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Show Off Your Adorable Pet Today!

Is your pet worthy of a coveted spot on our 2024 Cutest Pet Calendar? From now through April 30th, here's your chance to put your beloved companion in the spotlight! It only costs \$10 to register.

Don't forget to tell everyone – your family, friends, and social media followers – and then wait for the votes to roll in! Voting is simple: One vote costs \$1. People can vote as often as they like and votes will be displayed on the contest web page as they come in! Remember... vote early, vote often, and encourage friends and family to vote!

You can also guarantee a spot in the calendar by reserving a specific day to feature your pet's photo for only \$10! This is a great way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary!

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to help continue our mission: helping pets go home!

Enter Your Pet & Vote!



Kids' Summer Camp Registration Now Open

Give your kids a tail waggin' good time this summer by signing up for Camp Unleashed! From June through August, HSSW will host several camps for kids ages 6-13, each focusing on a particular topic related to animals. Camps will include a fun mix of animal interactions, games, educational lessons, and crafts.

Vet Camp *June 12-15*

An age-appropriate introduction to shelter veterinary medicine.

Pawcasso Art Camp *June 20-21 & June 26-27*

The perfect camp for young, animal loving artists!

Pets Pals Camp *July 10-13, July 17-20, July 31-Aug. 3*

A chance for kids to practice compassion and kindness towards animals while learning about responsible pet ownership and our shelter.

Wildlife Explorers Camp *August 14-15*

Young campers will learn about animal life around the world and travel to exotic ecosystems without leaving the safety of HSSW!

Shelter Superhero Camp *August 16-17*

Our young superheroes will get to know all of the important careers that exist concerning the animal welfare.

Learn More & Sign Up



Kitten Shower

May 13th 9-11am



It's A Kitten Shower!

Stop by the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin on Saturday, May 13th from 9-11 AM to bask in all the kitten glory and maybe even add one to your family! There will be children's activities, refreshments, the opportunity to play with kittens, and even adopt them!

If you would like to make a donation to help the 600+ kittens that will go through our foster program this spring and summer, check out our [wish lists](#)!

We are also looking for [fosters](#) to help out during kitten season! As a foster, you will be provided with food, toys, supplies, medical care, and a support team to answer questions and provide guidance along the way.

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Animal Care Expo

HSSW staff members recently attended the annual Animal Care Expo, held this year in New Orleans. The largest international educational conference and tradeshow for animal welfare professionals and volunteers invites experts to learn about the latest programs and best practices through workshops, labs, networking opportunities, and social events.

Our staff learned valuable information, including systems and protocols that will be utilized in our volunteer and foster programs. They also had the opportunity to tour three local shelters and even meet Tia Torres (pictured), founder of Villalobos Rescue Center featured on Pit Bulls and Parolees!

We value opportunities such as this that allow HSSW to continue expanding our knowledge in providing the best quality of care possible for the animals passing through our shelter.



Compassion in Action

A very special thank you to Mrs. Fehly's literacy class at Edison Middle School for collecting over 660 books throughout March, which they donated to Asher's Library here at HSSW! These books are free of charge and available for everyone to borrow or exchange, as well as for use while participating in our [Wags & Tales Reading Program](#).

This book drive was held in loving memory of Asher Bondehagen Meskan, a passionate animal advocate, HSSW supporter, and former student of Mrs. Fehly. At 12 years old, Asher collaborated with HSSW to develop the Asher & Sam Project, to help offer care for animals with complex medical needs and promote senior pet adoption.

If you'd like to read the heartwarming story behind the Asher & Sam Project, or even contribute to its mission, visit our website to learn more.

The Asher & Sam Project



Win A Free Month with Furry Book Buddies

Have an avid reader at home, or a child who needs to work on their reading skills? Want to win a free month of reading?

Our Wags & Tales Reading Program is designed to help our shelter cats and dogs become more adoptable! Reading to our dogs and cats helps to bring them comfort and reduces their anxiety. It also allows children to practice their reading to a non-judgmental audience while helping timid or anxious shelter cats and dogs to acclimate to the presence of humans. Participants sit within designated cat areas or outside of a dog's kennel to read to them.

