



**Camp Unleashed is BACK!**

**Camp Unleashed is BACK for another summer of furry fun!**

Calling all kids who LOVE animals! Get ready for an unforgettable summer filled with:

- Animal-themed crafts
- Fun games
- Educational lessons
- Animal interactions with our furry friends at HSSW!

We've got several PAW-some camps for kids ages 7-17, so don't miss out! And registration is now open! To see our full lineup of camps and sign up, visit: <https://www.petsgohome.org/kids-corner/camp-unleashed/>

Let the adventure begin!

[Sign up for Camp!](#)



**THANK YOU, Bissell Pet Foundation!**

**Bruzer is shouting THANK YOU to Cathy Bissell and the whole team at the BisseLL Pet Foundation for helping with the cost of his emergency surgery through their Grateful Pet Program!** Through their support, HALF of Bruzer's extensive medical care has been covered!!!

Have you heard Bruzer's story before?? Well, here goes nothing. Bruzer was adopted into a loving family this summer and at first everything was going well. However, as their time together went on, his family noticed that Bruzer was not doing so hot. They exhausted all of their resources trying to get him well again, but ultimately decided that his medical needs were more than they could take on and brought him back to HSSW this fall.

As soon as Bruzer arrived back at HSSW, the team here recognized that he needed to get to an ER as soon as possible and that's what we did. Once at the ER, he went into surgery pretty quickly. The ER team found that he had a sliding hiatal hernia that essentially created a pocket in his diaphragm which allowed his liver to slip up into the pocket. The portion of his liver that slid into that pocket did die and stuck itself to the diaphragm. The surgery removed the necrotic portion of the liver, unadhered the tissues that needed to be removed, tacked his stomach, repaired the original hernia, and set his esophagus back in place. WHEW - that was a lot!!

After his surgery, he came back to HSSW and we began a new feeding and healing regimen for him. This included eating his meals sitting up like a person - in our case, we sat with him on our laps or in a Bailey Chair. This also included keeping his activity level low, keeping him relaxed, and giving him his daily medications. Bruzer was a great patient and is doing SO well now!! So well in fact, that he is now available for adoption!

If you'd like to know more about Bruzer, give us a call at 608-762-6622, send us an email at [adoption@petsgohome.org](mailto:adoption@petsgohome.org), or come to HSSW to visit with him!



**The Importance of a Leash/Carrier**

As we gear up for another great year of offering low-cost services to the public, we thought it would be a good time to do some housekeeping & share with our guests some safety reminders.

For the safety of our guests, their furry friends, and the animals we have on-site, all dogs must be leashed while on HSSW property. You may have a well behaved trained dog, but we also have a lot of dog traffic through our property daily, and a busy highway very close by. Let's keep everyone safe! Below are some tips for best success during your visit with your canine family members:

- A well fit collar or harness can ensure your pet stay's securely next to you.
- Using a 6-foot nylon or leather leash, allows for best control of your canine in any environment! We see many pets come in on retractable leashes, however they offer so much freedom to your furry friend, and give you little control.

We do ask that cats coming in for clinic appointments, be brought in, inside of a cat carrier! We even recommend bringing along a blanket or towel that smells like them, to cover the carrier with. We want to make their visit to HSSW as comfortable as possible, and this is a way to minimize stress while they are waiting for their appointment.

To schedule an appointment for our Wellness Clinic, visit us at <https://www.petsgohome.org/veterinary-services/wellness-and-vaccine-clinic/>.

[I Want to Book a Wellness Appointment](#)



**We're Hiring!**

**Looking for a career where you also get to snuggle cute pets? Look no further!**

We have openings in several departments - our Cat Care department, our Development department, our Veterinary department, and our Housekeeping department. In our Cat Care department, we are looking for someone who loves cats (of course) and to be a part of the team that provide the daily care for our cats at HSSW.

In our Development department, we are looking for a new Community Outreach Coordinator. This person must be outgoing, have great communication skills, have excellent time-management skills, and love pets (of course). This person will lead the charge to connect the community with HSSW - like our Camps, Presentations, Tours, Pet Spotlight Program, etc.

