

Humane Happenings

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

14th Annual Wagfest



WAGFEST IS BACK!!! And we couldn't be more excited! As our largest fundraising event of the year, we would love for you and your furry friend to join us once again at Mitchell Park in Brookfield, located just south of Capitol Drive on Mitchell Park Drive. Wagfest is guaranteed to be an AMAZING time for the entire family!

The funds raised from Wagfest allow us to support the nearly 1,500 animals we care for each year. Every year we are excited to spend

the day with our community that gives so much to us and the animals in need.

This year we will have lure courses, a variety of vendor booths to visit and shop at, the famous Pup-tini Lounge, a wide selection of basket raffles, three 50/50 raffles, agility, the Zoomie Zone, Pawcasso (pet painting), an amazing photo booth, and much, much more!



Remember to bring your appetite as there will be food and beverages for sale.

As always, you will be able to spot lots of Elmbrook Humane Society staff and volunteers around the grounds with adoptable animals.



Mark your calendar today! We can't wait to see you there!!



Your gift helps homeless animals

Help us find more loving homes for our animals in 2021 by giving:

- \$30 – covers a medical assessment and wellness vaccines for one animal
- \$50 – provides spay/neuter surgery for one cat or dog
- \$100 – provides laundry supplies for one week

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A Note from our Executive Director

The last several months have been so exciting as we have seen more volunteers return to our organization as well as welcoming new volunteers, an increase in the number of youth taking part in our humane education programming, an increase in people wanting to take part in in-person dog training and behavior assistance and outreach, the ability to hold in person fundraisers and special events, and so much more! Like many businesses, we have been impacted by staffing shortages causing our front door to remain locked and operate by appointment only, but we are looking forward to opening up our lobby again very soon – we estimate by the end of August, if not sooner! We enjoy being able to interact face-to-face and know that a locked door is not very inviting – please know, we have only done this due to many circumstances over the last 18 months beyond much of our control.

When the lobby opens back up, we will continue to operate by appointment for many of our animal related operations. We are continuing appointments for meeting with and viewing adoptable animals, adopting animals, and surrendering animals because although we may have been forced into this as a result of the pandemic, we have learned this reduces stress for animals in our care, allows for dedicated time for our clients with staff creating an improved experience and relationship with our organization, and increases efficiency for all the daily work staff is responsible for. We know there will be emergencies that arise and we of course will be flexible and there for anyone in need of our help. We can't wait for you to stop in the lobby and see some of the changes we have made over the past 18 months, to shop in our shelter store, fill out an application in person – using one of our new tablets, and to set up an appointment to view and meet with our amazing animals!

We look forward to returning to an in-person Wagfest – make sure you mark your calendars to join us at Mitchell Park on September 11 between 11am-5pm – as well as seeing you at our facility or out in the community again soon!

Thank you for your continued understanding and support of our organization!

Be Well,

Heather



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

For more information, call us or visit us at ebhs.org.



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Amazon Wish List

Are you 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 you are shopping on Amazon for your own needs to go to AmazonSmile, choose Elmbrook Humane Society, and Amazon will make a donation to us!

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



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.

Humane Education Highlights

Humane education strives to promote prosocial behaviors for youth including care, compassion, and respect for all living beings and the environment.

In today's world, the need for prosocial programs is perhaps greater than ever before. Critical thinking, perspective taking, decision making, and character development - all tenets of Humane Education programming - allow young people to develop their leadership skills and become 'solutionary thinkers' in identifying ways to make the world a better place for animals.

Throughout 2020-2021, our Humane Education department broadened its reach with the implementation of new programs such as Kindness Academy 'Incredible World of Dogs,' Kindness Council, and Cat-tastic Camp.

We continue to deliver our popular READ to Me™ program (recently expanded to a site at The Corners of Brookfield), classroom lessons, Kindness Clubs and Camps, and birthday parties. These unique opportunities capture a young person's interest in animals and promote appreciation and respect for animals of various breeds, ages, and backgrounds, as each animal has its own story.

Numerous studies show how empathy for animals is directly connected to compassion and respect for all humankind. For example, a simple discussion about a child's family pet can lead to a greater discussion on how animals and humans share similar needs and emotions, how EBHS helps care for the animals who need us, and perhaps most importantly, how youth can help.



Volunteer Update

Wagfest Volunteer Opportunities

SIGN-UP TODAY!

SEPT. 11 2021

8am - 11am
10:30am - 2:15pm
2pm - 5:15pm
5pm - 8:30pm

Volunteers must be 16 years or older.

