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Changing Lives, One Adoption At A Time

April 2024

How We Can Help

The animals at Safe Haven come to us in many different ways. We take in strays, animals from hoarding situations, and animals that have been relinquished to us. We have also taken in dogs from high kill shelters. In 2005, the very first dogs were rescued from a scheduled euthanasia after spending the required time in the pound in Marengo. At the time, if dogs were not reunited with their owners, the sad ending for many wonderful animals was euthanasia. The rescue of 2 dogs soon turned into more dogs and then cats in one stall of a garage and one unheated shed with no indoor plumbing. Safe Haven's volunteer numbers grew as quickly as the intake of strays.

Things have changed greatly in the last 19 years. With the larger number of intakes came the creation of a seven person board, state inspections, volunteer training sessions, safety protocols, and adhering to state legislation pertaining to animal shelters and pounds. Since we process over 200 adoptions in any given year, the handful of volunteers has turned into a non-profit organization with paid staff and a bustling team of 112 volunteers along with a shelter manager and care coordinators to keep everything running smoothly. The addition of a surgery suite with a licensed veterinarian and a team of volunteers has been beneficial for the health and well being of our animals.

We are so proud of all the growth Safe Haven has seen in nearly 2 decades. We are pleased to be able to provide services to the community beyond bringing together adoptable pets and their new owners. Here are ways we can assist members of the community and a few limitations we have:

- A pet food pantry for pet owners who need a little help in hard financial times.
- Transportation for cats to be spayed or neutered at Iowa Humane Alliance in Cedar Rapids.
- Fundraising to help cover the cost of spay and neuter surgeries of community cats and dogs.
- Pound services for Iowa County and the cities of Marengo and Williamsburg.
- A Trap/Spay & Neuter/Release program for community and feral cats.
- Assistance with rehoming pets through posts on www.wesavepets.com and social media.
- Foster homes to care for kittens or dogs in need of socialization, medical help, or training before adoption.
- Volunteer opportunities that match many ability levels.
- Taking in relinquished pets that can no longer be cared for by their owner as Safe Haven resources allow.

All these helpful services are available to Iowa County residents, but not without following protocols in place that has allowed Safe Haven to grow into a thriving no-kill animal rescue.

- Animals cannot be dropped off at Safe Haven without an appointment.
- Paperwork (questionnaire) needs to be completed and the 7 member board votes on all animal intakes. The board considers the safety of the animal's current location, the health of the animal, or animals in cases of orphaned kittens, and the animals currently on Safe Haven's waiting list. You can request a questionnaire by visiting www.wesavepets.com or emailing adoptions@wesavepets.com
- If a stray dog is found, the first step is to contact your local law enforcement (city or county).
- By state law, dogs held in the pound at Safe Haven may only be claimed by their owner if the dog is up to date on their rabies vaccination. Arrangements can be made for a veterinarian to vaccinate the dog at Safe Haven. The City of Marengo also requires additional paperwork before your pet can be released.

We know that these protocols can be frustrating, especially when you are trying to help an animal or you are trying to reunite with a family pet. We hope that you will have patience with Safe Haven staff and volunteers. We are certain everyone at Safe Haven wants the same outcome that you do and we look forward in playing a positive roll in connecting pets and owners.

March Adoptions



PABLO &
NEVILLE



LISETTE &
SALEM



EVE



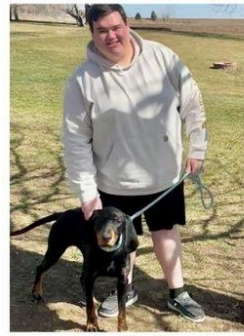
CONSTANTINE



BUTTERBEAN



EVIE



MABEL



ARTHUR &
PARKER



TISHA &
SNICKERS



GENTRY



BONNIE



VICTOR

Events

May 9-10-11
Hours 10-6 Sat. 10-4

 **Safe Haven's**
"Plants for Pets"
(319) 622-7387
2783 Hwy 6 Trail, South Amana

www.wesavepets.com



**BISCUITS:
YOU NEED THEM.
WE KNEAD THEM!**

Plant Donations Needed!

Home grown garden plants are a big hit at the plant sale. Please consider dividing up some of your best growers and bring them to Safe Haven before May 9th.

April 27th 9AM-??? Indoor Yard Clean Out

We are looking for some volunteers to help us clean out the "sand pit" in the middle indoor dog yard.

Saturday, May 4th- Amana Maifest Bake Sale

Mark your calendars! Safe Haven will be holding our annual Maifest Bake Sale.

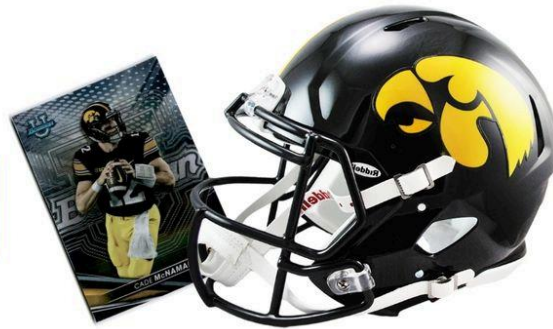
More Events



GO HAWKS!

