



A Shelter Tour from the Comfort of Home!

In the fall of 2022, HSSW held a grand opening weekend at our new location. We celebrated with local donors, partners, and community members all weekend long, offering behind-the-scenes tours, visits with adoptable pets, and refreshments.

Of course, not everyone could be in attendance and we know that much of our community still wants to peek behind the curtain at HSSW, so we developed this virtual tour with [Have Camera Wisconsin - Tom Edwards Photography and Video!](#)

Take the Virtual Tour



Donut Dash 2023

Skelly's first annual Donut Dash was not only a paw-some event, but a phenomenal success! 122 humans and many happy dogs participated in the run/walk throughout the beautiful Skelly's Farm Market property, including the blooming sunflower field. Human participants even received an apple cider donut and sunflower upon completion! We are so pleased with the turnout and happy to announce that over \$5,000 was raised to help pets go home!



A huge thank you to [Skelly's](#) for partnering with HSSW to make this event happen. There were so many comments from participants mentioning how enjoyable it was to run/walk such a unique, scenic, and peaceful route.

A special thank you to our generous sponsors: [All Creatures Small Animal Hospital](#), [Janesville Veterinary Clinic](#), [Culligan Water](#), [Squirrel's Nut Butter](#), and [Janesville Woodman's](#) – as well as Rural Vibe Photography for capturing the event and [Velocity Multi-Sport & Cycling](#) for coordinating the race.

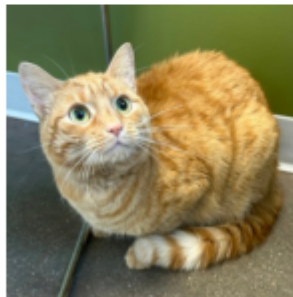
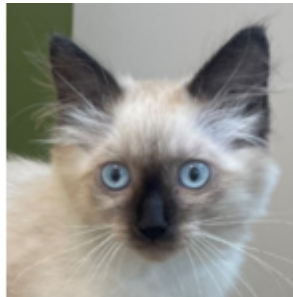
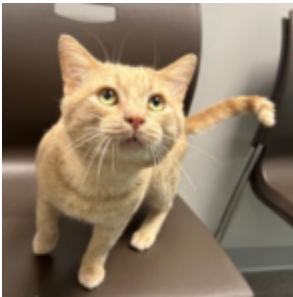
And of course, thank you to our wonderful volunteers and all of our participants!

Congratulations to the overall race winner, Andrew Wieners!

Top 3 female runners:

Lexi Loomer
Andrea Amend
Kristie Herman

Top 3 male runners:
Ben Ramic
Paul Roloff
Dan Heldt



47 Cats Go Home in One Day!

In honor of International Cat Day and National Dollar Day on August 8th, adoption fees for all cats and kittens available at the shelter were only \$1. We are incredibly happy to report an astounding 47 cats found forever homes that day! Not only did so many feline friends find well-deserved (and for many, much awaited) families, but this allowed us to make space for more cats in need of medical care and homes. Still looking to add a kitty companion to your household? We still have plenty of purr-fect matches to choose from – They may be more than a dollar, but worth every penny!

Adoptable Cats



Thank You, Grey Muzzle!

HSSW is honored to receive a \$4,000 grant from The Grey Muzzle Organization, which will allow us to offer half-price adoption fees and provide dental work, mass removals, and blood work for senior dogs in our care. Dogs like Kenneth, who is currently [available for adoption](#)!

Over the past 15 years, Grey Muzzle has awarded over \$4.6 million in grants to support senior dogs in receiving medical and dental treatments, foster and hospice care, and support in finding loving homes. Thank you, Grey Muzzle, for all that you do to help senior dogs!

Learn More About Grey Muzzle



Paws by the River is a Month Away!

On Saturday, September 23rd, the City of Janesville and HSSW will introduce Paws by the River, a dog walk and community event at Traxler Park to benefit local homeless pets. This joint fundraising endeavor will help bridge the gap of the city's budget shortfall in 2023.

Start the morning at 9 AM on a walk with your four-legged best friend (or without a dog is fine too!), followed by a family fun day beginning at 10 AM. Interact with City of Janesville vehicles in touch-a-truck fashion, watch K-9 demonstrations, meet Janesville Jets players and the mascot, play games, visit food trucks, have some adoptable animal fun at the HSSW tent, and more!

Tickets for the dog walk and family fun day are \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids ages 6 to 17, and include participation in the dog walk, a Paws by the River T-shirt, goodie bag, and admission to the family fun day. Tickets for the family fun day only are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Tickets must be purchased before September 1st to guarantee a T-shirt.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor or sponsor, contact Shannon at sredde@petsgohome.org

Learn More and Purchase Tickets

From Abuse to Adoption: Colima Flies Home

Colima's story is a heartbreaking one. Her journey to HSSW began with an elderly woman in Louisiana who heard a noise outside her house. She walked outside and was shocked at what she found: a sweet dog was laying on her porch severely injured with a deep cut on the side of her face and several serious lacerations on her back. The dog (later named Colima), was rushed to the vet where they shared that she had been attacked using a machete and escaped her abuser. She received immediate surgery and recovered in a foster home.

