

Humane Society of Marathon County

Introduction

The Humane Society of Marathon County is a nonprofit, 501(c) (3) corporation, established to provide for the humane treatment of animals in Marathon County.

The Community Need

HSMC houses approximately 3,000 pets annually with 2/3 being stray and 1/3 owner relinquished. HSMC provides a safe haven for people to bring unwanted pets, keeps the community safe from frightened or aggressive animals running at large, offers a site for bite quarantines issued by the health department, offers free shelter for residents of the Women's Community and acts as a resource for all animal related concerns.

Future Goals

HSMC has developed a strong commitment to the youth at the Juvenile Detention Facility and Shelter Home, the Women's Community, and anyone wishing for a "second chance" through our volunteer programs. We hope to realize a "greener" shelter through alternative energy sources; a low income spay/neuter program serving all of Marathon County; a pet therapy program comprised of adopted dogs; and a proactive animal control agency to work with the special needs of animal related calls encountered by area law enforcement agencies.

History

HSMC obtained its nonprofit status in 1967. In 2008 the organization moved from a small animal shelter at a Kent Street location to 7001 Packer Drive in Wausau. Throughout the decades the goal has remained the same: to end animal abuse.

Giving Opportunities

While HSMC receives about 1/5 of its budget through an impoundment contract with Marathon County, the money required to keep these animal past the contracted 7 day hold period comes from fundraising efforts and the support of donors. Those wishing to support our organization through planned giving are encouraged to contact our planned giving partner: the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin.



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Budget: \$500,000

Total Assets: \$2 million

Funding Sources: Individuals, corporations, foundations, bequests, fundraising events, membership, and a county contract for stray sheltering.

Services Provided: An open admission animal shelter providing a safe haven for any homeless companion animal in our county. We strive to place 100% of our adoptable animals and reunite lost pets with their owners. We offer humane education, referral services, and assistance to area law enforcement.

Governance: HSMC is governed by an 11 member volunteer board, chosen for their insight, individual business expertise, and commitment to the community.

Mission: To relieve the suffering and abuse of animals and to foster an awareness of their importance in our community. We achieve this through leadership in compassionate care, placement, public education, humane services and example.