



A message  
from Sandy



### Season's Greetings from HSSW's Board President

On behalf of HSSW's Board of Directors, Happy Holidays to you and your family! The holidays are my absolute favorite time of year for a few different reasons, one of which is that it's an opportunity to reflect on the past year and all that we're thankful for. It's also a time to look at the year ahead and see what's on the roadmap for HSSW in 2022. We have a lot to be thankful for this year indeed and I'd like to touch on some of the highlights that made this year so special.

Our new director, Jim McMullen, completed his first full year at HSSW this past September. The Board could not be happier with all that Jim has accomplished this past year, especially considering it was all done through a pandemic. From wildly successful fundraisers, to quickly getting up to speed on all the in's and out's of shelter life, to getting to know staff and how to make the most of their expertise, to say it was a successful year is an understatement. If you haven't had a chance to meet Jim yet, please say "Hi" next time you're at the shelter if you see him.

This also was the year we finally got to make the big announcement so many had been waiting for, "We're ready to break ground on the new building!" This past year was made up of a whirlwind of

design sessions, planning sessions and numerous reiterations to get to what we finally believe is our new shelter. Designing our new building was a group effort between Jim, HSSW staff and the Board, and in the end, I think we came up with the perfect blueprint to move us into 2022 and beyond. We believe our new home is right-sized, well thought out and smartly configured to make the most of our new space with ability to expand in the future. Even though we've faced a few obstacles between shortages in materials and shipping delays, we are still on track for an end-of-Spring grand opening. Woohoo!

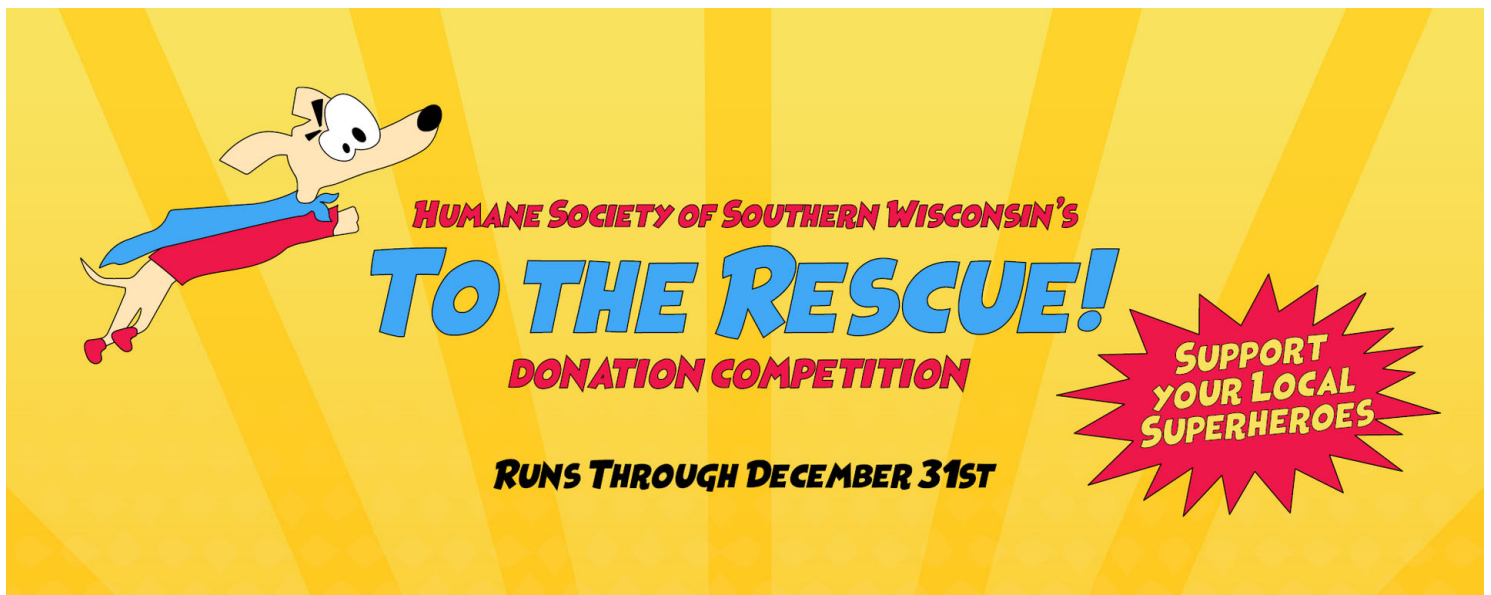
Lastly, I'd like to touch on YOU as one of our valued supporters and how important it is to us that you feel engaged and involved. Without our supporters and our community, we would not be where we are. We rolled out a new membership plan December 1st designed to provide a number of new [membership options](#) and associated benefits. The new plan was designed with everyone in mind, including even a Junior Pet Lovers club for the younger pet lover in your life. Membership to HSSW makes a great gift and is something that provides benefits for a full year. We also will be rolling out a newly improved Volunteer Program in 2022 designed to onboard volunteers more quickly and easily. Our new building is going to afford us the chance to roll out newly created programming and a wide range of opportunities for volunteers and fosters in 2022 and beyond. Volunteering at HSSW is definitely where it's going to be at in 2022, so keep an eye on the website for more info!

