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## Pam McCloud Smith, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

This issue of Family Tails includes our 2018 annual report, a great summarization of what Dane County Humane Society (DCHS) accomplished in the last year. We are proud to share our successes so you can see the direct impact your support has made for homeless animals and injured wildlife that came into our care.

DCHS made these impacts within our community and beyond. Supporting our community and providing pet owner support services are at the core of our work, helping people help animals. Last year, we were selected to be a partner in a program called Pets for Life. This national program sends us out in targeted underserved areas in the city of Madison, knocking on residential doors to offer basic resources to people who own pets. We are excited about the inroads and connections we have already made and are happy to provide support to those who need it most in the community.

We've continued to participate in lifesaving animal transfers from areas of the country that still struggle with pet overpopulation. We provided mentorship sessions to other Wisconsin animal shelter staff who were interested in learning how to implement programs and protocols that we've developed and refined over time. We are excited to share our expertise and see other shelters improve so they can save more lives.

We continue to work on improvements at DCHS as well. Last year we began regular play group sessions to help dogs in our care expend pent up energy. We improved the caging in our Felines in Treatment Center by expanding an individual cat's space four-fold. These feline patients have a long treatment duration for ringworm, so the extra space really improves their day-to-day quality of life. Last summer, our positive financial position allowed us to repave our driveway. We also created a completely new, more user friendly and mobile functional website. We hope you will check out the new [giveshelter.org](http://giveshelter.org) and the resources within!

Our latest endeavor, the Dane County Humane Society Thrift Store, opened in January 2019 on Grand Canyon Drive at the site of our former Adoption Center West. Community members have already shown great support by shopping, donating and volunteering. These efforts generate revenue to support the work happening at DCHS every day. Lastly, I'm excited to report that planning has begun for DCHS's centennial year, coming in 2021. Stay tuned for exciting announcements for celebrations and special events!

As always, thank you for being an integral part of our successes. By adopting, volunteering, attending events, shopping or donating to us, your support directly relates to our success, enabling us to keep building upon our humane community, helping more people and saving more animal lives. Thank you for making all of this possible!

*Pam McCloud Smith*

Pam McCloud Smith, Executive Director





## Camp Pawprint

***June - August 2019***

Making summer plans? Your children can spend their time off from school with DCHS! Camp Pawprint – Summer Break is a series of themed, week-long day camps, from June through August. It is recommended for children ages 7-12. Campers will enjoy animal interactions, animal-related lessons, learn from local animal experts, complete service projects for the shelter and play games with other animal lovers! Our goal is to educate on how to care for, support and appreciate all living things.

This year, we are offering Animal Allies, a new opportunity for 13 and 14 year olds! These campers will strengthen their leadership skills by assisting camp counselors and helping the younger campers throughout the day.



## Dogtoberfest

***Sunday, September 15, 2019***

Live bluegrass and tasty brews are sure to bring a smile to every face and a wag to every tail as DCHS welcomes nearly 1,000 guests (dogs and humans alike) to Capital Brewery's beautiful Bier Garten. Enjoy live music and canine costume contests, meet adoptable dogs and soak in a lovely fall day with your pup, friends and fellow DCHS supporters! Be sure to come hungry and enjoy lunch from local restaurants and food carts. Keep an eye out for presale tickets and more information in July!



## Bark & Wine

***Saturday, October 19, 2019***

Would you like to help save thousands of lives this year while sipping a glass of wine and cuddling a kitten? Bark & Wine is your opportunity to do just that! Join us at this long-time favorite event to connect with fellow supporters, adorable animals and the programs made possible by your support. See behind-the-scenes at the shelter and snuggle some furry friends while savoring live music, tasty treats and our wine and beer bar. VIP guests get in early for special foodie and animal experiences! VIP and general admission sales start this summer.

***Learn more about all DCHS events and reserve tickets at [giveshelter.org](https://www.giveshelter.org).***



## Madison Area Police & Fire Charity Ball

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

Join Fire Fighters Local 311 and the Madison Professional Police Officers Association (MPPOA) in their efforts to make a positive impact in Madison and beyond by attending the fifth annual Madison Area Police and Firefighters Charity Ball! Proceeds from the 2019 ball will be donated to Dane County Humane Society, as well as helping Local 311 and the MPPOA fund. Join us for a lovely night of food, fun, animals and dancing at the Monona Terrace. Show your commitment to the Madison area community by purchasing your tickets or becoming a sponsor of this exciting event. Learn more at **[policeandfirecharityball.com](http://policeandfirecharityball.com)**!

