



HSV Animal Welfare League Rescue Report

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AWL's Spay/Neuter Mobile Clinic On the Road Again!

After a hiatus of 16 months, the AWL was so excited to hold their first mobile clinic at the Fountain Lake Volunteer Fire Station on Friday and Saturday, April 26 & 27, 2024. During the two day event, 70 cats and dogs were spayed or neutered by Dr. Paula Gibson, DVM.

9,429 animals
sterilized since
2007!



The garage bays of the Fountain Lake Volunteer Fire Station were transformed into a staging area for two day spay neuter clinic. In the foreground, cats and dogs wait to be sterilized or and are monitored during the post-op.

Angela Nickols, the Spay Neuter Program Coordinator, and her tireless team of more than 35 volunteers handled many aspects of the clinic including scheduling, traffic control, crate setup and clean up, prepping the animals for surgery and monitoring them post-op, sterilizing and washing surgical instruments, and calling pet owners when the animals were ready for pickup.



Pictured are members from just one of the four volunteer shifts that work during the two day clinic. From left: Bill Joor, Elaine Schroeder, Bear Starr, Angela Nickols, Karen Goodroad, Beth Barrows, Boyd Burkholder, Julia Pires, Jeanie Calhoun, Jackie Malone, Sue Luse, Kris Wester, & Shaun Limozaine.

AWL's Spay Neuter Partners - Fido Fixers & Good Shepherd Humane Society



GOOD SHEPHERD
HUMANE SOCIETY

This mobile clinic would not have been possible without our new partnership with Fido Fixers, a 501 (c)(3) based out of Greenwich, Connecticut. They provide fully equipped mobile vehicles to perform the surgeries. In order to meet the volume of animal surgeries required by Fido Fixers to use their vehicle, we have also partnered with Good Shepherd Humane Society in Eureka Springs and will share vehicle use with them. A special thank you to Good Shepherd Executive Director Cole Wakefield and his team headed by Kaitlyn Gallemore. The AWL is also grateful to the **Bissell Pet Foundation's** **Fix the Future** initiative which is covering the veterinary expense of the clinic. The program was launched to address the lack of access to veterinary care for both shelters and pet owners. The AWL is excited to be part of this network that has spayed and neutered nearly 13,000 cats and dogs since September, 2023.



What a Difference a Year Makes in our Spay/Neuter Program:

The HSVAWL Impact of Spaying & Neutering a total of 30 Cats & 40 Dogs at each of our 4 Clinics per year:

	Cats	Dogs
Fixed Females:	120	160
Reproductive Rate:	2 litters/year	1 litter/year
Average Litter Size:	5 kittens	7 puppies
Number of Reproductive Years:	7	7
Total Prevented Unwanted Kittens & Puppies:	8,400	7,840



Clockwise from above, Sue Luse demonstrates procedures for the washing and sterilization of the surgical instrument packs volunteers prepared; Karen Goodroad, one of the 6 retired RN's and medical professionals part of the S/N team, monitors recovery post-op, while Jeanie Calhoun records on the chart; technicians Kristen Williams (left) and Hailey Davis sedate a dog prior to surgery, and Dr. Paula Gibson, DVM, performs a sterilization on one of the 70 animals she operated on during the two day clinic.



A HUGE thanks to Sandy & Curt Alford! Curt drove the Fido Fixers RV to / from Clarksville to HSV for the clinic, while Sandy drove the "chase" vehicle.



From a Yorkie mix to a Chinese Crested? It's all in the DNA!

In October of 2020 my husband and I fostered a small dog from HSVAWL. The three of us fell in love, and we adopted Bitsy in 2021. For two years, we called her a yorkie mix based on her appearance and attitude. One day I met a man who questioned her breed, as he told me he used to have a dog that looked just like her, and his was a Chinese Crested. I was pretty skeptical of his comments, as Chinese Crested dogs are known as hairless dogs. But to be sure, I ordered a doggie DNA test that only checks for breed. (There are much more expensive tests that test for health and other issues as well, but this was less than \$50, and reviewed highly by independent sources.) To our surprise, we learned that Ms Bitsy is indeed 100% Chinese Crested. Further research revealed there is a recessive gene in the Chinese Crested called 'Powderpuff' that has LOTS of plush hair. There is no way to breed for a Powderpuff, nor can two Powderpuffs breed together. So, I have a rare breed, who now wishes to be called Princess Powderpuff.

contributed by Karen Geiger, AWL volunteer

Karen Geiger shows off Bitsy, aka Princess Powderpuff.



