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LifeStriders: Transforming Lives Through the Power of Horses and Nature

In the heart of Waukesha County, something extraordinary is happening on a serene 23-acre campus where horses serve as healers and nature becomes a therapeutic classroom. LifeStriders, a local non-profit organization, is transforming lives through innovative equine-assisted and nature-based therapies, serving over 250 individuals weekly with compassion, expertise, and unwavering dedication.

Healing Through the Human-Horse Connection

LifeStriders' mission is to educate and strengthen communities by delivering integrated cognitive and physical therapies—online, on their farm, or on horseback. The organization provides life-enhancing physical and psychological therapies to individuals with special needs and their families, ensuring these transformative experiences remain accessible through low or no-cost services.

The magic happens through equine-assisted therapy, which leverages the rhythmic movement of horses to improve strength, balance, and mental well-being. This unique therapeutic approach offers unparalleled benefits for children, teens, adults, seniors, and military veterans who participate in LifeStriders' programs. The gentle, consistent motion of horses provides sensory input that traditional therapies simply cannot replicate, making it particularly effective for individuals with autism, cerebral palsy, PTSD, and various developmental challenges.

Beyond therapeutic riding, LifeStriders offers comprehensive services including occupational and physical therapy, counseling, and wellness coaching—all tailored to meet individual needs. Their nature-based programs, featuring trail walks and animal-assisted therapy, further enhance accessibility while stimulating healing in the organization's naturally calming environment.

Volunteers: The Heartbeat of Hope

Volunteers are truly the heartbeat of LifeStriders, enabling the organization to deliver these vital services while caring for their therapeutic horses. Community members have countless opportunities to get involved, from assisting with therapeutic riding lessons to maintaining the beautiful campus that serves as a sanctuary for healing.

Every volunteer receives comprehensive training to ensure both safety and maximum impact, making this involvement a deeply rewarding way to support individuals with special needs. Whether you have horse experience or simply a caring heart, LifeStriders welcomes your time and dedication.

These volunteers help keep programs accessible and ensure the horses receive the exceptional care they deserve as therapeutic partners.

Supporting the Mission

LifeStriders relies on community support to maintain their mission of accessibility. Donations can be made securely through their website at www.lifestriders.org, with contributions directly funding programs that keep services affordable for families who need them most. Every dollar donated helps ensure that financial barriers never prevent someone from accessing these lifechanging therapies.







Save the Date:
Derby Days and
Triple Crown Celebration



Mark your calendars for an exciting twoweek celebration of achievements and community spirit! Derby Days kicks off August 9, 2025, featuring virtual fundraising where participants share inspiring stories online, rallying community support to help their virtual horses "race" down the digital track.

The festivities culminate on August 23, 2025, with the Triple Crown Celebration at LifeStriders' campus. This family-friendly event will feature mint juleps, mocktails, food trucks, and games for the whole family—a fun-filled day celebrating the inspiring strides made through LifeStriders' therapies.

Join the Journey

LifeStriders invites the Waukesha community to visit them at S11 W29667 Summit Avenue (US Hwy 18), Waukesha, WI 53188. For more information about services, volunteer opportunities, or to make a donation, contact them at (262) 565-6124, email striders@lifestriders.org, or visit www.lifestriders.org.

Together, we can continue transforming lives, one stride at a time.



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Prevent pets from fighting like cats and dogs

Animal interactions are often portrayed as confrontational. Many people have undoubtedly watched a cartoon mouse outsmart a cat, or laughed as the Road Runner stays a few steps ahead of Wile E. Coyote. Common companion animals also have reputations for confrontation when forced to coexist under one roof.

Reality often differs from such depictions. Potential pet owners can rest assured that many animals of all different breeds and species have the potential to cohabitate peacefully. It's just a matter of doing your homework and facilitating the process of companionship. Here's how to get started.

Plan an initial meet and greet

When thinking about welcoming a new pet into the home, particularly one who has not previously bonded with another animal that you are adopting together, you should always bring your current pet along to gauge their interactions.

Also, it is wise to get a disposition report from the rescue about whether the available animal has a history of confrontation with other pets. Rescues typically let prospective pet parents know if a pet is good with dogs, cats, small animals, and even children.

