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Safe Haven of Iowa County

The Paw Press

Changing lives, one adoption at a time

December 2024

To All the Dogs I've Loved Before

Sung to the tune of "To All the Girls I've Loved Before" by Albert Hammond & Julius Iglesias
Written by John Ross, dog care volunteer

<p>To all the dogs I've loved before Who've travelled through my doggie door I got them from the pound, so glad they hung around To all the dogs I've loved before</p>	<p>To all the dogs I've brushed before Who leave their hair on my clean floor We lay out in the yard, until we're breathing hard To all the dogs I've brushed before</p>
<p>To all the dogs who've cared for me Who lift me from my misery They make my life complete, only asking for a treat To all the dogs who've cared for me</p>	<p>To all the dogs I've lost before Who I won't see forevermore I thank you for your love, rest easy up above To all the dogs I've lost before</p>
<p>To all the dogs who've shared my life They make my darkest days seem bright We snuggle on the couch, how could I be a grouch To all the dogs who've shared my life</p>	<p>To all the doggies yet to come I might just have to get e some Without them I'm alone, no one to feed a bone To all the doggies yet to come</p>

To shelter doggies everywhere
We'll give you extra-loving care
Until you find your home,
you'll never be alone
To Shelter doggies everywhere



November Adoptions



DOC &
DOPEY



AGNES



BASHFUL



FANNY



BLAZE &
COLBY



HAPPY &
GRUMPY



NACHO



HONEY
CHANDLER



RICOCHET



SNEEZY &
BURKE



SPARKLE SAM



SPENCER

More November Adoptions



VIKTER



PUDDIN



SNOW WHITE



JADA



MIKEY, OLIVER, & IVORY



New Kids on the Block



BRISBY



ROCKY



JADA



FESTUS



MABEL



PENNIE



Sadly, we said goodbye to sweet Dinah in November after x-rays revealed she had a large mass in the lining of her stomach that was taking up the majority of her stomach. Although she wasn't feeling well, we know that she wasn't lacking for any love from the volunteers that cared for her.

2024 Cookie Walk!

Cookies, cookies, and more cookies!!! Ohand several cute pups too!!! This year's cookie walk was a huge success with nearly 100 boxes sold before we ran out of cookies!



We are excited to share some photos from the event - so many amazing bakers shared their special cookies with us, and our shoppers are always so complementary!



Another favorite part of our day is seeing SO many alumni we remembered to snap a few pictures!



Many thanks to everyone that planned, baked, worked, and shopped at the event to make it so amazing!

BREAKFAST WITH THE PANCAKE MAN!



Our Pancake Breakfast, which coincided with the Support a Vet - Save a Pet 5K, was a huge hit, and several of the 5k participants enjoyed a delicious breakfast after their workout! Many thanks to The Pancake Man for making our breakfast not only delicious, but also so much fun! We were able to raise over \$1,000! Thank you to everyone that attended, and to the volunteers that started their morning bright and early to make sure everything ran smoothly all morning long!



A HUGE thank you to the Tiffin 4-H Club for their hard work in helping make our shelter sparkly clean again! Many eager hands made light work! This young group of volunteers helped with various cleaning tasks & then enjoyed time spent with the dogs and cats in our care looking for their forever homes.



THE ADVENTURES OF DOC



Our boy, Doc, is just a charmer - he met many new friends at Briarwood Healthcare Center and was a hit at KHAK as well. Every good boy deserves a pup cup!



Doc is smitten by so many people, including Safe Haven volunteer, Stacie, who has sponsored his adoption!

Alumni



WRIGLEY (2009)



SYDNEY
(2020)



TUCKER
(VIKTER 2024)



ZORRO (2019)
WITH PENNY & PRUITT



JACK (2021)



GINGER
(FORMERLY
CHUNK)



JASMINE (OPAL 2022)



GALLI & CICI
(LUCY 2019)



ANUBIS
(DAVID 2023)



Alumni



Miss Izzy is adjusting to our home and our other pets really well! We have renamed her 'Hazelnut'. Our resident cat 'Josie' has finally accepted her but that took a bit of patience. Our sweet black lab 'Murphy' (who is a Safe Haven alumni from 7 years ago) accepted Hazelnut right away. I love that Hazelnut is a lap cat when she's not busy exploring or playing. She loves toys, checking out the windows, cat towers and our screened porch... and following Josie cat - hoping to get her to play more. She is a sweetheart and we are in love with her!



