SAFE HAVEN TIMES



This newsletter was designed by Taylor Pickel in memory of Raymond Young—longtime Safe Haven supporter.

New Dog Intake Unit Up & Running

Safe Haven began a project to expand capacity for dog intake earlier this year from three kennels to five kennels and renovate the entire intake area. The isolation area is used to house dogs as they are arrive at the shelter until they can be medically cleared, which typically happens seven to 10 days after intake.

Renovation details

To provide adequate drainage, Safe Haven first removed the old concrete floor and drains. The 10 tons of concrete were broken into smaller pieces, and volunteers removed the debris in wheelbarrows.

Five Star Plumbing provided plans, material and labor to accommodate needs in the isolation area. This included establishing proper drainage, rerouting water pipes, relocating and adding sinks and installing a





dedicated water heater. Schuller Concrete poured a new floor which provides adequate slope to allow for effective drainage.

To make the isolation area as sanitary as possible, TSR Coatings applied a polyurea coating to all exposed concrete. This coating reduces odors, provides for easier cleaning, lessens disease issues and prevents waste products from being absorbed into the concrete. At the same time, existing kennels in the general population area were treated with polyurea coating. (Intake continued on page 8)

Out & About



Charlie out & about at the Elizabeth Fair.



Volunteer Liz Willis & Board member Bill Hengtgen at Galena Cellars Winery Adoption Fair.



Volunteer Stephanie Johnson (right) & her son, Matthew, at Safe Haven's booth at the Elizabeth garage sale.

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Your monthly donation of \$10 or more helps to defray the costs of one of our cats or dogs in the shelter. We accept credit cards and automatically charge your gift every month. You may cancel the charges at any time by notifying us. Please consider joining those who make these contributions. A sincere thank you to all of our generous supporters!

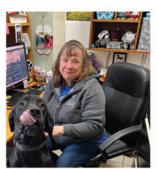
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Our Mission Helps People, Too!

As the end of another year approaches, I would like to review Safe Haven's contributions to pets, and just as importantly, the residents of Jo Daviess County.

Safe Haven's mission states "Safe Haven's mission is to provide a temporary haven and treatment for adoptable cats and dogs, place them in suitable homes, increase awareness of the humane treatment of animals and promote spay/neuter programs to reduce the overpopulation of cats and dogs in Jo Daviess County."

Safe Haven ensures that all animals adopted are fully vaccinated and spayed/neutered, and any detectable health issues are corrected. This provides adopters with a carefully vetted cat or dog to begin their years of mutual companionship and affection.

While this is a large part of what we do, it falls far short of being all-encompassing. The rescue and ultimate placement of dogs and cats in nurturing homes is certainly a worthy goal. However, in addition to being in the business of saving dogs and cats from difficult circumstances and placing them in appropriate homes, Safe Haven plays an important part in the general health and welfare of people in our communities.

Benefits for Many in the Community

The simple act of providing a haven for homeless and unwanted pets has several benefits for the community at large and individuals in particular. Animals abandoned and left to roam often cause nuisance and health issues for humans in the area. Introducing these animals into a shelter helps reduce overpopulation, the spread of disease to owned animals and the destruction of private property. In addition, we receive many surrenders from elderly owners who no longer can care for an animal. These owners often have a very strong desire to ensure that their beloved pet goes to a suitable home. We have occasionally temporarily housed animals for domestic abuse victims while they are being relocated. In addition, we have often temporarily housed stray dogs while their owners are being located.

Benefit of Pets in the Home

Pets in the home have been shown to be important in maintaining and improving mental health for owners. In many cases, the elderly (and others) have limited contact outside the home, and a pet serves to provide companionship and structure to daily lives. Walking a dog regularly provides for moderate exercise and the bonding of the dog and owner. Numerous studies have

determined that pet ownership reduces stress and depression. Pet ownership has been shown to have positive effects on blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

Safe Haven, its staff, volunteers, and board are heavily invested in the welfare of pets and people in Jo Daviess County. We are thankful for the tremendous support we receive from individuals and organizations locally and beyond. With your continued support, we look to continuously improve our services to the areas we serve.

Thank you! Sam Sam Smith, Board President



Sam & Blueberry, adopted from Safe Haven September 19, 2023.

2023 Golf Outing at Woodbine Bend Gets Bigger, Better

The third annual golf outing fundraiser at Woodbine Bend, held September 17, was a fun, successful event with great weather and an exceptional turnout, more than the previous year. Not to brag, but one attendee was overhead to say, "It was the best outing of the year!"

