



Find your new best friend.

ADOPT A SHELTER PET DAY ADOPTION SPECIAL

APRIL 27TH - MAY 3RD

Adoption Event - THIS WEEKEND!

Thursday, April 30th is National Adopt A Shelter Pet Day & what better way to celebrate than doing just that?!

That's why we're hosting a WEEK-LONG adoption event (ending on Sunday the 3rd!) with lowered adoption fees for our cats, dogs, & critters! For this event, we're breaking out our Wheel of Adoption Fees, so once you fall in love with your new best friend, you'll spin the wheel to find out the adoption fee you'll pay (between \$0 - \$25)!

This event applies to most adult dogs (6 months & up), adult cats, kittens, & critters (bunnies, guinea pigs, etc.)! Special adoption prices do not apply to off-site adoption centers. Additional fees: City of Janesville licensing, cat carrier (if not provided), leash and collar (if not provided). During this event, adopters are still required to complete a standard adoption application as if it were a normal day.

Please Note: This event is held during our regular adoption hours - 12pm-7pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday and 12pm-5pm on Saturday and Sunday. We are CLOSED for adoption purposes on Wednesdays, so this event will not take place on Wednesday or outside of any other regular adoption hours.

See you at HSSW to meet your new best friend!

[I Want to See Adoptable Pets!](#)



Now Introducing... The Girls

Meet Hanabi & Sunadae aka "The Girls"

These sweet girls are almost 1.5 years old and have been at the shelter since October 2025 (203 days to be exact) -but heartbreakingly, they have only ever had *two* meet & greets in that time. They've been so patient waiting for their forever home.

They're a bonded pair who LOVE being together. You'll usually find them snuggled up napping or playing and chasing each other around. They've grown so much in confidence and absolutely love attention from people, giving just as much love back. They're smart, treat-motivated, and would do amazing with continued training (they're strong girls, but eager to learn!).

Adopting a bonded pair means adopting dogs with a built-in best friend. Bonded pairs have an easier time adjusting, and have double the love, fun, and companionship. The best part, our friends at [CORE Association Management](#) have paid their adoption fee!! Do these girls sound like your perfect duo? Come meet them at the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin!

Not quite ready to adopt? You can still make a huge difference Help these adorable girls find their forever homes by telling your friends, neighbors, family, mailman, etc. about them! The right person is out there—we just need to help them connect!

Everyone you tell about The Girls brings them one step closer to the loving family they deserve.



Pints & Paws Photo Contest

HAPPENING RIGHT NOW - our annual Pints & Paws Photo Contest (formerly the Cutest Pet Photo Contest)!

This year we've partnered with [Good Works Brewing](#) to put together two incredible prize packages - one for the Top Dog and one for the Top Cat.

Both the dog with the most votes and the cat with the most votes at the end of the contest (well, their humans that is) will work with the Good Works Brewing team to formulate their very own brew, name it, AND have their pet's photo featured on the label!

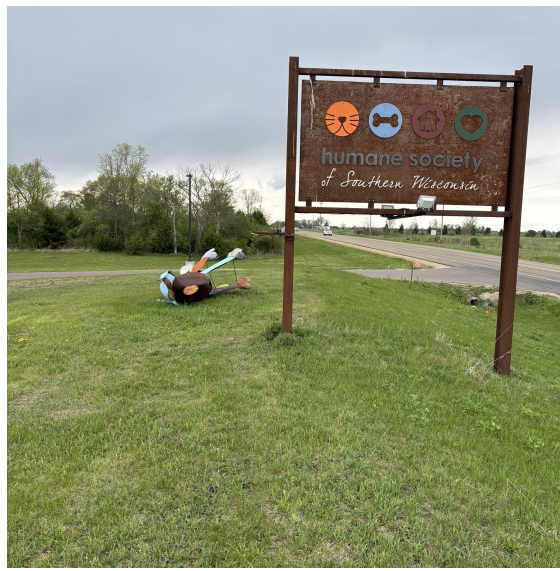
Once the custom beer is ready to go, the Good Works Brewing team will throw a release party where the winners will get to attend with their pet AND get to pull the first pour from the tap! The winner will also get to take home some extra souvenir cans to commemorate their special win.

So, is your pet cute enough to win a custom brewing experience?? Here's your chance to put your beloved companion in the spotlight - it only costs you \$10 to register!

And it's easy! Just enter your pet's picture here. Then tell everyone - your family, friends, social media followers - and then wait for the votes to roll in!

Voting is simple - One vote costs \$1 dollar. 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 too!

I Want to Join the Photo Contest Fun!



Rusty Update

You may have noticed our large dog sculpture - affectionately known as Rusty - has been laying down for the past two weeks. Unfortunately, when we were hit with the tornado and other bad storms on the 17th, Rusty was injured.

There's no need to worry, we will get Rusty the "surgery" he needs to feel 100% again and get him back on his feet soon! He may have to be in a "cone-of-shame" for a bit, but he'll heal up strong.

Also, we have received several offers to help get Rusty back upright again. And we so appreciate that, but because Rusty didn't just tip over and actually needs to be repaired before going back upright, we ask that you refrain from trying to hoist him back up. Plus, he's a big dog so we would not want anyone to get hurt themselves either!

Send Rusty some healing thoughts and be on the lookout for Rusty when he's out of "surgery" this weekend!



