



HUMANE SOCIETY *of Washington County*

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HUMANE SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY EMBARKS ON ITS 100th ANNIVERSARY WITH A CENTENNIAL KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

HAGERSTOWN – The Humane Society of Washington County (HSWC) invites the public to the shelter on Wednesday, November 3 at 11 am to kick off HSWC's yearlong Centennial Celebration.

At this special community event, staff and volunteers will be onsite to share information about HSWC's past and present, including displays of historical memorabilia and ways to get involved with the organization.

At 11:30 am, there will be a brief presentation as HSWC prepares to bury a time capsule of memorabilia on its Maugansville Road property. The time capsule will be marked to remain buried for 50 years – until November 2071.

"This is truly a historic time not only for HSWC, but for the animals and residents of Washington County. One hundred years of saving lives is no small feat. It's unbelievable how far we've come," said Colin Berry, Executive Director. "The community has been instrumental in the shelter's growth and success over the years, and we can't wait to come together to kick off the yearlong celebration!"

2022 Centennial Wall Calendars featuring HSWC Alumni animals will be on sale at the event. Memorial brick pavers – a popular way to honor a beloved person or pet – will also be available to order. The personalized bricks will then be installed on the front sidewalk of the shelter in the coming year.

"100th Birthday" cupcakes and other light refreshments will be served. The event will be held outside, weather permitting.

The Humane Society of Washington County exists to promote the welfare of companion and domestic animals through educational programs and initiatives that reduce pet overpopulation, endorse fostering, enrich adoptions, and encourage responsible pet guardianship.

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