



~~Cutest Pet Photo Contest~~ Pints & Paws Photo Contest

Coming soon.... our annual Pints & Paws Photo Contest (formerly the Cutest Pet Photo Contest)!

This year we are taking this contest in a whole new direction. 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.

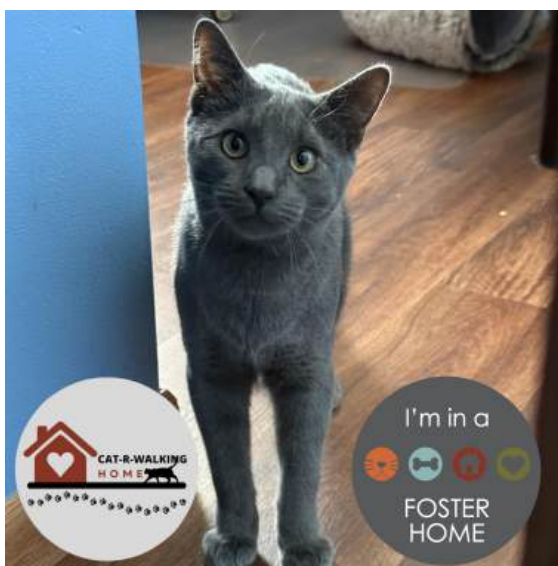
So, is your pet cute enough to win a custom brewing experience?? Here's your chance to put your beloved companion in the spotlight - it only costs you \$10 to register!

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!

**Please note - the contest does not officially open until April 17th, so the official contest site may still be under construction until then.*

[I Want to Join the Photo Contest Fun!](#)





Long-Staying Residents Update

We've seen SEVERAL of our long-staying residents go home again this month and we want to celebrate that!

Pictured above are just four of our long-staying residents (pets that have been with us for 60+ days) that have been adopted in the past month. These pets were with us for far longer than their average counterpart, so their going home has been extra sweet for us all.

The four pets pictured are Shadow, Slim Shady, Tango, and Katie all with a unique story and a happy ending. Shadow came to us in fall of 2025 after running freely in a corn field for several months (and evading capture at every turn). Once at HSSW, it took some time for Shadow to trust us, but once we had gained that trust everything changed for her. She started going on [Doggy Day Outs](#), hanging out in the office, and just having a better time at HSSW. Yet, she remained un-adopted - until now!

Slim Shady first came to us in the summer of 2025 and was a fast staff-favorite. He got to spend lots of time out of his kennel and exploring the property during his stay with us. He also spent some time in different homes that didn't quite work out for one reason or the other - that is until two weeks ago when he found his people!

Tango also came to HSSW in the summer of 2025 and was as shy as they come. We worked with him at the shelter, but ultimately knew that he needed to be in a home to really shine, so he went into a loving foster home in December. He stayed and blossomed in that foster home - learning to snuggle & even beg for pets - until he was adopted a couple of weeks ago!

And lastly Katie - Katie came to us in the summer of 2025 at the wise age of 16 years old. We quickly learned that she had kidney disease and began treating her accordingly. Between her age and her kidney disease, she was passed over by adopters until she went home last weekend!

All of our pets leave an impression on us, but we really get to know the ones that stick around longer which makes their adoptions all that much more exciting. Next time you're looking to adopt, consider a long-staying resident! You just may find a hidden gem!





Dog Handling Training Recap

Our 4-day training has wrapped up and our heads are spinning with everything we learned (in a good way)! We're so excited to put what we learned to good use, hone in our skills, and do better for all of our pets here at HSSW

In case you missed it ->

We held a four-day training focused on dog handling, the use of various tools, and best practices when emergencies arise. The training was led by John Peaveler.

John Peaveler is the Owner and Principal Consultant of [Humane Innovations](#). For the past 20+ years he has been working to solve animal control problems, particularly in the sphere of animal handling, capture and transport for both routine animal control and TNVR programs.

This training was made possible by donations from the Estate of Terry Hatch and the Hendricks Family Foundation. We'd like to say thank you to these donors for their investment in our staff, our education, and our mission. It is only through the generosity of our community that we are able to continue helping pets go home again each day.

NEW OPENINGS!!! LOW-COST VACCINES!



10AM-
5PM

OUR SERVICES

EXAMS
VACCINATIONS
NAIL TRIMS
MICROCHIPS
TESTING
PREVENTATIVES

New Openings for Low-Cost Vaccines!

We've added extra Wellness/Vaccine Clinic appointments throughout April!

We have already added a few days beyond our normal Mondays and Fridays and will continue to add more! So if there's not a day that works for you yet, check back in a bit and we just might have something for you.