Dog Walkers Spring Potluck - a popular annual tradition

To meet fellow dog walkers and enjoy some good home cooking and camaraderie, head dog walker Julie Keck organized a potluck dinner on April 25th at Faith Lutheran Church. Nearly half of the 60+ volunteer dog walkers were able to attend.

Our AWL dog walkers deserve a special shout out! They walk the dogs (up to 10 per shift) one at a time, and there are three shifts per day. They are walked seven days a week - including holidays - every day of the year, and in all kinds of weather.

Julie explains that when there are several dogs to walk, volunteers often sign up to assist them, since it can take up to two hours to do the walking, but points out that it's great exercise, and the walkers love being with the dogs!

Clockwise from left: Cyndy Echevarria, Sandy Jannick and Julie Keck get ready for their potluck meal; Warren Taylor walks with Heidi; members of the Husky Team dog walkers enjoy their dinner; Lynn Poole spends time with Todd and Katrina; Lily enjoys playing fetch in the pen.



Happy Tails!



Adoption Day! Janet takes Koa to his new, forever home. After several months of care, Koa is shown recovering from his severe neck wounds.

Koa - A Long Road to Recovery

Koa, lost in HSV, was severely wounded by another animal. Fortunately, he was found by a caring neighbor and immediately brought to the shelter. The Animal Control Officers took him to Waggin' Wheel where he was treated and recuperated for several weeks. Koa, whose name means warrior in Hawaiian, finally healed after months of foster care. He was returned to the shelter and put up for adoption. Meanwhile Janet, the neighbor who originally found him, was always concerned about how Koa was doing, and when she learned he was available for adoption,



she knew he was meant to become a member of the family. Koa joins the family's two other cats plus six dogs. Janet says "Koa is very friendly with the other pets, including their 70 lb. dog," and she even found Koa "curled up with their pet chihuahua." Koa definitely enjoys his domesticated life, but certainly lives up to his name. A true warrior, he spent 136 days on his long road to recovery.

Hershey - A Sweet Lifesaver

Hershey, a handsome two year old chocolate lab, was hanging out at a HSV construction site every day for two weeks. One of the workers brought him to the AWL in his pickup truck, since he had no tags, and was definitely "worse for wear, with ticks and battle scars," according to Dog Adoption Coordinator Shelley Shepherd.



At the shelter, Hershey enjoyed his walks and was very friendly. At the same time, a family from Benton was devastated at the sudden loss of their young lab. They went online, came across Hershey, and were absolutely smitten when they met him. New mom Ashley says, "Hershey is a member of the family, and he helped heal our hearts." Happy at his new home, Hershey is no longer hanging out at construction sites.



Past President Sue Luse honored with Award

While recently helping our adoptable pets get vaccinations at Waggin' Wheel, past AWL President Sue Luse received a surprise visit from the Board of Directors. President Beverly Fitzpatrick presented Sue with a crystal award honoring her for her many years of dedicated service to the AWL. The award was inscribed:

Sue Luse

Past President - Board Director

In recognition of your leadership, exceptional service, and unwavering dedication to the cats & dogs of the Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League. You made a difference!



After the presentation, everyone enjoyed cake which was a purr-fect way to celebrate Sue's honor.