Despite experiencing unspeakable horrors, Colima's lighthearted spirit endured. [Greater Good Charity's Flights Program](#) chose to give her a second chance and she was the 9,999th animal to fly to a new state and towards a new home!



We are excited to report that Colima found her forever home shortly after arriving at HSSW! Her name is now Paramore, she loves going on walks, and is especially passionate about food.

To celebrate this happy ending and say thank you to the team that helped her heal physically, mentally, and emotionally, we are collecting donations for [Iberville Parish Shelter](#) to send back to Louisiana in honor of Paramore (formerly Colima), along with a happy tales adoption update.

If you would like to contribute, click below to visit our Venmo. Checks can also be mailed to the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin at 4700 S. County Trunk G Janesville, WI 53546. Just be sure to mention Colima/Paramore with your donation.

Make a Donation



Camp Unleashed Highlights Animal Care

Young aspiring veterinarians and fun-loving pet pals took part in HSSW's most recent Camp Unleashed sessions and loved every minute. Vet Camp participants learned about the basics of what it means to go into the profession, including how to show compassion to animals. Campers spent time with adoptable animals and even viewed a live spay surgery! Pet Pals Camp introduced young animal lovers to the necessities of how to care for our furry friends, along with games, art projects, and of course, visits with shelter residents!

Camp Unleashed may be finished for the summer, but we offer other youth programs all year round! Visit our website for more information on our Wags & Tales Reading Program or Birthday Paw-ties.

Kids' Corner



Mark Your Calendar for Mutts & Martinis!

Save the date and start planning your cocktail attire because HSSW's Mutts & Martinis is returning to a new location! Join us at Glen Erin Golf Club on Thursday, October 12th for delicious food, specialty martinis, silent and live auctions, professional photo opportunities, and more! You will spend the evening sipping Lolli-Pups and Canine Cosmos, socializing, and making memories while supporting HSSW's mission to help pets go home. More information and tickets will be available soon! Interested in becoming a sponsor? Contact Shannon at sredden@petsgohome.org

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A Successful Empty the Shelter Adoption Event

Thanks to the BISSELL Pet Foundation and MetLife Pet Insurance, 22 cats and 16 dogs found their forever homes during our most recent Empty the Shelter event! Throughout the second half of July, adoption fees for adult dogs and cats were reduced to \$50, with our friends at BISSELL sponsoring the rest.

Since 2016, BISSELL Pet Foundation has helped almost 158,000 pets go home throughout 49 states and Canada. We are so grateful for this partnership and opportunity to help more pets go home in our community.

Learn More About BISSELL Pet Foundation



Foster Fest

Join us at Janesville Veterinary Clinic West on Saturday, September 16th to support and celebrate local pet fosters!

From 10 AM-2 PM, learn more about pet fostering while entering to win door prizes, raffle baskets, and enjoy a TC Smash burger. Wish list donations are greatly appreciated!

HSSW Wish List



Duck Pluck

You could win a minimum of \$250! The more ducks we sell, the higher the cash prize! Ducks are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 – You pick the duck numbers and a lucky dog will pick the winners during **Paws by the River**. You don't need to be present to win! Every duck purchased benefits pets going home.

Ducks are available at HSSW, upcoming events, or contact Shannon below!

Get Yours!



Featured Items

Back to school has never been so cool with these new T-shirts and tumblers! The new T-shirt designs are replacing our now retired "adopt" line with both shirts available in three new colors, sizes S-2XL. Our HSSW Quencher Tumblers are 40 oz., insulated, and can be customized with your favorite pet decal (also available at HSSW retail). Stop by and get yours today!

July Recap



Pets that were reunited with their owners last month:

42



Pets that found loving forever homes last month:

209



Total adoptions this year through last month:

1147

STAFF SPOTLIGHT – EMILY SOMMERFELDT



Emily has been with HSSW since last December and is currently the cat care supervisor assistant. Her favorite part about working at the shelter is taking care of the animals and experiencing bonding moments with fellow staff.

"I'll never forget the day when the air conditioning went out in the dog area and everyone worked together to make sure all the dogs were okay."

At home, Emily has multiple dogs and cats. Her cat, Mylo, is an HSSW alumni and was adopted in 2016. She is looking forward to naming an animal Graham, in honor of her boyfriend's childhood dog.

Thank you for all you do, Emily!

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Beloit Public Library Outreach Event

Monday, Aug. 21
4:30 - 6:30pm
605 Eclipse Blvd, Beloit

Stop by Beloit 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!

Petco Adoption Event

Saturday, Sept. 2
11am - 1pm
2900 Deerfield Dr #120, 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, Sept. 13
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!

Mounds Adoption Event

Saturday, Sept. 16
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!

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