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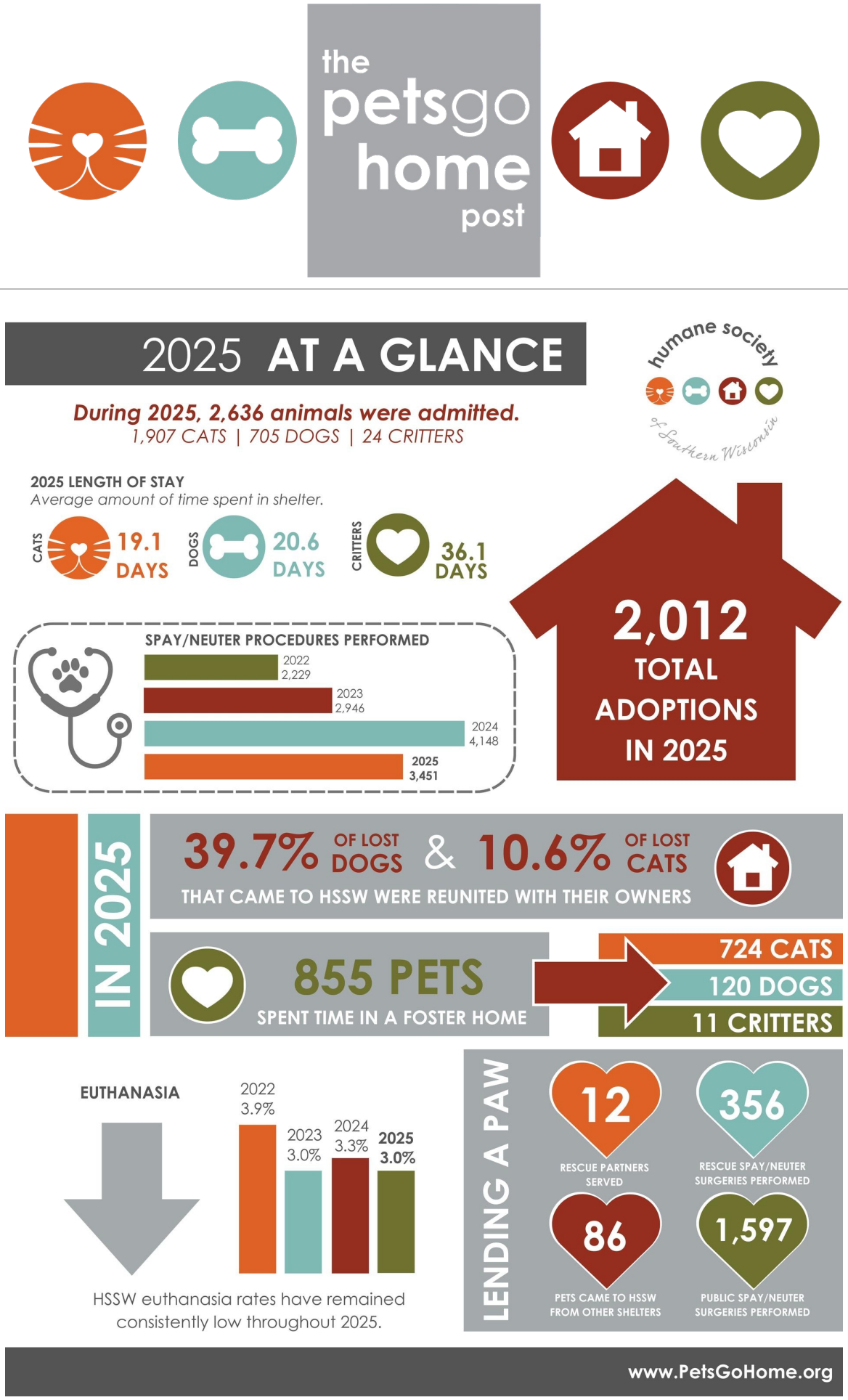

2025 Shelter Data Recap

Now that 2025 has wrapped up, we'd like to share the numbers behind all the good we did this past year! So, here's some highlights:

- 2,636 pets came to HSSW
- 2,012 pets were adopted into loving families
- Almost 40% of lost dogs and over 10% of lost cats were reunited with their families
- 855 pets spent time in a foster home (plus we double the amount of dogs in foster homes!)
- We performed almost 3,500 spay/neuter surgeries

To see the full report, click **HERE** or the button below.

Thank you all for your support in helping us achieve so much good in our community and help so many pets in so many ways throughout 2025. We could not do what we do without people like you! ***So again, THANK YOU!***

2025 Annual Shelter Data Report

Franklin Went Home Again!

Franklin was with us for a whole 482 days before finding his new loving family. We loved spending time with Franklin for all 482 of those days and learned so much about him during that time. We learned that he loved sun-bathing, had a big personality, and hated doing things he didn't want to do yet (don't we all?). We also learned that he loved to learn! He knew so many tricks already and was always ready to learn a new one with us. His preferred enrichment was to get out of his kennel, onto a bed, and to suck on a toy.