On behalf of the HSSW Board of Directors, we hope you and your family enjoy the holidays. We look forward to all that 2022 has in store and hope the new year brings you and your family much happiness and well being.

Sincerely,

Sandy Bennett  
President, HSSW Board of Directors

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## Superheroes to the Rescue!

The Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin has called in the most daring, valiant, and fearless heroes we know to help us continue to save 5,000 pets every year! Through the month of December, these superheroes will tighten their capes, gather their allies, and polish their powers. Superheroes

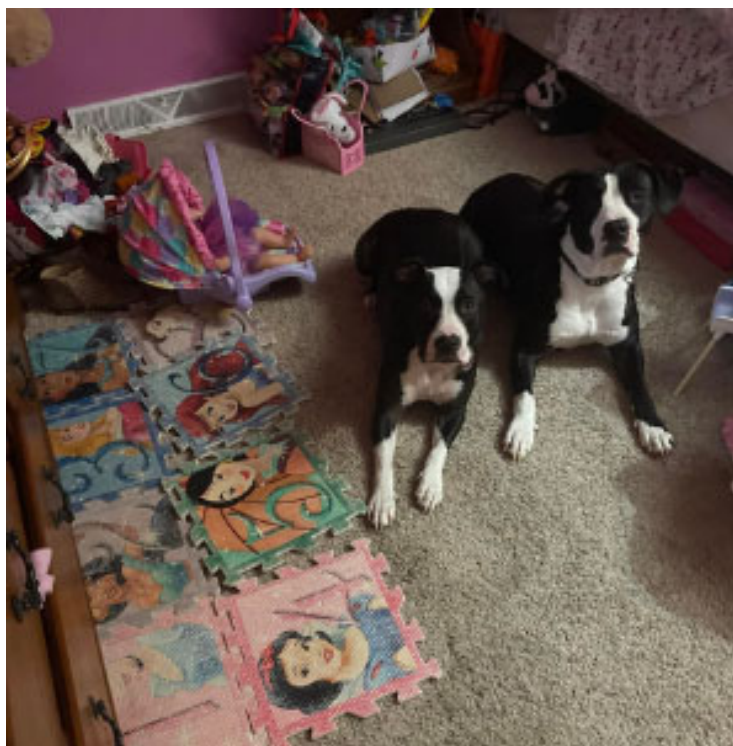
will work to collect more monetary and in-kind donations than their nemeses by December 31st, 2021. The top three winners will receive the coveted traveling trophies, as well as rewards by achieving milestones along the way!

Monetary donations can be given directly to your superhero or submitted by visiting the link below.

Interested in joining our elite team of superheroes? There's still time! Contact Ann at [apeterson@petsgohome.org](mailto:apeterson@petsgohome.org)

### Support A Superhero

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### Clover's New Home

Remember Clover? The tenacious dog about town that eluded concerned community members for several weeks is now quite happy with his forever home and loving family. Clover (now Clark) is enjoying his new life with his new best friend, Otis (also an HSSW Alumni) thanks to the unwavering efforts of our caring community.

Have you adopted a forever friend from The Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin in Janesville? Please join our HSSW Alumni page to share updates and pictures with staff, fosters, and other adopters!

