

**Bring home your best friend.**



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## **HAWs OFFERS SHELTER FROM THE STORM**

*HAWs' facility is main lost/found resource center for pets in Waukesha County*

**WAUKESHA — June 23, 2010** — HAWs, the Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County, reminds County residents that the animal shelter is the “safe haven” for lost and found pets.

Anyone whose pets have gone missing during the recent severe weather is asked to contact HAWs to file a lost report. According to HAWs Shelter Manager Kelly Rohda, strays have come in from the affected areas but no missing reports have been placed to match those pets. Missing pet reports can be filed by calling HAWs main number at 262-542-8851. Walk-ins are also welcome: HAWs opens Monday - Saturday at 9:00 a.m., Sundays at noon. Members of HAWs Animal Rescue Team are available 24 hours/day.

“The number of lost dogs reported, and stray dogs coming into our shelter, greatly increases during severe weather,” notes Executive Director Lynn Olenik. “Check with us at HAWs before giving up hope!”

Thunderstorms (and this season’s celebratory fireworks) can stress some animals to the point of panic. While some find great hiding places indoors under furniture or in the bathtub, others may injure themselves by jumping through screen doors or windows. Animals not used to storms – or even simply being outside – will find decks, sheds, window wells or other natural hiding places and will “wait to be found.”

Some basics to remember:

- Leave your pet in a safe area of your home where it will be comfortable and sheltered from any outside noise and lights. Turn on the air conditioning or a fan for background noise.
- Be sure to put away anything that can be damaged or might harm your pet if chewed.
- Never leave pets outside and unattended, even in a fenced-in yard.
- Make sure your pet has identification tags, or better yet, a microchip. Microchips are available at HAWs, 7 days a week.
- If you will be away for vacation, work or the like, and your pet is known to be bothered by storms or fireworks, consider having someone stay with your pet.

*HAWs, a non-profit organization established in 1965, assists over 6,000 animals each year and welcomes more than 31,000 human visitors to our shelter annually. As an “open admissions” shelter HAWs assures sanctuary for all animals in need, while offering educational programs and services to promote responsible pet ownership and prevent animal abuse. The shelter is located at 701 Northview Road in Waukesha, Wisconsin. For more information call (262) 542-8851 or log onto our website at [www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org).*