles, a wine pull, and delectable dinner all to support animals in need! Did we mention that it's the only gala in town where you can mingle with pups and our favorite felines? Learn more and purchase tickets now at www.wihumane.org/gala

NOVEMBER 2022



HOLIDAY BINGO EXTRAVAGANZA

Stadium View Bar & Grill, Green Bay

Thursday, November 10 | 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Kick off the holiday season with a fun-filled night that starts with a buffet dinner followed by a variety of raffles, silent auction, and Bingo, of course! Learn more by visiting our Calendar of Events at www.wihumane.org

DECEMBER 2022



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND PHOTOS WITH SANTA

WHS Door County Campus

Saturday, December 3 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bring your kids and social companion animals and join the festive atmosphere at our Door County Campus for a special holiday photo, plus great raffle prizes! Learn more by visiting our Calendar of Events at www.wihumane.org

SAVE MONEY - AND LIVES - WHILE YOU SHOP!

Did you know that the Wisconsin Humane Society has retail stores at all five of our sheltering locations and a robust online shop, as well? At <http://shop.wihumane.org>, you'll find thousands of pet supply products and merchandise for the same (or even cheaper) pricing that you might find through the major online retailers! Whether you need dog food, cat treats, kitty litter, leashes, cat towers, or canine apparel, we truly have it all. Rather than having your money go to a large corporation, shopping through our website sends 100% of proceeds to homeless animals right here in our community. With free shipping on all orders of \$59 or more, you can stock up on all your pet's favorites and have them sent straight to your door. Don't have a pet right now? We also have new [human] apparel launching monthly, tons of great gifts, and locally made products. Be sure to keep us in mind the next time you're shopping!