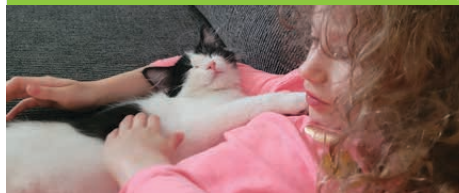
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True: Volunteers are instrumental to our daily operations and caring for the animals that depend on us. Also true: We need over 200 volunteers to make our largest fundraiser a successful one. For busy individuals making a weekly commitment to volunteering can be difficult, but a one-time, extremely impactful volunteer opportunity may be more doable. Like our 14th Annual Wagfest event. There are a plethora of volunteer activities and something to do for everyone over the age of 16. Wagfest is a great opportunity for high school groups, students looking for community service hours, companies looking for a way to give back to their community, groups of friends, families, or just to help with a one time (but very important) event!

If you are interested in helping us at Wagfest or learning more, please email our Volunteer Program Director, at becky@ebhs.org.

At EBHS, our Humane Education programs provide invaluable opportunities to nurture and develop a young person's desire to learn about and help animals. Currently, we are working on our fall program calendar. For more information, please contact Sheila Postotnik, Certified Humane Educator, at sheila@ebhs.org.

Happy Tail!



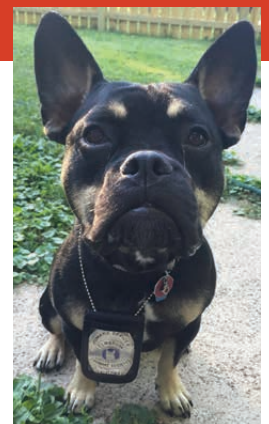
Wasabi adopted by Ryan

Wasabi is absolutely wonderful! She adjusted to being part of our family very quickly. She is such a happy cat and is perfect! She has quickly become an important part of our family; it feels like she's been with us forever.

Humane Officer News

We can always tell when warmer weather gets here as the dog bite calls start rolling in. Everyone wants to be out enjoying the beautiful weather with their pets. We're here to help you have fun in a safe manner for you, your dog, and your neighbors. No matter how well behaved your dog is, keep an eye on them when they are outside. Even the best dog can escape their yard if they get overly excited. Another tip would be to watch the door especially when guests are over. It can be a great chance for your dog to escape as people are going in and out of the house or yard. One thing people sometimes overlook is if your dog is shy they may enjoy some quiet time in their crate or bedroom. It can be stressful for the shy dog to be around new people. They may have more fun with their favorite toys or a Kong filled with treats, then you can spend some quality time with them once your guests are gone. Last but not least, you may have more children around in the summer. Take the time to show them how to interact with your dog. Dogs have different personalities like people do, showing them how to act around or with your dog is a great way to prevent bites from occurring.

Your humane officers are always here to help if a bite does happen. We hope with some tips and supervision everyone can enjoy the change to nice weather, bite free... except for those nasty mosquito bites, of course.



Commemorative Opportunities

Have you been looking for a way to remember or honor a loved one?

If so, you are in luck! We have three great options for you - our Giving Tree, Brick Walkway, and Paw Print Plaque!



You can purchase a leaf for \$1,000 to place on our Giving Tree located in our lobby. Each leaf is engraved, customized, and displayed for you and all of our visitors to see.



Our bricks make a unique gift and are always a great way to honor an animal lover, remember a loved one or just show the world that you support the work we do at EBHS. The bricks come in two sizes: 4"x8" for \$100 or an 8"x8" for \$250. Once the bricks are engraved, they will be placed in our walkway in front of the shelter.



Or you can purchase an oval plaque to place on our large wooden Paw Print at our shelter. Each plaque is engraved, customized, and displayed for you and all visitors. The cost for each plaque is \$100.

To purchase a leaf, brick, or plaque for our Paw Print please visit our website at ebhs.org/commemorative-opportunities/ to place your order today!

Birthday Parties

ONSITE BIRTHDAY PARTIES

The 2-hour birthday bash includes:

- » Animal-themed games and activities
- » Enrichment craft for the shelter animals and/or to take home
- » Visit with one or more of our popular Certified Therapy Dogs
- » Opportunity to meet a cat, kitten, or small animal (per availability)
- » Party facilitated by a Certified Humane Educator
- » Commemorative birthday t-shirt for the birthday child
- » LOTS OF FUN!

Decorating and Set-Up

Parents may arrive up to 30 minutes prior for set up. Decorating can be accommodated and staff can help assist. The meeting space will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before and after the party by our staff.

Food/Beverages/Birthday Treats

Due to our modified practices relating to Coronavirus, we kindly ask that only individual, pre-packaged or pre-prepared refreshments be brought in (i.e. individual cupcakes, juice boxes, etc.).



OFFSITE BIRTHDAY PARTIES

(Available March - October)

Looking for EBHS to join your child's birthday party at your place? Our offsite birthday party option is guaranteed to be doggone fun!

