

PAWS 5K Event Talking Points

About the Event

- The 22nd Annual PAWS Chicago 5K is taking place today from 7:30-11am.
- There are thousands of animal-loving participants here at Montrose Harbor in support of PAWS Chicago's mission to build a No Kill city.
- This is Chicago's largest pet-friendly charity event and we welcome animal loving attendees and their dogs to come together and take steps to save the lives of homeless pets.
 - Note: We are expecting 3,000 people and 1,000 dogs
- Participants can enjoy family and fido-friendly activities, live entertainment, an interactive dog agility course, doggy oasis with pools, a raffle, sponsor freebies, and more!
- (The Hero Hangout is presented by Copper Dog Whisky)

Doggy Oasis

- Pets can cool off in the shade or jump in one of the pools at our Doggy Oasis. (Sponsored by Paradise 4 Paws & Pooch Hotel)
- It's the perfect place to enjoy the ultimate pampering experience with brushouts, paw-dicures, massages, and more

Agility Course

- Dogs can play at the agility course! There are tons of fun obstacles to engage pups (and their owners) physically and mentally! (Sponsored by Tucker Pups Pet Resort)

Pricing

- Come on down to the 5K! You can register on-site today for \$60 and receive a free event shirt! Children are just \$20, and dogs are FREE!

How does the 5K help homeless pets?

- PAWS Chicago is the city's largest No Kill animal shelter.
- The PAWS 5K raises much needed funds for PAWS Chicago's critical programs that have greatly contributed to reducing the killing of homeless pets in Chicago by 91% since the organization's founding in 1997.
- In a typical year, PAWS finds homes for 5,000 dogs and cats, and performs 15,000 free and low cost spay and neuter surgeries for under-resourced communities.
- The PAWS Chicago Lurie Clinic is one of the largest high volume free and low-cost spay/neuter clinics in the country and has performed nearly 300,000 surgeries for communities that do not have access to these resources. This reduces the number of animals born, and ultimately killed, in shelters.
- PAWS Chicago is home to the nation's largest and most advanced medical hospital for homeless pets which provides treatment for sick and injured dogs and cats in Chicagoland and from shelter partners in 13 high-kill states where pets are most at risk of euthanasia.
- PAWS is 100% reliant on the support of the community and every donation supports this lifesaving work.