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Safe Haven of Iowa County



The Paw Press

January 2025

Changing Lives, One Adoption At A Time

2024 Highlights

- 141 cat adoptions and 60 dog adoptions!
- Tiff DeBrower and Leslie Becker joined Safe Haven staff as new dog direct care providers.
- \$13,500 in Grants received:
 - Iowa County Community Foundation, \$5500, used for kennels
 - Miccio Foundation Grant, \$1500 in the spring, used for new kennels
 - Miccio Foundation Grant, \$4000, will be used for air conditioning and drainage in the pound and community rooms
 - Amana Community Chest, \$500, used for large outdoor donation storage containers
 - South Slope (Aureon) - \$500, used for cat isolation unit
 - Animal Relief Foundation (ARF) \$2,000, used for heartworm tests
 - LoveContribution MuttNation, \$1,000, and Johnson County Community Foundation/Don Merryman, \$1,000, which have not been used yet.
- Our survivors who required extra TLC: Mikey, who required both eyes to be removed; Bartholomeow and Mr. Fuzzy, who required amputations; Dora, who needed some inventive treatment for "Happy Tail"; and heartworm treatment for Baloo and Sky.
- 65 cat spays, 73 cat neuters, 13 dog spays, and 15 dog neuters.
- \$26,515 was raised in the Spring & Fall Plant Sales.
- \$8,531 was raised at the November 5K and Pancake breakfast.
- \$7,313 was raised at the Fall bake sale.
- Can & Bottle recycling raised \$6,871.00 which helped get feral and community cats spayed and neutered for the TNR program.
- 95 Hawkeye athletes spent a total of 493 hours volunteering at Safe Haven.
- 97 new volunteer orientations were given and 44 new direct care volunteers joined us.
- Safe Haven pups made 20 visits to area care facilities.
- Safe Haven pups visited KHAK radio station for 12 Furry Fridays with Brain and Courtlin.
- Safe Haven long term resident Stewie, a beautiful pitbull with big brown eyes, was adopted after 729 days.
- Amanda Wiebold and Elly Hoehnle were elected to the 2025 board and Amy Reihman & Andrea Prymek ended their four years of service on the board. Many thanks for all that they have done for Safe Haven!

December Adoptions



BARREL



MISS PENNIE



DIXIE



MARIGOLD



HARRY BOSCH



MEADOW



DOC



BRYNNE



WALLY



AVA



ROSIE



AUGUST

Hello from Festus!

Hey guys! It's me Festus! I've been with my family for one whole week, my mommy is still paws down my favorite person everrr! But my daddy, sister, brother and dog brothers are ok too! My first few nights home mommy and I gave daddy the couch and I took his spot in the bed, because being close to my mommy was what I needed to get comfortable. I only peed in the house 3 times! I got to meet my aunt's, my Nana and my grandma and Grandpa Mattison. Mommy and daddy told me I was such a good boy on that visit and I've stolen all their hearts (duh). I'm the littlest pup here, my brother Rocco is my FAVORITE dog brother he's a old chocolate lab. I tried making my shepsky brother Oakley think I was bigger than him, I would even circle him with my hair up... Mommy got a little nervous, but Oakley ignored me and kept laying in his spot.. ruf so I said bazinga and laid down next to him and decided I'd try it again later. I finally gave in and I'm ok being the littlest! I sleep with my sister and dog brother Rocco at night now and I LOVE it. My favorite things are my mommy's lap or anywhere she is LITERALLY, My brothers Lambie, T.V. love watching Rodeos! And snuggles. I have chewed my mommy's shoe, her Christmas moose..... Man I messed that guy UP! AND!!!!!! I snuck into the living room while mommy was in the other room and decided to attempt going cat-dog and pawed my way behind the tree. She heard something (THANK GOSH) and came in and I was stuck behind the tree surrounded by presents so as soon as I saw her, I went to jump through the tree to her and well..... The tree fell towards her! But it's ok she caught it! And I was fine, I gave that tree a mean mug as I walked away to go take a nap. Mommy said no no Festus which by the way my Grandpa Goodman LOVES LOVES LOVES my name! Anyways I knew I have to stay away from that mean tree. Ruf. I go on lots of rides, we are making dog treats for my doggie friends at the shelter. I've been told santa paws is coming to my house in s couple days! I'm so happy here you guys. I miss you friends but I DON'T miss my room! Here's some pictures of me. MERRY CHRISTMAS And thank you for taking care of me and helping me find my fur-ever home!