This 1-hour birthday bash includes:

- » Our party van, decked with birthday balloons and streamers
- » Animal-themed games
- » Visit with one or more of our popular Certified Therapy Dogs
- » Party facilitated by a Certified Humane Educator
- » Goody bags for the children
- » Commemorative birthday t-shirt for the birthday child
- » LOTS OF FUN!

The location of the party must be within 15 miles of EBHS. The EBHS van will park in your driveway or other designated location, with the party activities held outside in a space that allows for social distancing.



COST AND HOW TO REGISTER

A Birthday Party is a great opportunity to support our organization while having a special event for your child to remember! To book your party, please complete our Birthday Party Application. Please note: dates should be booked at least four weeks in advance.

Cost: \$200.

To complete our Birthday Party Application, please go to ebhs.org/birthday-party-application-form/.

For more information, contact Sheila Postotnik, Humane Educator, at 262-782-9261 or email sheila@ebhs.org.



Dog Training Classes

Private Lessons

Whether you have a newly adopted adolescent companion or an older family companion, private training lessons are a great way to learn how to train your dog to come when called, stay, leave it, and much more. Have a friend – split a private lesson for twice the fun! Special rates for Elmbrook Humane Society adopters! To learn more, visit ebhs.org/training-behavior/.

The Right Start Seminar™ - Humans Only, No Dogs Please

This 90-minute seminar covers everything you need to be successful with your new dog. Crate training, housetraining, food, and much more! You will learn about how dogs think and how to use that information to better understand and train them. We will discuss the importance of mental stimulation and why it's a must for a healthy, happy dog. You will learn about the myths and sort out the conflicting information about dogs and training methods with science-based facts. You will also learn a simple "4 step formula for the best dog ever" to ensure you and your new dog get off to the RIGHT START! Whether this is your first dog or you have had dogs your entire life, you are guaranteed to learn information that will last a lifetime.

Seminar taught by a Certified Trainer and Behavior Consultant.

Children: Well mannered children 8 and over are welcome to attend.

Cost: Included with EBHS adoption!

Public - \$30



Please call the shelter at 262-782-9261 to inquire about the dates of the classes we have to offer.

Behavior Blogging



As some of you might know we are a force free facility but what does that mean exactly? It is the type of training we use and embrace that takes into account the emotions and feelings of animals and also the science of how animals learn.

We do not employ pain, startling techniques, fear, or anything the dog perceives as negative tools to train the dogs in our care or in classes.

We understand that, based on scientific studies, the best way to get a dog to do what we want is through cooperation and by understanding what motivates a dog to learn.

According to the 2008 study by Anouck Haverbeke, dogs that received

the most corrections and punishment did not learn as well as the others.

In addition, dogs that received punishment were also found to be more distracted, paying less attention to their handler and the tasks they were supposed to complete.

In the 2009 Meghan E. Herron study of the use and outcome of confrontational and non-confrontational training methods, results showed that if you are aggressive with your dog, your dog will be aggressive with you.

This study showed that using confrontational methods, force, growling at your dog, and even staring down your dog can increase aggression by up to 41%! Also, correction does not teach your dog what you DO want, it can raise anxiety and aggression, and can affect the bond and trust with your companion.

There are more humane ways to teach man's best friend how to live in our world. Per science, not only does force free training build an incredible bond with your companion, it works!

Happy Tail!

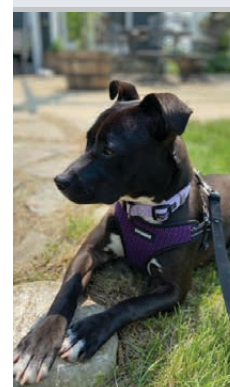


Cinnamon & Strawberry adopted by Darcie, Matt, Roland & Harvey

We love taking them out of their cage to play with them. We got them a new habitat, which they are loving! They especially love breakfast and dinner (lettuces and special treats like carrots, celery, broccoli, and peppers).

Strawberry explores everywhere and Cinnamon mostly hides. When we have them outside their cage and give them snacks, they popcorn into the air. So cute!

Happy Tail!



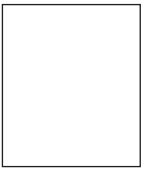
Lucy adopted by Victoria & Daniel

We adopted Lucy mid-July and she is settling in nicely! She hasn't quite explored the whole house yet, but she gets braver by the day!

She enjoys playing with the neighbor's dog and has so much fun! She loves sitting by my feet while I work from home and snores the day away! We are so happy for our new addition.



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Wish List

Urgent Needs

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

Upcoming Events

Wagfest

Saturday, September 11
Mitchell Park in Brookfield

Pins for Paws

Saturday, November 13
New Berlin Ale House

Holiday Pet Photos

Saturday, November 20
12:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Spa Paw and Tail

Saturday, November 20
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
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Paws For A Cause

2022
Check website for upcoming date