[Join Here](#)

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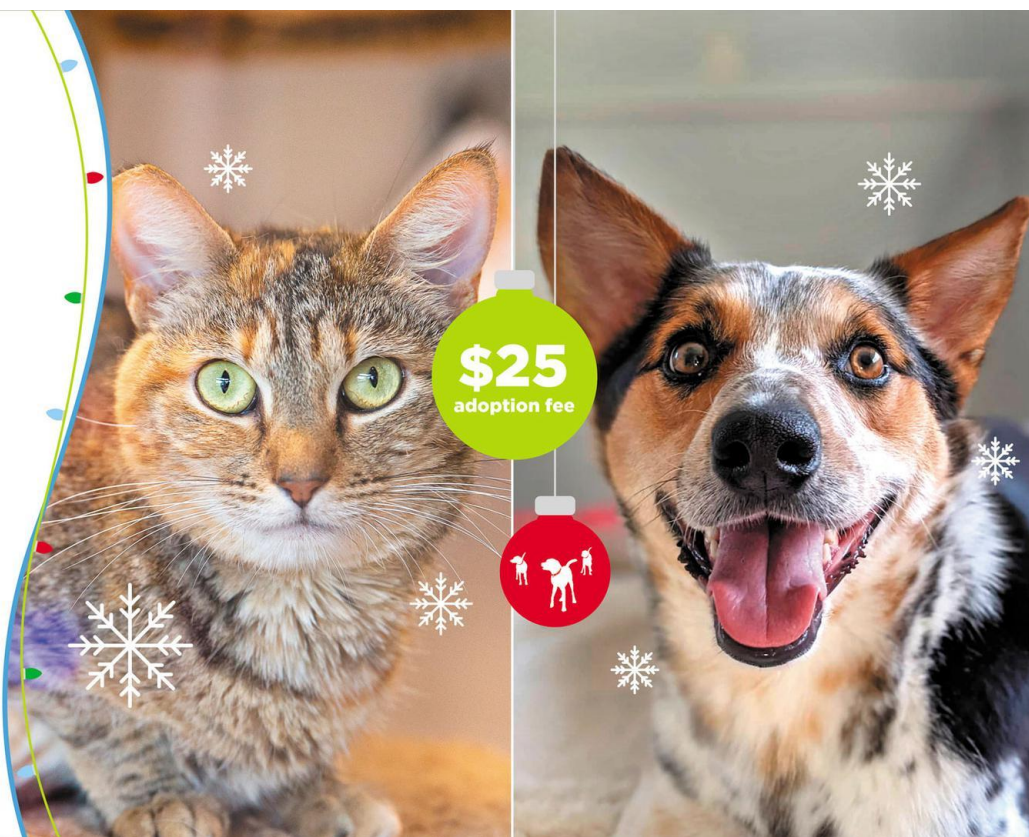
# empty<sup>the</sup> shelters

HOLIDAY HOPE EVENT

Visit [bissellpetfoundation.org/ets](https://bissellpetfoundation.org/ets)  
for more details!



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Until every pet has a home.



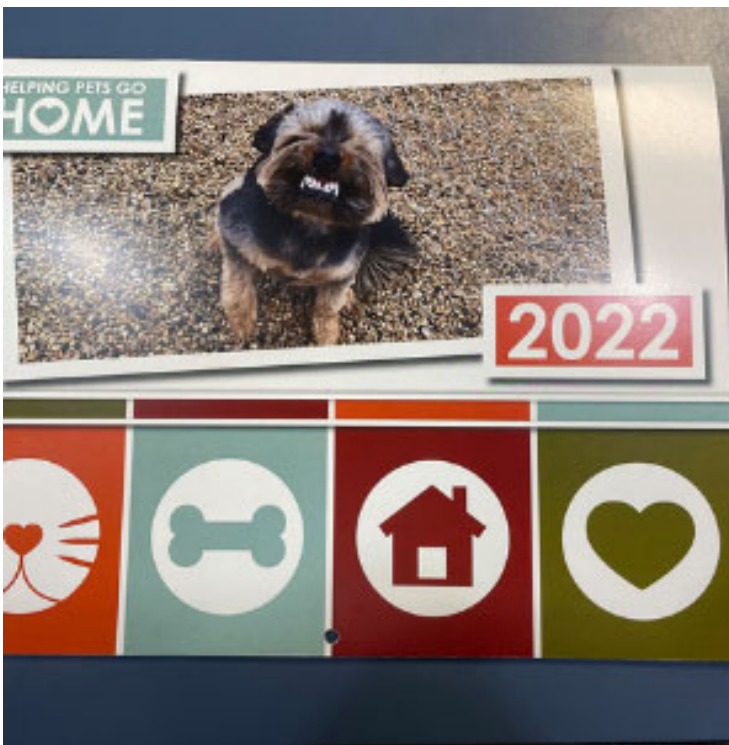
## We are Emptying the Shelter!