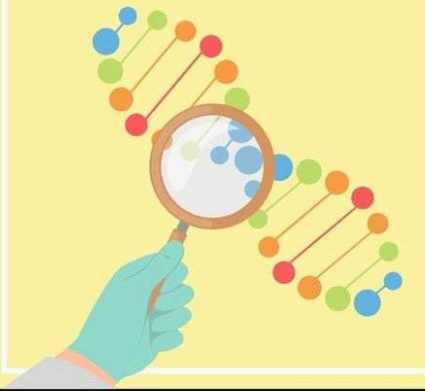


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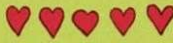
We will be celebrating
**Safe Haven's
 20th Anniversary**
 on July 18, 2025
 at the Koru Berry Farm
 in Homestead!

Please share any stories or photos with Shelley
 at dabergers90@gmail.com

What kinda dog is that?



100%
GOOD BOY!




New Kids on the Block



POSEY



LILIBET



ALINA



ITTY BITTY



ANYA



BRYNNE



BLONDIE



BOOMER



JEDI



MR. GUS



CLARICE



PEARL

New Kids on the Block



EUGENE



ITTY BITTY



GEORGE



BARTHOLOMEOW



MISSY



FUZZBALL



GEORGE



ACE, DIEZ, TREY, CLOVER, JACKSON, SIESEL, SEVENAH,
FEIGTH, NINER, TWOOTIE, AND MOM, ROXIE

Thank You!

We are feeling so blessed - we have had many great donations come in from our community!



A big thank you to the folks at Secura Insurance, who stopped by for a tour and left us a "sizable" check!



Students from Benton Community FCCLA Chapter came to help us out. After a few tasks were tackled... of course time was well spent getting their "kitty fix" with many very friendly, adoptable cats. Thanks to this group for the great help & box of donations they collected during a donation drive!



Sugar wants to give a special thank you to University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine for the big donation!



Sydney Leeper supplied us with some goodies for her Community Service Project for her Social Studies class at Iowa Valley in Marengo.



Heaven gained a new angel when Sweet Sophie gained her wings this summer. She was adopted from Safe Haven 8 years ago.

LIGHT UP OXFORD



CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH US AT

Light Up Oxford

VISIT ALL OF THE AMAZING BUSINESSES AND VENDORS!

December 6th 4-8pm

BUSINESSES LOCATED IN OXFORD ON AUGUSTA
VENDORS LOCATED AT AMERICAN LEGION AND ST MARYS AUDITORIUM





DO YOU KNOW A VETERAN IN NEED OF A SERVICE DOG?

COLT IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON...

- Pulling veteran up from sitting position
- Assisting with balance
- Acting as brace when commanded
- Assisting in picking up objects
- Providing Deep Pressure Therapy
- Assisting in carrying objects
- Assisting veteran up stairs
- Working on pulling wheelchairs

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS UNTIL JANUARY 3RD



**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT JENI OLSON
CALL: 319-642-3925**



Alumni



"Blaze is now named Phil from "Somebody Feed Phil" on Netflix. As a former feral cat, he's always "hungry". He is so lovable and sweet! Colby, now Roy, is still acclimating to his new home but, luckily, his new humans are willing to wait for him to come out of his shell.



Fanny (now Lilac) loves to be brushed, loves her fishing toy, the screened in porch, and, of course, her new humans.



