

Are you thinking what's Kitten Season?! Well let's talk about it! Kitten Season is the time of year when HSSW (and many other shelters around the country) see a spike in the number of kittens that come in to the shelter.

For HSSW specifically, that means that we will care for over 800 kittens through our foster care program in the next 4-6 months. With a spike in the number of kittens that come in, we also see a spike in our expenses as we care for them until they are ready to be adopted. We crunched the numbers from the 2023 Kitten Season and found that on average, it costs us **\$500 PER KITTEN** to care for a kitten from the time they are born until the time they are adopted.

As you can imagine, Kitten Season takes a toll on us in several ways. But the good news is, that you can help ease this toll! You can donate monetarily here:

https://www.petsgohome.org/donate/foster-program-donations/ or you can contribute muchneeded supplies from our Wish List. Check out our Wish List here:

https://www.petsgohome.org/donate/wish-list/. Or you can sign up to be a foster parent! You can sign up to foster here: https://www.petsgohome.org/volunteer-foster/foster-friends/.

If you are unable to donate or foster at this time, we ask that you support us through Kitten Season in any way you can - through adopting a kitten, sharing our pleas online, coming in to volunteer at HSSW, or educating your friends and family on the importance of spaying and neutering. Every bit of action helps us continue our mission of helping pets go home again!



Cutest Pet Contest Launches April 1st!

Is your pet worthy of a coveted spot on our 2025 Cutest Pet Calendar?

Here's your chance to put your beloved companion in the spotlight! Plus, it only costs \$10!

Submit your pet's photo here: <u>https://www.gogophotocontest.com/petsgohome</u>

And 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!

Competition not for you? Well, you can guarantee your pet's appearance on a special day of your choice by reserving a day to honor your pet! For a \$10 donation, your pet's photo will appear on the day of your choice. Perfect for Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Enter a Photo & Vote!



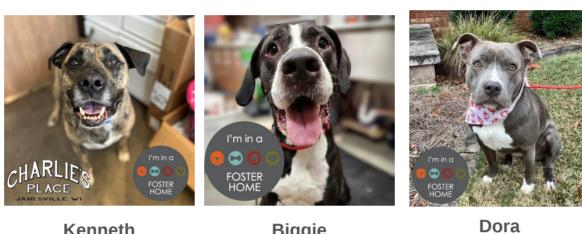
Now Introducing, Trinket

Have you met Trinket yet?! If not, you're missing out!

Trinket is a quiet girl who prefers to spend her days napping around the house. She'll spend some time in the sun, then on your lap, then in the window, then your bed, and so on until it's time to eat. Then she is the perkiest girl around! She LOVES wet food. What more could you ask for than a girl that loves to nap and eat?! If Trinket sounds like the girl for you, come in to the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin today!

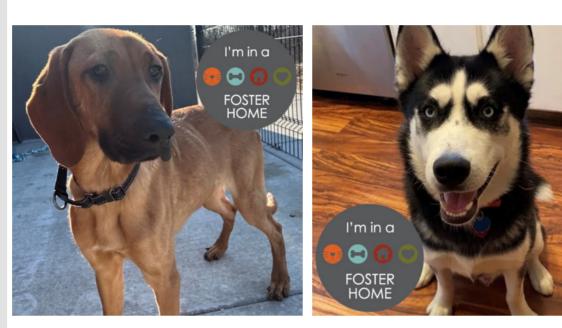
We believe Trinket has terminal mammary cancer, which means that her adoption will be considered a hospice adoption. But, we also believe that Trinket will make an excellent companion for as long as she is able to • Plus, her hospice comfort care will be supported by our Cat-R-Walkin' Home Program.

Our Cat-R-Walkin' Home Program was started by some amazingly generous and passionate community members to help our high-need cats. This program helps support the adoptions of cats with extraordinary medical needs, senior cats, long-stay resident cats (cats that have been with us for 3+ months), and bonded pair cats. Because of this program, we are able to help cats like Trinket go home again.



Kenneth

Biggie



Mozart

Ripper

Don't Forget About Us!

