

# WATERTOWN TAILS

The Watertown Humane Society newsletter.

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If you are connected to the animal world in any way, you are aware that we are in crisis. Shelter staff are significantly outnumbered by the animals in need of our care. Pet owners are struggling to afford the rising costs of pet food, and accessing veterinary care is increasingly difficult. Every day we are reminded that we need to be accessible and provide support to our communities. We have started offering food and supplies through our community pet food pantry, and we have opened a low cost spay neuter clinic right here in our shelter to help keep pets in their homes whenever possible. Each month, our clinic performs 80 public low cost spay/neuter surgeries on average and our food pantry provides roughly 1,000 pounds of food, but the need continues to grow. The plan is to expand both services in our new building. In addition, our kennel renovation will lead to improved mental wellbeing for our shelter dogs, safer kennel access for our volunteers and staff, and much more efficient cleaning and sanitizing practices. Extreme Midwest weather presents significant challenges when it comes to cleaning and sanitizing our current indoor/outdoor kennels, so our new kennel space is designed with all indoor housing and a properly functioning drainage system which will make the sanitizing process safer and much more effective for both humans and animals.

***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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Day in and day out we are amazed and relieved that the communities we support work side by side with us to provide care for the lost, needy, and neglected animals that find their way to us. Whether it be a bag of food donated or a fundraiser organized by our supporters, our community supports our little shelter with their big hearts. We serve upwards of 800 animals every year and we anticipate that number to exponentially increase as the need for our help continues.

One big question we've been asked is what will happen to your shelter during the renovation. During the construction period, we will need to relocate our staff and animals. The tentative plan is to vacate our current site during the winter months and then break ground on the remodel early in the spring of 2024. Construction is estimated to take 6-8 months. We are working on securing a temporary space in Watertown, and we hope to be able to share final details about that soon. The plan is to have our existing cat cages, a reduced number of dog kennels, our highly utilized pet food pantry, and our low cost spay/neuter clinic still functioning at the temporary location. Due to space constraints and proper housing requirements, we will have no choice but to limit our intake during this time. We will still be answering all calls, emails, and walk-in inquiries and will help however we can, but that assistance may look and feel different than it does at present.

Our shelter needs your help today to make these critical improvements. Our anticipated cost to better serve our community is 2.5-million-dollars. This necessary shelter renovation will provide the animals and staff with a modest but thoughtfully designed new space that will improve the lives of shelter pets, improve our efficiency, and dramatically reduce animals' length of stay here until adoption. We need your help to cross the finish line and reach that goal, and we hope you will provide us with a donation or pledge to help get us there. For us this is not about being bigger, it is most certainly about being better, and we assure you that your capital donation will make a tremendous impact to animals in need for generations to come. This project is vital and urgent and in order to move forward with our project we must raise the necessary funds as quickly as possible. Without the necessary funds, we regretfully will not be prepared to support the current and anticipated community needs. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to help us continue to serve the animals that need us the most.

# FELV POSITIVE CATS GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE

Back on January 13, 2022, we decided to give Mason and Mauve their furever home with us as they had both been diagnosed with feline leukemia and we also had two other cats with feline leukemia. All it took was one visit to realize that we were smitten with these two adorable babies and we knew we had to take them home! Fast-forward to today - May 18, 2023 (which is their "birth dates" listed on their adoption papers) - and they are thriving and doing well. We realize that unfortunately there is no cure for feline leukemia, but having them in our lives for 16-months and knowing they have reached their 2nd birthdays is such a huge milestone! We won't change a thing about Mason or Mauve and we hope others will give feline leukemia kitties in need of a home a chance as they play, cuddle, purr and in the case of Mason and Mauve "coo" (like little pigeons - so cute!) and they bring so much joy to our lives. Our thought was "someone has to love these precious fur babies, so why not us"? We are so glad we followed up on that thought!

Thanks for everything you do to help find loving homes for all animals and thank you for introducing Mason and Mauve to us - we love them so much!

Jeff, Tammy, Ben, Nick and Ashley



## SHELTER BUDDIES READING PROGRAM

Research has shown that when children read to a shelter animal, the experience benefits both the child and the animal. In addition to increasing confidence and proficiency in the reader, it benefits particularly shy animals by acclimating them to human sound and contact, helping the shelter animal get adopted quicker. Shelter animals are also a nonjudgmental presence that can provide support and comfort to struggling readers. We are excited to launch this new program this fall. Reading sessions are 20 minutes long and for students age 6-12 years. For more information or to schedule a session at the shelter, please reach out to our Community Coordinator, Lisa Steffl, at [community@whsadopt.org](mailto:community@whsadopt.org)