Also, be sure to keep an eye out for the 2020 Madison Firefighters Calendar benefiting DCHS! Calendars will go on sale this fall.



## #GivingTuesday

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

Entering its eighth year, #GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the desire to make a positive impact in our world. On Tuesday, December 3, nonprofit organizations, businesses and community members around the world will come together to celebrate generosity. Join DCHS and have the opportunity to make double the difference through our #GivingTuesday matching gift challenge! Be sure to spend this #GivingTuesday following along with DCHS on Facebook, Instagram and our News blog at **[giveshelter.org](http://giveshelter.org)** as we share amazing stories of special animals your support has helped this year!



## Toto's Gala

**Friday, March 13, 2020**

Join us at the biggest night for animals in Dane County – Toto's Gala! DCHS will bring together nearly 400 sponsors, supporters and friends to celebrate our love of animals. Walk into Monona Terrace's Grand Terrace for the cocktail hour and you'll receive an enthusiastic welcome from our many animal greeters. Then, we move into the Ballroom for dinner and the chance to hear how your support helps animals all year long. Finally, grab your dancing shoes as we wrap up the night by turning up the tunes at our 'You're Not in Kansas Anymore' After Party. Ticket sales start in January 2020.







*Big brown bat*



*Eastern red bat*



*Big brown bats*

## Threatened Species Winter at the Wildlife Center

With over 100 bats in care, winter was a busy season at Dane County Humane Society's Wildlife Center. Of the eight species of bats found in Wisconsin, the Wildlife Center rehabilitated four different species including big brown bats, a little brown bat, a silver-haired bat and an eastern red bat. Silver-haired and eastern red bats are tree or foliage-roosting bats that migrate south during this period instead of hibernating. Big brown and little brown bats are considered cave or crevice-dwelling bats who hibernate in Wisconsin during the winter months from November to April. Due to the emergence of white-nose syndrome, a devastating fungal disease first identified in Wisconsin in 2014, all cave bats are listed as state threatened species.

This past December, a female big brown bat was discovered flying inside of a Madison church. Because all of Wisconsin's bats eat insects, and there are no insects outside in the winter, bats must stay in rehabilitation until spring when insects emerge. Upon examination at the Wildlife Center, we discovered she was thin and dehydrated. Weighing 13 grams, this bat was only the weight of a AAA battery! Healthy big brown bats typically weigh between 15-26 grams. She has since improved with supportive care and a proper diet and has gained 4 grams – a big amount of weight for such a little animal!

Two months later, members of the same church spotted another bat! Once again, the big brown bat, a male this time, was safely captured and brought in for rehabilitation. Examination revealed he was even skinnier than the female and weighed just 11 grams. After only one week, he was regaining weight and eating well in care, too. With both bats on the road to good health, they will be housed until spring when warmer temperatures bring abundant food resources back for bats emerging from natural hibernation. Come May, these two healthy bats will be released together again back to the wild, but outside of the church this time!

>>Written by Paige Pederson, Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator at DCHS's Wildlife Center



# BY THE NUMBERS

**5,644**

companion animals admitted  
557 more than 2017

**1,250**

animals transferred in from other groups  
6 more than 2017

**816**

lost pets reunited with their owners  
66 more than 2017



## DANE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

**3,731**

total animals adopted  
299 more than 2017

**1,729** cats adopted

**1,439** dogs adopted

**563** other species adopted

**3,878**

injured, ill and orphaned animals treated at Dane County Humane Society's Wildlife Center



**91%**

save rate for all companion animals

## SAVE RATE

is the percentage of live animals released by means of adoption, redemption and transfer during a given time period. Save Rate does not include the starting animal inventory for the given time period.