Who: Ages 6 and up (anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

Where: The Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin

When: 30-minute sessions, Monday–Friday from 10am-6pm (by appointment)

Cost: \$5 per session, \$15/month, or \$150 for a yearly membership (a \$30 savings!)

Thanks to Dollar General Janesville Distribution Center, we are giving away a free month of reading to one person each month in 2023! To enter the raffle, submit your information linked below. If you would like to sign up for the Wags & Tales Reading Program, visit petsgohome.org/kids-corner/wags-tales.

Enter to Win!

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New Event Announcement!

HSSW is partnering with Skelly's Farm Market to offer a beautiful and delicious 5k and 1-mile run/walk!

On Saturday, August 5th, participants of all ages will have the opportunity to race/mosey through Skelly's 6-acre sunflower field, scenic nearby roads, and strawberry beds, with an apple cider donut waiting at the finish line. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome!

Early bird registration is only \$35 and ends May 1st. Signup includes a race bib with time tracking, admission to the sunflower field, and an apple cider donut. Race T-shirts will be available for purchase with proceeds benefiting pets going home.

A significant portion of ticket sales will also benefit HSSW, as well as \$2 from every non-race participant sunflower field admission that day!

Sign Up Today!



Get Cozy with Coffee & Kitties

HSSW is proud to partner with BaristaCats Café in Whitewater, offering a cozy, quiet place to relax with a cup of coffee and feline friends.

Not only do visitors have the opportunity to pet and play with up to 20 cats at BaristaCats, but many are available for same-day adoption! This provides HSSW with another outlet to find homes for cats brought into our shelter and frees up space so we can help even more community cats!

Reservations are strongly encouraged, as seating is limited to 15 humans at a time. BaristaCats even hold special events, including Kitty Yoga, Purrs & Poetry, and Paws & Painting!

[Learn More & Reserve A Spot](#)



April Featured Item

This month's featured item is not only functional and adorable, but designed by one of HSSW's young supporters!

A huge thank you to Gracie, our Reduce Reuse Rescue tote competition winner, for her passion for animals and creating this beautiful design!

April is the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month, and all sales of these totes will go directly to HSSW and our mission of helping pets go home, thanks to [Raven's Wish](#). Totes are now available for \$20 (+tax) at HSSW's retail area and Raven's Wish Art Gallery (while supplies last). Stop by and get yours today!



Yappy Hour

Join us at your favorite local establishments for popular activities (including meat raffles, bingo and more), food and drink specials, 50/50 raffles, and fun with HSSW staff!

For every Yappy Hour you attend, get one free entry to our Mystery Wagon Raffle – a \$10 value! All proceeds benefit pets going home.

Next Yappy Hour – A meat raffle at Boundaries! Saturday, April 15th at 1 PM

Full Event List



Bags & Wags

Introducing a summer event for cornhole enthusiasts and animal lovers – Bags & Wags! On Saturday, June 11th, starting at 11 AM, 30 teams of two will participate in a bags tournament at Sammy's Hill Top. The winning team will receive up to \$400 in cash prizes!

Pre-registration is \$60 and includes event T-shirts for both team members and two drink chips. Well-mannered, leashed dogs are welcome!

Learn More

March Recap



Pets that were reunited with their owners last month:

39



Pets that found loving forever homes last month:

155



Total adoptions this year through last month:

469

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Mounds Adoption Event

Saturday, April 15
10am - 12pm
1725 Lodge Dr. Janesville

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!

Adopt-a-Pet at the Library

Wednesday, May 10
9:30 - 11:30am
316 S Main St, Janesville

Stop by Hedberg Public Library and say hello to HSSW volunteers, available to answer any questions you may have about adopting, fostering or becoming a volunteer yourself! There will even be an adoptable animal or two!

Get Involved



Our Contact Information

{{Organization Name}}

{{Organization Address}}

{{Organization Phone}}

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