# PARTNERSHIP PROVIDES ADDITIONAL RESOURCE FOR LOST PETS



The Watertown Humane Society partners with Petco Love Lost to make reuniting lost pets easier and free using image recognition technology to search a national database. For more information and to register your pet should they become lost in the future, visit: <https://lost.petcolove.org/>



## 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)



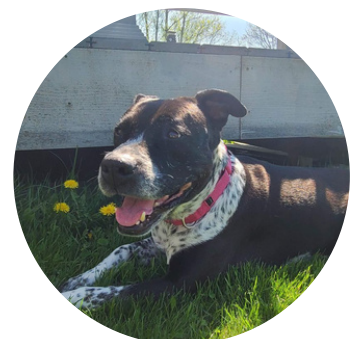
Sushi



Sierra



Tigger



Princess

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For updates on our upcoming events, please visit our website or Facebook page.

YES! WATERTOWN PRESENTS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023**

**COMEDY SPORTZ**

SPECIAL GUEST  
**MIKE MERCURY**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE  
WATERTOWN HUMANE SOCIETY



OCTOBER 28

SEE YOU AT

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

G&V MACHINE - IXONIA

6-8:30PM



PLAY TO WIN WHILE SUPPORTING THE ANIMALS OF

**WATERTOWN HUMANE SOCIETY**

*music*  
**BINGO**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH - 1-4PM (Doors open at noon)  
WATERTOWN ELKS LODGE

REGISTER ONLINE  
[www.whsadopt.org/musicbingo](http://www.whsadopt.org/musicbingo)



## DON'T MISS THE FURRY FEUD!



a gameshow style fundraiser helping animals in need

**NEW DATE! FEBRUARY 24TH, 2024**

**BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY:**  
[www.whsadopt.org/furryfeud](http://www.whsadopt.org/furryfeud)





# SHELTER UPDATES AND GRACIOUS GIVINGS

## LEMONADE FOR SHELTER AIDE

This summer we challenged kids in our community with a lemonade stand challenge. In return of their hard work, they were rewarded with cool shelter swag all while helping the animals in our care. All of these kids did an amazing job selling lemonade and combined, raised over \$3,000 for our shelter! The winners of our challenge were also treated to an ice cream and puppy party at the shelter. A HUGE thank you to everyone that participated!



We are excited about our new partnership with Berres Bros. coffee! Bags of their delicious coffee can be ordered online or bought in our shelter for \$15/bag and \$5 from each bag will be donated back, directly benefiting the animals in our shelter! Thank you, Berres Bros!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you looking for a way to give back to the community and have a passion for animals? Look no further! We currently have two volunteer positions available that we are looking to fill. For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.whsadopt.org/volunteer/>



### **Week Day Canine Companion -**

Be a pal to the pups while they wait for their special families. Responsibilities include dog walking, bathing and spending time together in the yard. Dog walkers must be 18 and complete training with our Behavior Coordinator.



### **Special Event Assistant -**

Work closely with shelter leadership to coordinate and staff various special events such as adoption fairs at local stores, community outreach events, Pictures with Santa, and more!

## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL CAT MONTH

September couldn't be more of a fitting month to celebrate all things cats! From adult cats we care for each day, to the over 300 kittens that we will intake through our shelter over the course of "kitten season," we couldn't do it alone without our incredible staff and volunteers. Because of the generosity of so many foster homes, we are able to keep tiny kittens out of the shelter where they can thrive and grow in the comfort of a home setting. We would like to extend our biggest thanks to all of these volunteers who have so generously opened up their homes!

## 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!

### Dougie



"Dougie has been a great dog for us. He is very much a couch potato but loves going on walks and chasing sticks. He has graduated from the AKC good citizen program. Couldn't be happier with him as a dog."

-Treavor K.

### OATS



"Oats has so many funny quirks and is one of the most loving cats we've ever had. He's reached 2 years a few months ago and is still doing as great as ever. :) His heart murmur hasn't effected him so far and the vet tells us he's doing just fine! He loves to spend his days cuddling his blanket and getting belly rubs. He has been such a unique addition to our family and we all love him dearly."

-Jody H.

## SAVING ANIMALS

*serving our community*

### 2,000 PAWS FOR A CAUSE

We need 2,000 individuals/businesses to donate \$1,000 to reach our \$2M goal!

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ✓ Discuss with an employer
- ✓ Host a fundraiser
- ✓ Donate a portion of sales
- ✓ Ask a business owner

#### DONATE ONLINE:

[WWW.WHSADOPT.ORG/DONATE](http://WWW.WHSADOPT.ORG/DONATE)

#### MAIL CHECKS TO:

418 WATER TOWER CT. WATERTOWN, WI 53094



To learn more, visit our website:  
<https://www.whsadopt.org/building-renovation-initiative/>







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