We had 50 fantastic sponsors for the holes, 60 silent auction items and about 90 golfers. All golfers had a chance to win prizes and play games during the outing. Each golfer received a goodie bag with two sleeves of golf balls and many other golf items plus coupons from local vendors and a yellow commemorative outing t-shirt. T-shirts for the 90 golfers were donated by WCC Brands Custom Apparel of Kieler and Lancaster, WI.

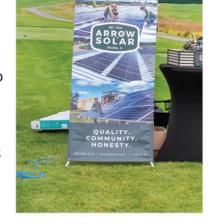
Our top corporate sponsor was Riley Subaru in Dubuque. In addition to sponsoring a hole at the highest donation level, Riley Subaru had a Subaru Legacy sitting on the 15th hole. The sedan was all ready in case its new owner emerged after getting a hole-in-one. Sorry to report that no one took that Subaru home.



Special treats

Another fun surprise on the course was provided by Culver's and Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. Lemon-raspberry coolers with or without vodka greeted golfers near the 3rd green. That treat was sponsored by Arrow Solar. Culver's then gave participants vanilla or chocolate frozen custard cups after dinner. Back at the clubhouse, golfers and other supporters who came for dinner had a steak with baked potato, salad and bread. A pasta dish was available for those interested in a veggie option.

A big thank you to all our sponsors, silent auction donors, attendees, staffs at Woodbine and Safe Haven, and the other organizations that managed the course games.



See you next year!

Look for Our New Van in the Communities We Serve

Thanks to the generous donation from a local foundation, Safe Haven was able to purchase a new van, which is used to pick up animals who are being turned in for adoption, transport animals to vet appointments and travel to local events where Safe Haven is participating. Its fire engine red color makes it hard to miss.

We also want to thank Curt's Signature Sign & Design of Dubuque for doing a great job with the signage and animal-themed wrap. We think it looks so cute!



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VFW Galena Post x3

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- Blaum Bros. Distilling
- Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa
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- Jamie's Wine Bar
- Midwest Medical Center
- Miss Kitty's Grape Escape
- The Galena Territory

The silent auction was a busy place. Depsite a cold start to the day, golf was enjoyed by all players. photos (c) Mary Katos.





Welcome New Board Members

Kristle Corbett is a busy lady! She's a new mom to a little boy who loves dogs, cats and horses! She first became involved with Safe Haven when she was quite young. Her dad, Bill Corbett, served on the board and her mom, Wende Corbett, was a strong volunteer in the early days of Safe Haven.

When the veterinarian she worked for retired, she applied to become a staff member at Safe Haven. She worked as a shelter assistant for nearly four years before joining the board in July 2023. "Now that I'm serving on the board, it is my goal to help encourage community support from a younger demographic," Kristle said.

Kristle adopted her amazing rescue dog, Alfie, from Safe Haven in 2018. She is an avid animal lover and equestrian, working as a horse trainer and riding coach and as an animal-care provider. "I'm very glad to continue my journey at the shelter and remain a part of the Safe Haven team," she said.

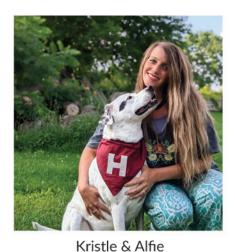
Dave Kizior worked in telecommunications and pharmaceuticals for over 40 years, starting as a software engineer developing new products for two-way radio systems, and moving into management and program management of teams that developed and maintained products. He believes in volunteerism, having served as trustee for the Village of Deer Park from 1998 to 2011 and a member of the GTA Board of Directors from 2019 to 2023. Dave also serves on the board of directors for the Midwest Medical Center, which is in the process of a major expansion.

Dave and his wife, Debbie, have been married for over 40 years and have two children. Paul is a software engineer living in Rochester, NY and Liz is an archaeologist living in Barrington, IL. Debbie and Dave enjoy outdoor activities, travel, home rehab projects and music.

Cheryl Stine worked in banking for 49 years, starting as a teller and ending her career as a bank attorney and consultant. Husband, Tom, is a patent attorney.

Cheryl is a substitute foster parent for Cooper, a Safe Haven dog, when his foster parents, John & Jill, are out of town. Watching Cooper once in a while is a great fit for Tom and Cheryl. Cooper is well behaved, and he likes to cuddle, play catch indoors with a tennis ball and take walks.

