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## A Moment to celebrate



The quote "Find a job you enjoy doing, and you will never have to work a day in your life" is often attributed to Mark Twain .... but also incredibly perfect for our favorite veterinarian Dr. Barb Roland - and this week after putting in a 12 hour day volunteering with us at Safe Haven on Wednesday, she "skipped" work on Thursday at Iowa Humane Alliance to attend an Iowa Vet. Med Association meeting at Iowa State University where she was recognized as a 40 YEAR member!

Now you're probably just like us..... and wondering how that is possible - the "math isn't mathing!" ....and maybe you'll come to the same conclusion we did - she must have become a vet at the age of 16, right???

While we are still busy crunching numbers trying to make it make sense, one thing is for sure - Dr. Barb is a huge blessing to the Safe Haven organization and all our cats and dogs, she is also a dear friend to anyone lucky enough to know her!

Here's to another 40 years of friendship with Dr. Barb!



If you are looking for a true cuddle bug, we have a special girl that has been in training for over two years now - SUGAR! ❤️

One of our volunteers that doesn't have a dog at home, frequently takes Sugar home on Sundays to watch some football and take naps together! However she recently upgraded ..... and enjoyed her first slumber party there! 👍

While the volunteer's hubby was out of state for work, Sugar spent 3 glorious nights sleeping in a real bed, snoozing on the couch, and cuddling her day away!

❤️ Sugar is an absolute favorite dog among many volunteers, and is a first class cuddler! She just needs a very special home where she can be the only pet, and have a safe secure fenced in yard to give her a place to keep practicing her awesome Zoomies!

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# Safe Haven Microchip and Vaccination Clinic



Made possible by  
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Veterinary Clinic



Vet Medical  
Center,  
Williamsburg

Safe Haven of Iowa County, in cooperation with area vet offices, will offer low cost Microchips, Rabies & Distemper Vaccines to the public. 100 of each will be available to dogs only. (A clinic for cats will be held on another date) Must have proof of spay or neuter for lower cost.

## October 26th at Safe Haven 9am to 12pm

2783 Hwy 6 Trail, South Amana, IA 52334

**First come first serve, up to 4 dogs per household**  
**Service**      Spayed or Neutered Dogs      Unaltered Dogs

Canine Rabies Vaccine.....	\$10.....	\$15
Canine Distemper Vaccine.....	\$10.....	\$15
Microchipping.....	\$10.....	\$15

For more information email: [adoptions@wesavepets.com](mailto:adoptions@wesavepets.com)



# NOVEMBER 8, 2025



## SUPPORT A VET, SAVE A PET

### 5K & 1 MILE FUN RUN

REGISTER BEFORE  
RACE DAY: \$25

DAY OF RACE  
REGISTRATION: \$30



REGISTER PRIOR  
TO 10/15/2025  
TO RECEIVE A  
FREE T-SHIRT

FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT LOCAL VETERANS  
AND SAFE HAVEN OF IOWA COUNTY

## REGISTRATION AT 7:30AM - RACE STARTS AT 9AM

# SEPTEMBER ADOPTIONS



HONEY



SARSPARILLA



LEO



STUART



SADIE



BAKER & CASSIAN



BUCKO



DELLA



LYRA



SATCHEL



PERRY &  
DRAKE



MON



LUNA & DEWEY



SABRINA



CLAIRE



ARPEGGIO



LEIA & JYN



KALI



PICKLES

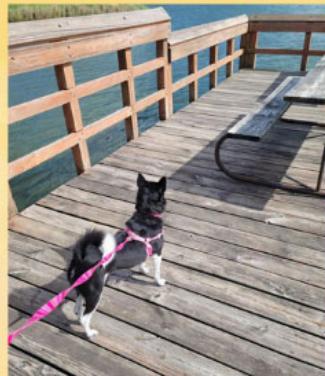


Our dear silly Bruce has crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. His recent DNA test told us he was a beautiful mix of American Pitbull, German Shepherd, and Labrador, but we know he was 100% Good Boy. He was loved by so many.



**98.1 KHAK**

Dasani has been continuing her social calls, traveling far and wide. She's made stops at Highland Ridge in Williamsburg and KHAK's studio in Cedar Rapids. In between her appearances, this little Passenger Princess has been on several fun outings. Dasani is always up for a road trip!





We have had some very hairy dogs come to Safe Haven in September. Verrry hairy! Luckily, we also have some talented volunteers that are ready and willing to get equally hairy to give some relief to a couple guys that were covered in matts.



# NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK



RIFF



SONNET



ARIA



ARPEGGIO



LYRIC



ALLEGRO



BRAVO



HARMONY



BERNIE



STEVIE



TIGER



LUNA

# NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK



GOOSE



SATCHEL



NICK



BIC MAC



CLAIRE



DAISY



ECHO



CALVIN



SIS AND HER 5 KITTENS



JINX



ROSCOE



Baker & Violet checked out the Spingmeier Library in Tiffin in September.



# ALUMNI



Sabrina (now Lulu) is having the most fun with her new "sibling" - a full grown lab. They stalk each other around the house. Hilarious!



Bunny & Muffin are so good with their new little humans. "They have been the BEST addition to our family!" says Mom.



Pickles has taken up many new hobbies since settling into her new home. Digging huge holes, relocating blankets and socks, and finding new & interesting ways to sleep are all part of Pickle's fun-filled day.