Through Sunday, December 12th, adoption fees are \$25 and [BISSELL Pet Foundation](https://bissellpetfoundation.org) will sponsor the remaining cost!

Additional fees still apply, such as city of Janesville licensing, cat carrier (if not provided), leash and collar (if not provided). Special adoption prices only apply for patents at our main shelter location, not offsite locations including vet clinics, Petco, or Mounds. Adopters are still required to complete a standard adoption application.

Due to the frequent turnover of available pets here at our shelter, please keep an eye on our website, which is always up to date!

[See Who's Available for Adoption](#)



## Adorable Holiday Gift Alert!

Our Cutest Pets Calendars are now available! Start out every month in 2022 with a new lovable face from our Cutest Pets Photo Contest while also supporting pets going home. Calendars are \$10 and can be purchased from the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin during normal business hours.



## New Building Update

We have a wall! The outside wall on the "cat side" of the building is currently being constructed. Now finished, is the first layer of blacktop for the driveway and parking lot, along with the sidewalks and dog kennels! The roof is anticipated to be constructed yet this month. Just a reminder that no visitors are allowed on the site without prior approval.

You can still contribute to our capital campaign and become a part of this exciting new chapter for our community!

[Donate Now](#)

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We are celebrating the adoption of a longtime resident, Bagheera! After 5 months, this sweet senior living with diabetes has finally found the perfect forever home. We couldn't be happier for our dear friend and her new family



HSSW has earned a 2021 Platinum Seal of Transparency! Now, everyone can see our strategy, metrics, and achievements.

We are proud to use GuideStar to share our complete story with you. To reach the Platinum level, we submitted extensive information such as in-depth financials and quantitative information about goals, strategies, and progress toward our mission.

[Check out our updated #NonprofitProfile](#)

## November Recap



Pets that were reunited with their owners last month:

**47**



Pets that found loving forever homes last month:

**184**

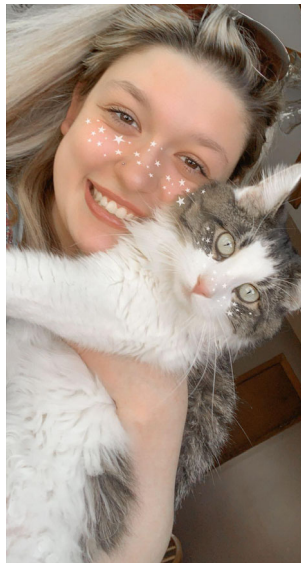


Total adoptions this year through last month:

**1,910**

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### **Staff Spotlight - Reghan Linneman**



Reghan joined HSSW in 2019 as an Adoptions Counselor. She now works in Intake and Surgery.

"I will never forget Captain Jack McLovin'. He came to HSSW with an injured right front leg and they decided to send him into foster care to see if some rehab might help. This boy was DIFFICULT. Every single splint or brace we put on him, he would get off. After some tests and x-rays, they decided it was best to amputate. My dad did not want a 2-month-old kitten to get his leg amputated, so he decided we could adopt him. This is the same guy who said NO CATS EVER. We had a great 15 months with him before he unfortunately passed from a deadly disease called FIP. I will never forget him because he was my FIRST foster, my FIRST cat, and he was a very unique and special boy!"

Reghan currently has 3 HSSW Alumni at home. Bieber is a 10-year-old domestic shorthair, Bronx is a 1-year-old pitbull mix, and Koa is a 6-month-old domestic shorthair.

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## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

### Low Cost Vaccine Clinic

December 13, 20 & 27  
12pm - 3pm

HSSW is happy to offer low-cost vaccination services to the community, by appointment only. All dogs must be on a leash (no retractable leashes allowed) and cats must be in carriers. Including FVRCP and DA2PP (FREE while supplies last), Rabies (\$10), Bordetella (\$15), and microchip (\$20).

### Mounds Adoption Event

Saturday, December 18  
10am - 12pm

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!

### Get Involved

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### Our Contact Information

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