



## June is National Foster a Pet Month!

# “Can I crash at your place?”

Apply to be an HSSW Foster today.



humane society  
of Southern Wisconsin



In 2019, Petco Love (formerly known as The Petco Foundation), with Sketchers, declared June National Foster a Pet Month! The goal of this month is to encourage people to foster a pet, especially during the summer months when animal shelters are overrun with animals. Temporary fostering of pets not only provides time for these pets to get adopted but living in a home environment is beneficial overall to their physical and emotional health. Fostering also opens up space for animal shelters to take in more pets, saving more lives in the process.

“If less than two percent of the 85 million pet-owning households in the U.S. fostered one pet a year, we could eliminate unnecessary euthanasia in animal shelters tomorrow,” said Susanne Kogut, President of Petco Love. “That’s a pretty startling statistic to most people. We believe if more people knew about the lifesaving impact of fostering, and that it can be an easy and fun experience, more people would do it.”

Currently, The Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin has over 200 dedicated fosters that tackle all different types of cases from orphaned kittens to dogs recovering from heartworm treatment and everything in between. We are always looking to grow our foster family and encourage all interested parties to apply!

To learn more about HSSW's lifesaving foster program, please visit [our website](#) or contact our Volunteer & Foster Coordinator, Amy, at [awarrichaiet@petsgohome.org](mailto:awarrichaiet@petsgohome.org)

[Become a Foster](#)

## Introducing 'Happy Home, Safe Home'

The Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin is not only committed to helping pets go home, but making sure that home is safe. Even in the most trying of times, 48% of domestic violence survivors will stay in an abusive situation rather than leave a pet behind. In partnership with Defy Domestic Abuse Beloit, HSSW's Happy Home, Safe Home Program can help you take the steps necessary towards safety, pet included. Whether that be financial assistance for pet needs, providing temporary pet housing or food, veterinary care, or anything in between, HSSW is here to help.

***If you are experiencing similar circumstances with your pet and are in need of assistance, please reach out to HSSW Business Development Director, Kaitie Swedlund, at [kswedlund@petsgohome.org](mailto:kswedlund@petsgohome.org) or by phone at 608-752-5622.***

***If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, please seek support from [Defy Domestic Abuse Beloit](#) at 608-364-1083.***

## May Recap



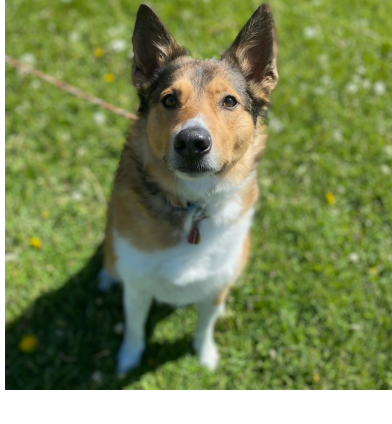
Pets that were reunited with their owners last month:

**42**



Pets that found loving forever homes last month:

**185**



Total adoptions this year through last month:

**787**

## New ASPCA Data on the “Pet-Return Panic”

## New Tattoo AND Helping Pets Go Home?



By now, most of you have probably seen news reports about adopters returning shelter pets in record numbers. Although national shelter data doesn't reflect these dire reports or predictions, the ASPCA felt it was important to conduct [a poll of the general public on the topic of pet acquisition and retention](#) in a post-pandemic world, and help to definitively refute these claims.

**The ASPCA is happy to share the good news that the overwhelming majority of dogs and cats acquired during the pandemic are still in their homes!**

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We say, yes! Take a look at Tattoo Obscura's pet/rescue themed flash sheet and get your favorite tattoo for just \$60. With each tattoo purchase from the flash sheet, \$20 will be donated to us here at HSSW! Want to customize your tattoo? No problem! Any tattoo on the flash sheet can be customized to your liking, price may change accordingly. Tattoo Obscura is open by appointment only and you will need to schedule your appointment in advance. Tattoo Obscura tends to book out pretty far, but don't worry! This is an on-going fundraiser and there's no rush! Book your appointment by emailing or messaging [Tattoo Obscura](#) on Facebook! Tattoo Obscura's new location is 114 S Franklin St in Janesville!

For more information on ongoing community fundraisers, please visit [our website](#)!

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## Staff Spotlight - Breanna Fossum



Bre began working for HSSW in April of 2021. She works all three departments: animal care, adoptions, and med staff! Her favorite thing about working at HSSW is the people and helping pets find their forever homes. She has two dogs at home, a pittie/lab mix named Boomer and a mastiff named Goliath!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Mounds Adoption Event at Janesville Mounds

Saturday, June 19th

Please stop by and meet some of our adoptable pets who are looking for a great home! You can speak to some of our amazing volunteers to learn more about the pets at the event and the ones back at our facility. Even if you can't adopt at the moment you can learn more about other ways to support us such as volunteering, fostering, or donating! We hope to see you there!

### Milton Library's Donation Drive for HSSW

Monday, June 21st - Saturday, June 26th

Milton Public Library will be hosting a donation drive for HSSW from June 21-26 as part of their Tails & Tales Summer Reading Program! During this week, please bring donations to the library (430 E High St. in Milton) and be entered to win an HSSW t-shirt!

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