HAWKEYE RAFFLE

Mark your calendars! We are busily collecting Hawkeye memorabilia for a raffle to be held the month of June. Tickets will be available online and in select locations. Included in the raffle items will be a life size cutout of Caitlin Clark, a helmet signed by the Hawkeyes, signed Cade McNamara football cards, autographed prints, and much more!



QUILT AMANA

- April 12-14 2024 -

Fri 9 - 5:30, Sat 9 - 5:30, Sun 10 - 3
At Price Creek Event Center in Amana

Presented by
Heritage Designs Quilting & Needlework



- QUILTS FOR SALE -

Art Quilts - Award Winning Quilts - Vendors
Amana Quilting Exhibit - "Found" Exhibition

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www.heritagedesignsquilts.com



Raffle tickets available for another gorgeous quilt made by Peg Lown and her crafty friends will be available at the Quilt Amana show. Drawing for the quilt will be October 6th.

(Volunteers are still needed to help sell tickets on Saturday and Sunday from 10:30am - 12:00 pm)

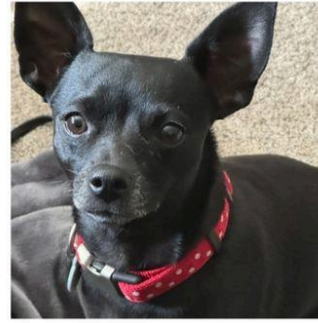
Alumni



"Pablo & Neville are now best friends with our other kitty, Nezy. We are all so happy to have them and our family feels complete again. Thank you!!"



"Trisha was part of the 2018 Grateful 8 litter of pups. She loved Buddy the cat (who has passed), now she misses him. Loves her big brother Tucker."



"Lucy has turned out to be such a wonderful dog and we have such a good time together. I'm so grateful to have her."

New Kids on the Block



BONNIE



VICTOR



DORA & DIEGO



PENNY



LOLO



SYLVESTER



MOCHA



Panda

**More
New
Kids**



OUT AND ABOUT WITH DODGER



Dodger was the star for 98.1 KHAK's Furry Friday this month. He loved all of the attention from Courtlin and Brain and plastered them with as many kisses as he could.



Thank you to Grace and the Fairview Zippers 4-H group for the wonderful new handmade toys.



THANK YOU!



Thank you to the crew at Eddie Bauer in Williamsburg Outlet for their generous donations!

**Donate some time at Safe Haven
and you will get back so much more!
We have volunteer opening for lots
of different abilities such as:**

- Direct care such as dog walking, litterbox cleaning, feeding, medicating, and providing enrichment and, of course, lots of love!
- Outdoor and building projects.
- Fostering and socializing both young and old.
- Community cat trapping & transport for our spay and neuter project.
- General cleaning and organizing.
- Event planning and assisting at events.

Fill out a volunteer form at

wesavepets.com

or ask for more information.

**Volunteer training occurs the
first Sunday of every month.**



NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Dog and Cat volunteers needed - please join us!



The Can Shed picking up nearly \$500 worth of cans and bottles!



Don't Forget!

Bring us your cans and bottles!

The money is used to support our Trap/Spay/Neuter/Return program for feral and community cats.

For more information, email Mary at adoptions@wesavepets.com.

Taking Care of Business

Financial News:

February Expenses

Supplies	1,891.44
Payroll & Taxes	6,890.45
IHA Spay/Neuter	540.00
Surgery Suite Supplies	1,001.60
Water	118.08
Electric	475.60
Internet/Phone	104.83
Grounds Maintenance	792.00
Garbage	35.00
Accounting Services	668.86
Office Supplies	28.36
Insurance	<u>150.00</u>
TOTAL	\$12,696.22

March Surgical Suite Update:

Cat surgical suite:

- 5 spays and 1 neuter
- 9 microchips
- 19 doses of wormers
- 21 doses ear meds
- 22 distemper vaccines
- 5 rabies vaccines
- 3 doses of Revolution
- 9 nail trims
- 3 FIV/FelV tests
- 14 ringworm treatments

Dog surgical suite

- 2 spays
- 5 rabies vaccines
- 5 distemper vaccines
- 9 Bordetella vaccines
- 1 nail trim
- 2 microchips
- 1 heartworm test
- 1 suture removal
- 2 urinalysis
- 1 dental
- 1 tooth extraction
- 1 anal gland expression
- 1 mass removal



Safe Haven Board Members



Courtney
Ralph



Amy
Reihman



Andrea
Prymek



Kimberly
Buresh



Nancy
Kohrt



Susan
Shaull-
Scheer



Colleen
Bowers

Board Meetings

Safe Haven's Board of Directors meets on the **first Tuesday of every month via Zoom at 6:30pm**. If you ever have concerns or questions that you would like to discuss with the board, please feel free to attend the first half an hour of the board meeting. If you are unable to attend at that time, you can always email the shelter at adoptions@wesavepets.com, with your concerns.



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