Before



Mikey, now Fritz, has made an amazing recovery from having both eyes removed. Here, he proudly shows off the applesauce pouch lid that he hunted down and caught!



Burke and Sneazy, now Winston and Hazel, are delighted with their new home and their new humans!



No, it's not an 8-legged cat. It's Happy (now Mufasa) and Grumpy (now Scar). Brothers and best frenemies.



Look at handsome McFlurry! What a change from the matted shy boy that arrived at Safe haven.



Leroy Blue stopped by to tell his old friends at Safe Haven hello recently. He's still such a good boy!



This is Baloo, our heartworm survivor. This is his favorite hill. Baloo loves to scootch and scritch his way down his hill as often as possible.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Contributions

Safe Haven has recently received several donations from people taking advantage of the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) plan available for those who have a 401K or tax qualified investments and are receiving Required Minimum Distributions (for those over 72 years of age). A donation given through this program can become tax free income and there by lower your federal taxes. There are a few rules as to how the money is given, so you should consult with your financial advisor and/or tax consultant. It is a great idea to give to the critters at Safe Haven and save money on your taxes at the same time!

Donate Redeemable Cans and Bottles



Thanks to every can and bottle donated to Safe Haven, many community cats have been spayed and neutered. You've helped lower future populations in numerous communities and the cats, who have been vaccinated, will be healthier as they are returned to their community or new barn home.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for a feel-good volunteer opportunity?? You love animals, you say? We may have the perfect gig for you!

We are looking for direct-care dog volunteers. Whether you're looking to snuggle with our dogs or you're looking for a few extra steps in your day and would enjoy taking dogs for a walk on our beautiful trails - we have it all!!

A volunteer application can be found on our website at www.wesavepets.com. Once an application is submitted, our volunteer coordinator will reach out to set up an orientation.

NEEDED:

Weekday mornings for both dogs and cats
weekends evenings for dogs

Taking Care of Business

Financial News:

November Expenses

Supplies	1,621.35
Specialized Vet Services	634.50
Payroll & Taxes	5,420.27
IHA Spay/Neuter Program	2,974.90
Surgery Suite Supplies	928.71
Water	96.46
Electric	443.70
Internet/Phone	108.68
Fundraising	1645.00
Garbage	40.00
Accounting Services	493.03
Office Supplies	122.78
Adoption return	200.00
Newsletter expense	28.36
Mileage	189.72
Insurance	967.00
Capital Equipment	<u>21,668.92</u>
TOTAL	\$37,583.38

Surgical Suite Update:

December

Cat surgical suite:

- 2 spays and 5 neuters
- 6 rabies vaccines
- 22 distemper vaccines
- 22 doses of wormers
- 11 doses of Revolution
- 5 nail trims
- 8 microchipped
- 2 sub Q fluids
- 5 lab samples
- 1 amputation
- 12 doses ear med
- 6 FIV FELV tests
- 1 serum collection
- 1 serum administration
- 1 B12 injection
- 2 doses long acting antibiotic
- 1 complete tooth removal

Dog surgical suite

- 3 rabies vaccines
- 13 distemper vaccines
- 1 urinalysis
- 1 ultrasound
- 1 allergy injection



Safe Haven Board Members



Courtney
Ralph



Amanda
Wiebold



Elly
Hoehnle



Kimberly
Buresh



Nancy
Kohrt



Susan
Shaull-
Scheer



Colleen
Bowers

Board Meetings

Safe Haven's Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday of every month via Zoom at 6:30pm. If you ever have concerns or questions that you would like to discuss with the board, please feel free to attend the first half an hour of the board meeting. If you are unable to attend at that time, you can always email the shelter at adoptions@wesavepets.com, with your concerns.

Every year an election is held to vote to fill positions left by outgoing board members. Amanda Wiebold and Elly Hoehnle were elected for a four year term beginning in 2025. Once again Peg Lown has taken on the duty of Election Manager and for that we owe her a huge THANK YOU!



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