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Mutts & Martinis 2023

On Thursday, October 12th, friends and supporters of HSSW spent a lovely evening connecting with each other and supporting the mission that connects us all, helping pets go home. Each year, Mutts & Martinis celebrates all the animals saved, cared for, and welcomed into loving homes, all because of the dedication and generosity of our community members, including staff, fosters, volunteers, sponsors, donors, and adopters.

Attendees enjoyed this year's spacious new location, Glen Erin Golf Club, sipping specialty cocktails like Chocolate Labertinis and Dorky Yorkies, and participating in the wine pull, Rush Creek Distillery spirit tasting, and bidding on must-have items in the online and silent auctions. After a delicious plated dinner and a few words from Executive Director, Jim McMullen, art enthusiasts had the opportunity to bid on six paintings done by adoptable (and alumni) dogs, cats, and even a guinea pig! This pet art live auction proved to be a fun and exciting addition to the event!

A special thank you to our title sponsor Blackhawk Bank, as well as all of our other amazing event sponsors. Thank you to our item donors, guests, and everyone who bid on an auction item. Together, we raised over \$17,000 to help pets go home!



Clover's Happy Ending

Clover came to HSSW as a skinny and scared stray in March. She quickly became a staff and volunteer favorite, spending most of her days lounging in the office and enjoying all the snacks and love she deserved. You might have considered her spoiled. Those of us who loved and got to know her best were consistently baffled that she kept being overlooked by potential adopters. Finally, after 169 days at the shelter, Clover found her perfect forever family and we couldn't be more excited!

"She is doing great! She is now adored by all our kids and is doing well with our other dog, Layla. She is getting tons of walks in the Greenbelt and she pretty much rotates sleeping with one of our kids every night! She's been tearing up toys and pretty much living her best life! We love her! She has definitely made herself right at home!"

Thank You to Our 3rd Quarter Donors!

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Mutts & Movies Presents: Hocus Pocus

It's not too late to get your tickets for our first Mutts & Movies event, Howl-o-ween, on October 27th! For just \$20, you can drop the kids off and enjoy a date night, do some shopping, or relax and stay home while we provide our young moviegoers with an evening of fun and furry friends! Our October featured film is Hocus Pocus. Kids will each receive a snack box including popcorn, fruit snacks, and a drink, and will get to hang out with some of HSSW's VIP guest stars (adoptable pets) during the show! Costumes are welcome and encouraged, but please avoid inflatables and masks to avoid spooking our VIP guests. Tickets for our upcoming movie night are now available, so reserve your kids' seat(s) today!

[Register Online](#)



A Successful Fall Empty the Shelter Event

Thanks to the [BISSELL Pet Foundation](#), 23 cats and 9 dogs found their forever homes during our most recent Empty the Shelter event! October 8th-15th, 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 190,000 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.

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Lick or Treat 2023

On Saturday, October 28th, join us for a spooky day of kid and dog-friendly fun! This event is FREE but we suggest a \$5 donation. From noon to 3 PM, start your Halloween afternoon with some trick-or-trunk style trick-or-treating around the shelter's parking lot. HSSW staff, volunteers, and fellow community members will have their trunks decorated for the holiday and treats will be available for children and canines alike! Costumes welcome and encouraged! Don't forget to stop by our spooky snacks and raffle basket table!

[Learn More & Sign Up to Hand Out Treats!](#)



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Wags & Tales Reading Program

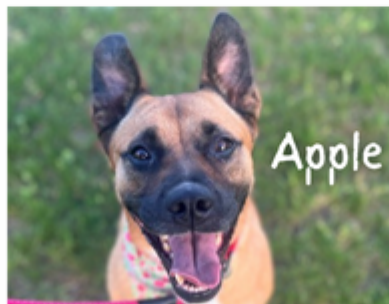
The Wags & Tales Reading Program is designed to help our shelter cats and dogs become calmer and more adoptable while allowing children to practice their reading to a non-judgmental audience. Participants read within designated cat areas or outside of a dog's kennel to help timid or anxious shelter animals acclimate to the presence of humans.

Thanks to **Dollar General**, we are giving away a free month of reading to one lucky reader each month in 2023!



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Don't Believe the Bull!

October is National Pit Bull Awareness Month! Pit bulls were once an American icon, commonly known as war heroes, movie stars, police dogs, therapy and service dogs. Unfortunately, due to their loyal and eager-to-please demeanor, the actions of a few irresponsible owners have caused the entire breed to be stigmatized. Pit bulls are often overlooked by potential adopters because of harmful stereotypes. Common myths include that they are inherently aggressive and have "locking jaws." In fact, no scientific study has ever shown pit bull-type dogs to be more aggressive or involved in bite incidents than any other breed.

Pit bulls are loyal, dependable and loving and we encourage families to be ambassadors! This simply involves educating others by correcting false misconceptions and showing off your amazing dog! Proudly take your well-behaved pit bull to public places and make new

friends, or share their beautiful smile on social media. Also, don't forget pit bulls are often available for adoption at HSSW, so keep an eye on our website and social media and maybe you will come across your perfect companion.

Adoptable Dogs



Meet the Authors!

This Saturday, October 21st from 12-5 PM, stop by HSSW and meet Alainah and Laura Diehl, authors of the adorable children's book, *Savanah Needs a Home*! You will even have the opportunity to bring home your very own signed copy! A portion of each book sale will benefit pets going home.

America's Loverboys Fundraiser

Friday, November 10th at the American Legion in South Beloit, see a show as classy as Chippendale's yet much like Magic Mike, with on-stage audience participation and in-the-audience-interactions, all while supporting pets going home!

Get Your Tickets!



Who Is Your Pick of the Patch?

For just \$35, you can pick your favorite pumpkin (we mean pet) to sponsor! This generous donation goes towards their care here at the shelter, including cleaning, feeding, socializing, care products and even any medical needs. We'll even put your name on their profile page on our website!

Sponsor a Pet

September Recap



Pets that were reunited with their owners last month:

31



Pets that found loving forever homes last month:

200



Total adoptions this year through last month:

1586

STAFF SPOTLIGHT – MAX PRITCHARD



Max started out as a volunteer this past spring and was recently hired on to our housekeeping team the end of September! His favorite part about working at HSSW is spending time with the animals and especially the people.

"I'm transgender, and worrying about what people might say it's kind of part of my life, but from the first moment I stepped into the building, I felt right at home. Plus, they put up with my antics and my need for everything to be organized."

Along with his coworkers, Max has already made some unforgettable animal connections.

"There is an all-white cat [named Eyes] that I won't be forgetting anytime soon. Not only was he an absolute rock star for his eye removal surgery and the recovery that followed, but his hugs have become my favorite part of my morning routine."

At home, Max has a 10-year-old Rottweiler named Roxy, a 5-year-old Great Dane named Hero, and two black cats named Minnow and Goose who are both HSSW alumni.

We are so happy to have you as a part of our team Max, and appreciate your passion for organization!

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Mounds Adoption Event

Saturday, Oct. 21
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!

Petco Adoption Event

Saturday, Nov. 4
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

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Adopt-a-Pet at the Library

Wednesday, Nov. 8
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!

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Our Contact Information

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