Create safe spaces

Whether it is two dogs, two cats, or one of each, animals may need time to spend alone, particularly if they have different energy levels or needs. The Animal Humane Society says sanctuary rooms can be set up so pets can separate. Rooms should be secure, with a door and a ceiling. These also are good spots to place new pets as they get used to the smells and sounds of other pets and the people in the home.

Think about placing items that smell like the other pet in the new pet's area along with treats, so that the new animal comes to associate these items with good things, suggests the American Kennel Club.

Utilize a gate or screen

After a few days, new pets can be given a chance to see one another separately through a baby gate or screen door without the risk of fights. When the pets are calm enough to meet without barriers, arrange the meeting in a neutral room, rather than in a sanctuary space.

Sometimes it's a no-go

Pets may not be able to get along. For example, a dog with a very high prey drive, such as a breed that has been bred to flush out small animals or birds, may find a parakeet or guinea pig simply too tempting to leave alone. A large snake may not work out in a home that has gerbils or hamsters, as rodents are snakes' natural food sources. Always take a pet's breed, disposition and natural inclination into consideration before bringing in a new pet.





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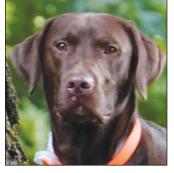
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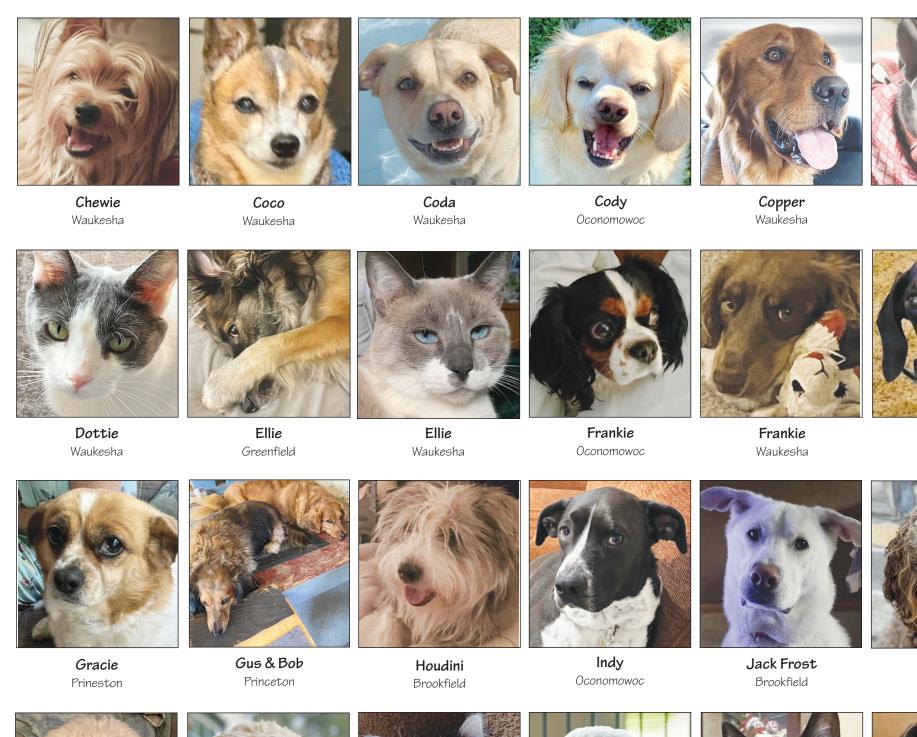
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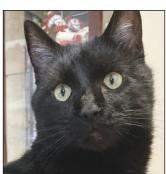
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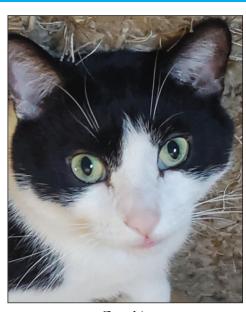
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aThank you to all of our readers who submitted photos for the "Wall of Fame"



This 2-year-old has a personali- Mrs. Fields is a gentle, softty that's as bright as her smile. hearted 3-year-old with a shy Whether she's chasing her tail, streak-and a serious love for fetching her favorite ball, or snacks! When she first arrived just happily trotting by your at HAWS, Mrs. Fields was side, Izzy's energy is conta-timid and uncertain, but she's gious and will make every day truly blossomed. While her shy feel like an adventure. Izzy is side still peeks through at the perfect mix of fun and cud-times, she's gained a lot of condles-she loves staying active, fidence and is beginning to but she's just as happy during show her playful, affectionate some quality chill time. Her personality. Treats are the way playful spirit and loving heart to her heart, and they've make her the perfect addition helped her discover that new to families with kids 12 and people and new experiences older. With Izzy, you're not just aren't so scary after all. If getting a dog; you're gaining a you're someone who finds joy loyal, loving companion who's in helping shy dogs feel safe ready to shower you with affec- and loved, Mrs. Fields might



MRS. FIELDS

just be your perfect match.



