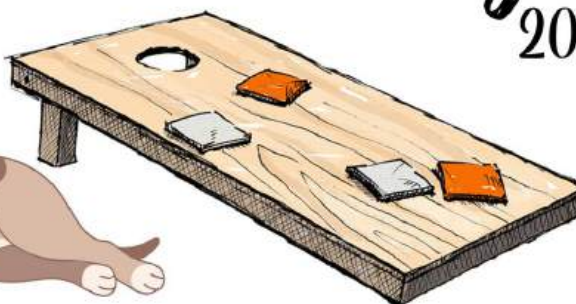




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# Bags & Wags

2026



## cornhole tournament

BENEFITING THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN WISCONSIN

### Bags & Wags Is Almost Here!

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 \$55/per team with Top teams winning CASH prizes!! Registration includes a Willowdale drink chip and the chance to win cash prizes up to \$200! Are you in?? [Register HERE!](#) If we have not filled all 30 team slots by tournament day, we will allow same-day registration for \$60.

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! Can't make it to the event, but want a wagon ticket? Stop by HSSW to purchase one, or Venmo (@petsgohome) us for your ticket(s) - just be sure to note that it's for the wagon.

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



## We're Hiring!

**We're hiring for a few positions at HSSW - who wants to join the team?!**

Do you like:

- Matchmaking pets with new loving families?
- Providing top-notch customer service?
- Creating adoption profiles for pets?

*Then our Adoptions Team may be perfect for you!*

Do you like:

- Providing top-tier medical care for pets?
- Assisting in surgery (prep/during procedure/recovery)?
- Assisting in our Wellness Clinic (vaccines/exams)?

*Then our Surgical Assistant/CVT position may be the one for you!*

Do you like:

- Walking/Playing with dogs?
- Feeding dogs?
- Bonding with dogs?

*Then check out our Dog Care Assistant position!*

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

[I Want to Apply!](#)

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# TICK CHECK

Protect Your Pup

WHERE TO LOOK  
On Your Dog

A FEW MINUTES CAN PREVENT BIG PROBLEMS.

Ticks can carry serious diseases that can make your dog very sick.

Regular checks and quick removal are the best protection.

## WHY IT MATTERS

Ticks can transmit diseases such as Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Ehrlichiosis, Babesiosis and more.

THE LONGER A TICK STAYS ATTACHED, THE GREATER THE RISK.

IN & AROUND THE EARS  
Inside the ear canal and around the base

UNDER THE COLLAR  
Around the neck and where the collar sits

UNDER THE LEGS  
Inside of the front and back legs

BETWEEN THE TOES  
Check between all toes and pads

AROUND THE EYES  
Especially the eyelids and corners

AROUND THE MOUTH  
Lips, gums and under the chin

ARMPITS  
A warm, hidden spot ticks love

GROIN AREA  
Inside the groin and private area

BASE OF THE TAIL  
Under and around the tail

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Ticks attach to the skin and feed on blood.
- They can transmit serious diseases.
- The longer a tick stays attached, the greater the risk.
- Check your dog after every outdoor adventure.

## TICK FACTS



## WHAT TO WATCH FOR

- Red bump or irritation at the bite site
- Scratching, licking or biting the area
- Lethargy, loss of appetite, fever
- Swelling in joints

If you notice any of these signs, contact your veterinarian.

## HOW TO REMOVE A TICK

Remove the tick as soon as possible using the right tool and technique.

**1 HOOK OR GRIP**  
Place the tick key or tweezers as close to the skin's surface as possible. Do not squeeze the tick's body.

**2 PULL STEADY & STRAIGHT**  
Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Do not twist or jerk. The tick should release on its own.

**3 CHECK THE TICK**  
Make sure the mouthparts are removed. If any part remains, clean the area and monitor for signs of infection.

**4 DISPOSE OF THE TICK**  
Flush it down the toilet or place it in alcohol. Do not crush with your fingers.

## CLEAN THE AREA

After removal, clean the bite area and your hands.



## TOOLS YOU CAN USE

**TICK KEY (Recommended)**  
Safe, easy and effective. Designed to remove ticks without squeezing their body.

**TWEEZERS**  
Use fine-tipped tweezers if you don't have a tick key. Make sure they are sharp and clean.

## TICK KEY EXAMPLE



The tick key slides under the tick to lift it out safely—no squeezing, no twisting.

## AFTERCARE & PREVENTION

- Monitor your dog for the next few weeks for any signs of illness.
- Keep your dog on a vet-approved flea, tick & heartworm prevention.
- Keep grass trimmed and avoid heavily wooded or brushy areas when possible.
- Bathe your dog after outdoor activities, especially in tick season.
- Do regular tick checks—especially in warmer months.