Save Rate = (Adoptions + Redemptions + Transfers)/Intake

**90%**

save rate for cats

**92%**

save rate for dogs







# 6,224

phone calls were received and answered by the Wildlife Center reception team, up 12% from 2017

# 208

volunteers and interns cared for wild patients

## NOTABLE SPECIES

# 3,878

wild animals were admitted in 2018 consisting of 158 species, the most diverse population ever

first ever boreal owl

common musk turtle

double-crested cormorant

red-breasted nuthatch

yellow rail

► In 2018, **224 turtles** hatched at Dane County Humane Society's Wildlife Center. These hatchlings came to the Wildlife Center as eggs and were saved and incubated after female turtles were fatally hit by cars.

Pictured here are snapping turtle hatchlings which incubate between 60 - 90 days and, once hatched, are the size of a quarter. They were released into the wild in the spring near their mother's former home.



# 68

barn animals were cared for at DCHS

# 32

chickens

# 20

ducks

# 5

pigs

# 4

horses

# 4

peafowl

# 3

goats



◀ **Duck Norris and Quackie Chan**, domestic ducks, were found stray and brought to DCHS. They were a very social pair and even made an appearance as the Pets of the Week on 105.5 Triple M.

Emma heard about the ducks on the radio and immediately knew she wanted them in her life. Emma adopted Duck Norris and Quackie Chan and they now are living the good life with a heated pond, lots of tasty snacks and fun company with new duck sisters Oprah, Betty White and Barbara Walters.

## BARN



## FOSTER

**150** foster families provided homes for

**582** animals needing to grow, rest and recover

**420** cats

**85** dogs

**77** critters



Bonded pair **Gigi** and her senior brother **Tiny** spent time in a loving foster home while waiting for much needed dental procedures at DCHS.

Once their mouths were pain-free and healthy, these best friends found their perfect match with Erin and Stephen who are giving them the pampered lifestyle they deserve.



## ANIMAL MEDICAL SERVICES

**10,331**

medical exams performed

**1,957**

spay/neuter surgeries performed on 1,139 cats, 727 dogs and 91 rabbits

**207**

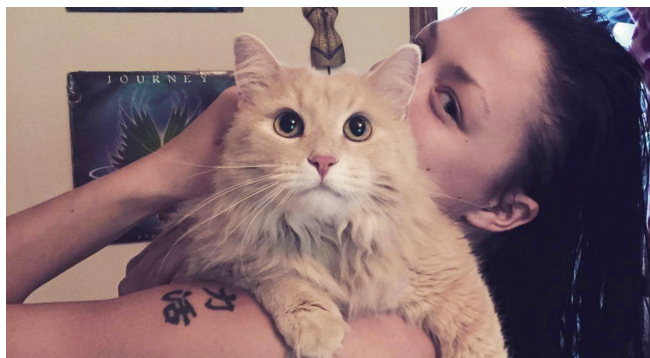
dental surgeries performed on 126 cats and 81 dogs

**68**

other surgeries performed such as amputations, femoral head ostectomies and enucleations

**64**

UW veterinary students attended ambulatory rotations at DCHS to learn about shelter medicine and management



▲ **Hank** was named the Rufus Award winner at DCHS's Annual Meeting in 2018. This honor was well deserved by this loving cat with medical issues resulting in litter box problems. Hank won the hearts of staff and volunteers during his 89 day stay at DCHS before being adopted by new mom, Brooke.

## F.I.T. CENTER

**86** cats with dermatophyte (ringworm) were treated and cured in Maddie's Felines in Treatment Center at DCHS

**61** cats were transferred in from **11** outside organizations

**50** days on average were spent being treated

**89** days was the longest stay for a cat

volunteers spent

**1,924**

hours caring for cats in the F.I.T. Center

# CANINE BEHAVIOR TEAM

130

dogs were enrolled  
in DCHS's Behavior  
Modification program

1,216 hours were spent by staff and  
volunteers training dogs

342

dogs spent time  
in playgroups to  
reduce stress

310

total hours  
were spent in  
playgroups



◀ Nisa contacted Pets for Life Coordinator, Abbi, when her dog Peaches had been in labor almost 14 hours without a single puppy being born. Quick action was needed. After a trip to the emergency room to remove a large puppy blocking the birth canal, Abbi was able to safely get Peaches to DCHS partner, Stoughton Veterinary Service Animal Hospital, who agreed to help in any way they could. After a stressful day, Nisa was able to return home with a healthy Peaches, now spayed, and her puppies.

