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## Time to Celebrate Your Pup!

Observed each year on March 23rd, National Puppy Day celebrates the unconditional love and affection puppies bring to our lives. In just over a year, Safe Haven had 4 litters of puppies come through our doors and spend time in our extra large kennel area. Some, like Roxie's litter of 10 puppies, were delivered at a foster's home so we've known them since birth. Others came to us at the request of owners who were overwhelmed with finding homes for their unexpected litters or, sadly, were found in a ditch and were brought to us. No matter the way in which they arrived at Safe Haven, they have all definitely brought hours of smiles and raised dopamine levels to our staff and volunteers!

Safe Haven staff prepare for puppies in many of the same ways our new adopters do. There are numerous ways to make sure a new puppy gets a great start in life and help secure a wonderful relationship for their whole life.

Here are some beginning tips from the The Whole Dog Journal.

(<https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/puppies/the-first-week-with-a-new-puppy>)

- **Puppy-proofing.** Keeps him safe from things like chewing on electrical cords and keeps your valuable possessions safe (like shoes or prescription glasses).
- **Supervision.** Plan on lots of "eyeballs on the pup" time – direct supervision – so you can reinforce desirable behaviors and prevent reinforcement for undesirable ones. You can use the "umbilical-cord approach," in which you leash the puppy to your person to prevent him from wandering off and getting into trouble, or you can close doors to keep him in the room with you and make sure you keep a very close eye on him so you can intervene as needed.
- **House Rules.** Sit the family down and agree on house rules before those first puppy paws hit your kitchen floor.
- **Socialization.** Plan to expose your puppy to a lot of people, places, and things, and make sure he has good experiences with them. All too often, puppy owners miss the "good experiences" part and end up creating fearful puppies. To avoid this critical mistake, control the environment around your puppy. For example, don't let your son's entire soccer team rush up and overwhelm him; do calm, one-at-a-time greetings. Make a commitment to give your puppy at least one new away-from-home positive socialization experience every day.
- **Housetraining.** A general rule of thumb is that a puppy can hold it (crated, for example) for about one hour longer than his age in months, so, for example, your two-month-old puppy can possibly be crated for up to three hours at a time. That means at least two trips outside while you are gone during a normal workday. If you can't arrange for someone to get him outside during the day, keep him in an exercise pen with a bathroom in the corner. Important note: Do not punish your pup for accidents in the house. If you find one after the fact, it's far too late to do anything, and you will only frighten your pup if you drag him back to the spot and yell at him. If you throw a fit when you "catch him in the act," you will teach him to go eliminate where you can't see him. Simply interrupt him with a gentle "Oops, outside!" and take him out to the proper spot to potty. Reward him if he resumes his "business" in the right place.

# PUPPY PALOOZA!



ROXIE AND PUPS



ACE, TWOOTIE, TREY, CLOVER, JACKSON,  
SIESEL, SEVENAH, FEIGHTH, NINER, & DIEZ



MAHOMES, DEJEAN, KYLIE, ZOEY



PAISLEY, PRESLEY



AMBROSIA, CAMEO, GALA, GRANNY  
SMITH, HONEYCRISP, MCINTOSH



ACADIA, ARCHES, DENALI,  
HALEAKALA, RANIER, ROCKY,  
SEQUOIA, SIERRA, ZION

# February Adoptions



TINA LU



KATE



NELSON



LILLO



BINXLEE



PEARL



PIXEL



SHYANNE



JACK



RAMONA



MULAN & WINNIE



PATCHES



CHARLOTTE



GOOSE



ICE MAN



SUGAR WAS ADOPTED AFTER BEING LOVED FOR 3 YEARS AT SAFE HAVEN!!

Safe Haven of Iowa County  
**SOUP SUPPER**

March 7th  
4:00PM-  
6:30PM

wesavepets.com  
319-622-7387



St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
803 Clearview Drive Williamsburg, Iowa

**\$10 for Soup w/ toppings, bread & dessert**  
**\$7 for soup to go      \$5 for desserts**

# Safe Haven Microchip and Vaccination Clinic



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 cats only. Must have proof of spay or neuter for lower cost.

**MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>** **9 am - to - 12pm** **at Safe Haven**

2783 Hwy 6 Trail, South Amana, IA 52334

First come first serve, up to 4 cats per household

Service	Spayed or Neutered Cats	Unaltered Cats
Feline Rabies Vaccine.....	\$10.....	\$15
Feline Distemper Vaccine.....	\$10.....	\$15
Microchipping.....	\$10.....	\$15

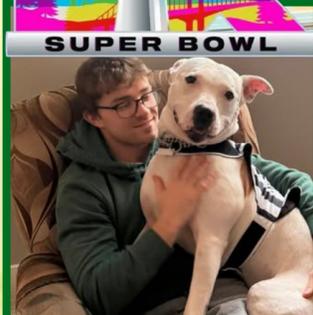
For more information email: [adoptions@wesavepets.com](mailto:adoptions@wesavepets.com)

# Out & About



Daisy was the perfect choice for our monthly Furry Friday recording. She rode perfectly in the car, met new faces with a wagging tail, and was just all around the most well behaved girl!

**98.1 KHAK**



Sugar took her role as rufferee very seriously this Super Bowl. An impartial third party with zero team loyalty... A true professional.



Daisy had a great visit with the care center residents at Highland Ridge! Everyone loved her and she was a perfect angel as she walked around and greeted everyone and let them pet her and feed her treats!

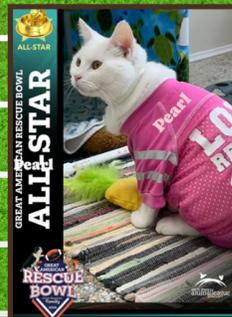
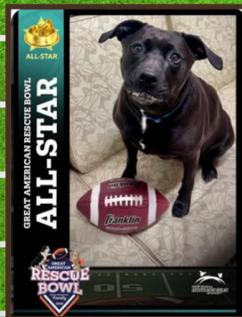
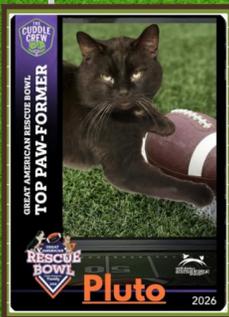
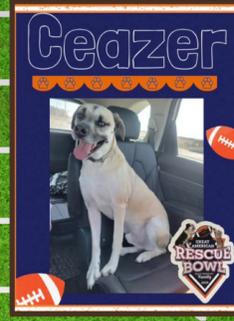
# Safe Haven participated in the Rescue Bowl through the week leading up to Super Bowl Sunday



02.01.26 thru  
02.08.26

**GREAT AMERICAN RESCUE BOWL**  
Family Friendly  
2026

50% off all adoptions  
&  
Two free training  
sessions with a Safe  
Haven approved  
trainer for all dog  
adoptions



# New Kids



CISCO



WHISKERS



MACARONI



LILO



SHYANNE



RAMONA



PLUTO



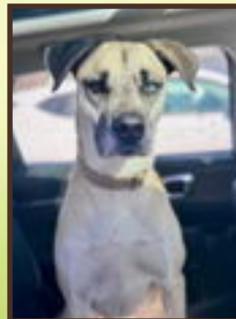
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DAISY



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CORAL



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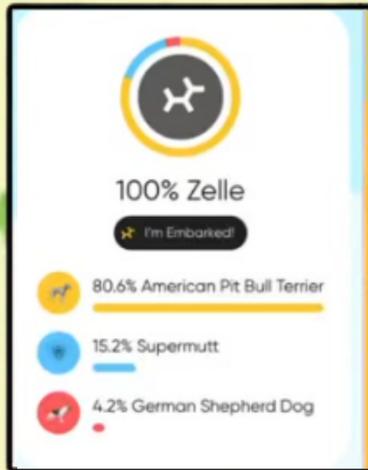


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RU (AND HIS  
FOSTER'S  
SWEET HELPER)

# What Kinda Dog is That??



**Your results are ready**

Zelle's full breed results are now available.



**Does this explain Zelle's marvelous ears?**

# Thank You!



Thanks to all the volunteers who have been busy preparing the new Enrichment Room!  
There will be more volunteer opportunities to come soon.



Thanks to Elly, Peter, and Rose Hoehnle for donating a family heirloom Amana table and six chairs. Peter said the table was made at the Amana furniture shop, and he thinks the chairs were ironically made at Krauss Furniture shop (which is what our building used to be!) and his grandmother did the needlepoint seats.



Thanks to Colleen, one of our wonderful fosters, who not only cares for Princess' medical needs but also provides some interesting enrichment for her. Princess handles it all in stride just as royalty should.

