



HSV Animal Welfare League Rescue Report

Dedicated to place all rescued and surrendered, adoptable companion animals into loving homes, and to prevent the overpopulation of unwanted animals.

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Year in Review

**“The Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League
has the best volunteers and members in the world!”**

article by Susan Luse, AVL President



Volunteers (from left) Jeff Johnson, Melanie Matchett, Shawn Harrison, Jennifer Hurd and Julie Keck pose with some of our adoptable pets who have all since found their forever homes.

Our volunteers care for the cats and dogs, assist villagers, operate spay and neuter clinics for low income families in the surrounding areas, walk the dogs, cuddle the cats, and find these precious animals forever homes. We are continuing to improve the shelter building and property, making it a safe and fun place to volunteer and visit. Updates in 2022 included:

- The drop-off building located behind the shelter was no longer being used, so the AVL converted that space to a play area for the shelter puppies. Enrichment equipment and toys were purchased for the volunteers to use while socializing and training the puppies, making them ready to be adopted.

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*Jan and Cindy (watched by Tess Harrison),
enjoy the newly converted puppy play area.*



Meet the 2023 AWL Board of Directors

Despite many diverse backgrounds, the Board of Directors are all unified to support the AWL's mission. Although officially retired, many tirelessly "work" 20 to 40+ hours per week to help our homeless pets.

Susan Luse, President - Joined AWL in 2009; Board Member since 2013

Sue's commitment to the AWL is unparalleled. Sue was elected to the Board as Treasurer in 2013, became the Medical Coordinator in 2016, and has served as President since 2017. According to Sue, "the rights and care of animals are very important to me." As president, Sue assists with medical needs, works closely with veterinarians, oversees the AWL policies and standard operating procedures just to name a few of her responsibilities. Sue is also the liaison with the POA and Animal Control Officers, and manages all shelter improvements to ensure the best care and safety for our adoptable animals.

Shelley Shepherd, 1st Vice President - Joined AWL in 2014; Board Member since 2016

Anybody who meets Shelley quickly realizes how dedicated she is to our wonderful canines, and as our Dog Adoption Coordinator since 2016, and a foster parent herself, Shelley "works with everything related to the dogs, including adoptions, fosters, transports and medical entry." Shelley is also the co-liaison to the POA. Her goals for 2023 include seeing fewer families surrendering their pets because they can no longer afford to keep them, and she would like stronger animal protection laws put in place.

Jill Jones, 2nd Vice President - Joined AWL in 2016; Board Member since 2019

Jill, a Cat Adoption Coordinator, is Shelley's counterpart. She manages cat and kitten adoption inquiries, applications, appointments, records adoption and follow up data. Jill is also the contact for any cat issues at the shelter, and helps the medical team with feline veterinary needs, including scheduling and transportation. A cat foster mom, she also monitors feline surgery recovery in her home. Jill, along with some of the AWL's adoptable cats and kittens, make weekly "Adoption Day" appearances at the Petco Store in Benton. Jill also posts on Facebook and Instagram, and her goal for 2023 is to increase adoptions through social media.

Janene Howell, Secretary - Joined AWL in 2017, Board Member since 2021

As secretary, Janene records minutes at all board and special meetings, and meticulously maintains the AWL's records and documents. She also reports key data to the Shelter Animals Count and leads the Donations Team, which sorts and distributes all the physical donations received, including food, litter, blankets and pet supplies. As head of the Education Team, Janene's goal for 2023 is to "expand the team and develop new ideas to work with area schools and other youth organizations to educate children about animal welfare."

Debe Jolliff, Treasurer - Joined AWL in 2011, Board Member since 2018

As treasurer, Debe manages all of the AWL's financials including sources of income and expenses. She ensures all accounts balance, processes payments, and oversees our insurance policies. Debe is also our technical guru; she handles our computer needs, manages the volunteer website, and medical postings. She is very active with the HUG (Help Us Go) program, and got involved with the AWL by responding to a plea for help to transport dogs to other cities. Debe, who lives in Missouri, epitomizes what it means to serve remotely!

Melanie Marshall, Director - Joined AWL in 2017, Board Member since 2020

Melanie is the coordinator of the AWL's 200+ volunteers, which she calls "the backbone of the organization." She oversees the scheduling of all volunteers at the shelter, including the Animal and Cat Care Workers, Dog Walkers, and Guest Relations Workers. Melanie, along with Board Member Rose Johnson, implemented PAWS (Pet Assistance Welfare Solutions,) a new program designed to help seniors keep their companion animals at home. Her 2023 goals include growing the PAWS program, providing communication updates to the volunteers, as well as advocating on their behalf to the AWL Board of Directors.

Laura Allworth, Director - Joined AWL in 2018, Board Member since 2021

Laura manages the AWL's public relations efforts through print and online media, maintains the website, produces the Rescue Report, and provides visual and written support for fundraising events, grant applications and other publicity needs. Her goal for 2023 is "to create more public awareness of all the programs and services the AWL provides for the animals, HSV residents, and the community."

