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January 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR



2025 SAFE HAVEN HIGHLIGHTS

- 128 people attended volunteer orientation
 - 69 of those people joined a regular volunteer shift this year (at least once per month)
- Approximately 300 volunteer hours from 82 Hawkeye Football Players
 - We also had volunteers from University of Iowa gymnastics and men's basketball.
- 73 Dog Intakes (total)
 - 41 Owner Relinquishment, 20 Pound Intakes, & 12 Transfers (All 12 have been adopted out!)
- 10 Dogs we were able to help in another way (vet help, courtesy listing, training help, etc)
- 82 Pound Dogs, 62 claimed by owner and 20 became Safe Haven Dogs
- 146 Cat Intakes
- Adoptions: Cats - 160 (up 12% from 2024) Dogs - 91 (up 51% from 2024)
- In-house spays- 52 cats & 23 dogs In-house neuters - 55 cats & 25 dogs
- 60+ cats rehomed to barns, etc.
- \$1815 in financial aid requests (12 requests)
- 390 cats trapped, spayed/neutered, and released for our TNR program
- Safe Haven hosted our 1st annual Microchip and Vaccination Clinic for dogs with help from area vet clinics and a grant.
- Grants received:
 - Amana Community Chest - \$1,000
 - Iowa County Community Foundation - \$5,000
 - MICCIO (Spring) - \$2,000
 - ARL Grant - \$2,070
- Spring Plant Sale - \$16,411.63 Fall Plant Sale - \$6,888.76
- Safe Haven's 20th Anniversary Celebration - \$6,626.30
- November Cookie Walk - \$3,838.29
- Oktoberfest Bake Sale - \$6811.36
- VFW Support a Vet Save a Pet 5K Race - \$7,785.04
- Can & Bottle Return Payments for 2025, all going to the Spay & Neuter Fund - \$6,629.80
- Safe Haven pups made 11 visits to area care facilities & 10 visits to KHAM Furry Fridays.
- Lottie, a paralyzed cat who was rescued at one day old and spent a year in foster care, moved to Second Chance Sheridan Cat Rescue, located in Sheridan, Wyoming, which specializes in caring for cats with physical challenges. Lottie has taken on the job of greeter to visitors.
- Clifford, an introverted Golden Retriever, moved to a rescue foster home in Minnesota where he has learned to be a brave boy and have fun.
- Dora and Diego were adopted and moved to Oregon where Dora spent her remaining days visiting the beach, hiking, and receiving tons of love before passing from cancer.
- Kimberly Buresh and Susan Shauall-Scheer were re-elected for another term to the 2026 board and continue serving in so many ways at Safe Haven!



Are you looking for a feel-good volunteer opportunity?? You love animals, you say? We may have the perfect gig for you... We are looking for direct-care dog volunteers! Whether you're looking for a few extra steps in your day and would enjoy taking dogs for a walk on our trails, or looking to snuggle with our dogs and help with feeding and cleaning kennels - we have it all!!!

Volunteer Orientations

- **January 4th at 10AM**
- **& January 17th at 12PM**
- **Individual times may be scheduled also.**



A volunteer application can be found on our website at www.wesavepets.com. Once an application is submitted, our volunteer coordinator will reach out to set up an orientation.

Donate Redeemable Cans and Bottles

Redeemed cans and bottles that were gathered from our community will be given directly back into the community to spay/neuter and vaccinate community cats - and hopefully help reduce the number of unwanted cats being born each year in Iowa County! So if you have donated your recycled cans/bottles to us, please know our volunteers that run this program appreciate your support, and are so happy to work together with you all to make a positive impact in our community!



Drop off items to our account at Stuff Etc. Coralville



- Last year we made \$567.00 from donations!
- It is easier to drop off a donation to a nonprofit account than it was at one time.
- Arrangements can be made with Mary McCord to bring your items to Stuff Etc. Contact Mary by emailing adoptions@wesavepets.com



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