In our Veterinary department, we are looking for a new Certified Veterinary Technician. This person must have their Veterinary Technician certification already, have a good attitude, and it would be amazing if they had prior shelter medicine experience. The person in this role will assist with providing excellent veterinary care to HSSW pets, assist in surgery, assist in our wellness clinic, etc.

In our Housekeeping department, we are looking for someone who loves the satisfaction of cleaning and finds joy in keeping things tidy and organized. The person in this role would be part of the team responsible for cleaning the "non-animal" areas of the shelter - including the bathrooms, breakroom, lobby, etc.

To learn more about any of these openings and apply, visit us at <https://www.petsgohome.org/about-us/job-opportunities/>.

[I Want to Learn More!](#)



**November & December 2024 Events Recap**

This November, [Hop Garden](#), held their first annual Chili Cookoff at their Evansville location and chose HSSW to be the beneficiary of this fundraiser! This event was super fun for all who attended (two and four-legged alike). There were 15 unique and flavorful chili's, 140 eaters, and a total of \$780 raised! Everyone was a winner, but a special shoutout to the top 3! In First Place, Larry with "Clucking White Chili" and a tie for Second: Dan with "Chick Chili-A" and Ash with "Ash Blaster." We appreciate all the support and hope to see everyone again next year for this PAW-some event!

This December, we held our annual Photos with Santa event, Howl at the Moon Luminary Walk, and our monthly Dine Around Town with Red Robin! [Photos with Santa](#) at [R&M Creamery](#) was a slammin' success with around 100 families coming to be photographed by the talented [Rural Vibe Photography](#). Which means together, we raised over \$2,000 to help pets go home again!

Our [Howl at the Moon Luminary Walk](#) was a chilly one this year, but still fun! We had several families come out to explore our trails, enjoy some hot cocoa and baked goods, and check out the raffle baskets to win. Keep an eye out for many more trail-focused events this year and a revamp to our [Trails Program](#) entirely!

Lastly, as you may know, we held monthly [Dine Around Town](#) events with local restaurants throughout 2024. In December, we partnered with [Red Robin](#) for one of these events and it was just as successful as it was delicious! Red Robin donated 20% of food purchases back to HSSW for the full day of the event which totaled almost \$400 to help pets go home again!

**2024 Shelter Data Recap**



Pets that found loving homes in 2024:  
**2,275**

Pets that went into foster care in 2024:  
**1,026**



Pets that were reunited with their owners in 2024:  
**460**

Surgeries performed in 2024:  
**4,148**

**Upcoming Events**

**Cats N' Mats Yoga**

Join us for a little [morning yoga](#) featuring adoptable cats on Saturday, January 18th 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 [Milwaukee Street Pizza](#) in Janesville on Wednesday, January 22nd for a yummy meal that helps pets go home again!

For this [Dine Around Town](#), Milwaukee Street Pizza will donate 15% of sales back to HSSW - dine-in, carry-out, or delivery!

**Yappy Hour**

Join us out at [Good Works Brewing](#) in Milton on Saturday, January 25th from 1pm-3pm for a Trivia Event!

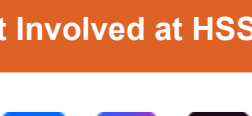
Let's kick off 2025 with a [Yappy Hour](#) Trivia Event! How does it work you ask? It's simple... you show up, grab a beer (or several), answer questions and win gift cards. Easy as that! PLUS, Good Works is dog friendly, so in addition to an adoptable pet (or two) from HSSW, you can also bring in your well-behaved dog!

**Pooch Pull**

Join us at HSSW on Saturday, February 15th at 12pm for our annual [Pooch Pull](#) with the Alaskan Malamute Club of Wisconsin!

Come join the fun and enjoy seeing these canine athletes in action! When you need a break from the cold, come inside and warm up with some delicious chili or soup, hot beverages, and baked goods. Check out our raffle baskets and 50/50 raffle and purchase a few tickets for a chance to win!

**Get Involved at HSSW!**



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