



CAN I STAY AT YOUR PLACE?

Calling All Dog Lovers!!

We need more dog foster homes! Our dogs benefit so much from being in foster care - they relax, they sleep better, they have better manners, and so much more. Dogs often find shelter life stressful as it is so much different than a traditional home. Foster homes helps us to replicate that home environment for dogs in our care, even if the stay in foster care is only temporary. Any time in a foster home is beneficial!

This is also beneficial to us at the shelter! When dogs head to foster care, we get to learn so much more about them and how they behave in a home environment. Because a shelter is so much stranger to a dog than a home is, they usually act quite a bit different here. That can make it a bit harder for us to get to know the dogs and all their quirks. However, with the valuable information we gain from their foster homes, we can do better matchmaking for these dogs with new families.

Sign Me Up!





Bissell Pet Foundation's Empty the Shelters Recap

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU to Cathy Bissell and the whole team at the [Bissell Pet Foundation](#) for supporting HSSW and our mission to help pets go home again!

During this Empty the Shelters Event, through the support of the BPF, we were able to find homes for 70 cats, 13 dogs, and 5 critters - a total of 88 pets! Thank you so much to everyone that adopted during this event, shared our posts, and to everyone at the Bissell Pet Foundation for making these adoptions possible.

If you adopted during this event (or at any time from HSSW), we'd love an update on how your new furry family members are doing in their new homes! You can join our [Alumni Group](#) on Facebook or send us an email anytime at adoption@petsgohome.org to share these updates with us!



Coming Soon to a Shelter Near You - Doggy Day Out!

We've been keeping a little secret - we've been running our Doggy Day Out Program with our volunteers, fosters, and staff members for a bit now. This has allowed us to work out the kinks and feel really confident that we are doing things in a way that makes sense for both the dogs and the people involved in this program. That means that VERY soon, our Doggy Day Out Program will be available to EVERYONE!

You may be familiar with the term fostering, but we can understand if you're not sure what we're talking about when we say Doggy Day Out. Fostering is a loving way to help a shelter animal acclimate to a home setting before being adopted. But, we understand that not everyone can open up their home to a foster pet, yet they still would like to help our pets de-stress. That's where the Doggy Day Out (DDO) program comes in!

Doggy Day Out is a program aimed at giving shelter dogs a break from their kennels through community-based outings. Animal enthusiasts can turn their compassion into action by taking one of HSSW's shelter dogs on an adventure. These two hour excursions offer valuable exercise and enrichment for our shelter friends, while also allowing DDO participants to play a role in helping pets go home again! During a DDO outing, participants can introduce, 'show off' the dog to those passing by, and take photos and/or videos to share online.

[Learn More](#)

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-Best Friends Animal Society

Black Cats Bad Luck? No Way!

With 'Spooky Season' upon us, we think this is a great time of year to celebrate the black cats in our lives and also bust some myths surrounding black cats!

You may have heard that shelters should not allow black cats to be adopted around Halloween. This is actually a myth! There's no reason for us to be afraid to have black cats available for adoption this time of year or to be extra skeptical of adopters at this time of year.

Another common belief is that black cats are bad luck - myth! Black cats can bring you the same joy and love as any other color of cat. Plus, some cultures even believe the opposite - that black cats are signs of GOOD luck!

Have you ever heard that black cats are unfriendly - myth!! Each cat has their own unique personality, no matter their color. Meaning black cats are no more or less likely than any other color of cat to want to snuggle up with you on the couch.

To learn more about the myth of adopting black cats around Halloween, check out [this article](#). And to learn more about other myths about black cats, check out [this article](#).

[Check Out Our Adoptable Cats!](#)

PETCO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Shifts available: 

TUES. 5-7PM BI-WEEKLY
FRIDAY 9-11:30AM
SATURDAY 2-4PM BI-WEEKLY
SUNDAY 2-4PM BI-WEEKLY



 **JOIN NOW**

Apply on our website: petsgohome.org

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! Click the button below to fill out your volunteer application or contact our Community Outreach Coordinator, Faith, at flarson@petsgohome.org. You will still need to complete an online general volunteer orientation to be an HSSW Petco volunteer.

Sign Me Up!



