



Save the Date!

HSWM Birthday Party
Sunday, June 27th
FOOD | GAMES | FUN!

Humane Society of West Michigan is turning 138 this year - Join us for our Birthday Party on June 27th!

Visit hswestmi.org/birthday for more information and details

Impact Report

From **1.1.21 - 3.31.21**,
512 animals have
been adopted from
HSWM!



Visit us on social media!



Have You Heard?

HSWM Kid's Summer Camps are here!

Our Kid's Summer Camps are an animals lover's dream! Choose from a variety of camp programs focused on pets and animal welfare.

- Designed for children ages 5-15
- Each camp is a week long, and is held from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (aftercare available)
- June through August, Summer 2021
- Join us for...

GUEST SPEAKERS , GAMES, CRAFTS, ANIMAL TIME, & MORE!

With so many options available, there's bound to be one that's the right fit for your little ones!

Learn more about our individual programs and sign up today at hswestmi.org/youth-camps

Ellie the Bunny's Happy Tail

Ellie safely exploring the great outdoors with Hades, one of her best friends and her mom's former foster kitten!



This hippity-hoppity Happy Tail is about Ellie, a rabbit who was adopted from us back in July and is flourishing in her new home! Eleanor, (formerly Birdie) was found outside, scared and alone, and brought into our care to find her furever family.

Her mom fell in love with her all the way from Indiana, and drove hours to pick her up and bring her home!

She says, "Eleanor is doing great! We have a million nicknames for her: Ellie, Ellie-nor, Miss Ma'am, the list goes on. She has a lovely playpen setup for the nighttime in our bedroom, but during the day she has free roam of the whole downstairs! She is such a confident bunny! She has a sweet disposition and can make friends with anyone.

In fact, she has been an asset in terms of socializing foster kittens to respect small critters. She LOVES kittens! I'd find them snuggled up together all the time.

Ellie is such a special bunny. I have never met another one quite like her! We love her so much, and can't thank you enough for letting us be her forever home. We can't imagine a day without her!"

Because of supporters like you, Ellie was able to be rescued and now lives hoppily ever after--thank you!





Paws, Claws & Corks 2021

Paws, Claws & Corks has become a beloved annual tradition for animal advocates in West Michigan and this year was no different. Although there were necessary changes to the event format due to the COVID-19 virus and mandated restrictions in place, Humane Society of West Michigan was still able to host an incredible evening featuring tastes from fantastic local restaurants, exciting auction packages, and, most importantly, celebrating the work and continued mission of our organization throughout the difficult past year.

Over 400 guests enjoyed the 9th annual Paws, Claws & Corks event on Monday, March 15th, 2021. This year's hybrid format allowed guests to stay socially distanced while still enjoying fine wine, great food from Noco Provisions, Two Scotts BBQ, and Shaker & Swine, and fun Pawty Packs filled with goodies for themselves and their furry friends at home!

Participants heard the stories of Griffin, Grace, and Frankie – three animals whose lives were changed forever by HSWM. Grace and Frankie were a bonded pair of sisters who spent the first two years of their lives in a small outdoor kennel, never knowing the luxuries of a home and true love, who found their forever home that gave them the time and compassion they needed to learn how to have fun and be real dogs. And, Griffin, who was burned all along his head, neck, shoulders, and back, and spent over six months receiving daily medical care by our dedicated veterinary

team before getting a second chance at an amazing life with Sleepy Hollow as their newest team member.

We're thrilled to announce that, even though there were many changes to the typical event, this year's event was still a success! Together, we raised \$156,280 for animals in need. Thank you to all who helped make this possible; we are humbled by the generosity we have experienced and could not continue our life-saving work without the continued support of our community.



We look forward to another year of successful adoptions, outreach, and humane programs made possible through events like Paws, Claws & Corks, our incredible sponsors, and the dedicated community behind us each and every day. Be sure to save the date for the 10th annual Paws, Claws & Corks on Wednesday, March 9th, 2022!

Thank you to our leading sponsors!

- Meijer
- Donald Tassell
- Fox Subaru
- Sleepy Hollow Pet Cemetery & Crematory
- Pet Supplies Plus
- Joyce Wisner
- Haslem Law



▲ *Griffin came to us with extensive burns all along his back, but with time, love, and daily bandage changes, our vet staff helped him heal and find his purpose helping others!*

▲ *Grace and Frankie smiling after finding the perfect family through HSWM!*

Volunteer Spotlight



Lynn started volunteering with HSWM in 2015, and hasn't stopped since! She is an incredible, passionate woman with the most infectious personality. You can be having a bad day, and the second you see Lynn (or her famous chocolate chip cookies) you know your day just got better! Lynn primarily works as an adoption counselor and helps families find the perfect pet for their home, but she's always willing to help wherever she's needed! We are so incredibly lucky to have her on our team. Thank you, Lynn, for all that you do!

Honoring Tom Huedepohl



HSWM is proud to have the opportunity to recognize Tom Huedepohl at Paws, Claws & Corks 2021! Tom was a dedicated helper who cared deeply about animals in need. He loved animals his whole life and chose to give back to those at HSWM through volunteering. Tom not only gave his time and love to the pets in our care, but also chose to provide financial support to help HSWM fulfill our mission. Tom's legacy lives on even after his passing with his generous support through a bequest. We are thankful to have the opportunity to honor Tom!

Welcome spring!

As animal welfare organizations across the nation prepare for our "busy season", some amazing data is emerging from pandemic-related animal services. Demand for adoption has skyrocketed and more animals are being housed in foster homes than ever before! Utilizing foster homes allows for a large reduction in stress and illness of the animals and we are able to learn valuable information on how these animals do in a home environment and what type of family will be best for them.

At HSWM, our return rates have dropped significantly and we are learning that our community can be our "shelter". Recently, families facing hardship have had an increased need for pet food assistance, low-cost veterinary care, behavior support, and so much more, and HSWM is tailoring our programs to meet this need. The generosity of this community has allowed us to help bridge the gap and keep pets where they belong--with the people that love them. The model for animal welfare is evolving and we are so thankful you are supporting us as a part of it!

Holly Guild – Executive Director

Did You Know?

Humane Society of West Michigan offers a variety of programs to help support pet owners in the Grand Rapids area!

We provide services such as...

Walk-in Microchipping

Stop into our Admitting Department, Tuesday through Friday, between 1-4pm to get your pet microchipped for only \$15!

Low-income Vaccine Clinic

These clinics allow those who qualify to make an appointment and get their pets vaccinated at just \$10 - \$15 per vaccine!

Kibble Konnection

A pet food bank program, in partnership with Access of West MI Food Pantry network, which provides pet food to families in need.