Satchel is already bonding with his new family.



Look at how handsome Roxie's pup, Diez, has grown to be!!



Look how happy Daisy is with her best bud, Daryl!

Safe Haven was blessed with a wonderful collection of donations last Sunday from a nearby congregation - our friends from First Lutheran Church Conroy, Iowa collected so many items from our wish lists! Through their #GodsWorkOurHands Sunday, they wanted to support our mission of being a no-kill shelter that serves our community. Many thanks for your thoughtful donations - the nearly 70 animals in our care right now will truly benefit from your generosity!



Girl Scout Troup 1581 from Lone Tree visited Safe Haven this morning. Susan gave them a tour of the building, and then they went outside to pick up walnuts that had fallen from the trees.

A big thanks to Stuff Etc., who collected \$1200.00 in donations for us!



# HOW YOU CAN HELP



October 5th at 9AM  
& October 25th at 12PM

A volunteer application can be found on our website at [www.wesavepets.com](http://www.wesavepets.com). Once an application is submitted, our volunteer coordinator will reach out to set up an orientation.

## VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS NEEDED!

Safe Haven is looking for dedicated individuals to help with scheduling and ongoing communication with our volunteers.

Interested? Contact either Courtney at [cralph@wesavepets.com](mailto:cralph@wesavepets.com) or Elly at [ehoehnle@wesavepets.com](mailto:ehoehnle@wesavepets.com) to discuss how you can get involved!

Are you organized, friendly, and a good communicator? Join our team to help run monthly new volunteer orientations and manage our growing list of volunteers.



[wesavepets.com](http://wesavepets.com)

## 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!

## URGENT NEEDS

**DROP OFF ANYTIME:**  
Donation bins are located at the front of our building

**SEND SUPPLIES**

**DIRECTLY:**

Shop our Amazon Wish List by clicking on the QR code below:



- Clumping cat litter
- Long-lasting chew bones  
**(no rawhide)**

Thank you!

**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](mailto:adoptions@wesavepets.com)

# Itty Bitty Kitty Fosters Needed.



Safe haven is currently looking for volunteers to provide foster care for kittens that need to be bottle fed. We will provide individual training and all the needed supplies.

Becoming a kitten foster involves providing a safe and nurturing environment for kittens to grow and thrive until they are ready for adoption, requiring a time commitment for feeding, cleaning, socialization, and potentially medical care. Lots of support will be provided by our experienced fosters.

## Key Considerations for Kitten Fostering:

### Time Commitment:

- Fostering requires a significant daily time commitment, particularly for very young kittens who need frequent feeding (every 2-4 hours), stimulation to eliminate, and supervision.

### Space:

- Designate a safe, warm, and draft-free area for your foster kittens, such as a spare room, bathroom, or a large enclosure like a crate or large dog carrier. This area should be easy to clean.

### Socialization and Training:

- Foster parents are responsible for socializing the kittens, helping them learn to use the litter box, and becoming comfortable with handling and various household noises.

### Medical Care:

- You may need to administer medications.
- You will need to transport kittens to Safe Haven for check-ups, vaccinations, and spay/neuter procedures.

### Patience and Emotional Preparedness:

- Kitten fostering is a rewarding but demanding experience, requiring patience and emotional preparedness for the challenges and the eventual goodbye when the kittens go to Safe Haven to be adopted into permanent homes.

If you are interested in receiving training to become a foster parent, or if you would like more information, please contact Shelley Berger at [updates@wesavepets.com](mailto:updates@wesavepets.com). If you are not currently a Safe Haven volunteer, please fill out a volunteer application at [wesavepets.com](http://wesavepets.com).



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# TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

## Financial News:

### August Expenses

Supplies	1,734.59
Payroll & Taxes	4,266.39
Spay/Neuter Program	1,485.00
Specialty Vet Services	1,299.10
Surgery Suite Supplies	217.12
Water	99.91
Internet/Phone	106.52
Dumpster rental	65.00
Website/Newsletter	28.36
Fundraising	284.60
Office Expense	105.46
Accounting services	418.75
Maintenance Repairs	213.15
Licensing	888.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,211.95</b>

## Surgical Suite Update:

### August

#### Cat surgical suite:

- 13 spays & 10 neuters
- 5 FIV/FeLV tests
- 17 microchips
- 3 Pen G injections
- 12 rabies vaccines
- 25 nail trims
- 37 distemper vaccines
- 1 lab sample
- 31 doses of de-wormer
- 5 ear cleanings
- 1 sanitary grooming
- 7 teeth extracted
- 34 doses of Revolution
- 1 serum collection



#### Dog surgical suite:

- 2 spays & 2 neuters
- 6 rabies vaccines
- 8 distemper vaccines
- 8 Bordetella vaccines
- 4 nail trims
- 8 - 4DX heartworm tests
- 6 microchips
- 6 teeth extracted
- 2 antibiotic/steroid ear treatments
- 1 allergy injection
- 2 urinalysis
- 2 ear cleanings
- 2 grooming & matt removals
- 1 dental
- 1 lab sample

## Safe Haven Board Members



Courtney  
Ralph



Amanda  
Wiebold



Elly  
Hoehnle



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 6:00pm**. 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](mailto:adoptions@wesavepets.com), with your concerns.



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