We loved every day spent with Franklin, but we loved seeing him go home even more! We've even already received an update from Franklin's new dad who says that they are settling in well together and enjoying each other's company each day. We hope Franklin's story inspires you to check out the pet that has

been at the shelter for way too long next time you are looking to adopt. Who knows - you just may find your next best friend!

Adoptable Dogs

Ollie & Archer

Bright Eyes & Charcoal

Sundae & Hanabi

Consider Adopting a Bonded Pair!

Bonded Pairs are pets that came to HSSW together and would do best going home together too. We know that it might be scary to adopt two pets at once, but we have some pretty good reasons to do it!

Bonded Pairs go home with someone they already know, which can help them adjust to their new home easier. Think about going somewhere new for the first time, isn't it easier to do with a lifelong friend with you? Also, how often do folks adopt a pet and then a few years later think about getting that pet a friend? Bonded Pairs take this thought away as they already have their friend!
Bonded Pairs have a built-in companion and playmate which can help with loneliness and also means they can entertain each other when you're feeling a little too exhausted for rowdy play time at night. Speaking of entertainment, adopting a Bonded Pair means that you're getting double the entertainment (and double the love)! Lastly, adopting a Bonded Pair means that you are freeing up double the space in the shelter, allowing us to help double the amount of pets.
Currently at HSSW, we have two Bonded Pairs of dogs and one Bonded Pair of cats. To learn more about Ollie & Archer, Bright Eyes & Charcoal, or Sundae & Hanabi, visit as at https://www.petsgohome.org/adopt/, give us a call at 608-752-5622, send us an email at adoption@petsgohome.org, or stop by during our regular adoption hours!

Adoptable Pets

Fur the Love of Christmas Adoption Event Recap

During our Fur The Love of Christmas Adoption Event, we helped 9 pets go home again - this included 2 dogs, 6 cats, and 1 chinchilla!

Congratulations to Jesse, Shark, Ophelia, Derek, Bill, Georgina, Cheeto, Tanner, & Lily!

Visit petsgohome.org/adopt to see our friends that are currently ready for adoption! And don't forget to join our HSSW Alumni group after you adopt to share updates with us!

I Want to Join the HSSW Alumni Page!

December Events Recap

This December, we had our Giving Tree Fundraiser and one of our Dine Around Town events with Red Robin!

In total for our Giving Tree Fundraiser, we raised over $3,500 and collected A TON of supplies! To help our Vet Med Teams, we received nail trimmers, nebulizers, & heating mats. To help our Foster Team, we received kitten food, kitten formula, litter boxes, litter, and Snuggle Safes. To help our Dog Care Team, we received dog treats (SO MANY), flirt poles, scented bubbles & bubble guns, spring poles, dog chews, curtains, Jolly Ball toys, and silicone muffin pans. To help our Cat Care Team, we received canned cat food, litter boxes, tuna, and canned chicken. And to help with some more general organization needs, we received Ziploc bags.

Both the money donated and the supplies donated have and will continue to help us help more pets each day at HSSW. ***So again, THANK YOU ALL!***

At our Dine Around Town event, we ate a bunch of good food and had a great time. I mean, who can resist bottomless fries?? Thank you to everyone that came out for the event, Red Robin for hosting us, and everyone that helps us promote our Dine Around Town events!

See you at one of our upcoming events!

December Shelter Data Recap

Pets that found loving homes in December: **220**

Pets in foster homes in December:

178

Pets reunited with their owners in December: **23**

Surgeries performed in December:

320

Upcoming Events

Yappy Hour - February 1st

Join us for a (cooler filler) of a good time with a Meat Raffle – Yappy Hour at Bazinga! on Sunday, February 1st, starting at 12 pm!

Come for the fun, enjoy food & drink specials and visit with HSSW staff and an adoptable furry friend.

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

Dine Around Town - February 18th

Join us for one of our Dine Around Town events at Texas Roadhouse on February 18th from 12pm-10pm!

This Dine Around Town is hosted at Texas Roadhouse in Janesville! When you order dine in, 10% of your total food purchases go back to HSSW! Just make sure that you mention this fundraiser when ordering to your server.

Pooch Pull - February 21st

The Alaskan Malamute Club of Wisconsin is returning to The Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin for the annual Pooch Pull!

Come join the fun and enjoy seeing these canine athletes in action! Weigh-ins begin at 10:30 AM and the pulling competition will start around Noon.

When you need a break from the cold, come inside and warm up with some delicious chili or soup, hot beverages, and baked goods for a donation.

Check out our raffle baskets and purchase a few tickets for a chance to win! We will also host a 50/50 raffle where half the total prize goes to one lucky winner. Remaining proceeds will benefit the animals in need here at the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin.

Make sure to bring the whole family and bundle up!

Cats N Mats - February 21st

Join HSSW for a morning yoga practice lead by Lifestyle Focus Fitness and featuring adoptable cats!

Ages 10+ are welcome to join. It is preferred that you bring your own yoga mat with you, but we will have a few to borrow if needed.

This event runs from 9:30am-10:30am at HSSW. There are only 12 spots available, so don't wait to sign up! You can sign up HERE.

Plus, the cost is only $23 with $10 coming back to HSSW as a donation!

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