25 cats and 29 dogs

were spayed/neutered through the Pets for Life program

75

clients with

120

pets have received  
assistance and resources

DCHS was selected as a partner in the Pets for Life program. This national program launched at DCHS in May 2018 to offer resources to people and pets in certain underserved areas in the city of Madison.

# PETS FOR LIFE

# COMMUNITY DOG DAY

290

dogs were served  
at two Community  
Dog Day events

176

dogs received  
microchips

117

dogs were  
signed up for  
spay/neuter  
surgeries

232

rabies and

255

distemper vaccines  
were administered

Community Dog Day events are held in neighborhoods where DCHS has seen the highest intake of strays and provides supplies and resources to people and pets.



# KEEPING PETS IN THEIR HOMES

22,595

pounds of pet food and cat litter were donated to local food pantries

265,931

pounds of pet food and cat litter have been donated to local food pantries since the program began in 2011

DCHS collaborates with Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin to help those experiencing economic hardship keep their pets

## VOLUNTEERS

1,278

volunteers contributed

116,361

hours of work, which is equivalent to having over

55

full-time staff members



▲ **Dedicated** volunteer for 10 years, **Al Greene** was the 2018 recipient of the Ida Kittleson Award recognizing a community member whose actions and deeds exemplify the DCHS mission. Al is an advanced Wildlife Caretaker helping with everything from raptor and bat rehabilitation to wildlife rescues. Since 2014 he has been involved in the rescue of over 60 wild animals. Al can also be found helping in many other areas of DCHS!

242

humane education events reached

6,991

adults and kids through Camp Pawprint, shelter tours, offsite presentations, field trips, scout workshops and the Humane Heroes Club

## HUMANE EDUCATION

\$105,926

was donated to the shelter through

118

Facebook fundraisers and

247

independent events,

141

hosted by local businesses and

106

hosted by kids

## INDEPENDENT FUNDRAISERS

# MAJOR EVENTS

300

supporters attended  
Toto's Gala  
which raised over

\$128,000

287

supporters attended  
Bark & Wine  
which raised over

\$123,000

600+

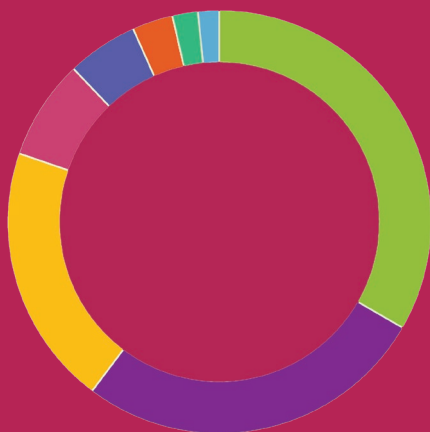
supporters attended  
Dogtoberfest  
which raised over

\$17,000

40

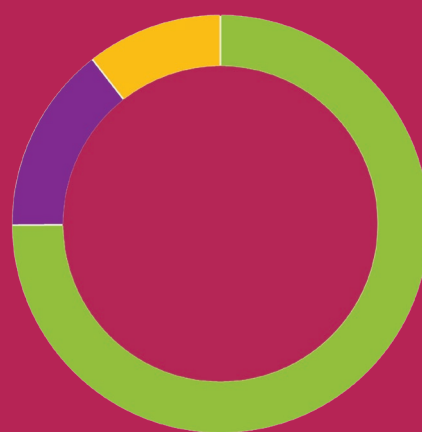
different organizations provided cash  
sponsorships at DCHS events in 2018

## REVENUE



Individual Donations	\$1,659,888	34.29%
Bequests*	\$1,340,727	27.69%
Program Services & Fees	\$994,437	20.54%
Municipal Contracts	\$380,634	7.86%
Major Events	\$270,065	5.58%
Grants	\$154,960	3.20%
Independent Events	\$96,777	2.00%
Merchandise Sales	\$80,989	1.67%
Investments & Misc. Income	-\$136,976	-2.83%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,841,501</b>	

