



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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Happy Holidays!

Our annual holiday appeal should have arrived in your mailbox, and we thank you, our friends and members, for your ongoing support! It is through your generosity that we are able to continue our lifesaving work, as our expenses (primarily veterinary care and food) cost over \$300,000 every year. You make our mission possible, and in 2022 to date, we have placed over 345 homeless pets in loving homes, and the need continues. Please consider a gift to the AWL in your holiday giving this year. As a volunteer based shelter, 100% of your tax-deductible donation directly supports our animals!

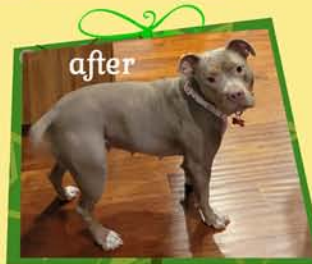


**However you celebrate this festive time of year,
You can make the season bright for our homeless pets!**

Please consider a holiday gift to the HSV Animal Welfare League so we can continue our lifesaving work and help more pets like Katie and Felix.

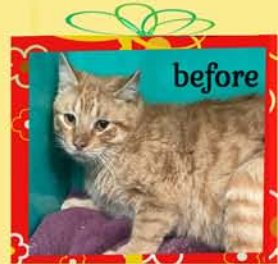
Katie

Abandoned, abused, starving, and nursing four puppies, Katie was in a desperate situation. There was a good chance this sweet tempered dog wouldn't make it, but we wouldn't give up. Due to the great vet care we provided and nurturing at her foster home, Katie has almost completely recovered. In fact, her foster parents are so smitten with her, they decided to adopt her!



Felix

Terrified and all alone, Felix literally had been dumped. Because he was so scared, we had to set a trap at the shelter to capture him. Fortunately, Felix the cat is a lucky guy! He was nursed back to health, and became quite a little lovebug to everyone who cared for him at the shelter. Now, this handsome fellow has found a forever home!



To make a tax deductible donation, visit hsvawl.org, (or scan the QR code with your mobile phone camera), and click donate to pay on our secure site with a credit card, or mail your gift to: HSVAWL, PO Box 8032, HSV, AR 71910-8032

AWL Holds Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election

Members gathered at the Ponce de Leon Center on Nov. 17th to elect BOD members and receive updates on our programs, shelter renovations, and finances. We were honored that POA General Manager Kelly Hale agreed to be our guest speaker. Kelly said, "The AWL is the only volunteer group I invited to come up on stage at the Newcomers meeting, since I consider the AWL a part of the POA." Mr. Hale said the POA will work with the AWL to install new fire alarms and outdoor lighting at the shelter. Kelly also discussed his POA management approach and key challenges for HSV, including raising funds.



Guest speaker POA General Manager Kelly Hale

Rose Johnson presented the election results. Re-elected for a two year term are Sue Luse, President; Shelley Shepherd, Vice President; Debe Joliff, Treasurer; and Laura Allworth, At-large; and we welcome newly elected BOD member Michelle Alford, At-large. Continuing their two year terms are Jill Jones, 2nd Vice-President; Janene Howell, Secretary, Melanie Marshall, Sandie Rickerman, and Rose Johnson, all At-large. A recap of our 2022 accomplishments will be presented in our January, 2023 Rescue Report.

Celebrate the Holidays Safely with your Pets

The holidays are certainly a time to celebrate with family and friends, including our cats and dogs. However, they also bring potential dangers for our pets but with a little effort, you can keep them safe.



Cagney and Lacey (adopted from the AWL in Dec, 2020,) enjoy their "fake" but safe environment.

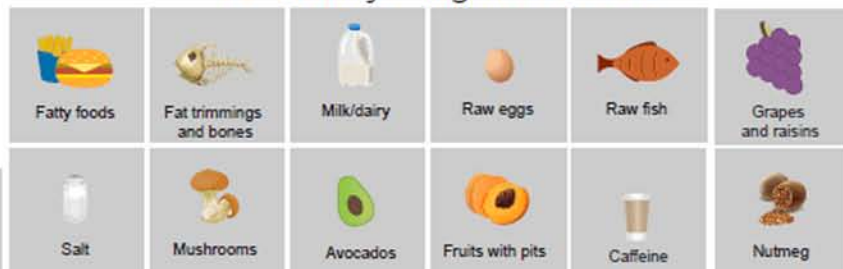
PLANTS - Poinsettias, lilies, holly berries and mistletoe are all problematic to dogs and cats. Of all of these festive plants, lilies are the most toxic and are potentially fatal if ingested. The leaves and berries of holly and mistletoe plants, even the dried plants, should be kept well out of your pet's reach, or better yet, kept out of the home altogether. Daffodils are also toxic to both dogs and cats. The bulbs are the most toxic; even a few bites of the flower can cause kidney failure. Symptoms of illness from ingesting these plants include intestinal upset, vomiting and diarrhea, and abdominal pain.