Oatmeal (nicknamed Oatty) He's such a smart boy and has gotten several basic commands down already! Such a sweet pup! Of course. So happy we were able to adopt through you all again. Ivy meant so much to us and it felt right to find the next perfect pup for our family with you guys! He's really great with the kids!



Snow White is getting more hugs and kisses than any princess could ask for!



Honey Chandler (now Freya) is still as adorable and is just as spoiled as we all wished she would be.



Sleepy has adjusted to her new home perfectly! She has become best friends with our dog, Malcolm, and has filled our hearts with so much love. Her name has been changed her name to Stevie! (She LOVES to listen to Fleetwood Mac) She has been the perfect addition to our little family & we are so grateful to have her in our lives

Alumni



Lilly came to visit! Looking absolutely healthy and loved, seeing Miss Lilly could warm even the coldest Grinch heart. Can you believe the difference from her before picture!



Could Ricochet look any happier with his new family?!



Penny and Rudy all snuggled in for a cozy winter's night.



Spencer makes a wonderful office assistant.



Betty and Sweetie are doing great, just FYI. They have settled in very well, and we are enjoying their sweet company!

Alumni



SCHMUTZIE (MOCHA 2024) &
SKIPPYJON (CHARLIE 2018)



ASTRO
(RALPH 2024)



CAPTAIN



BRYZZO



KAYLI



CHARLIE
(2022)



GISMO



HARLOW
(FORMERLY
FANCY)



MOOSE



Alumni



ICHABOD (2014) &
KALINA (ZARA 2024)



OSWALD
(2020)



RAMONA



RAYNE



REBA (2024)
& CHARLIE
(2020)



GINGER
(FORMERLY
CHUNK)



ELVIS & BJORN
NOW RIZZO & WRIGLEY



SCARLETT &
CINNAMON
2023



NOVA
(WHICK WHICK)



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.

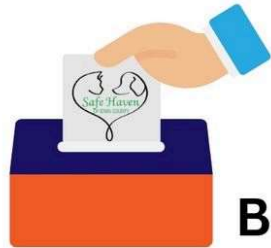
NEEDED:

Weekday mornings for both dogs and cats
weekends evenings for dogs



Thank you

We are blessed to have supporters like Ann Ruppenkamp, who not only provided lots of tasty treats and fun toys for all the critters at Safe Haven, she also handed us a check for \$200!



Safe Haven Board Elections

Nominations will be taken December 1st - 8th
Please send nominations to Peg Lown
at plown@hotmail.com

Taking Care of Business

Financial News:

October 2024	
Food & Supplies	2,253.84
Specialized Vet	500.00
Community Spay/Neuter	2,344.17
Surgery Suite Supplies	1,354.34
Water	89.04
Electric	1,151.823
Internet/Phone	103.13
Garbage	40.00
Payroll	5,040.53
Accounting Services	330.39
Fundraiser Expense	2,001.47
Maintenance	181.90
Office Supplies	122.94
Newsletter Expense	<u>28.36</u>
TOTAL	\$15,501.82

November Surgical Suite Update:

Cat surgical suite:

- 3 spays
- 2 neuters
- 5 microchips
- 20 doses of wormers
- 8 doses ear meds
- 17 distemper vaccines
- 8 rabies vaccines
- 11 doses of Revolution
- 5 nail trims
- 10 FIV/FelV tests
- 2 eye removals
- 1 serum collection
- 2 serum injections
- 2 Sub Q fluids
- 1 lab sample
- 1 euthanasia

Dog surgical suite:

- 3 neuters
- 3 rabies vaccines
- 4 Distemper vaccines
- 4 Bordetella vaccines
- 2 nail trims
- 3 heartworm/4DX tests
- 4 microchips
- 1 ear cleaning
- 1 dose Capstar flea med



Safe Haven Board Members



Courtney
Ralph



Amy
Reihman



Andrea
Prymek



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.



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