# Alumni



Felicia, a TNR cat now known as Chica, is doing better than her new family could have ever hoped. She is a snuggle bug who hates it when they go into a room without her. She plays with the two older cats and they actually play back. She likes to try and groom the family dog but it usually ends in play fighting. She is queen of lap naps and getting into things she shouldn't. She is the source of endless entertainment and love.



Jinx continues to be a "very chill cat" and is playing mama to a new kitten in her house.



Dole's family absolutely love him and he loves his new sister! He loves playing in water and chasing his sister!



Bernie has come a long way since he was a pound dog covered in terrible matted hair! His mama said he is the family clown and LOVES all the daycare kiddos!



Chuck said no dogs on the couch. TinaLu said 'll see about that!



Ramona, now Tess, has become best friends with the cat! New mom, Anne, was ECSTATIC with her surprise pupper!!



Pixel settled in immediately and made herself right at home!



It's been one year since Noodles the cat joined his big new family at Rose Haven Nursing Home. They posted this delightful paragraph and pictures of the busiest working cat with perfect work life balance, as evidenced by all the cozy napping spots. Noodles is one very loved cat.

*Today marks one full year since Noodles became part of our Rose Haven family, and what a year it's been! He is absolutely spoiled rotten and loved by so many. From his custom-built catio that lets him explore the outdoors safely, to convincing multiple people a day that he definitely deserves another treat... Noodles truly lives his best life. He has cozy lounging spots all over, endless toys, the fanciest litter boxes, a huge cat tree, and of course all the pets, snuggles, and attention a little guy could ever want. Our wonderful residents talk to him throughout the day, and he soaks up every moment. We love you, Noodles — thank you for filling our facility with joy every single day!*



Check out our Safe Haven alumni Alex - now Kruger - adopted in 2107 and is living LARGE & IN CHARGE at Don Hummer Trucking. Thank you to Don Hummer Trucking for choosing adoption and supporting our rescue work at Safe Haven of Iowa County!



Wrigley (formerly "Sebastian") turned 17 this month! We adopted him from Safe Haven in 2009 when he was 4 months old. He loves eating, laying in the sun and sleeping in someone's lap when they have a blanket on. Wrigley is a polydactyl, gotta love those big paws!"



**Sugar is now "Facebook Official" and living her very best life.!(I'm not crying. You're crying!!)**



Calli and Walter (Butters) are thriving. He has made himself at home & is a cuddlebug. Callie is coming along. She still keeps her distance from us but comes out to explore and stops and looks at us.



## Drop off items to our account at Stuff Etc. Coralville

- 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)



## 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 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
- Low Sodium Chicken Broth
- Canned Chicken

*Thank you!* 

## Volunteer Orientations

- **March 21st at 12PM**
- **Individual times may be scheduled also.**

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.

# Taking Care of Business

## Financial News:

### January Expenses

Supplies	885.20
Payroll & Taxes	4,457.55
Spay/Neuter Program	280.00
Surgery Suite Supplies	1,651.57
Community Vet Assistance	300.00
Water	133.83
Electric	519.18
Website	28.36
Dumpster rental	15.00
Licensing	150.00
Office Expense	452.27
Insurance	967.00
Maintenance/Repairs	176.98
Capital	5,826.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,948.94</b>

## Surgical Suite Update: January

### Cat surgical suite:

- 1 neuter & 5 spays
- 13 microchips
- 6 rabies vaccines
- 13 distemper vaccines
- 20 doses of dewormer
- 10 doses of Revolution
- 5 sub Q fluids
- 2 doses B12
- 7 teeth removed

### Dog surgical suite:

- 7 FIV/FelV tests
- 7 nail trims
- 4 lab samples
- 11 doses ear meds
- 12 ear cleanings
- 1 anal gland expression
- 1 dose Drontal wormer
- 2 doses Pen G
- 1 mat shaving
- 2 neuters & 5 spays
- 3 rabies vaccines
- 4 distemper vaccines
- 5 Bordetella vaccines
- 5 nail trims
- 3 - 4DX heartworm tests
- 2 microchips



## Safe Haven Board Members



Courtney  
Ralph



Amanda  
Wiebold



Elly  
Hoehle



Kimberly  
Buresh



Nancy  
Kohrt



Susan  
Shaul-  
Scheer



Colleen  
Bowers

## Board Meetings

Safe Haven's Board of Directors meets on the **first Thursday 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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