FOODS
Some of the most toxic food for pets include onions & garlic, raw eggs & meat, chocolate, alcohol, nuts, grapes and raisins. Avoid feeding your pets table scraps, especially around the holidays, as these may contain potentially toxic ingredients.

Toxic Foods



Potentially Dangerous Foods



If your pet consumes any of these listed items, call the ASPCA Poison Hotline at 1-888-426-4435

Game, Set, Match - You Lose Play & Dinner Scores \$6,000 for the AWL!



Fans of a clever "who done it" were treated to dinner/theatre performances on Nov. 4 & 5 at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. Produced by The Knights of Columbus Council #10208, Sacred Heart Men's Club, and the HSV Tennis Association, they generously donated the \$6,000 proceeds to the AWL! The play was written and produced by Gil Duran, assisted by his wife, Mary, and directed by Trina Harington.

AWL President Sue Luse accepts the check on behalf of the AWL from Gil Duran and Charlene Reinsch. Second row (from left) is AWL fundraising chair Sandie Rickerman, and representing the donors are Bob Montgomery, Linda Broome, Reb Henry, Mary Duran, Annie Webster and Dominique Kohlenberger.

GOLDEN PAWS SOCIETY - A Gift to the AWL that Costs Nothing Now



The lingering pandemic has made a lot of us think about what we'd like our legacy to be. It's not easy to talk about, but it is important to have a plan in place that includes not only the people you love, but also the cats and dogs who fill our lives with so much joy.

Your continued support for the AWL shows your dedication to help animals in need, and for this reason, we offer a unique opportunity to impact our lifesaving work for animals well into the future by providing a legacy gift.

Legacy giving is for anyone who wants to create a lasting impact that will live on beyond their lifetime. Every gift of every size makes a difference. No gift is too small.

While many compassionate people donate to charities during their lifetime, only a few have the foresight to continue their support with a legacy gift.

We hope you will be one of these special people that join the AWL's Golden Paws Society.

We encourage you to talk with your financial advisor and/or attorney about a legacy gift. When including a gift to the HSV Animal Welfare League in your will or other beneficiary designation, please be sure to use our legal designation:

Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League, Inc.
P.O. Box 8032
Hot Springs Village, AR 71910-8032
Tax ID #58-1805215

If you have questions or would like additional information about joining the Golden Paws Society, please email hsawlpr@gmail.com



Happy Tails - Meet Jelly Bean, the "sweetest" Foster Mom!

We're so grateful to have so many wonderful foster moms and dads at the AWL, but Jelly Bean is truly special because this foster is a dog. The tale began when the mom of seven, two week old pups was tragically killed by a car. Fortunately, the pups came to the shelter and Shelley Shepherd posted a plea on Facebook for a "mama" dog that could nurse the pups. Carly and Matt Dassenko from Hot Springs saw the post, and quickly volunteered their dog Jelly Bean, who had just finished nursing her own pups. They brought Jelly Bean to the AWL, where she became a

great foster mom and did a wonderful job nursing the pups for almost a month!

Jelly Bean with the 7 puppies she nursed at the AWL, and with her real family, Carly and Matt Dassenko and their sons. We are very thankful to the Dassenko's for sharing their sweet and loving Jelly Bean with us. Soon the pups will be ready to go to their new "forever" homes.



Holiday Happenings at the Animal Welfare League

In keeping with a Thanksgiving tradition started several years ago, the 35 dogs and cats at the shelter were treated to a special "pet friendly" dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Volunteers prepared chicken, sweet potatoes, green beans, and pumpkin with some plain yogurt for the dogs, while the cats also enjoyed some sardines. Needless to say, there weren't any leftovers!



Volunteers (from left) Cheri White, Patti Swenson, Shelley Shepherd, Jennifer Hurd, Beth Burrows, Chari Larimore, Judy Pope, and Bridget Duffield prepared the Thanksgiving meals for our cats and dogs, while Chari ensures the pups get their fair share!



Trick or Treat!

Villagers passing through the Balboa Gate on Halloween were given a chocolate treat and an updated brochure describing the AWL's services. Since there are so many new residents in the Village, we thought it would be a "sweet" way for them to learn about the AWL and what we do.

Special thanks to volunteers Janene Howell and Sandi Rickerman (pictured left in their cat and dog ears), Rose & Jeff Johnson, Patti Swenson, and Shelly Hill.



We like Visitors!

Hot Springs Girl Scout Troop 6683, under the leadership of Lori Halupka, visited the shelter to learn about our cats and dogs. As volunteer Cheri White (wearing hat) was talking about our dogs, this lucky young lady received a kiss from friendly Ranger. The girls also generously made dog and kitty treats to share with our adoptable pets!

