

# Humane Happenings

Elmbrook Humane Society has proudly served the animals and residents of Waukesha County and beyond since 1964.

## Virtual Paws for a Cause Event

This year Paws for a Cause is going virtual! As one of the largest fundraisers of the year, the money raised is vital to carrying out our mission to help the community's pets along with the people who love them. You are a key part of the success here at Elmbrook Humane Society (EBHS) and we would love for you to join us on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. as we celebrate the successes that happen every day at the shelter and in our community.

With your registration you will get a delicious food box, early access to our silent auction, and you will be able to view our Fund Appeal video that will highlight two of the over 1,500 animals we helped in 2020, and the opportunity to give each animal at EBHS every possible chance to find their new home.

Tickets will be available for purchase online at [ebhs.org/paws-for-a-cause/](http://ebhs.org/paws-for-a-cause/).

We hope that you may also take a moment or two out of your day to help promote the event with your friends and family. Here are some ways you can help us promote the event.

- » Share our event page on [Facebook](#)
- » Share our Facebook posts about the event
- » Let everyone you know about our Silent Auction

Not able to attend, but want to help out? You can support our animals by donating an item for our silent auction. Some of the items that do the best are: gift cards to restaurants, gift certificates to area businesses, wine & spirits, and pet related items! All donations are tax deductible. If you have any items to donate, please email Anita at [anita@ebhs.org](mailto:anita@ebhs.org) or drop the item off to her attention at the shelter. Your donation is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your continued support of Elmbrook Humane Society. We hope that you are able to join us on April 29<sup>th</sup>, as it's going to be another memorable evening that you don't want to miss!

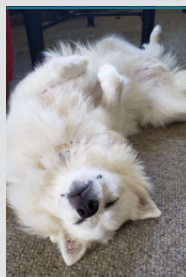
For more information on this year's Virtual Paws for a Cause Event go to [ebhs.org/paws-for-a-cause/](http://ebhs.org/paws-for-a-cause/).



Hello, my name is Harley! I'm only a year old, but I've been through a lot. I came to Wisconsin all the way from Texas with my 6 newborn puppies - and now that they've all gotten big and been adopted I'm looking for a forever home of my own. I'm a very sweet dog but I can get really anxious in new situations and particularly struggle meeting new people, so I'll need a family that's pretty dog-savvy. I would prefer a home with only teenagers and/or adults. I'm very intelligent and respond quickly to positive reinforcement, and I have been learning all sorts of new skills at the shelter; I'm excited to learn even more in a home. If you think you are a good fit for a girl like me, contact the shelter today!

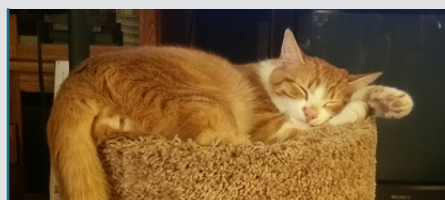
## Happy Tails

The only thing more rewarding than seeing an animal find the perfect family is receiving a letter, note, or e-mail confirming that love at first sight has turned into the real thing and that this animal is thriving in their new home. If you want to share your happy "tail," e-mail us a photo and your story to [happytails@ebhs.org](mailto:happytails@ebhs.org).



**Ghost (formerly CJ)**  
adopted by Rhett

Ghost is doing well and has adjusted wonderfully to his new home and family. Training has been great. Ghost has been a great addition to our family.



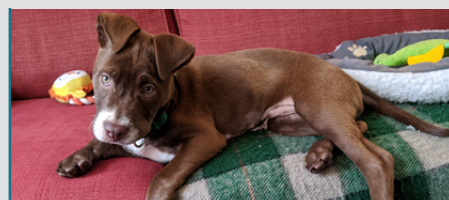
**Jackson (formerly Sam)** adopted by Linda & Greg

WE LOVE JACKSON!!! Other than he is getting big too fast, he is smart, affectionate, loves to play with his dancers, comes when called, and knows how to sit. He usually starts bedtime laying at our feet but then finds a different spot for the rest of the night. We couldn't have found a better kitten to adopt.



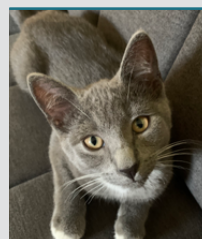
**Chloe** adopted by Betsy

Chloe has adjusted well and loves her huge cage. She has been a great addition to our family and we love Chloe a lot!



**Yoshi** adopted by Kellen

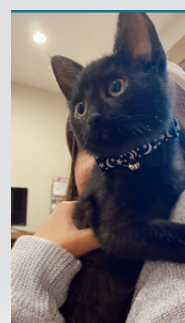
Yoshi is terrific. I kept his name which just fits, plus I like the Mario reference. He is smart and responds quickly to training. He loves to play with other dogs and meet people. I couldn't be happier with adopting him as he has added a lot of joy to my life and he seems very happy.



