

# WATERTOWN TAILS

The Watertown Humane Society newsletter.

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We are excited to announce the Furry Feud happening on September 24th, 2022. This is our biggest fundraising effort this year and we need your help to fill every seat! This event will be fast paced and full of excitement as teams battle each other to win the title of the Furriest of Them All. We will be hosting both a matinee show and an evening show with dinner. Audience members will be able to sip on signature shelter-themed cocktails, browse incredible silent auctions, try their luck at the 50/50 raffle, and laugh until their stomachs hurt while watching the gameshow. For more information on the event and to purchase tickets, please visit our website: [www.whsadopt.org/furryfeud](http://www.whsadopt.org/furryfeud)



Join us for an afternoon or evening of fun at the Furry Feud!

*The mission of the Watertown Humane Society is to provide for the lost, homeless, neglected and abused animals of the City of Watertown and surrounding areas*

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# PLANS FOR DOG KENNEL RENOVATION WILL BETTER SERVE DOGS IN NEED

The Watertown Humane Society has been in business for over 50 years, and in that time so much knowledge has been gained in the area of best practices related to animal shelter housing. Due to the constant climate changes in our area, where summers are hot and winters are cold, both to the extreme, our indoor-outdoor kennels lead to problems with cleaning and sanitation (cross-contamination). This is unhealthy for both our staff and animals. Another problem with our current kennel configuration is that dogs face each other, which we know greatly increases kennel stress and aggression and creates safety issues for our dogs and canine companion volunteers. Our outdoor play yards offer no shade, which considerably limits the amount of time dogs and humans can spend on play yard enrichment activities in summer, and the kennel fencing needs improvement to keep our dogs safe. While we have the strong desire to make improvements and follow best practices, we lack the resources and funding to make these major renovations. While there are grants available for other shelter needs such as animal care support, there is a lack of resources available for this type of capital improvement project. We are looking to privately fund this major renovation and are seeking businesses and individual donors to help us make our dog kennel area the best it can be. To donate, please visit our website: [www.whsadopt.org/donate](http://www.whsadopt.org/donate)



*Current dog kennel areas in need of renovation and redesign.*



# AGGIE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION RAISES \$4,700



*Aggie and her friends collected a monetary donation as well as supplies*

Recently, long-time shelter supporter Christa, hosted a birthday party for her rescue dog, Aggie. A huge crowd filled Local Waters in Watertown to help celebrate the special birthday girl. Along with a very generous monetary donation of \$4,700, Christa, Aggie, and friends dropped off many useful supplies for the shelter. We are so grateful for people like Christa who selflessly support us. Thank you, Christa, and Happy 1st Birthday Aggie!

## REMEMBERING DORIS PIRKEL

Doris Pirkel was a long-time resident of Watertown and when she passed away in December, her wish was that donations be made in her honor to help the animals in need here at the Watertown Humane Society. Doris' friends and family near and far donated in her remembrance and we are grateful for their support and generosity during a time of sorrow.



## NEW FLOORING HELPS PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

At the beginning of 2022, our shelter underwent a much needed transformation with the application of a poly-coat on floors in our cat rooms, hallway, bathroom, and visitation room. This much needed facelift not only helps make it look better, but it also provides a vital extra layer of protection against germs and diseases. We were able to start the first half of this project through the generosity of our supporters, and now we are working hard to raise the funds to finish the remaining portions of the shelter. If you are interested in donating to help with this project, please visit our website: [www.whsadopt.org/donate](http://www.whsadopt.org/donate)



# DEVELOPMENT OF THE QUIRKY CAT PROJECT IS POSSIBLE THANKS TO PARTNERSHIP WITH HAWS

The Quirky Cat Project, which began in early 2022, was developed thanks to a very generous grant from a local family who supports us. Providing community/feral cats with spay/neuter surgeries helps them live long, healthy, and happy lives outdoors, and their populations can be humanely reduced through Trap Neuter Return (TNR) programs. Within colonies, cats breed quickly. A female can begin breeding at 4 months of age, and she can become pregnant while nursing a litter. To reduce the constant breeding cycle and the number of cats living outdoors, humane action must be taken. This program has allowed us to offer free spay/neuter surgeries for feral cats in the Waterloo and Ixonia areas where overpopulation has become an increasing problem. We are grateful to Kendall, Community Cat Coordinator from HAWS, who stopped by our shelter to train volunteers how to properly trap these cats needing our help. Our volunteers will trap, transport to HAWS Snip Clinic, and then release the cat back to its original location. We are excited to start this initiative, and it would not be possible without its supporters!

