



# Happy Holidays!



## 2024

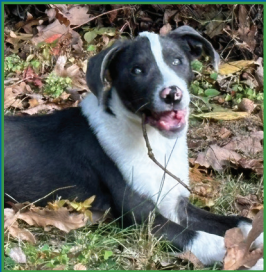
Greetings from DAWS!

As we close out our 50th year of improving the lives of animals in our community and beyond, we at Danbury Animal Welfare Society express our heartfelt appreciation to you, our supporter. Your invaluable contributions have allowed us to fulfill our mission. Thank you!

Over 50 years, DAWS has helped over 40,000 animals, including rescuing over 32,000 at risk animals from high-kill shelters. This year we completed our renovation and moved back to our home, which has strengthened our ability to assist more animals than ever before. We will remain a leading animal welfare provider thanks to our entire team, our supportive foster network, WAGS Doggie Daycamp, Pleasant Paws Pet Center, Mount Pleasant Hospital for Animals, and people like you, our allies.

Over the last year, we have provided care for more than 2,200 animals. DAWS rescued and rehomed over 950 cats and dogs, sheltered over 1000 animals, and helped over 500 animals with low-cost clinic services.

DAWS' impact on the community has strengthened with 388 local animal intakes, the continuation of our TNR program, and our partnerships with local organizations including the Danbury Animal Control. This season, we share two of the many inspiring stories that exemplify how YOUR generosity brings hope and renewal to animals and humans alike.



## A Story of Two Lives Saved

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SPRINKLE & TWINKLE  
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Sprinkle and Twinkle, two Australian Shepherd puppies were brought to DAWS in September through our rescue partner in Kentucky, STAR (Saving the Animals of Rowan County). Sprinkle and Twinkle were a special litter, more at risk than other puppies as they were both believed to be blind. It would take a special foster to care for them. We are lucky enough to have such a dedicated foster, Debbie.

Upon observation, our resident veterinarian, Dr. Brenner, was curious about the eyesight of Sprinkle. Sprinkle's eyes responded to light and he seemed to follow with his eyes, but he did not seem to be responding to sound. His examination determined he was actually deaf. At Twinkle's examination Dr. Brenner discovered he had corneal scarring and cataracts, alopecia, and was underweight. Twinkle was indeed blind and would require extra TLC and many visits to the DAWS clinic to ensure his health continued to improve.

Despite their impairments, Sprinkle and Twinkle quickly adapted to their foster home, thriving independently, perfect just the way they were.

Both puppies, despite their challenges, have found homes and continue to thrive with the support of DAWS. Sprinkle was the first to be adopted by a loving family. He continues to flourish and has adjusted very well to his surroundings! Twinkle required additional care before being available for adoption which our clinic team was able to provide.

After being cleared by Dr. Brenner, Twinkle found his loving home with a family, willing to go above and beyond to give him the best possible life!



Your gift gives animals with special needs a second chance at life.

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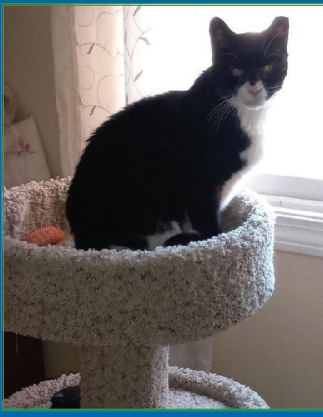
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- \$1000** **A little TLC:** You will support our angel pet program and unexpected medical and surgical expenses for our animals; as we are a no-kill shelter.
- \$750** **Next Stop CT!:** You will help us rescue approximately eight dogs and cats during our weekly transport.
- \$500** **Foster Care Package:** You will supply a complete foster kit which includes beds, crates, food, and medications for a puppy/kitten litter.
- \$375** **Community Support:** You will help decrease animal overpopulation in the community through our clinic's trap, neuter, and release program.
- \$250** **Give me a Chance:** You will provide customized training sessions with a certified behaviorist for an adoptable dog in need of strengthening their socialization skills.
- \$100** **Chow Time!:** You will help feed adoptable dogs and cats for one day – treats too!
- \$75** **Wellness Bundle:** You'll cover the cost for a dog or cat to receive their microchip, vaccinations, and related preventatives before adoption.
- \$50** **Welcome to DAWS!:** You will help a new dog or cat get a fresh start with a bath, treats, new collar, and bed.
- Other** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# A Story of Second Chances

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One summer four years ago, a DAWS TNR volunteer, Lauren, was out taking care of a feral colony. She noticed a female cat, soon to be named Torvi, with a big belly, and knew that babies were on their way. Lauren knew she had to trap her. Luckily, Torvi was trapped on July 15, 2020, and gave birth to 6 healthy kittens in Lauren's care. DAWS found loving homes for all of Torvi's kittens.

Torvi had lived in her colony for so long that she preferred to return, showing little interest in human interaction and becoming increasingly distrustful. The decision was made for Torvi to be vaccinated, spayed, and rejoin her colony, where she was happiest.

On March 6, 2022, Lauren visited the colony and found that Torvi had something seriously wrong with her. Lauren immediately took her to DAWS where Dr. Brenner found that Torvi had a broken jaw. He knew the best thing for her was to operate and wire her jaw to repair it.

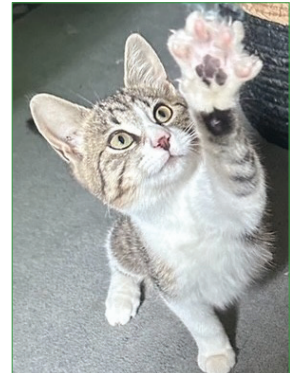
Following the surgery, Torvi required 3 months of in-home care, which Lauren was happy to provide. During this time, Torvi learned trust and enjoy human affection. Once healed, Torvi was adopted, but unfortunately her adopter passed away. Torvi's return brought more challenges as she needed time to reacclimate due to the drastic changes in her life. Torvi then developed eye issues, soon to be diagnosed as Keratoconjunctivitis Sicca, dry eye syndrome, which caused irritation to her eyes and meant lifelong treatment for her.

Torvi patiently waited in Lauren's home until January 2024 when her savior, Christina, came to meet her. Christina fell in love with Torvi and was so excited to bring her home forever! **Your gift helps to provide lifesaving care.**



## Paw it Forward

Helping members of the community is one of our core values. Our Paw it Forward program provides food, supplies, medication, medical care, training consultations, and support for struggling families. If we have the resources, we extend our help. So far this year, we've assisted over 45 families in need, helping them keep their pets in loving homes. Your support allows us to continue to help.



**Your gift helps sustain the animal-human bond.**

## Looking Ahead

As we look back on this 50th year, we reflect on all your support has allowed us to accomplish and all the forward strides we have made. In this year of change; the move to our state-of-the-art facility, a new board president, and a new leadership team, we have assisted the community in more ways than we ever imagined. We look forward to our Grand Opening in 2025 and we thank each and every one of you for your support along the way.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, our devoted staff and volunteers, and the thousands of animals cared for, we wish you an abundance of peace, good health, and happiness in the new year. Thank you for your dedication to DAWS as we continue to carry out our mission.

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I am interested in learning more about the renovation project.

### LEAVING A LEGACY

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