Recently, Cheryl was asked if she was interested in being on the board of Safe Haven. She realized that being on Safe Haven's board was the perfect volunteer activity for her and would feed her soul. Thoughts of all the things she can do to help Safe Haven now fill her head.





Dave & Maggie Mae

Cheryl & Cooper

Safe Haven Continues Partnership with Elite Canine

Just like Safe Haven, Elite Canine Care of Platteville, WI, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that opened its doors for the love of dogs. It's a tandem organization to Elite Canine Training, which trains and boards dogs.

Owner Kellsey Beyer's mission is to run a for-profit boarding and training business and a non-profit organization. Her goal is to have her non-profit raise money to cover the cost of boarding and training for overlooked dogs at local shelters. Her methods of training include teaching clear communication and boundaries to shelter dogs to make harder-to-place dogs more adoptable. She works with various canines, including those with behavioral difficulties or impairments.

Safe Haven is overjoyed with its partnership with Elite Canine Care. Their innovative training regimen has yielded remarkable results. Elite has successfully helped Safe Haven adopt two of our overlooked dogs.

Nyla's story

One heartwarming success story involves a canine named Nyla, whose owner raves about the positive impact that Elite's training has had on her adoption.

Big and boisterous Nyla was a longer-term resident at Safe Haven who was having difficultly finding her forever home. Shelter life can be a sensory overload for dogs, and although all our dogs get attention from staff and volunteers, Nyla needed more. When Nyla was selected to be the first dog in Elite's special program, Safe Haven's staff and volunteers were ecstatic for her. Everyone knew she was smart, but Elite brought her training to the next level. Her confidence blossomed as she successfully and eagerly worked her way through the program, and she learned all sorts of new things. With the help of our partnership with Elite, Nyla finally found her very own dog dad!



Nyla learning new things. (c) Elite Canine Care

Nyla is currently thriving in her new home in Cincinnati, Ohio. Impressed that she was already trained for loose leash walking, her dad said that "she was quick to adapt" to his lifestyle. Nyla has learned to be a "working dog" in the city, traveling with her dad to work. She sits at stop signs and can even do a 5-minute stay! Nyla has also learned how to play in harmony with other dogs at the dog park. It's clear that Elite's training not only helped Nyla learn new skills but also boosted her self-esteem and socialization skills.

Stories like Nyla's are a testament to how organizations like Elite Canine Care and Safe Haven are making an positive impact on the lives of shelter dogs by partnering together. Thank you Elite Canine!

How you can help

If you're feeling inspired by Elite Canine Care's incredible work, there are ways to get involved. You can donate to Safe Haven and designate your gift to help hard-to-place dogs or donate to Elite Canine Care directly. You can volunteer your time to assist with training or socialization at the shelter. Additionally, you can spread the word about this organization to your friends and family and encourage others to participate in the cause. Every contribution is valuable, and by taking affirmative action, you can help guarantee that more shelter dogs find the loving homes they truly deserve. To find out more about Elite Canine Care visit their Facebook page or website: https://www.elitecanine.biz/.

Smart Games Are Popular

Safe Haven held two Smart Games classes at the Elizabeth Community Center. This was a fun experience that enhanced the connection between dogs and their handlers through exercises and games. Darlene Frederick, owner and trainer of 2 Dogz Canine Training, led the workshop. The dogs learned as many as 12 exercises, which are all fun activities that can be done inside or out without special equipment. The class was limited to 12 friendly-dog participants. A \$25 donation per dog was suggested, and we needed proof of a current rabies vaccination at the time of registration.

Follow us on Facebook to see details for the next time a special, fun class is scheduled. SafeHaven@ jodaviesscounty



Otis & Kylie Smith (c) Mary Katos



Linda Weeder & Selma (c) Mary Katos



"What's next?", asks Bear Hug
(c) Mary Katos

New Dog Intake, continued

Stainless steel kennels were installed in the renovated intake area, and the outside kennel walls were encased with stainless steel panels. The five new kennels included two that are oversized for use by very large dogs or a litter of puppies.

Team effort to reduce expenses

The initial bid for the project was \$78,000, with Safe Haven responsible for demolition of the old kennel area and items such as drywall finishing and painting. This bid did not include the polyurea floor coating. By working with local contractors (plumbing, electrical, and concrete work) who helped hold down expenses and tapping significant amounts of volunteer labor, the total renovation cost was reduced to about \$50,000, including the floor coating.