**Ricky** adopted by Jen

Where to begin!! We LOVE Ricky So much! He has settled in nicely and we feel so fortunate to have him as our pet! He and Ned are BCFs (best cat friends). Our

other cat, Juno, is not as big of a fan but they agree to disagree.



**Luna Boo (formerly Tonks)**  
adopted by Melanie

Luna Boo has been a great addition to our family! She loves to play with her cat siblings, sleep on our puppy's kennel or couch, and nestle into our laps at night. She's a very spunky but loving kitten who the whole family loves.

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# A Note from our Executive Director

I think it is safe to say that 2020 presented unimaginable challenges to just about everyone on this planet! With any challenge, if commitment, collaboration, respect, and ingenuity are embraced by all, there can be positives and even good changes as a result.

Like most businesses, we at Elmbrook Humane Society (EBHS), were initially forced into abruptly doing business differently from how we once knew it. With uncertainty early on, for the first time in our history, we moved every single animal in our care into a foster home. Our shelter was empty, eerily quiet, and that in and of itself took some time to process. But, we quickly decided to look at this from a perspective of what can we do to make EBHS better given we have an empty building for a short period of time. Our animal care staff switched gears and provided EBHS tons of TLC. Most of our facility was repainted, personal touches being placed throughout. An incredibly thorough disinfection of our entire building took place from wiping walls, to moving cat housing units to clean every nook and cranny, to reorganizing supply areas, and more! Weeks passed and it became evident that we were faced with a new way of doing business so we looked at all of our programming and made necessary adjustments to continue to provide the best possible service to everyone needing us. Virtual adoption counseling, dog training, and humane education began and now has really become quite normal for all. We worked together to adjust in person programming, especially for our youth, so children could take part in person while providing a safe environment leaning heavily on national health organizations for guidance.

We are proud to say we continue to care for and provide services to animals and people alike, delivering ongoing and new programs and services to ensure animals have a safe place and that people have the tools and resources to properly care for their pets.

We are proud to be able to continue and expand our humane education programming to children and adults helping to grow a more humane community.

We are proud to say that we developed new, creative, safe ways to keep our adoption program not only functioning, but prospering.

We are proud and thankful for our volunteers who are in a position to help with daily needs at our facility and open their homes to fostering animals to give back to the community through our organization.

We are proud to be able to stay in touch with our community that we care so deeply about and a community that cares about EBHS the same.

On behalf of the animals, our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, thank you for continuing to believe in us and for your support! We hope that 2021 is off to a good start for you and hope it brings you much happiness, good health, and time with your loved ones!

Heather

## Wish List Urgent Needs

- Bleach
- Laundry detergent
- Paper towels
- Disinfecting wipes
- Canned pumpkin
- Dry kitten & cat food
- Canned tuna
- Canned kitten & cat food
- Canned dog & puppy food
- Pig ears
- Peanut butter
- Hot dogs
- Potty pads
- Beef or chicken broth
- Cheese slices



Looking for an easy and cost effective way to help animals in our care? Look no further than our Amazon Wish List.

We keep this list up to date with our most urgent needs and you are free to pick and choose items that are guaranteed to be put to good use. Use <http://a.co/dTlrshE> to check out our wish list.

Also, remember when shopping Amazon for your own needs, go to AmazonSmile, choose Elmbrook Humane Society, and Amazon will make a donation to us.

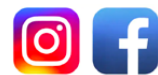
Thank you for supporting EBHS and our mission to save animals in need!



## Meet our Adoptable Animals by appointment only.

Call the shelter at 262-782-9261 to make an appointment today!

For more information, call us or visit us at [ebhs.org](http://ebhs.org).



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# Humane Education Highlights

At Elmbrook Humane Society, we continue to make youth programming a priority through our many enriching Humane Education programs for our community. This past fall, we launched our Kindness Council, a youth governance program for young animal advocates who have completed at least one Kindness Camp and want to get more involved in helping EBHS. The Council was formed to help youth explore ways to help animals in need and to learn how to put ideas into action to make a difference.

Students meet twice a month. A portion of the meeting focuses on leadership development activities and teambuilding. Recent topics included "Leadership Qualities of Youth" and "How to Share Your Ideas and Listen to Others." The second half of the meeting is run by the students who follow an agenda, keep time, and discuss topics as a group.

To ensure that all ideas are heard, the students created a "Group Code and Ground Rules" poster that includes guidelines like "Respect Others' Ideas" and "Be Honest."