Statistics

Adoptions

Oct - 6 Dogs, 23 Cats

Nov - 8 Dogs, 17 cats

Angel Fund Requests

Oct - 9, Nov - 6

Spay Neuter

8,838 sterilizations since 2007

79 animals spayed/neutered
at Fountain Lake Nov 14/15

56 S/N with low cost vouchers

Memberships

665 Members

93 Champions

2023 Save the Dates

Walk & Wag-A-Thon

tentatively scheduled for May 6;
(rain date May 13th)

Girls Gotta Howl

September 25th

AWL Annual Meeting

November 16th

*More dates to come as our
2023 schedule gets finalized!*

Champions

Congrats to our Winners!

October Winner

Darleen Tripcony, who won \$470.

November Winner

Elaine Reynolds, who won \$465.

Elaine has generously donated her
entire winnings back to the AWL.

*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/>



In Memoriam - Connie J. Mills Forever Friend to the AWL Felines!

We were very saddened to learn of the recent passing of Connie Mills, an amazing volunteer who was so instrumental in saving the lives of cats in the Village and getting them adopted. Connie (pictured with her husband Dave), worked very closely with good friend, Nancy Jones, in starting the TNR (trap, neuter and release) program in 2009. At that time, the AWL was not a no-kill shelter, and only had room for 5 cats. Needing more space, Nancy and Connie began to house adoptable cats in their garages and living rooms. As a result, they adopted out 51 cats in 2010, and in 2011, that number more than doubled. Shortly thereafter, the shelter became no-kill, was renovated, and a dedicated cat room was created.

"Connie and I worked as one. We went to Petco to do adoptions. We cleaned cages, fed the cats, and gave medicine daily. Generally, we each devoted between 2-4 hours a day, 7 days a week, to care for the cats. Without Connie, none of the cat rescues could have been done."

Nancy Jones

We are very grateful to Connie and Nancy for their passion to protect our felines, and for expanding the cat care programs we follow today. Connie would be pleased to know that so far in 2022, more than 200 cats have found loving homes. Below are some lucky cats and kittens adopted in December with their new families!



AWL Volunteers Recognized as the November VIPS at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church.

Congratulations to longtime AWL volunteers Chris and Mike Frantz, who were recently recognized as “Very Important Parishioners” at Sacred Heart. If their many years of generously giving their time and talents to the AWL mirrors their volunteer efforts at Sacred Heart, the recognition is much deserved! Chris and Mike started volunteering at the AWL 18 years ago, and are still very active. Through the years, they have helped in many areas, including spay neuter and fundraising, and Chris is a regular Animal Care Worker at the shelter. Mike currently also coordinates the aluminum beverage can recycling program, which includes the various Village pickups at restaurants and golf courses. Village residents can also drop off their cans in the fenced bin behind the AWL adoption center, or the POA Minorca Sanitation site at 218 Minorca Road. Special thanks to Chris and Mike for all they do!



Chris and Mike Frantz,
AWL volunteers since 2005!

Mike would like to remind everyone that the AWL can only accept **ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS**, (think coke and beer) and that they must be placed in bags. Please remember to recycle your cans after your holiday celebrations!



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Is the AWL your smile.amazon.com charity?

Did you know you can shop online using Amazon Smile, and a portion of your sale will support AWL's work?

To set it up, go to **smile.amazon.com** and select AWL as your charity. Just type **Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League** into the charity search bar and our listing will appear at the top of the list. The system remembers your charity choice, and then every eligible purchase you make benefits the AWL.

Since we became an Amazon Smile charity, the AWL has earned over \$4,400!

Can you Spare 3 Hours a Month or every other Week?

That's all it takes to join our team of volunteers and help us help our pets while they wait for their forever homes. It may seem like a small contribution, but please know that it makes a big difference when there's a lot of volunteers sharing the responsibilities. Even though we have around 200 active volunteers, there's always a need for so many more as volunteers are the lifeblood of the organization.

17,500 Annual Hours Needed to Maintain the AWL

In a recent report compiled by President Sus Luse, it was determined that it takes approximately 17,500 hours annually to maintain the Adoption Center and the AWL's programs. That averages over 330 hours per week, and continues to grow.

Volunteer at the Shelter or from your Home

We especially need volunteers at the Adoption Center, to serve as Animal Care Workers, Dog Walkers, Cat Care Workers, and in Guest Relations, but there are also many rewarding ways to help that can be done from your home, including Fostering, Volunteer Scheduling, Internet Posting, Fundraising, and Marketing to name a few.

To learn more how you can join our team of Volunteers, please visit hsvawl.org/volunteer-opportunities

Witty and Wise...

"Nobody can fully understand the meaning of love unless he's owned a dog. A dog can show you more honest affection with a flick of his tail than a man can gather through a lifetime of handshakes." – Gene Hill, author

"My alarm doesn't have a snooze button. It has paws." (unknown)