## EXPENSES



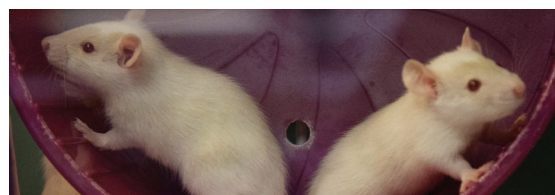
<b>Direct Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,039,468</b>	<b>74.90%</b>
<b>Core Mission Support:</b>		
Fundraising & Marketing	\$590,669	14.55%
Shelter Administration	\$428,059	10.55%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,058,196</b>	

\*An \$800,000 bequest was received with  
restrictions for future use

## 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Joseph S. Goode**  
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# Fostering Hope

While 'kitten season' may sound adorable, this influx of kittens to Dane County Humane Society is serious business. Generally 'kitten season' occurs between May and October. 80% of the total kittens DCHS will take in during the year come in during this six month period.

Some of these kittens arrive at a very young age and others may be born in our care. Either way, neonatal or unweaned kittens ranging in age from zero to four weeks will find themselves in a loving foster home where they can grow big and strong. In 2018 alone, 108 neonatal kittens spent time with a foster family before returning to DCHS to be adopted.

A bulk of this neonatal foster work is done by seven of our 'hard core' foster families with another five to seven families taking in kittens as often as they can. It takes dedication and lots of patience to be a neonatal kitten foster parent, as DCHS Foster Program Coordinator Eric Holsinger explains.

"It's a demanding task because, in a nutshell, these kittens are so helpless and fragile. Until about three weeks old, they can't even go to the bathroom by themselves, the foster needs to stimulate them. They need to be fed every two to three hours day and night."

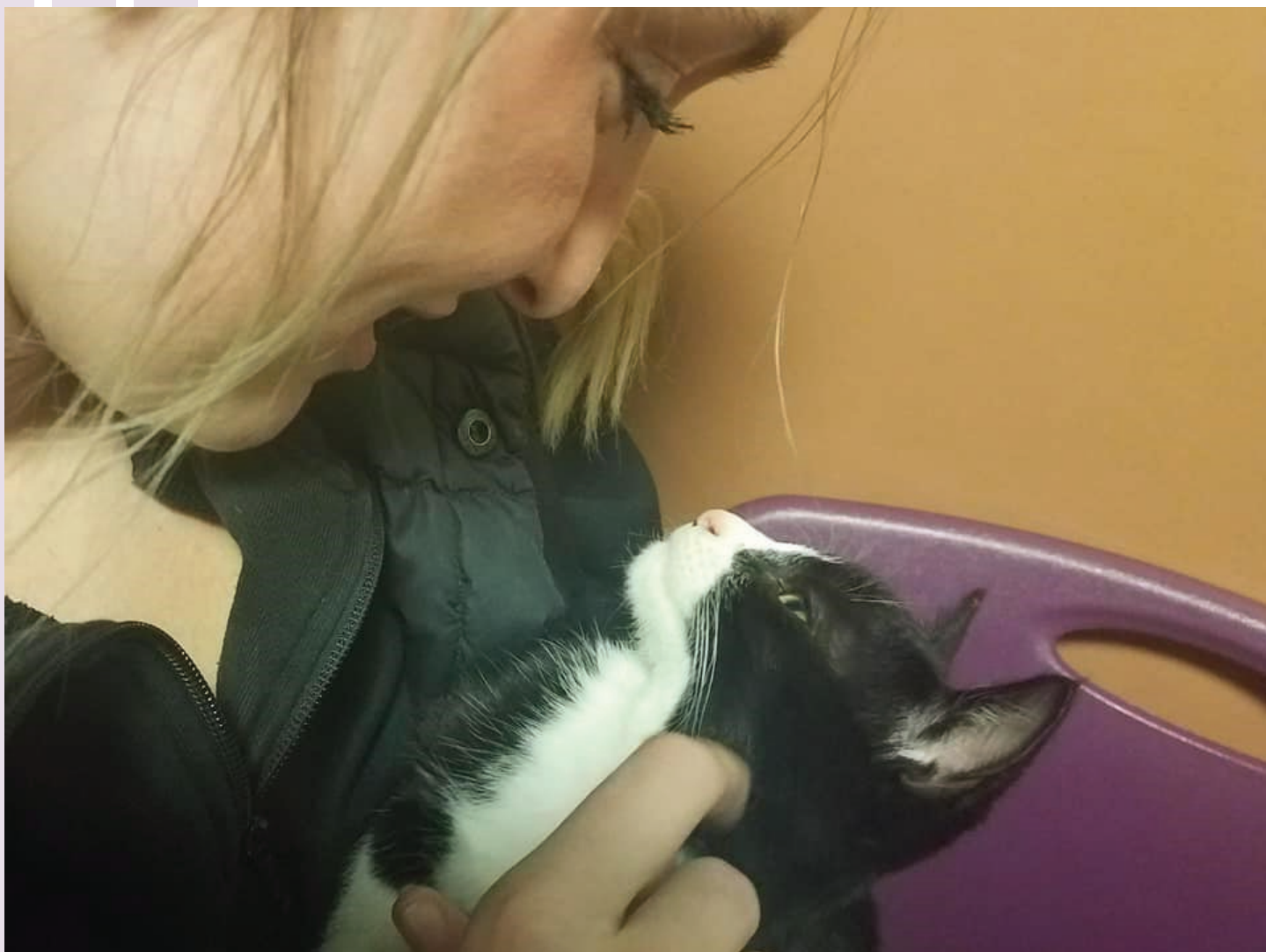
In addition, kittens at this age are more susceptible to getting sick. Our neonate foster families have to be excellent record keepers so we can effectively monitor each kitten's progress and know when they are healthy enough to be adopted, generally around seven to eight weeks old.

