

# A Cause for PAWS

## Kewaunee County

*Building a Safety Net for Kewaunee County's  
Unsheltered Animals*

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When we are silent, the voiceless become hopeless.

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As many of you may be aware, Kewaunee County does not have its own humane society, but lost, stray, and injured animals still need somewhere to receive care. A Cause for PAWS Kewaunee County is working to close that gap by helping local municipalities establish contracts with the Wisconsin Humane Society.

These contracts are more important than many residents may realize. Without an agreement in place, an animal found within a municipality may not be accepted by an animal shelter outside the county, meaning an animal from Algoma cannot go to Door County, or Luxemburg cannot go to Brown County.

By helping fund municipal contracts, A Cause for PAWS removes this barrier, creating a pathway for unsheltered animals to receive healthcare, spay or neuter services, and opportunities to be adopted into permanent homes.

The organization was formed in 2023 by local residents who recognized that Kewaunee County needed a practical solution. According to organization representative Suzie Leist, contracts have already been established for Algoma, Kewaunee, Luxemburg, and Casco. The group hopes to continue working with other municipalities throughout the county.

It is important to note that A Cause for PAWS is not an animal shelter or rescue organization. Its volunteers do not house animals or manage adoptions. Instead, the organization serves as a connector, bringing municipalities, animal-welfare organizations, volunteers, and residents together so animals can reach the services they need through the creation and funding of the previously mentioned Wisconsin Humane Society contracts.

However, the group has a heart for helping and has also supported local initiatives like pet-food collections for local families experiencing financial hardship. Its broader mission includes promoting responsible pet ownership, increasing awareness of local animal-welfare needs, supporting community volunteers, and assisting when possible with Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, and Return efforts for feral cats.



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## Why Fundraising Matters

Municipal contracts with the Wisconsin Humane Society require annual funding. A starting contract may cost approximately \$250 per year, although costs can change depending on the number of animals brought in from a community.

Donations help A Cause for PAWS pay for these agreements and expand the safety net available to animals throughout Kewaunee County. Additional support can also help with education, community outreach, feral-cat initiatives, and other practical efforts to reduce animal suffering.

Even a modest contribution can help keep an agreement funded and ensure that the next lost or injured animal has somewhere to go.



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## Be Part of the Solution

Residents, businesses, and community organizations can support A Cause for PAWS by making a donation, volunteering, sharing its mission, or helping organize a future fundraiser.

To contribute or learn more, visit [acauseforpawskewauneecounty.com](http://acauseforpawskewauneecounty.com), follow [A Cause for PAWS Kewaunee County](#) on Facebook, or email [acauseforpawskewauneecounty@gmail.com](mailto:acauseforpawskewauneecounty@gmail.com).

Kewaunee County may not have a humane society of its own, but community support can ensure its unsheltered animals are not forgotten.

## Ways To Donate

### Mail a Check

Make checks payable to:

A Cause For Paws

Mail to:

290 Crestview Drive

Luxemburg, WI 54217

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