To help fund the renovation, Safe Haven established a program to accept contributions to name both the new kennels and the adjacent outside kennel runs in honor of an individual or animal. We have nave



Each kennel is designed to welcome the dogs.

outside kennel runs in honor of an individual or animal. We have payments and commitments for naming rights totaling \$22,200. Rights of \$6,800 are unclaimed as of today. If interested in participating in this naming program, please contact the shelter.

Riley Subaru Teams Up with Safe Haven

Riley Subaru, located in Dubuque, has chosen Safe Haven as its official local pet shelter partner. Supporting the health of pets is one of Subaru's five core pillars and cause initiatives. Riley Subaru began its support of Safe Haven in September 2023 when it became a top financial sponsor of the shelter's annual golf outing. Other support includes promotion of Safe Haven adoption events and activities. Riley Subaru will also donate \$100 to Safe Haven for every pet adopted from the shelter during the month of October up to \$3,100. October is the company's annual "Subaru Loves Pet"s month.



Since 2008, Subaru and its retailers have donated over \$51 million to national and local organizations, supporting the rescue, transportation and adoption of over 420.000 animals.

"We chose Safe Haven in Elizabeth, Illinois because we believe our financial support and adoption promotions there could make a big difference. Our Riley foursome enjoyed the September golf outing, and we look forward to participating in many more activities that help raise money for the shelter," said Jim Riley, owner of Riley Subaru.

"We are thrilled to have Riley Subaru in our corner," said Jeannette Thraen, manager of Safe Haven. "Their financial and promotional support is very much appreciated, and we are eager to do more together," she said.

Birdies For Charity

The 2023 John Deere Classic tournament was held July 6–9 at TBC Deere Run in Moline, IL. Our generous donors raised \$36,935, up about \$3,000 from 2022. Our bonus from the John Deere Charitable Organization is expected to be between 5% and 10%, making the total raised between \$38,782 and \$40,628. We are very grateful for our contributors and honored to be part of this incredible program, which is a vital annual fundraiser for Safe Haven. Participants included:

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Jennie Cliff

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Nancy Danico

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Diane Wills

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Pupdates: Where Are They Now?

Lilly—Adopters: Jo and Greg Goss

We feel so blessed to have adopted (Lil) Lilly from Safe Haven in April. Thanks for taking good care of her. She is such a sweet girl and has brought us so much joy and love. She felt comfortable by the second day she was in our home. Thanks for sending the toys with us. She has especially enjoyed the Nylabone to chew on and the likes the squeaky, too. She is 100% house broken. We were impressed with your facility, so clean and organized.

The vet was pleased with her and checked out her growths with a needle biopsy and said they were okay. She is not having any problem with her leg, just a little limp. The vet said she may have been born with it. She needs to gain a little weight and is getting used to her new food.

Lilly spends most of her time on our lap in the recliners. As you can tell, she is a good fit into our family.

With appreciation and many thanks.



Jo, Greg & Lilly getting ready to head home.

iGive Offers Donation Program at Retail Web Sites

The AmazonSmile program, which allowed online shoppers to designate donations to participating charities at no cost, came to an end in early 2023. Safe Haven received as much as \$1,500 per year from that program.



The good news is that an alternate program is available through an organization called iGive. Currently, almost 2,000 vendors participate including Walmart, Kohl's, and Walgreens. Many of these retail vendors offer over 1% to be directed to your charity of choice.

To provide support for Safe Haven, enroll at iGive.com, specify Safe Haven in Elizabeth, Illinois as your recipient charity, and check to see if online vendors you use are included in the program. The iGive site provides a brief tutorial explaining the available features.

When ordering, you will need to go through the iGive.com website to receive credit for your purchase. Please note that only online purchases are eligible. Keep in mind that the first purchase by each new member after enrolling will result in a \$5 bonus payment to Safe Haven!

If you used the Smile program, please consider iGive. And if you never have participated in this type of shop-to-give donation model, give it a try. There is no cost to the shopper or the charity.

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Frosty

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Safe Haven cats, Louie & Latte Lynda & Sam Smith

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Frosty – John & Rose Lorenzen's tuxedo cat who passed away July 21, 2023

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Lana & Ridley, our cats adopted from Safe Haven

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The Safe Haven Shelter Staff

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Diana Whitney, a fellow animal lover and artist

Carole Andres

Diesel, adopted from Safe Haven

Robin Kelly Matt Kelly Billy Kelly & Families

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list. If you made an in memory/in honor of donation and it was not included, please send an email to petadmin@aeroinc.net, and we will make sure it is included in our next newsletter.



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