

humane society



of Southern Wisconsin



CAMP UNLEASHED

HANDBOOK

ABOUT HSSW

Our mission

The Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin (formerly the Rock County Humane Society) is a private nonprofit 501c3 organization whose mission is to provide shelter and humane care to lost and homeless pets, reunite lost pets with their families, promote positive pet adoptions and educate our community in order to inspire compassion and responsible pet guardianship.

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LOCATION

Camps are held at HSSW, located at 4700 S County Road G, Janesville, WI. Since camp begins before the shelter opens to the public, the camp entrance will be different from the main entrance. Please enter through the Community Room Entrance. See photo below.



TIME

Camp begins at 8:30am and ends at 3:30pm, Monday through Thursday. Doors will open no more than 10 minutes prior to the start of camp each day. The Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin also offers extended care hours, with early drop-off at 8:00 am and late pick-up at 4:00 pm daily. Please note that the activities during these times will be self-guided (i.e. watching a movie, coloring, etc.). We request that campers pre-register for extended care hours. This is an add-on option available during registration.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

To ensure the safety of our campers, identification is required for camper pick up. All individuals authorized to pick up must be included in the registration paperwork. We appreciate your patience when completing the drop-off and pick-up process.

Camp doors will open at 8:20am. Pick-up ends at 3:40pm. If campers are not picked up within designated hours, the extended care fee will be applied.

DRESS CODE

Campers will be provided a camp t-shirt on the first day of camp. For safety and identification purposes, we ask that campers wear their camp t-shirt for the remainder of the week.

To prevent accidental scratches during animal interactions, all campers must wear closed-toe shoes and long, thick pants (jeans are preferred). Leggings and yoga pants are not permitted. Since campers spend time outdoors each day, we also encourage the application of sunscreen and bug spray prior to camp each morning.



LUNCH, SNACKS, & TOEBEAN TAVERN

Lunch is not provided by HSSW. Campers must bring their own non-microwavable and nonperishable lunch and water bottle. Water will be provided for refills throughout the day.

Campers will also have a designated snack time each day. Please provide your child with a snack from home, or money to purchase a snack from our Toebean Tavern. Our popular Toebean Tavern is loaded with snacks, drinks, and trinket items that campers can purchase multiple times per day. Funds sent will be spent at the discretion of the camper. Parents should please speak to their children prior to camp to discuss spending limits.

PHOTOGRAPHY & RECORDING

Completion of camp registration includes an agreement to our program waiver that gives HSSW permission to take and use, without limitation or obligation, photographs, video/audio recordings that include your child's image/voice for marketing purposes.

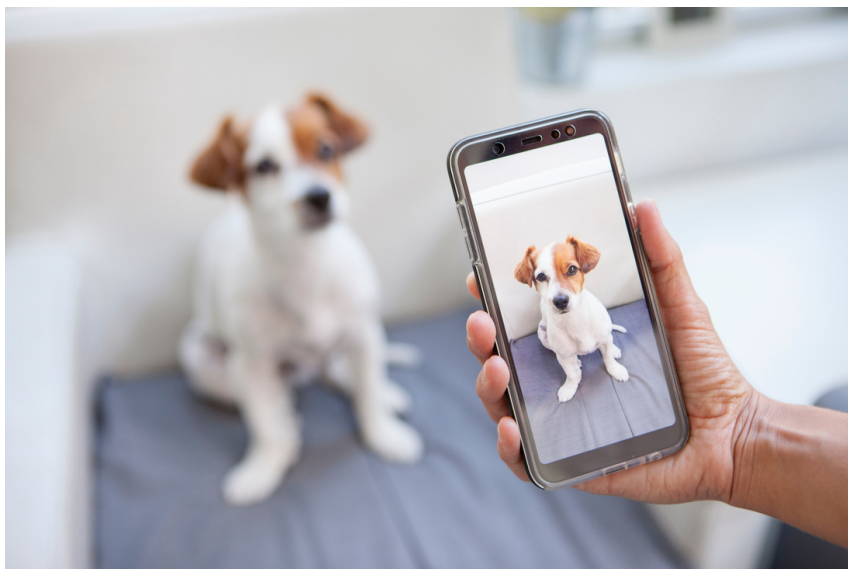


CAMERAS/PHONES

Phones are permitted at camp but must remain on silent mode and put away unless given permission from a camp counselor to use for an activity. Campers may be permitted to use their phones during lunch, snack, and extended care hours. Cameras (or phones that may be used as cameras) may be carried, but can only be used when instructed by a staff member. Behind-the-scenes photos are not permitted to be taken or shared as they could interfere with ongoing animal investigations.

