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Wright-Way Rescue gears up for big weekend with walk and awareness seminar

Speaking of Hounds - Bella is currently looking for a home and is at Wright-Way Rescue. She'd love to be adopted in time to participate in the 2K walk on October 8.

Credits: Wright-Way Rescue

Wright-Way Rescue has a big weekend planned with its first Harvest for the Hounds and a seminar aimed at introducing the local community to animal welfare advocates. Harvest for the Hounds 5K Run and 2K Walk and Fall Festival is slated for Saturday, October 8 at Bunker Hill Forest Preserve on Touhy and Hart in Niles. On Sunday, October 9 the rescue will be co-hosting a *Meet Your Animal Welfare Advocates* with a local Eagle Scout candidate at the Niles Public Library.

Harvest for th Hound

The first Harvest for the Hounds features the 5K-timed run and a 2K walk along with a harvest festival that will feature many family- and dog-friendly events. Registration is \$35 in advance for adults, \$15 for children (3 to 12-years-old) and \$175 for a team or family of four to six.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. for both the walk and run for those who do not register in advance online. The timed 5K run will be for people only and is set to begin at 8:30 a.m. and the 2K walk is slated to begin at 9:30 a.m. The walk is open to walkers and dogs of all ages.

"Some of the money raised will help our 'Raise the Woof' Campaign that is helping us raise money to purchase our own building," adds Hannah Arbizzani, program and fundraising director for the organization. Wright-Way Rescue has lost the lease at their current location and they are currently looking for a new permanent home. "We not only need funds to purchase the building, but also to make sure that there are enough funds to remodel the building and update the ventilation system to prevent the spread of diseases such as Parvo."

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Wright-Way is also working with Niles Eagle Scout Candidate Tim Duffey to present an educational seminar on Sunday, October 9 starting at 3:30 p.m. at the Niles Public Library. The *Meet Your Animal Welfare Advocates* will focus on animal rescue and some of the issues rescuers are currently facing.

"My scout master suggested that I do something I enjoy when I started planning my Eagle Scout project," says Duffey. "We have four cats and two dogs at home and I love taking care of my own animals. I wanted to do a project that was focused on animals. I organized two car washes to raise money to feed the animals at the rescue. I also am working on the seminar to help educate more people about animal welfare."

"This is a good opportunity for people to learn more about the advocacy going on in our community," says Arbizzani. "Too many people don't think about where the dogs come from in pet stores or take time to think about why there are so many stray or feral cats and what should be done. There is also a whole group working with the animals from Wagner Farm after they are no longer needed there. There are many organizations fighting for better treatment of animals."

Meet your animal welfare advocates

- **Wright-Way Rescue**– Arbizzani will represent the organization that rescues dogs and cats from rural animal shelters in Southern Illinois that euthanize 90 percent of the animals taken in. The animals are adopted in Chicago and the organization is on track to adopt out 3,000 this year.
- **The Puppy Mill Project** – Cari Meyers – This organization educates the public and raises awareness about puppy mills and their direct connection to puppy stores, Internet sites and newspaper ads that sell dogs.
- **Have a Heart Farm Rescue/Wagner Farm Rescue Fund**– Debby Rubenstein – HAHF was founded to establish a permanent and humane placement site for animals that are no longer being featured at Wagner Farm. It has since branched to find placements for other farm and non-farm animals with special needs.
- **Feral Feline Project** - Serena Fried – This organization specializes in the Trap Neuter and Return (TNR) of feral (wild) or stray, outdoor cats and focuses on humanely reducing outdoor and abandoned cats living in Northern Cook County.

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