A little check goes a long way.  
**CHECK. PROTECT. LOVE YOUR DOG.**

CHECK OFTEN. REMOVE SAFELY. PROTECT ALWAYS.

YOUR BEST FRIEND COUNTS ON YOU.

## Tick Season Is Here!

**Tick season is here... and those little pests are already out in full force.**

Did you know ticks can carry diseases that affect both pets and people? The good news is there are simple ways to help protect your pup this season:

- Stay current on flea & tick prevention
- Check your dog after walks, hikes, or outdoor play
- Pay extra attention around ears, paws, collars, and underbelly
- Keep grass trimmed and avoid tall brush when possible

Some common signs of tick-related illness can include:

- Lethargy
- Limping or stiffness
- Loss of appetite
- Fever

At HSSW, we always closely monitor the dogs in our care and make sure they are up to date on all preventative care. Looking to get your pup up to date as well? HSSW is happy to offer low-cost vaccines and wellness services to the community every Monday and Friday from 10 am – 5 pm. These services include routine care such as vaccines, exams, heartworm tests, nail trims, preventative care and more! For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit us at <https://www.petsgohome.org/veterinary-services/wellness-and-vaccine-clinic/>.

**I Want to Schedule a Wellness Appointment**



## **Happy Foster-A-Pet Month!**

**Looking for short-term love in your life? You're in the right place. Foster a pet from HSSW!**

Foster Caregiver Requirements:

- Must love pets!
- Must be at least 18+ years old
- Experience level: All Levels Welcome - We'll give you the training needed!

Whether you foster for a few days or a few weeks, you're giving that pet a better chance at being adopted. Apply to foster a pet today: <https://www.petsgohome.org/volunteer-foster/foster-friends/>.

Be on the lookout for foster posts from us on our social media pages ([Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#)) all month long to celebrate Foster a Pet Month thanks to [Petco Love!](#)



# EVENTS RECAP

## May Events Recap

In May, we wrapped up our [Adopt A Shelter Pet Day Adoption Special](#), our [Pints & Paws Photo Contest](#) finished, and we held our annual [Kitten Shower!](#)

During our Adoption Special, 50 pets went home again!!! This included 21 dogs, 28 cats, AND 2 ferrets. We couldn't be more pleased to see so many pets find new loving homes in one week!

Our [Pints & Paws Photo Contest](#) wrapped up on the 17th and the winners were crowned! Congrats again to Noodle & Charlie! Thank you to everyone that participated in this contest - together we raised almost \$13,000! Stay tuned for updates on how our Top Dog & Cat work with [Good Works Brewing Co.](#) on their prizes.

Our Kitten Shower at [Timber Hill Winery](#) was just as cute as can be! Plus, 16 kittens and mama cats went home again! If you missed it, don't worry, you can still [adopt your new best kitten friend](#) at HSSW or [send the kittens a gift](#).

***Thank you to everyone that made these events a success!***

## May Shelter Data Recap



# 318

PETS CAME TO HSSW LAST MONTH



# 198

PETS WERE ADOPTED LAST MONTH



# 48

PETS WERE REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILY LAST MONTH



# 324

SPAY & NEUTER SURGERIES WERE PERFORMED AT HSSW LAST MONTH

To see our full May Shelter Data Report, visit us [HERE](#).

## Upcoming Events

Muttley Crue Run Club - June 9th



Metanoia Tattoo Fundraiser - June 27th



[HSSW's Muttley Crue Run Club](#) is back again this summer to get our community out on our trails and practice their trail running! The cost is \$60 for 8 weekly sessions starting on Tuesday June 9th. The sessions will run from 6pm-7pm each meeting.

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Included in your registration fee is coaching by our very own [UESCA certified running coach](#) (who is also a certified ultra running coach and a certified endurance sports nutritionist!) and a year-long pass to our [Trails Club](#) (normally \$25 on it's own!). Plus, your year-long

Join us down at [Metanoia Tattoo Studio](#) for our annual flash tattoo fundraiser on June 27th from 9am-6pm!

[Flash designs](#) are now available – all designs are pre-sized, arms & legs only, only line work (no color). Each piece is \$25 PLUS get 4 designs tattooed at \$25 each & get the 5th for free!

10% of tattoo proceed will come back to HSSW along with 100% of raffle proceeds.

This event is completely first come, first serve, so be sure to get in line early and get your name on the list before 6pm!

pass comes with a Discount Card to use at local businesses!

Come on down to join our Muttley Crué this summer for some running fun on the trails! Plus, once you've completed your 8 sessions with us, you'll be ready for the [Donut Dash](#) on August 1st!

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## 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 \$45 right now, but will increase to \$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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Get Involved at HSSW!



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