In our Low-Cost Wellness & Vaccine Clinic we offer a bunch of different services such as:

- Wellness Exams (like a yearly physical for your pet)
- Vaccines (Rabies, FVRCP/DA2PP (Distemper), Bordatella (Kennel Cough), Lepto, Lyme)
- Nail Trims
- Microchips
- Testing (FIV/FelV, Heartworm)
- Preventatives (Flea, Tick, Heartworm)

I Want to Book an Appointment!

March Events Recap

In March, we held one of our [Yappy Hour](#) events at [Charlie's Place](#), our [March Kitten Madness](#) bracket challenge, our [Spring Online Auction](#), a [50/50 Fundraiser](#) with the [Turtle Tap](#), an [Easter event](#) with [Rock County Honda](#), an [Adoption Event](#) with [Hovde Properties](#), and a [Dine Around Town](#) with [Milwaukee Street Pizza](#)!

At our Yappy Hour event with Charlie's Place, we held a meat raffle and brought along a four-legged friend to join in on the fun. Lion (our four-legged friend) enjoyed snacking with and meeting everyone. PLUS, Charlie's paid for his adoption fee to make adopting him just late much sweeter! *Together, we raised \$1,300!*

We had almost 80 participants in our March Kitten Madness bracket challenge this year! This means that the pot to be won is almost \$800. The winner of the bracket challenge will win 25% of that (nearly \$200!) and the remainder will go on to support our foster program and the hundreds of kittens raised in foster care each year!

Our Spring Online Auction was full of a little bit of everything and there were a few bidding wars over all the goodies! These auctions are a great way to take things that we have received, but cannot use to care for our pets, to good use. *Together, we raised over \$1,500!*

At the 50/50 Fundraiser, our volunteers and a four-legged friend named Texas, spent the day chatting and hanging out with everyone at the Turtle Tap. *And together, we raised just over \$200!*

At the Rock County Honda Easter event, Jazz & Stanley (adoptable dogs) had a ton of fun meeting everyone - including the Easter Bunny himself! Plus, Rock County Honda covered both of their adoption fees to help these two senior pups go home again! *Together, we raised just under \$100!*

At our Cats & Coffee Adoption Event with Hovde Properties at [The Glade Residences](#), we found homes for ALL of the cats that came out to the event! Because of that, we had a few fosters swing by with their foster puppies for some extra snuggles. We're already excited for the [next one!](#)

And lastly, we had one of our Dine Around Town events with Milwaukee Street Pizza. We're still tabulating the total raised, but our staff sure enjoyed the pickle cheese bread!

Thank you to everyone that made these events a success!

March Shelter Data Recap



Pets that found loving homes in March: **131**



Pets in foster homes in March:

123



Pets reunited with their owners in March: **44**



Surgeries performed in March:

299

Upcoming Events

Pups & Peeps - April 4th



Join us for our 3rd annual [Pups & Peeps Doggie Easter Egg Hunt](#) on April 4th from 10am-12pm at HSSW!

We'll have hundreds of plastic eggs hidden all over our trails filled with dog goodies. AND, there will be TWO golden eggs hidden to win an extra special prize!

Come on out, enjoy our trails with your pup, and have a few treats along the way!

Yappy Hour - April 11th



Join us for a Meat Raffle – Yappy Hour at [Rhuester's Friendly Village Tavern](#) on Saturday, April 11th, starting at 2 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. **Special Raffle: a 43" TV & Event food special – Pulled Pork Slider Basket!**

Canvas & Cats - April 16th



Join us on April 16th from 5pm-7pm for Canvas & Cats with [Rhettro Design Co!](#)

Paint a wood minimalist paint-by-number kit while enjoying time with an adorable, adoptable cat. Relax, get creative, and soak up the purrs—you might just meet your new best friend! Kits are just \$26 (you pick your design when you sign up!) — spots are limited!

\$15 BLANK wood round kits available also. NO design will be printed on the wood round, but you can get creative with provided paints. **Register and prepay here:** <https://forms.gle/bmpxr1BGRn7bq7846>

Cats N' Mats - April 18th



Join us on **April 18th at 9:30am at 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!

Yappy Hour - April 19th



Join us for an afternoon of PAWsome BINGO at the [Willowdale Tavern](#) on Sunday, April 19th, starting at 1 pm!

This is not your average Bingo ... join us for the fun, win some amazing prizes, enjoy food & drink specials and visit with HSSW staff & an adoptable furry friend. BINGO will be 10 rounds and is \$15 per stack to play. One stack will get you all 10 games. Buy as many stacks as you want and can handle! HSSW will also have a 50-50 Raffle & Pull-Tab Raffle – You won't want to miss it!

Adoption Event - April 21st

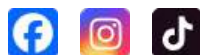


Our friends at [Hovde Properties](#) are putting on an Adoption Event for our cats at [The Idylwood Residences](#) on April 21st from 4pm-6pm!

There will be plenty of adoptable cats waiting to go home with you!!

See you there!

Get Involved at HSSW!



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