EBONY

Meet Ebony (aka Ebby), a 3year-old that is the ultimate couch potato with a heart full of love! She's a playful and affectionate dog, but always ready for a cuddle session and content to lounge around and watch the world go by. Ebby's idea of a perfect day? Snuggling up and enjoying some belly rubs. Ebony is the kind of dog who's both fun-loving and content with the simple pleasures of life: snacks, naps, and cozy companionship. If you're looking for a loyal friend to share quiet moments and easy-going adventures, she might just be your perfect match.



Meet Rosie, a charming 8.5- After 9 years on this planet, year-old who will fill your life Bob-O knows what he does and with joy. Her sweet nature is doesn't like! He values his percomplemented by her smart sonal space, so he's looking for and friendly personality. She's a home that can respect his a quick learner, mastering new boundaries and give him the tricks faster than you'd expect! time he needs to settle in com-Her friendly demeanor makes fortably, on his terms. Bob-O her a perfect companion for has great manners! He is a perthose seeking a calm and lov- fect guest and sleeps in his ing pet. Rosie's intelligence crate at night. Once bonded to and sweetness make her a won- his person, he is super loving derful addition to any home and affectionate. and she is ready to share her golden years with a loving family. Adopt Rosie and experience the unconditional love only a senior dog can offer. Once she warms up to you, her loyalty knows no bounds.



BOB-O



FEATURED FOSTER TO ADOPT PETS

At any time, HAWS can have a dozen or more dogs (and cats) on the Foster to Adopt eligible list! We feature five of those currently available pets here!

HAWS FOSTER TO ADOPT PROGRAM

Adoptions with a Safety Net!

The Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS) understands that bringing home a new pet is a big step – there can be questions and unknowns that only time will answer. HAWS' Foster to Adopt program is designed to help prospective forever homes feel more comfortable, by

allowing them and their chosen pet to have a trial run. Welcome home one of the eligible adoptable pets pictured on hawspets.org/foster-to-adopt ...with a safety net: Take that pet home for two weeks before making it permanent. (HAWS knows some will be inseparable right away!) Just like with any adoption, during that time period adopters have access to all of HAWS' behavior

resources in case questions arise about helping the new pet adjust.

An added bonus: HAWS gives 25% OFF adoption fees on a successful Foster to Adopt!

Questions? HAWS' Foster Care Coordinators are happy to give more information about the Foster to Adopt program – simply contact them at foster@hawspets.org.

HAWS COMING EVENTS



60th Anniversary Party Saturday, July 26th • 11am – 2pm Enjoy tours, walk down memory lane and browse HAWS historical archives. View adoptable pets and learn more about HAWS through

Happy Tails:

An Evening to Benefit HAWS

Friday, October 17th • 5:30pm HAWS' annual fundraising gala features a gourmet dinner, exclusive live and silent auction items, networking opportunities, adorable adoptable pets and more, all in support of HAWS' animals, services and programs.



NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE: HAWS WELLNESS CLINIC

HAWS believes in keeping pets healthy and families together.

No one should have to choose between paying rent and their pet receiving vet care. The wellness clinic at HAWS' main shelter facility in the city of Waukesha now offers important basics of dog and cat care to the members of our community. Pet owners can schedule both wellness exams and sick visits, and receive vaccinations, preventatives and

even nail trims. The HAWS wellness clinic is here for any pet family that sees themselves in need of veterinary support. Caretakers are prepared with kindness, compassion and accessible care for your pet.

Wellness is offered 5 days a week at HAWS and can be scheduled by contacting the SNIP Clinic directly at 262-542-8852. In addition to general wellness services, HAWS offers dental services for pets. At this time, to best serve our community, dental services are prioritized for pet families in Waukesha County who receive social security, Medicare or other similar support.

Questions? Ready to schedule? Please contact HAWS at 262-542-8852.



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