

Safe Paws



Purple Ribbon Award

We are honored to have received the Purple Ribbon Award for Outstanding Pet Program after being nominated earlier this year. The Purple Ribbon Awards are recognized internationally and to appreciate the hard work done in the domestic violence field. This category specifically looks to celebrate initiatives that ensure pets are safe and cared for, particularly in times of need. They were impressed with the design of sheltering survivors with their pets and stated they felt Safe Paws was the most impressive and deserving of the candidates. The virtual Awards Ceremony will be May 21 at noon. If interested, you can watch the ceremony by going to domesticshelters.org and navigate to link in the orange box. Safe Paws is thrilled to be accepting this award.



Upcoming Events

Wine, Women, and Shoes~ May 15th from 6pm-10pm

Purple Ribbon Awards~ May 21st at noon

Power of Pets Presentation for Youth Services~ May 21st at 5pm

Paws at the Pier~ May 30th from 11am to 3pm

Eddie's 2!

Our facility comfort dog, Eddie, turned 2 in April. He has continued to bring positive energy to ASP staff and clients! You can catch Eddie at the Wine, Women, and Shoes runway on May 15.



A Farewell

One of our Safe Paws staff, Jessica, will be having her last day Thursday, May 14. She has been around since Safe Paws first opened in the shelter and has loved working with all the clients and their pets. Nothing beats coming into work knowing there will be a dog or cat in the office with you. Although she is going to miss working at Safe Paws, she intends to stick around in a volunteer capacity.



My Dog Is My Home



In April, one of our Safe Paws staff, Heidi, received a scholarship to attend the My Dog is my Home conference which is part of a growing movement of educating the country on the benefit of pet-inclusive housing.

One of the presentations was about the links between animal cruelty and underlying mental health issues & interpersonal violence. Specifically, these correlations are strong for antisocial personality disorder, trauma disorders, and conduct disorders. It is important to be aware of this link and further demonstrates the need for survivors of domestic violence to bring their pets into shelter.

Safe Paws stays committed to educating people about the human-animal bond and keeping survivors and their pets safe.



Resource Corner

Listed are some local and national resources Safe Paws has utilized

Animal Care and Control

- They have low-cost vaccinations and a spay/neuter program for your pets
- Can be reached 847-377-4700

Noah's Rest

- They will board the pets of DV survivors while they get back on their feet at no cost. Their goal is always to reunite pet and owner.
- Can be reached at 847-764-6624

Our House of Hope

- This is the Lake County pet food pantry dedicated to helping low-income pet owners with pet needs
- Open at 1840 Industrial Dr, Suite #340, Libertyville, IL 60048 on Saturday, 9am-12pm

Red Rover

- This organization is working on making sure pets stay with their owners in DV situation. They also have some financial assistance for vet emergency care and assist with boarding pets during natural disasters
- Visit redrover.org for more information