Meet Payge Farewell, POA Animal Control Officer



We warmly welcome Payge Farewell to the AWL family! Payge was hired by the POA as an Animal Control Officer earlier this year. The role is a very good fit for Payge's background, as she is an avid animal lover who calls herself "a police officer for animals." Payge is an advocate for the safety and proper care of animals and also studied criminal justice at Missouri Valley College. She enjoys the fact that "everyday is different, and really enjoys the variety." The most rewarding part of her job is reuniting pets with their owners, and she recalled a very moving story of a dog with several puppies found in HSV who had been missing from its home in Paris for three months. Although most of the calls the ACO's receive are about strays or missing pets in the village, the most unusual call Payge has experienced to date concerned a beaver who was under a truck in the hills of HSV, and nowhere near a water source.. Payge and Jim Kull, our other Animal Control Officer, were able to capture and release the beaver to a more suitable area.

Payge lives with her family in Hot Springs, which includes two dogs, two cats, and a young stray cat named Becky she adopted a few months ago from the AWL.

On a Wild Goose Chase!

Payge holds the culprit, who was near the HSV dog park chasing people and trying to peck them. Payge and ACO Jim Kull were able to successfully relocate the goose.

AWL's partnership with the POA Animal Control

Animal Control is an integral part of the community support in HSV. Part of ensuring animals' safety and the safety of the community, involves the collection of animals at large, including injured and killed animals. All stray dogs and cats are brought to Animal Control, which shares our building at 195 Cloaca Lane. The animals are checked for a microchip, posted on facebook, and if no owner can be located within a five day period, they are transferred to the AWL's "side" of the building. Once the cats and dogs are brought in our care, the AWL provides appropriate veterinary care, including spaying, neutering, vaccines and medications before they are put up for adoption. We continue their care until the animals find their forever homes. The AWL is proud to work hand-in-hand with Animal Control!

To report a stray or missing animal, please contact Animal Control at 501-922-6547. To report a missing pet, also contact the AWL at LilyAlert@hsvawl.org or 501-915-9337 so we can quickly post a Lily Alert notice on social media. Lily Alert notices are usually sent out within minutes of receipt. To join our mailing list, email LilyAlert@HSVAWL.org.

Helping Feed Community Pets



Like our Spay/Neuter program that provides low cost pet sterilizations for low income area families, we also currently deliver donated pet food to 14 needy local families once a month. Pets are required to be spayed or neutered - or scheduled to be. Beth Barrows (pictured right) explains that some folks just need help feeding their pets for a month or so until they get another job, and that they also deliver food to help feral colonies where all also get spayed or neutered. The folks are always so grateful for the assistance!

(left) Volunteer Julie Gerush passes out the donated dog food to a local family, while Beth Barrows unloads it from her vehicle.

Statistics

Adoptions

February - 9 dogs, 13 cats
March - 6 dogs, 18 cats

Angel Fund Requests

February - 5
March - 7

Spay Neuter

9,430 sterilizations since 2007
February - 11 Vouchers
March - 7 Vouchers
all used at Waggin' Wheel
Fountain Lake S/N Clinic - 70

Memberships as of April 1st

640 Members
89 Champions

HUG Transfers

March - 1

Save the Date

belk Charity Sale

June 7 - June 9

AWL Open House

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Noon-2:30

*AWL Bake Sale at Grove Park Free Concert

"The Intruders"

Saturday, May 25, 2024
7:00 pm

Girls Gotta Howl

Monday, September 23, 2024

Woofstock Rescue

Dog Show

Saturday AM, Oct. 12, 2024

Champions

Congratulations to our
Monthly Winners!

March, 2024

GAIL KRANZ - \$445

April, 2024

CINDY HOWARD - \$455
(Cindy donated \$100 to the AWL)

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

Email contactus@hsvawl.org
for more information.
or click the link below to join:
<https://hsvawl.wufoo.com/forms/sguov4m0twh1dc/>

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Petco Love - Champion for the AWL

The AWL received a \$10,000 grant in March, 2024 from Petco Love in honor of our lifesaving work. The generous grant will cover adoption readiness expenses. Since its founding in 1999, Petco Love has invested \$375 million in adoption and lifesaving efforts. We are also very proud to be one of their top 100 Adoption Partners!