Currently, we have five dogs available for adoption who are in foster care! These dogs are loving their time in the foster homes, but would like a more permanent placement. The shelter can be a stressful environment for dogs - it is nothing like home, it can be loud, and it can smell strange. Because of this, we love placing dogs in foster homes, especially dogs that have been with us for longer than average.

Plus, we learn so much more about them in their foster homes. Because the shelter is so different than a home, it's hard for us to predict how dogs will behave in a home when they are adopted. But foster care gives us a glimpse of their home behavior and makes adoption counseling so much easier!

However, we worry that these dogs get forgotten about since they are not at the shelter. So, if any of these cuties catch your eye, please reach out to our Adoptions Team at 608-752-5622 or via email at <u>adoption@petsgohome.org</u>! You can also make an appointment to meet with any of these dogs with our Adoptions Team.



Petco Adoption Center Volunteers Needed!

Calling all cat lovers!

If you love cats and are looking for ways to volunteer with HSSW, look no further! Help cats find their forever homes at our Janesville Petco satellite adoption center!

So what's your role? For this position, volunteers would be responsible for:

- Playing with the cats Processing adoptions
- Providing the cats a clean environment
- Commitment to one shift every week

Interested? We knew you would be! Visit our website at the link below to fill out your volunteer application or contact our Community Outreach Coordinator Faith at fstephens@petsgohome.org. You will still need to complete an online general volunteer orientation to be an HSSW Petco volunteer! Sign up HERE to get started!



New Spring Apparel Now Available!

Spring is here, the flowers are blooming, and so is our retail area! We have baseball tees, 40oz tumblers, spay/neuter long-sleeve shirts, leather patch hats, and more! The baseball tees come in two designs, five colors and are so soft. The 40oz tumblers are selling fast, so get here soon before they all go! Our spay/neuter long-sleeve shirts are perfect for the windy spring days and also are a great conversation starter about the importance of spaying and neutering. Our leather patch hats are back by popular demand, but with a new logo!

These items are only available in-person at the shelter, but you can also check out our our online shop on Threadless at https://petsgohome.threadless.com/designs to see what else we have to offer!

Online Apparel Store

March Shelter Data Recap



Pets that found loving homes in March: 142



Pets that found loving homes so far this year:







Pets that were reunited with their owners in March:

Surgeries performed in March: 165

28

Upcoming Events

Pups & Peeps Egg Hunt



Since moving to our County G location in 2022, we've been looking for new ways to use our beautiful 44-acre property. This year, we've decided to host an egg hunt for dogs on March 30th from 12pm-2pm!

We'll have hundreds of plastic eggs hidden all over our trails filled with dog goodies. AND, there will be ONE golden egg hidden with an extra special prize (or two) inside!

Sign up <u>HERE</u> ahead of time or at the 'door' of the event for only \$10!

Cats & Canvas Paint Night



Come paint with cats at HSSW! Rhettro Design Co will provide paint by number kits for you to create your own work of art. Come check out some of our adorable adoptable cats and have a blast painting a piece of art for only \$28!

The paint by number kits are great for all ages and skill levels! As an added bonus \$5 per kit sold will be donated back to us here at HSSW!! Sign up by April 7th to guarantee your kit.

Sign up <u>HERE</u> to save your spot!



the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin for one night and a portion of the proceeds that night is donated back to help pets go home! This month's Dine Around Town is hosted at <u>Noodles + Company</u> in Beloit.

When you mention HSSW at check out, 25% of your total food purchases go back to HSSW! Ordering online? Use the code GIVING25 to give back!

Can't attend this event but still want in on the fun? Visit us <u>HERE</u> to see list of our upcoming Dine Around Town Nights.

Get Involved at HSSW!



Our Contact Information *{{Organization Name}}* *{{Organization Address}}* *{{Organization Phone}}* *{{Organization Website}}*



Meat Raffle at Rhuester's



Join us for a Meat Raffle - Yappy Hour at Rhuester's Tavern on Saturday, April 6th, starting at 4 pm! Come for the fun, enjoy food & drink specials and visit with HSSW staff and an adoptable friend.

All Meat Raffle & 50-50 Event proceeds will benefit the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin and our mission to help pets go home again.

See you there!

Dine Around Town



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