April Events Recap

In April, we held our annual [Pups & Peeps](#) doggie egg hunt, two Yappy Hour events - one at [Rhuester's Friendly Village Tavern](#) and one at [Willowdale Tavern](#) - and a [Canvas & Cats](#) paint night with [Rhettro Design Co.](#)

Despite some less-than-ideal spring weather, our Pups & Peeps egg hunt went great! We saw a lot of returning pups, alumni pups, and new faces too. All the dogs were cute, all the eggs were sniffed out, and everyone went home with tons of prizes - we call that a win! *Together, we raised over \$200!*

At our [Yappy Hour](#) with Rhuester's, we gathered a ton of donations, saw one of our puppies get adopted right at the event, and had such a good time with the raffles that we all about took a nap on the floor with the dogs there! *Together we raised over \$3,500 including the generous folks who covered Crew (one of our puppies) adoption fees!*

At our [Yappy Hour](#) with Willowdale, we had Bingo, a 50/50 Raffle, AND a Pull Tab Raffle! PLUS, we had a couple of puppies at the event and the team at Willowdale covered Violet's adoption fee! *Together, we raised over \$1,800!* PS - be sure to come back to Willowdale in June for our [Bags & Wags Cornhole Tournament!](#)

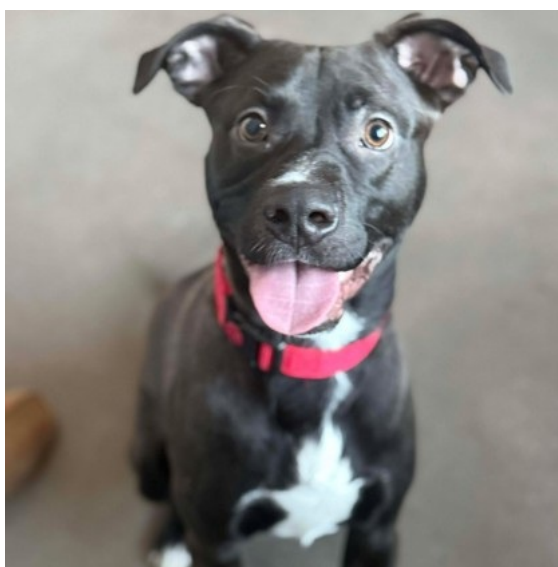
At our Canvas & Cats paint night, the creativity was flowing and the cats were as sweet as can be! *Together, we raised \$50.* In case you missed the painting and kitty fun, we'll likely have another one in the future, so be on the lookout for the next one!

Thank you to everyone that made these events a success!

April Shelter Data Recap



Pets that found loving homes in April: **140**



Pets in foster homes in April: **218**



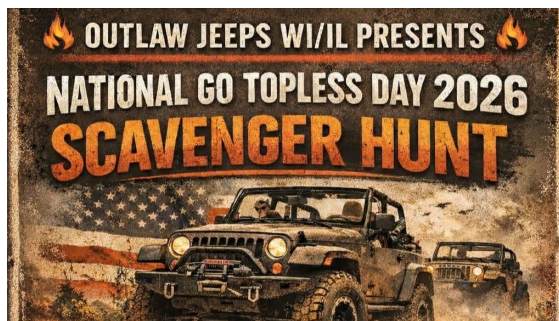
Pets reunited with their owners in April: **41**



Surgeries performed in April: **189**

Upcoming Events

Outlaw Jeeps Scavenger Hunt - May 16th



Outlaw Jeeps WI/IL is holding their annual Go Topless Day Scavenger Hunt on May 16th from 12pm-6pm!

This event will have a ton of fun, a ton of prizes, and just a little chaos. Plus, proceeds will come back to HSSW & another rescue, [Hopes Legacy & Trust!](#)

Kitten Shower - May 17th



Come on out to [Timber Hill Winery](#) on Sunday May 17th from 2PM-5PM to bask in all the kitten glory and maybe even add one to your family!

There will be children's activities, raffle baskets, and the opportunity to play with kittens! Plus, delicious Timber Hill wine and food will be available for purchase!

In lieu of selling admission tickets, all who attend are asked to please bring either a gift for the kittens or a monetary donation to our foster program. We will also be signing people up to [foster](#) that day as well!

Bags & Wags - June 27th



HSSW is again throwing the ultimate cornhole tournament and this year AT A NEW LOCATION! Join us for the [4th Annual Bags & Wags Cornhole tournament](#), happening at Willowdale Tavern on June 27th at 11am!

REGISTER NOW for \$50/per team with Top teams winning CASH prizes!! Registration increases starting June 1st! Registration includes a Willowdale drink chip and the chance to win cash prizes up to \$200! Are you in?? Register [HERE!](#)

Not interested in competing? Come on down for the MYSTERY wagon raffle packed with over \$1,000 worth of prizes, 50/50 raffle, good food, good drinks, and great company!

And THANK YOU to our sponsors - [The Beloit Mattress Company](#), [Minuteman Press](#), [TriCor Insurance](#), [Blackhawk Community Credit Union](#), & [CORE Association Management!](#)

Donut Dash - August 1st



Join us for our [4th Annual Donut Dash](#) at the beautiful [Skelly's Farm Market](#) featuring a delicious 5k and 1-mile run/walk! On Saturday, August 1st starting at 8am.

Participants of all ages will have the opportunity to race/mosey through Skelly's 6-acre sunflower field, scenic nearby roads, and strawberry beds, with an apple cider donut waiting at the finish line. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome!

Sign Up Here: REGISTRATION. Registration is just \$40 right now, but will increase to \$45 on June 1st, & \$50 on July 1st. Online registration will end on Thursday, July 30th. Not sure if you can commit just yet? No worries - day-of Registration will be just \$60.

Signup includes a race bib with time tracking (thanks to [Velocity Multi-Sports & Cycling](#)), admission to the sunflower field, and an apple cider donut at the finish line. Race T-shirts will be available again this year for purchase (\$20) with 100% of proceeds benefiting pets going home. A significant portion of ticket sales will also benefit HSSW, as well as \$1 from every non-race participant sunflower field admission that day!

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