



Special Announcement from HSSW!

We will be holding a four-day training from March 9th – 12th focused on dog handling, the use of various tools, and best practices when emergencies arise.

The training will be 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.

John began his career in 2004, working to establish and run the first animal shelter and animal control program in the State of Kuwait. He went on to spend 11 years there, building programs, learning, and pioneering animal capture techniques for the Middle East.

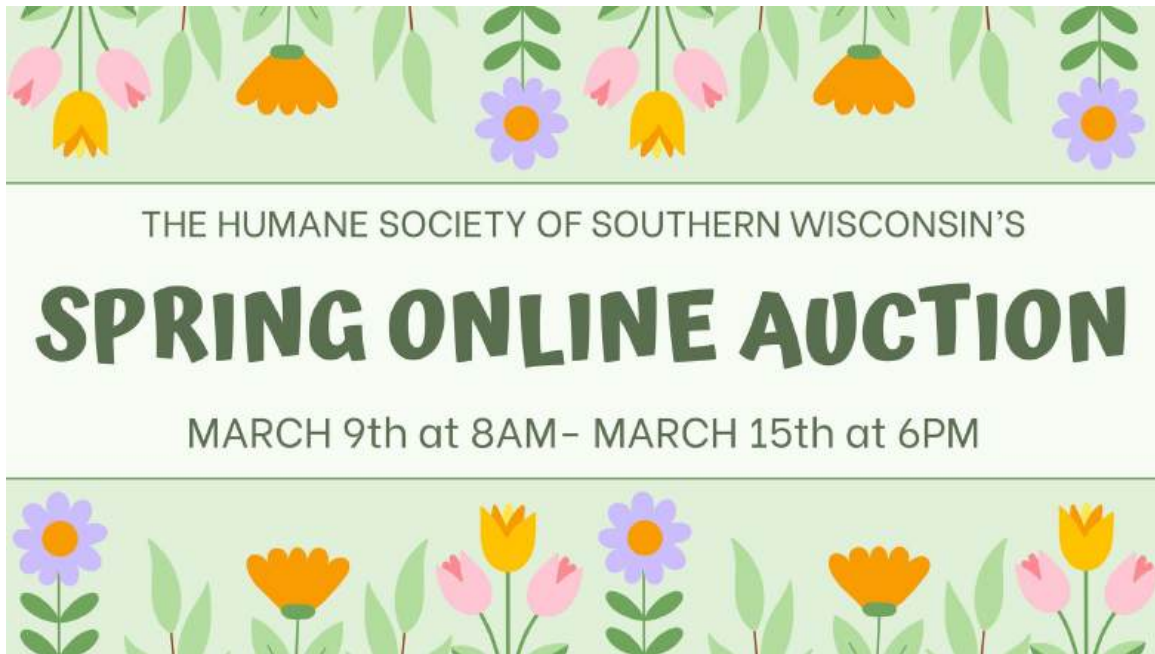
John has worked in leadership positions for several large NGOs over the course of his career and is committed to finding innovative ways to help organizations and individuals fill their training, operational and equipment needs.

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.

Municipal Leadership and Law Enforcement Officers will also be attending the training sessions alongside HSSW staff.

HSSW will remain open for all regular hours and services with the added help of our incredible volunteers. We ask that you have extra patience and grace with us during this week of training as we will have half of the staff that we typically have working each day. Our volunteers will be filling in as well, but things may move a bit slower than usual, so again we ask for some extra patience during this time.

Check out our social media pages for updates as we go through our training!



Our Spring Online Auction Starts MONDAY!

Over the past few months, we've received a ton of really great donations! These donations are not necessarily things that we can use at HSSW to help care for our pets, but they are things that we can use in raffle baskets, silent auctions, or online auctions like this one! In this way, these items help us generate revenue that we can use to purchase items our pets need.

With over 40 items in this auction, there's a little something for everyone, so be sure to check it out & get your bids in before Sunday at 6pm!

Online Auction: <https://new.biddingowl.com/petsgohomespring2026>

[I Want to Bid!](#)



FOUND KITTENS?

START HERE: Are the kittens sick or injured?



CALL HSSW!
608-752-5622



ESTIMATE THE AGE OF THE KITTENS



0-2 WEEKS OLD
Eyes are closed or barely open



2-4 WEEKS OLD
Eyes open & alert, Becoming mobile



4-6 WEEKS OLD
Mobile, Talkative, Can eat food



6-8 WEEKS OLD
Active, Playful, Weigh 1-2lbs



8+ WEEKS OLD
Active, Playful, Weigh 2lbs+

STOP! Can you see mom?

DON'T KIT-NAP!

The best place for these kittens to be is with their mom. **Leave the kittens where they are.**

Ensure that mom has **access to shelter, food, and water.**

Contact us at 608-752-5622 for help with rehoming the kittens when old enough & spaying mom.

ARE YOU SURE?

Mom may be hunting or not want to come back when people are present. **Watch for her to come back for a few hours.**

Pro Tip: Leave a ring of flour around the kittens. Check in a few hours if you see mom's pawprints.

Give us a call at **608-752-5622** for help finding them homes or getting them spayed/neutered.

CONTACT US!

Call us at **608-752-5622** or email us at intake@petsgohome.org

MOM CAME BACK

STILL NO MOM

Kitten Season Is Upon Us - Let's Get Prepared!

Kitten Season is just around the corner with the temperatures warming up!