Without a doubt, neonate foster families are superheroes. Want to don the cape and help animals in need?

DCHS is always looking for more enthusiastic foster parents, especially for neonatal kittens. For those interested, a special neonate training class is held each spring and will teach you all you need to know.

To learn more about DCHS's required volunteer and foster orientations and how to apply, visit **[giveshelter.org](http://giveshelter.org)** or contact the Foster Team at **[dchsfoster@giveshelter.org](mailto:dchsfoster@giveshelter.org)**.





# Highway to Happiness

We may never know how tiny kitten Gus ended up on a busy highway in Madison, but thanks to courageous community members and your support of Dane County Humane Society (DCHS), this terrifying moment transformed into a serendipitous happy ending.

On a snowy day this past fall, Hannah Schlumberger was driving on the Beltline highway when she spotted a black and white kitten darting between the speeding cars. She knew she had to do something to help. Without thinking twice, Hannah pulled over and started running along the side of the highway toward the kitten.

Hannah was inches away from the terrified kitten when police officers stopped her in an effort to keep her safe in this dangerous situation.\* At that same moment, Gus leapt back into traffic, was struck by a car and thrown across the highway and out of sight.

Not able to shake the feeling that Gus was still out there and needed her help, a worried Hannah and her mother spent hours searching along the road looking for him. "Seeing something that awful eats away at you," says Hannah. "(For some) it could be insignificant, but that sort of thing really shook me." Over the next few days she endlessly looked for him, but eventually accepted there was no way the kitten had survived.





*A terrified Gus huddles in blankets after being struck by a car on the Beltline highway*



*Gus featured as the Pet of the Week on the Noon Show of News 3 Now*

Gus, however, had more than one guardian angel that day. He was eventually found by another Good Samaritan who helped Town of Madison Police safely secure the injured kitten and bring him to DCHS where he could receive immediate care.

Gus arrived at DCHS terrified, with cuts all over his face, ripped and bleeding nails on his front paw and a limp back leg. Radiographs showed a broken leg, but amazingly, no other internal injuries. After determining the fracture would not heal successfully, DCHS's Animal Medical Services team made the decision to amputate Gus's back leg in order to give him the best chance at a happy, healthy life.

**Thanks to your support, DCHS has an expert medical team ready to respond to emergency situations like Gus's and save animals in need.**

Gus's amputation was successfully performed at DCHS and he was able to rest and recover in a loving

foster home. Gus's foster home not only gave him time to adjust to his new, three-legged lifestyle, but also a chance to overcome his trauma.

Over the course of a month, Gus transformed from a scared, hissing kitten to a purring kitty seeking pets and attention from everyone he met. Every year over 580 animals spend time in DCHS foster homes where they can heal from illness or injury, grow and build strength or learn that the world, and the people in it, are not so scary.