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Meet the 2023 AWL Board of Directors *(continued)*

Sandie Rickerman, Director - Board Member in 2010-2011; Rejoined Board in 2022

Sandie has been involved with the AWL since moving to HSV in 2009. She rejoined the Board in 2022 as our Fundraising Chair, "to make a profit for the shelter" through events such as Girls Gotta Howl. Sandie says she serves "for the love of the animals" and recently she and her husband Craig fostered Katie, the abused dog featured on our holiday postcard. They quickly fell in love with Katie (now called Queen) and adopted her. Sandie happily reports that Queen is thriving in her new home!

Rose Johnson, Director - Joined AWL in 2021, Board Member since 2022

Rose, along with Shelley, serves as the AWL's Dog Adoption and Foster Coordinator, and also helps facilitate the HUG (Help Us Go) and the PAWS (Pets Assistance Welfare Solutions) programs. Rose assists with our Angel Fund program, and along with her husband Jeff, both "big animal lovers," walk the shelter dogs at night. "I serve the AWL because of the rewarding feeling it brings from helping homeless animals." Her goal for 2023 is to "ensure the dogs have safe refuge while we help them get their fur-ever homes."

Michele Alford, Director - Joined AWL in 2016, Board Member in 2023

Michele has been an AWL volunteer since 2016 serving in many capacities (Animal Care Worker, Dog Walker and foster mom, Spay/Neuter Clinics) and we warmly welcome her to the AWL Board this year. Michelle believes her all-around AWL and Adoption Center experience, as well as her business background, will be helpful to the Board and she "looks forward to helping where needed and sharing ideas." Among other responsibilities, Michele will help with fundraising and will serve on our Safety Committee.

Message from the President *(cont'd from page 1)*

- The screens on all of the outdoor kennel runs were frayed and deteriorating. New screens were purchased and installed, making these areas cooler in the summer, warmer in the winter, and providing a protective barrier during inclement weather.
- The old and rusted cat cages in the POA intake area were replaced with safer, larger, and more comfortable stainless steel cat condos. Dividers in each condo help facilitate care and feeding. New high quality, orthopedic Kuranda beds were also purchased for all the dog kennels.
- Interior and exterior remaining projects are being completed this winter and spring so we can host an open house in the fall.

Almost all of the visitors and adopters who come into our shelter comment about how clean and beautiful it is; how well behaved the animals are; and how friendly, helpful, and kind all of the volunteers they meet are.

We truly have the best volunteers in the world!

All of us can be very proud of what the AWL has accomplished. We socialize, love, and care for the homeless pets in the village and prepare them for adoption into loving homes. Thanks to all of our volunteers, members and others who support our work. -Sue Luse



Volunteer dog walker Sierra Wise-Canfield recently brought her family to meet Daisy, our sweet Labrador Retriever. From left, her husband Devon, and sons Jameson and Gabriel.



Volunteers needed for new PAWS program (Pet Assistance Welfare Solutions)

The AWL is offering a new program designed to help HSV seniors who are facing chronic disease or limited mobility, a way to keep their companion pets at home. Volunteers are needed to help the seniors care for the animals in various ways, including delivering food and feeding the pets, taking them to the vet for routine care or grooming, spay/neutering, walking dogs 1-2 times a day, or assisting in short term boarding until a family member can be found.

The program is offered to HSV residents only, and supports the AWL's goal to place all rescued and adoptable companion animals into loving homes and prevent the overpopulation of unwanted animals.



For more information about PAWS or to volunteer, please contact: Mel Marshall 817.909.7042, melmarshall099@msn.com, or Rose Johnson at 757.576.0226, yougodawg@gmail.com.



“CAN” You Help with our Aluminum Beverage Recycling?

Thanks to all those who are recycling their aluminum beverage cans for the AWL. In 2022, we raised \$6,132! Mike Frantz, who oversees the program, needs to coordinate all the volunteers who make the collections. He kindly asks that all of the “secret volunteers” who pick them up at the golf courses and various other HSV locations, please contact him at his new email address- mikechris5105@gmail.com so a schedule can be made. We have received reports of some overflowing containers and want to ensure that pickups are done on a regular basis, especially as the warmer weather approaches and more golfers use the courses. Please contact Mike if you can assist with any of the aluminum beverage can collections.

Happy Tails! Bandita - Love at First “Nudge”

After the first cat they adopted from the AWL passed away, members Becky and Steve Mason went to see the adoptable cats and kittens that were being fostered at Chad and Cheryl Schaefer's home. While they were looking at the felines, Steve felt a nudge on the back of his head from a cute tuxedo kitten called Peppa; it was as if she was announcing “Here I am!” After they looked at all the cats, Becky went over to see Peppa and the adoption coordinator took her out of the cage to let Becky hold her. While holding her like a baby, Peppa reached up and gave Becky a kiss. According to Becky, “Peppa knew immediately that we were supposed to be her new parents!” Since her face had markings similar to a bandit, they renamed her Bandita. Now, a year later, Steve and Becky say that Bandita still commands a lot of attention, (which she readily gets) is very loyal, inquisitive, and yes, is still a lover!