It's called "Kitten Season" because shelters all over the US start seeing more and more kittens come into their facilities. That means YOU are also likely to start seeing more kittens around your neighborhood. SO, what do you do if you find kittens this Kitten Season??

- If you find kittens under 5 weeks old and see a mother cat nearby, do not remove them. Most of the time, the mother is caring for them — even if she is not right next to them at that moment. She may be out looking for food or hiding nearby.
- If the kittens are in a cluster or "kitten pile," that is usually a good sign. It often means mom is actively caring for them.
- The best place for kittens under 5 weeks old is with their mother. She provides the nutrition, warmth, and care they need to survive and thrive — something humans cannot fully replace.
- Bringing very young kittens into a shelter environment can be risky. Even if the mother cat is brought with the kittens, she could stop caring and reject the kittens as this is a high stress environment.



Babygirl



Belsnickel



Celeste

Cuddle Shuttles

If you've been following HSSW for a while, you know that we do Transports (which we call Cuddle Shuttles). You may have noticed that we've been doing several recently - some from very close like Winnebago County and some from much further away in southern states. No matter where the shelter we are assisting is, one thing remains the same - the reason we do them in the first place.

The transports that HSSW does are just a small part of a much larger nationwide effort to help all shelters euthanize less and move towards a [no-kill](#) status.

Over the past few years, statistics have shown that fewer local animals are needing new homes. With the addition of private foster-based rescue groups, microchipping and social media sites like '[Lost Dogs of Wisconsin](#)', fewer animals are needing a home and the amount of time animals spend at shelters has decreased. As a result, this decrease has created room at HSSW to help more animals. Like other WI animal welfare groups, we've formed partnerships with shelters in the South that are continuously overcrowded and euthanizing healthy dogs for space. **It's a mutually beneficial partnership where we help alleviate overcrowding and in return, we're able to provide our community with more pets looking for homes.**

Moving animals from overcrowded shelters to those that can't keep up with the adoption needs of their community is the key to saving lives. Transferring animals around the nation is integral to the animal adoption 'ecosystem'. There will never be enough homes for all the animals born each year, but together we can save more lives and help those shelters that are struggling to one day also get to a no-kill status. **HSSW is proud to be able to help more dogs go home.**

Pictured above are just a few of the dogs that have been transported to HSSW recently and are still looking to go home again!

I Want to See Your Adoptable Dogs!

February Events Recap

In February, we had several really fun events! We held our annual [Super Bowl Square Fundraiser](#) where all 100 squares sold and one of our winners donated

back their winnings! Which brought our total raised to \$1,400!

We had our [Happy Hour](#) event at [The Looking Glass](#) in February as well. During this event 15% of all food and beverage sales came back to HSSW! PLUS, their charity tap line benefitted us all month long too! *We should have totals raised very soon!*

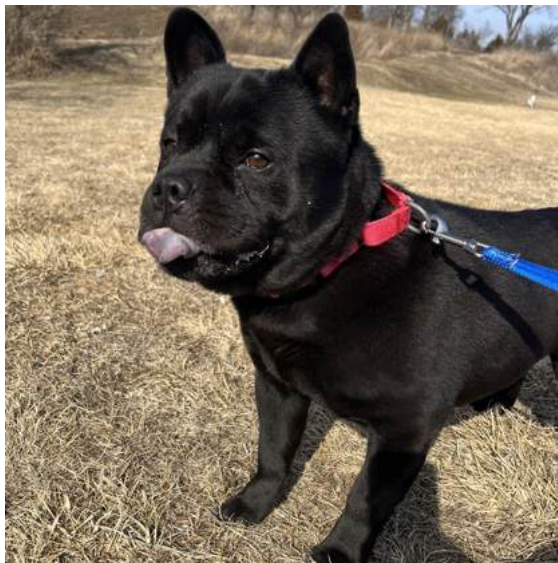
Later in the month, we had our annual [Pooch Pull](#) with the [Malamute Club of Wisconsin](#). Watching the dogs compete is always a blast! Plus, [Mocha Moment](#) donated some excellent hot cocoa and coffee to keep us all warm. And our volunteers stepped up big time to donate food & treats, and to help run the event! *Together, we raised over \$1,300!*

Thank you to everyone that made these events a success!

February Shelter Data Recap



Pets that found loving homes in February: **135**



Pets in foster homes in February:

79



Pets reunited with their owners in February: **30**



Surgeries performed in February:
321

Upcoming Events

50/50 Fundraiser - March 14th



Join us down at the [Turtle Tap](#) for a 50-50 Raffle on March 14th from 10am-5pm!

50% of pot will go to the lucky winner and 50% will come back to HSSW to further our mission of helping pets go home again. PLUS, we'll have a very special four-legged friend visiting from 12pm-3pm!

Easter Bunny Photo Day - March 21st



Come on down to [Rock County Honda](#) on March 21st from 10am-12pm for an Easter Bunny Photo Shoot that helps pets go home again!

There will also be Easter eggs hidden throughout the showroom and the Easter Bunny on-site to take photos with the whole family. The photos will be donation-based with proceeds coming back to HSSW! AND we'll have a couple of special four-legged guests at the event too!

Dine Around Town - March 25th



This Dine Around Town is hosted at [Milwaukee Street Pizza](#) in Janesville on March 25th from 3pm-8pm!

During that time, 15% of sales will be donated back to HSSW! Be sure to bring your whole family & your appetite!

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!

Get Involved at HSSW!



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