Gus was finally ready to be adopted, and to help get him more exposure, Gus was featured on a Pet of the Week segment on News 3 Now. And who should end up seeing this TV segment but Hannah! She suddenly found herself staring at the sweet face of the kitten she tried to save and believed to be gone forever.

*>>Story continues on page 14*

Hannah immediately knew Gus needed to be a part of her life, but when she called DCHS, Gus already had an adoption hold. As fate would have it, the adoption hold fell through, and she got the call from DCHS's adoptions team that Gus could go home with her.

When Hannah arrived at the shelter she raced over to Gus's cage and wouldn't leave his side. As they were finally reunited and Hannah held the kitten she had tried to save, she couldn't hold back her tears of happiness. Hannah felt relieved that Gus was alive, thankful that so many people had come together to help him, and instantly felt a rush of love for this tiny survivor.

*"The fact that he's alive is a miracle, and he brings so much happiness and laughter to my life," says Hannah. "I love him beyond words."*

Once a scared, injured kitten, newly named Brooks now climbs his 6-foot-tall cat tree like a champ and becomes very demanding of cuddles when bedtime rolls around. According to Hannah, he is the kind of cat that forces you to be a cat person.

*Your generous support provides expert medical care at a moment's notice and safe places of refuge for animals to heal. Together with you, our caring community, we create loving families just like Hannah and Gus. Thank you.*

*>>Written by Marissa DeGroot, DCHS Public Relations Coordinator*

*\*Dane County Humane Society strongly advises against stepping out of your vehicle on a road to help stray pets or injured wildlife. Please call your local Animal Services or Police Department for assistance and never put yourself in danger.*





# Humane Education Hits the Road

In need of a cuddle with a critter? Want to learn more about the animals that enrich our lives? Let DCHS come to you!

We can visit your school, business or organization to teach participants about different animal-related topics. There are options for all ages! We offer several different presentation lengths and are able to accommodate groups of all sizes. Our most popular presentation topics are below, but we are happy to create custom presentations for your group.

**Animal Careers • Animal Kindness • Animal Superpowers • Learn About Dane County Humane Society • DCHS's Wildlife Center • Dog Safety • Insect Investigator • Pet Care**

During a recent visit to Milestone Senior Living, we were greeted by residents who were excited to learn about DCHS, but even more excited to interact with the animal visitors: Jake the corn snake, Ursula the bearded dragon and Samson the dog, a DCHS alumnus. Visiting with the residents, we learned about the many pets that held special places in their hearts. While softly petting Samson, one woman shared the story of her little pup who was a nervous guy, always dashing under the bed when he got scared. It wouldn't, however, take him long to come snuggling back on the bed next to her.

Did you know, that besides offering presentations, DCHS also hosts birthday parties and scout workshops? We provide club opportunities, tours, field trips, week and day-long camps, all complete with interactions with our classroom animals!

Visit **[giveshelter.org/community-outreach](https://giveshelter.org/community-outreach)** to learn more. Questions? Contact us at [education@giveshelter.org](mailto:education@giveshelter.org) or (608) 838-0413 ext. 115.



# Top 4 Reasons to Visit DCHS's New Thrift Store



## Shop!

Find a treasure, a great deal or your new style! You'll find everything from gently used clothing, home décor and housewares to pet supplies. Stop in and ask about Tote Tuesdays and Rover's Rewards for even better values!

## Donate!

Bring your gently used items to the DCHS Thrift Store and feel good knowing you're keeping them out of the landfill, helping provide quality goods at affordable prices and tidying your house all while receiving a tax write-off.

## Volunteer!

Help assist customers, sort and price donated items, collect incoming donations, stock and set up displays, operate the cash register and help keep the shop looking great all while supporting animals at DCHS.

## Support Animals in Need at DCHS!

Whether you shop, donate or volunteer, your support provides refuge, healing and new beginnings to thousands of companion animals, exotic species, farm animals and injured or orphaned wild animals every year.