*AWL Bake Sale

Grove Park

May 25, 7 PM



Calling all AWL members! Please help - Bakers needed for Rock Porch Concert

We need a team of bakers who would like to show off their baking skills! The AWL is permitted to sell our baked goods at the Rock Porch concert featuring the Intruders on May 25th and sponsored by the Village Concerts Association. We expect several hundred people to attend the free concert and the AWL can keep all the proceeds! If you would like to help us with your baked treats, please contact Michelle Alford at 501-226-8818 or email: Malford1516@gmail.com.

Not a baker? Come to the concert and make a purchase!

Belk Spring Charity Sale June 7-9

What's better than getting great shopping deals? When it also benefits the AWL! Since 1888, Belk has been giving back to local non-profit organizations, and they have given us the opportunity to participate in their upcoming Charity Sale event. Simply purchase an event ticket at Belk for \$5 each between June 7-9. The AWL receives the \$5, and you receive \$5 off your first purchase, plus a 25% off stackable coupon. It's a win-win situation! Special thanks to Belk Manager Jane Benfield and the Housewives of Hot Springs Village group who volunteered to help with the ticket sales <https://www.belk.com/customer-service/about-us/our-community/charity-sale/>



**Please
Join Us!**

**Sunday
May 5th
12 - 2:30**

**Invite
your
new
neighbors
&
friends!**

Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League

OPEN HOUSE


New to HSV or unfamiliar with the Animal Welfare League?
Want to learn how we care for our animals & prepare them for adoption?
Meet our adoptable cats & dogs and take a tour of our facility?



We Welcome You to our OPEN HOUSE, Sunday May 5th, 12-2:30 pm



- Meet us at the Balboa Pavilion from 12-2:30 pm
- Take a shuttle to the AWL (compliments of SCAT) and enjoy a brief tour guided by our volunteers.
- After the tour, you will be returned to the Pavilion where hot dogs & cake (compliments of Clampit's & Brookshire's) will be served to the first 200 guests.
- For more information, please contact the AWL Mon-Sat from 12-3 at 501.915.9337.

The HSVAWL is an all-volunteer, no-kill 501(c)(3) nonprofit group that partners with the POA. Visit us at www.hsvawl.org 

Aluminum Can Recycling ends June 1st

Due to the safety of our volunteers, we are unable to continue our aluminum beverage can recycling program effective June 1st, 2024. We thank the many volunteers who helped with the collections over the years. Please note we still accept inkjet printing cartridges at the Adoption Center.



"If a man aspires towards a righteous life, his first act of abstinence is from injury to animals."

-Albert Einstein

Show your support of the AWL and beautify your Garden

New colorful custom lawn flags are available for purchase! They will be for sale at our Open House, or you can stop by the Adoption Center Mon-Sat from 12-3 and pick one up. Only \$15.



Join our Team of Volunteers

Love to spend time with our furry friends?
Need a flexible schedule?
If so, please consider volunteering for one of these rewarding positions and help us help them!

Dog Walkers

Our dogs really enjoy their morning and afternoon walks and would love for you to join them.
Contact Janice at scottydogs24U@hotmail.com.

Animal & Cat Care Workers

These volunteers ensure the cats and dogs are ready meet their public. They tend to their needs and care and give food as prescribed.

Spay/Neuter Clinics

The AWL operates four low-cost, two-day clinics a year in communities surrounding HSV. Volunteers help with registration, track animal status in surgery, post-op, and other animal needs and care.
Contact Angela at 501-915-0832 or 501-922-8840.



Dog & Cat Fosters

Foster "parents" enable dogs, cats, puppies and kitten litters to live in loving, nurturing homes, which increases the pet's socialization and their chance of adoption.

Guest Relations

Greeting and assisting visitors at the Adoption Center, answering phones, and general customer service are a few of the varied tasks of the Guest Relations team.

For more information on these and other volunteering opportunities, contact Janice at: scottydogs24U@hotmail.com or 501-209-9086.

It's Kitten Season! Available for Adoption Soon



Complete your Application now...

and remember, young kittens need a playmate.

We currently have over 30 kittens in various ages and colors that will be ready for adoption after they reach 12 weeks of age and are fully vetted.
Let us know if you are interested in giving these loving kittens a place to call home.
Please complete the adoption application on our website, www.hsvawl.org, and we will contact you to discuss kitten availability.