## WISHLIST

Walmart, Farm and Fleet Gift Cards  
Purina One Kitten Chow  
Purina One Cat Chow  
Durable/Tough Chewer Dog Toys/Chews  
Dog Training Treats  
Paper Towels  
Hand Soap  
Laundry Detergent  
Dishwasher Pods

Purina One Dog Chow  
Purina One Puppy Chow  
Cat Toys  
Martingale(non-slip) collars  
White Copy Paper  
Blue Pocket Folders  
Postage Stamps  
Volunteers  
Foster Homes

## MEET YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND

Looking for a new pet to join your family? Our shelter has many adoptable pets looking for their forever home. Check out all our adoptable pets on our website: [www.whsadopt.org/adopt](http://www.whsadopt.org/adopt)



Ariel



Maggie



Rockie



Newton

**RETURN  
TO OWNER**

**38**

*We have been lucky to save as many animals  
as we have so far in 2022 and look forward to  
finishing out the year strong!*

**2022...**

so far we have  
helped **281**  
animals

**NO. OF  
KITTENS  
FOSTERED**

**140**



**DOGS  
ADOPTED**



**CATS  
ADOPTED**



**DOGS  
TRANSFERRED  
FROM THE  
SOUTH**

**70**

**NO. OF  
SHELTER  
VOLUNTEERS**





# SHELTER UPDATES AND GRACIOUS GIVINGS

*Thank you*

We would like to acknowledge and thank shelter supporter Ken Berg for his monetary donation that helped us save on printing and mailing costs of this newsletter. Thank you, Ken!

## ONLINE STORE



In need of a gift or looking for a way to show off your WHS pride? Our online store offers a variety of items. From t-shirts to tote bags, there really is something for everyone!

## KITTEN SEASON UPDATE

Kitten Season EXPLODED this year as we helped over 80 kittens in just 60 days! Foster families came to our aide and allowed us to save as many kittens as we did. This was possible not only because of foster homes, but also because of generous supporters and donors who provided necessary supplies, food, and monetary donations which help assist in medical costs.



Tickets for the Furry Feud 50/50 raffle are now on sale at the shelter. Ticket prices are: 1/\$10, 5/\$40, or 10/\$80 Tickets can be purchased during regular business hours. You need NOT be present to win!

## AMAZON SMILE

Donating to the shelter has never been easier with AmazonSmile! All you have to do is use smile.amazon.com when shopping Amazon and choose Watertown Humane Society as the charitable organization. 0.5% of your purchase total is then donated back to us!



## Sam the Weatherman LLC

Sam the Weatherman LLC and Danyelle are huge advocates of animal rescue and we are so lucky to be one of the shelters who benefit from their generosity. Sam and Danyelle collect donations and then shop for much needed items. Recently, they dropped off an entire trailer load of donations! Thank you so much, Sam and Danyelle!



Sam and Danyelle bring a trailer load of supplies!

We recently needed a new piece of equipment installed in our crematorium and Hady Electric generously donated their services to help us. Hady has always been a gracious supporter, and we are so thankful for their generosity!



Another generous company is Jensen Plumbing. Jensen has taken care of various plumbing needs that we have had come up. Thank you so much, Jensen Plumbing, for your generosity and continued support.



## A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR FURRY FEUD SPONSORS!

*Gold Level*



**Grinwald**



*Bronze Level*



*Culligan Water*



## THANK YOU, ANIMAL WORLD ADVENTURES!

We would like to extend sincere thanks to AWA in Oconomowoc for their continued partnership. Their generosity towards our shelter does not go unnoticed, and we are so grateful! We encourage you to stop by their store for all your pet needs!

## SHARE YOUR STORY!

Have an adoption story you'd like to share? Email Jenny at [giving@whsadopt.org](mailto:giving@whsadopt.org) to possibly be featured in an upcoming newsletter!

### BURT & RUDY



I got involved at WHS as a foster parent for dogs after our dog had passed away. After fostering 2 dogs, we wanted to take a break over the holidays. However, we heard that a dog that had been there a long time really needed a home. We didn't want the dog alone over the holidays, so we decided to foster Bert. He has very bad food guarding issues but still decided to give him a try....he turned out to be the sweetest dog. We decided to adopt him. Not long after, I saw little Rudy. I knew I had to have him. We adopted him and our fur family is now complete. With each having their own personalities, they are the perfect dogs. One loves to play and fetch and the other loves to cuddle all day long. Thank you, Watertown Humane Society!

- The Udelhofen Family

### ANNIE



"Annie (fka Tootsie) is doing great! We love her to pieces, in three weeks she has come so far! She is super smart, and learns basic commands so fast. Her shyness with Steve is getting better and she will come by him for pets... When our grandkids come over she is still scared so we just tell her to kennel-up, and she goes into her kennel and is happy there...She was meant for us. She runs like the wind in the yard after I throw a tennis ball or stick, and just loves to lounge in the yard. She has gotten way better at not digging in my garden :) She is doing well in her training class with her 4 other pup mates. She loves scratches and giving kisses. Anyway, she is sweet, adorable, fun and we 3 are very happy!"

Happy Tails from Annie, Cora and Steve

## FOSTERING SAVES LIVES

As we continue to help save homeless dogs in Texas, our shelter remains at full capacity. Fostering helps us keep space open for dogs that need us the most. When fostering a homeless pet, you provide the TLC, and we provide all the necessary supplies, food and medical care.

For more info, visit our website:  
[www.whsadopt.org/help/foster/](http://www.whsadopt.org/help/foster/)





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