**Dane County Humane Society  
Thrift Store**  
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# Celebrating One Year of the Directors' Council

Inaugural members make a big impact in the lives of animals  
while getting behind-the-scenes looks at DCHS



*Members of the Directors' Council helped release snapping turtle hatchlings after they were incubated and hatched at Dane County Humane Society's Wildlife Center*

In 2018, we proudly introduced the Directors' Council, a society for dedicated supporters giving at least \$1,000 over the previous 12 months, or \$84 per month, to help support the lifesaving work at DCHS. These critical funds make a tremendous impact on the lives of animals and give us the ability to maintain daily shelter operations and continue community outreach efforts.

It's because of your support that we're able to be much more than an animal shelter. Directors' Council members help DCHS provide humane education programs, community-based care for pets, foster care for animals for victims of domestic abuse, rehabilitate ill and injured wild animals and much more!

As a way to show gratitude, members of the Directors' Council have had the opportunity to engage in unique experiences with DCHS throughout the past year. Some of the special experiences have included a behind-the-scenes tour of the Maddie's Felines in Treatment Center, a release of a bald eagle after it completed treatment at DCHS's Wildlife Center and a look at the residents of DCHS's Horse and Livestock Barn.

As we approach our second year of celebrating generosity, we have many more ways to say thank you in store. Join the Directors' Council and receive updates and special invitations to focus groups with shelter directors, special events, presentations and more unique animal experiences all year long.

For questions regarding the Directors' Council, please contact Gwen Kochan, Associate Director of Development at [gkochan@giveshelter.org](mailto:gkochan@giveshelter.org) or (608) 838-0413 ext. 117.



*Directors' Council members get a rare behind-the-scenes tour of the Maddie's Felines in Treatment Center which houses DCHS's feline ringworm treatment program.*



# Leave a Legacy of Care & Compassion

## Give Hope to Homeless Animals & Wildlife into the Future

You can make a lasting difference for companion animals and wildlife in our community. By including Dane County Humane Society in your estate plans now, you ensure DCHS is a place of refuge, healing and new beginnings beyond your lifetime. Creating your planned gift can be a relatively smooth and straightforward process, and we're happy to assist you.

A common legacy gift includes naming DCHS as a beneficiary in your bequest/will for a specific amount, percentage, property or remainder once other beneficiaries receive designations.

Some sample language to use in provision of a bequest is:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to Dane County Humane Society, a nonprofit corporation located at 5132 Voges Road, Madison, Wisconsin, 53718, EIN 39-0806335, \_\_\_\_ percent of my estate (or the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_; or \_\_\_\_ percent of the residue of my estate) as an unrestricted gift."

Another easy legacy gift is to name DCHS as the primary or secondary beneficiary of certain assets, such as:

- Life insurance
- Individual retirement plans (IRA, Keogh or other retirement plans)
- Certificates of Deposit
- Donor Advised Funds

Please use: Dane County Humane Society, 5132 Voges Road, Madison WI 53718 and our tax ID/EIN number of 39-0806335.

If you have already included DCHS in your estate plans, please let us know so we can thank you.

For more information, please contact Amy Good, Director of Development and Marketing, at **agood@giveshelter.org** or (608) 838-0413 ext. 129.





Thank you for considering joining other compassionate individuals in our Legacy Society. Together, we are helping people help animals and creating a more humane future. We are grateful for you.

# Be a Constant Companion to Animals in Need!

Constant Companions are a special group of supporters who provide dependable care to animals in need. This dedicated group of monthly donors provides the vital support needed to keep animals at DCHS healthy and safe all year long.

Your reliable monthly support allows us to apply your gift for daily shelter operations and meet unplanned, unmet and unanticipated needs in our community. Please join our Constant Companions today!

Look at what your monthly gift can do for animals in need:

-  \$35 provides two weeks of produce to enrich our small critters, reptiles and birds
-  \$50 provides medical care and supplies to treat an adult cat with ringworm
-  \$84 provides food for 39 overwintering bats
-  \$100 provides kennel cough treatment for 20 dogs

Learn more and donate at [giveshelter.org](https://giveshelter.org).







*You can help ensure a  
more humane future.*

By leaving a legacy gift, you ensure Dane County Humane Society is a place of refuge, healing and new beginnings beyond your lifetime. Contact us to learn more about the many ways you can make our community a better place for people and animals.

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