September & October Events Recap

This September, we held our first ever Pup Crawl throughout downtown Janesville. We had great weather and a great crowd! Plus, we have A TON of ideas for next year!! Thank you to everyone that came out and all of the bars that participated - [Rock County Brewing Company](#), [Wiggy's Saloon](#), [Whiskey Ranch](#), [Looking Glass](#), [Drafthouse](#), [Genisa Wine Bar](#), [O'Riley & Conway's Pub](#), and [Riley's Sports Bar](#)!

This October, we held our annual Mutts & Martinis event at Glen Erin Golf Club. We (dogs included) had a ton of fun and hope you all did too! Our auctions were exciting with new categories of items in both our Silent and Online auctions, and our Live Animal Art Auction was especially fun with some of the animals that made the art present at the event! We're already brainstorming on how to jazz up this event even further for next year, but until then - THANK YOU to everyone that made this event possible and successful! Especially our sponsors - [First Mid Bank & Trust](#), [Angi Energy](#), [Hesser Toyota](#), the [Boucher Group](#), [Data Dimensions](#), [American Family Insurance - Colleen Frentzel](#), [Janesville Veterinary Clinic](#), [Tricor Insurance](#), [Blackhawk Community Credit Union](#), [Lakes Technology Specialists](#), & [Sean Tompkins Sporting Goods](#)!

We also held our annual 'Don't Believe the Bull' education campaign on our [Facebook page](#) all month long in October. This campaign allows us to bust some myths about Pit Bull dogs and celebrate Pit Bull Awareness Month! And we wrapped this campaign up with our annual Don't Believe the Bull Photo Day where all dogs (not just Pit Bulls) come to HSSW for 5-minute mini professional photo shoots. The photos are always as cute as can be and this year was no different! You can check out all the photos from this year on the [Rural Vibe Photography](#) Facebook page.

Lastly, we held our annual Lick-or-Treat event this past Sunday to celebrate Halloween. People and pets came all dressed up and ready to trick-or-treat around our parking lot. Thank you to everyone that came out for this event, decorated their trunks and passed out candy, and to our volunteers and staff for making this event come to life! Be on the lookout for next year's event that may or may not have a spookier twist to it!

August & September Shelter Data Recap



Pets that found loving homes in August & September:

250 / 184



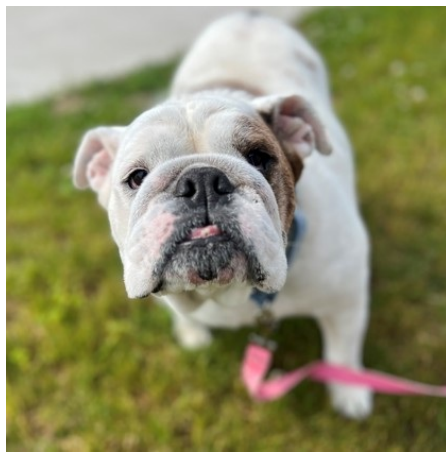
Pets that found loving homes so far this year:

1,867



Pets that were reunited with their owners in August & September:

50 / 38



Surgeries performed in August & September:

450 / 405

Upcoming Events

Chili Cookoff



Join us out at [Hop Garden](#) in Evansville on November 9th from 12pm-2pm for a chili cookoff event!

Volunteers will be on-site to answer all your questions and introduce you to an adoptable dog. Plus your donations to eat all the chili cooked that day, will be donated back to us!

Cats N' Mats Yoga



Join us for a little [morning yoga](#) featuring adoptable cats on November 16th from 9:30am-10:30am!

There are only 12 spots available, so don't wait to grab your ticket! You can sign up via text at 608-676-7090 or via [email](#).

Dine Around Town



Join us at [Panda Express](#) in Janesville on November 20th for a yummy meal that helps pets go home again!

Each month, a local restaurant partners with the HSSW for one night and a portion of the proceeds are donated back to help pets go home! For this one, Panda Express will donate 20% of sales back to HSSW as long as you use the code 373863 online/in the app or show the flyer in-person!

Photos with Santa



Join us out [K&W Greenery](#) on December 1st from 10am-2pm for our annual [Photos with Santa](#) event!

Bring your family and your furry friends out for a photo taken by [Rural Vibe Photography](#) in the beautifully decorated greenhouse. You can choose to take photos with or without Santa and do a few different poses! Plus, you can be in the photos if you'd like, or let Santa hold onto your pet.

Get Involved at HSSW!



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