Bandita, with Becky and Steve, gives her “dad” an adoring gaze. When she's not seeking their attention, Bandita likes to play in her kitty tunnel.

AWL by the Numbers - Your 2022 Impact

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to help so many animals this year.

437 Animals Came into our Care

108

Dog Adoptions

242

Cat Adoptions



(87 Dogs transferred to rescue/sanctuary through our HUG - Help Us Go! Program)

Shopping Rebates

AWL receives money when you shop!

amazon smile Kroger iGive.com*

\$1,191

\$191

\$28



Recycling Rebates

Aluminum Beverage Cans

\$6,132



Printer Ink Cartridges

\$188

Angel Fund spent **\$13,860**
to help publicly owned pets -

69 Dogs & 27 Cats

Our 2022 program expenses:

\$324,000+

(more than **\$170,000** covered
veterinary expenses)

208 Volunteers

AWL is staffed entirely by our dedicated volunteers who care for our shelter animals 365 days a year! They serve as foster parents, animal and cat care workers, dog walkers, and in guest relations just to name a few!

100% of all donations support
our homeless pets.

\$25,000 Donations received from
our Holiday Postcard.

\$2,792 Donations received from
Giving Tuesday

767 Animals Spayed/Neutered
(449 Cats & 318 Dogs)



Community Pets

Spayed/neutered since 2007

667 Annual Members

(Including **93** Champions)
sustaining monthly contributors

Live Release (Save Rate)

96%

(Number of animals in our care placed into loving homes at year's end divided by those on hand at year's beginning & those taken in)

December Statistics

Adoptions

9 Dogs, 40 Cats

9 Angel Fund Requests

667 Memberships

93 Champions

Spay Neuter (November)

15 low cost vouchers
used at Waggin' Wheel;
26 at Kelly Vet Clinic

8,875 sterilizations since 2007

Save the Date!

Walk & Wag-A-Thon

Scheduled for May 6;

(rain date May 13th)

Balboa Beach Trail

Details coming soon!

Girls Gotta Howl

September 25th

NEW! By popular request,
GGH will be presented as
Two Identical Events -
a matinee and evening gala
on the same day!

More info to come

Champions

Congrats to our Winner!s!

December, 2022

Darleen Tripcony - \$460!

Darleen is graciously donating 1/2
of her winnings to the AWL.

January, 2023

Chari Larimore - \$450!

Join Champions - AWL's
program for a \$10 monthly
pledge. Each month there is a
50/50 raffle, with a cap payout
of \$500.

Email contactus@hsvawl.org
for more information.

or click the link below to join:

<https://hsvawl.wufoo.com/forms/sguov4m0twh1dc/>

DJ & T Foundation and **amazon**smile Cease Operations

Many remember Bob Barker as the retired host of "The Price Is Right," but he also created the DJ & T Foundation to curb pet overpopulation. Although Bob, at 99, is still with us, the foundation recently announced they are no longer active, but we thank them for their support to our Spay/Neuter program. Angela Nickols, who started the AWL's S/N program in 2007, said "DJ & T was the very first grant we received and we're fortunate to have gotten many grants from them over the years".



Bob Barker and friend

Citing the program "did not have the impact they intended," **Amazon Smile** will no longer be supporting charities, and plan to invest in other philanthropic areas. The changes will occur on or before February 20, 2023. We are grateful for their support, which to date has given the AWL \$4,400 since October, 2013. We will be receiving a final check from them when the program ceases.

Alternative Purchasing Ways that Help the AWL

Our shoppers are encouraged to sign up at www.iGive.com Like Amazon Smile, a portion of your sales is donated to the charity of your choice. **iGive.com** also has more than 2,000 stores affiliated with their program, and they donate up to 3% back to your charity. Select Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League when prompted to choose your charity.



Kroger www.kroger.com Obtain a free Kroger Plus card at any Kroger store and register your card online (use above link) and under the savings tab select community rewards. Choose Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League (KW414) as your charity, and use your Kroger Plus card everytime you shop at Kroger.

Tennis Balls present risks to Dogs

Although they may seem harmless, many vets agree that tennis balls are actually dangerous to dogs, and we will no longer be using them at the shelter. Since their outer covering is very abrasive, it can severely wear down their teeth, and in time cause considerable pain and make eating difficult. They can also be a choking hazard, especially when dogs rip a ball to shreds and consume the pieces. Fortunately, tennis balls specifically made for dogs are available (at Petco and Chewy) with extra durable rubber and non-abrasive felt, so you and your pet can still enjoy safe playtime!

