



STEPS FOR PETS 2021 – FAQs

Question	Area	Answer
Where do I park?	Arrival	We will not have a formal registration at this year's event, but the "open" start line will be placed near the lower pavilion. Parking can be found in the following areas: 1) Lower pavilion lot 2) Meadowbrook School lot 3) Residential street parking
When should I arrive?	Arrival	We will have an open start time, so you'll be able to start your walk as soon as you arrive! Walks can begin anytime between 9:00am-12:00pm.
Should I use my GPS to find the park?	Arrival	If you need to use GPS to get to the event, be sure to use Meadowbrook ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (or the park's street address of 670 Hillcrest Heights) . For some reason the park location takes you to someone's driveway.
Can I make additional donations the day of?	Fundraising	Absolutely! You can donate online at stepsforpets.org or you can mail a check to: Happily Ever After ATTN: Steps for Pets E5714 Bork Rd Marion, WI 54950
Will there be fundraising prizes this year?	Fundraising	While our main objective in hosting this event is to create a sense of community and bring our supporters together, we understand that some of you really want to fundraise to help even more animals. THANK YOU!! If you choose to fundraise for this event, we will be sharing a \$5 merchandise certificate for every \$50 raised!
Can I register for the event the day-of?	Registration	We are requesting pre-registration for this year's event, and it will be available online only. Registration will remain open until 8:00am on Saturday, September 18.
Will my registration include a t-shirt?	Registration	As registration for this event is free of charge, there will not be an event-specific t-shirt included with registration. However, your favorite HEA styles will be available for sale at the event - be sure to check out the merchandise tent before you leave!
How long will the walk take?	Walk	With no formal start time, you can walk as quickly (or slowly!) as you'd like. The HEA merchandise booth at the "finish line" will be open until 1:00pm.
Can I do the walk without a pet?	Walk	For sure! This is about people that love pets and community. Short answer, ALL are welcome!
Can I walk with a cat?	Walk	Yes, you can! Strollers are highly recommended to keep our feline friends safely contained.
Are there bathrooms on the trail?	Walk	There will not be restrooms along the trail. However, there will be men's and women's restrooms available in the upper pavilion.
If my pet is unaltered (i.e. "not fixed"), can my pet and I walk in this event?	Walk	Yes, you can. But all pets must be up to date on their vaccinations in order to participate in Steps for Pets.
What should I wear?	Walk	Hosting this event in September in Wisconsin, the answer to this question is anyone's guess. We'll need to rely on the weather forecast for this one!



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		We would highly recommend comfortable walking/running shoes. The trail terrain consists of gravel, grass, pavement, and if it were to rain a lot in advance of walk day...a little mud (mostly avoidable).
What should I bring?	Walk	Regardless of weather, we would recommend a camera to capture memories, poop bags, and cash or a credit card (if you plan to shop the HEA merchandise tent). If it's sunny maybe some sunscreen, sunglasses, & bug spray. If it's rainy, a poncho and an umbrella would be good additions.
What are the trail conditions?	Walk	The trail consists of flat areas as well as a couple of hills. The trail terrain is made-up of pavement, gravel, grass and sometimes even a little bit of mud.
Is this a rain or shine event (snow too)?	Walk	Yes! And thankfully, there is no threat of snow this year!
What is the weather forecast?	Walk	We would recommend checking the local weather forecast with news channels 2, 5, 11 or 26. Weather apps on a smart device are not always reliable on the local level.
Am I able to use a retractable leash?	Walk	With so many pets at this event, we ask that all participants leave their retractable leashes at home. These leashes can pose a tripping/tangle hazard to everyone involved. And frankly, we want to avoid that.
Will HEA provide poop-bags?	Walk	We ask that you bring your own poop bags and respectfully pick up after your pet. Should there be an emergency, HEA will have some poop bags available.
Will there be water available on the trail (for people and pets)?	Walk	Yes, to both! However, having some extra water with you may be a good idea.
Can I run, bike or rollerblade?	Walk	Currently this event is organized as a walk. We ask that all participants travel the trail on foot.
What will the post-walk activities look like this year?	Post-Walk Event	After the walk, join us back at the "starting line" (lower pavilion) to shop HEA's merchandise, grab some treats, and mingle with other pet loving people!