Kindness Council Officers include:

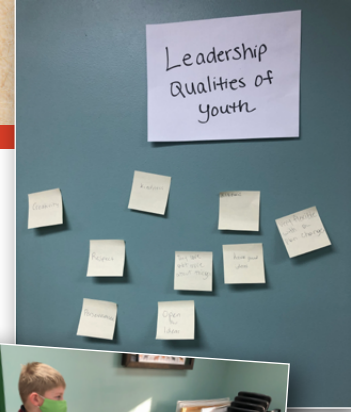
Giulia and Sklyar: Co-Presidents

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Students are currently hard at work creating raffle baskets for our Paws for a Cause event in April, and planning future fundraising and awareness projects for EBHS.

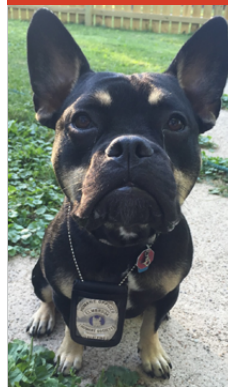
Teaching youth to have empathy is essential to raising caring and compassionate human beings. Providing young people with opportunities to explore their leadership skills and how to collaborate to make a difference affirms that their actions matter in creating a better world for animals!



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## Humane Officer News



Wisconsin winters can be tough on our four-legged companions. Exposure to the cold, dry weather can result in itchy, flaking skin, cracked paws and increased joint discomfort. So how can you help your furry family members stay safe this winter? Below are our top 3 pet safety tips during the cold weather:

- » Dress your pets appropriately when going outside. While some pets are conditioned to the subzero temperatures, other will require a coat, sweater, or booties. After each trip outdoors, be sure to wash and dry your pet's feet and body to remove any ice, salt, or chemicals.

- » Alert visiting family and friends about the pets in the house. Make sure they understand to keep doors closed, food away from countertop edges, and make them aware of any other rules you have set inside your home regarding the animals.

- » Create a warm, cozy place in your home for your companion to sleep that is off the floor and away from all drafts. A dog or cat bed with a blanket would work great.

Keep in mind that if it's too cold for you, it's probably too cold for your pet. If left outdoors for too long, animals can freeze, become disoriented, lost, stolen, injured or killed. It can also be dangerous to leave pets alone in a car during cold weather because cars can act as refrigerators that hold in the cold.

# Commemorative Opportunities

Have you been looking for a way to honor an animal lover, remember a loved one, or support the work we do at Elmbrook Humane Society?

If so, you are in luck! We have three great ways for you to do just that!



Purchase a leaf to place on our Giving Tree located in our lobby. Each leaf is engraved, customized, and displayed for you and all visitors.



Purchase an oval plaque to place on our large wooden Paw Print at our shelter.



Purchase a brick to be placed in our brick walkway leading up to the front door of our building. Bricks come in two sizes a 4"x8" or an 8"x8".

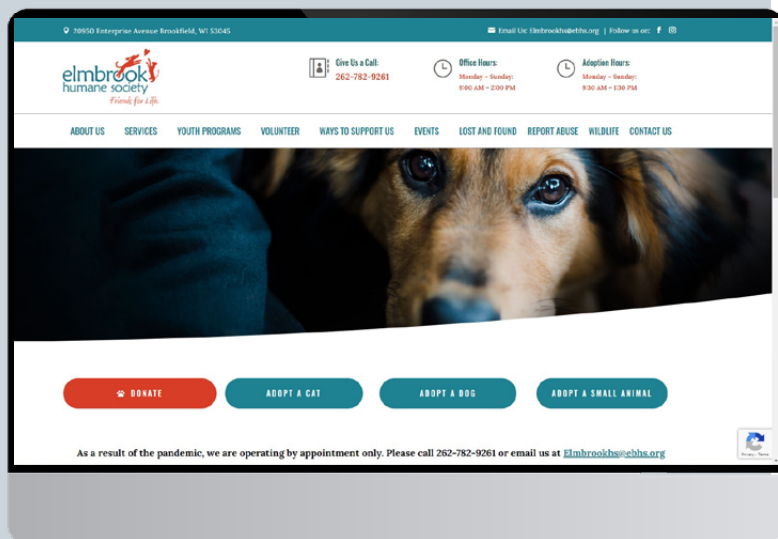
To learn more about our commemorative opportunities or to place your order visit our website at <https://ebhs.org/commemorative-opportunities/>

## NEW Website!

We are so excited to share with you that we have a new website! Most of our classes, events, adoption, and surrender applications can now be completed and submitted via our website. You will also notice that making a donation on our website is much easier than in the past. Almost all of the photos that make up our new look are of current EBHS adoptables, EBHS alums, and pet therapy teams!

Our sincere gratitude to Four13 Group for helping us arrive at a website we feel is amazing and hope you will, too!

Visit [ebhs.org](https://ebhs.org) and check out our new website!



## Upcoming Events

### Virtual Paws for a Cause Event

Thursday, April 29, 2021  
5:00 p.m.

\*See [ebhs.org/events/](https://ebhs.org/events/)  
for more events and details