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## **PAWS AND CLAWS TO OPEN NEW EVANSTON FACILITY SPRING 2023**

Evanston, IL -December 12, 2022 - Animal lovers will breathe a little easier in Spring 2023, when Evanston welcomes a new full-service animal shelter focused on saving felines. Located at 829 Chicago Avenue in Evanston's Main-Dempster Mile, the Paws and Claws Cat Adoption Center will be a hub for education, resources, adoptions and gatherings.

Founded early in the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 by Ashlynn Boyce, Paws and Claws has saved nearly 1,000 animals to date.

Boyce said, "We have grown so quickly over the past two and a half years and have hit a point where we really just need a space to continue moving forward in the way we envision. This center will allow us to be much more efficient, benefiting the animals and cutting costs. Most importantly, we are excited to have a space where we can work closely with the community who has supported us from day one and driven Paws and Claws to where it is today."

Paws and Claws focuses on rescuing cats who are traditionally overlooked and at increased risk of euthanasia in municipal shelters, such as black cats, FIV positive felines, orphaned neonatal kittens, and under-socialized/shy cats.

Paws and Claws Rescue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to preventing, and alleviating the suffering caused by abuse, neglect, and overpopulation. The organization helps cats heal - mentally and physically - and gives them an opportunity to find love, a full life, and a forever home. The organization is a community-based rescue, serving Evanston, Skokie, Wilmette, and other north shore suburbs, as well as Chicago.

Paws and Claws is currently engaged in a fundraising campaign with a goal of \$400,000 for the buildout and building operating costs.

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