If at any time the camera or phone becomes a distraction or is not being used appropriately, campers will be asked to put it away and not use it for the remainder of the day.

If the item continues to cause a problem, camp counselors reserve the right to remove access to the item until the end of the day.



HSSW is not responsible for any items that are lost, stolen, or damaged.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS & ALLERGIES

HSSW strives for inclusivity with all programming. Upon registration, parents are asked to report any special considerations a camper may have. This information helps camp staff understand the needs of your child and allows them to prepare accordingly.

Safety is our number one priority, so please consider the following:

- HSSW houses nearly 150 animals. Our camps incorporate animals in a variety of activities daily. If your child is uncomfortable with loud noises, strong smells, or has a severe allergy to animals this may not be the recommended camp for them.
- The animals in our care are provided daily enrichment that includes peanut butter. We cannot ensure that campers will not come in contact with surfaces that have trace amounts. **For this reason, we do not recommend that children with severe peanut allergies attend camp.**
- We try our best to accommodate special considerations, but we are unable to provide one-on-one instruction to campers. If this is something that your child needs, we ask that you provide an aide to assist during the camp day. In these situations, please notify us in advance.
- HSSW encourages parents with specific questions about the campus or facility to schedule a tour with a staff member. You can do this by contacting Faith Stephens at fstephens@petsgohome.org



ANIMAL SAFETY PROTOCOL

Campers will have the ability to interact with animals during each camp day. While HSSW does its best to provide a calm environment for the animals in our care, we recognize that shelters may cause elevated stress in some animals. If a camper is acting in a way that is unsafe or adds additional stress to the animals in our care, we may reduce their animal interaction time, or in extreme cases, prohibit such interactions altogether. Campers will be addressed using positive behavior management techniques; however, if inappropriate behavior continues, parents may be asked to pick up the camper early. A camper may be asked not to return to camp if the behavior does not improve. In these situations, HSSW will not issue a refund for camp time missed.

Animals in our care are provided with consistent veterinary care, including receiving vaccinations upon arrival. However, due to incubation periods, not all diseases are able to be detected immediately. For this reason, we recommend that all campers change out of camp clothes and wash hands prior to interacting with personal pets to reduce the risk of disease transfer.



FAQ

Q: What is included in my registration?

A: Camp registration fees include all materials, t-shirts, and some take home crafts as well! T-shirts will be handed out on the first day of camp and must be worn every day of camp.

Q: Do campers get to interact with animals?

A: Of course! Since we are a shelter with a constantly evolving population, we cannot predict what animals we will have at any given time (e.g. puppies, kittens, etc.), but we can ensure animal time each day at camp. The length and frequency of animal time each will depend on a variety of factors such as which animal we interact with and scheduled activities.

Q: Am I allowed to bring my personal pet to camp when picking up my child?

A: Because camps run during business hours, we kindly ask that your personal pets do not come inside the building to avoid conflict with our animals or animals here for clinic appointments. But feel free to bring pictures!

FAQ

Q: Who runs camps?

A: Each camp is led by an HSSW staff and assisted by volunteers. All staff and volunteers involved in camps have had a background check. HSSW staff members leading camp are certified in first aid and CPR.

Q: What is the refund policy regarding camps?

A:

- 75% refund 30 days or more prior to first day of program.
- 50% refund 15 days prior to first day of program.
- 25% refund 8 days prior to first day of program.
- No refunds will be issued 7 days or fewer prior to the first day of camp, unless proof of positive COVID-19 test can be provided.

Q: What are the fees for early drop-off and late pick-up?

A:

- Early Drop Off Single Day - \$10
- Late Pickup Single Day - \$10
- Early Drop Off and Late Pickup Full Camp - \$80
- Early Drop Off Full Camp - \$40
- Late Pickup Full Camp - \$40

FAQ

Q: My child needs medications while at camp. What do I need to do?

A: When you register your child for camp, you will receive an email with the link to a Camper Information Form that will include providing information on medications. This form must be filled out **PRIOR** to the first day of camp. All medications must be clearly labeled, including non-prescription medication. Campers that need to take prescription medications while at camp will also be required to fill out an additional form that includes a doctor's signature. Please contact us directly at fstephens@petsgohome.org to be given this form. Campers will be required to self-administer all medication under staff supervision.

Q: Will my child get to watch a surgery while at camp?

A: All vet camp participants will get the opportunity to visit our surgical suite and watch a surgery. However, campers that feel uncomfortable watching are not required to participate. Alternative activities are planned during this time to reduce any camper discomfort.