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Girls Gotta Howl - A Sellout Success!

Bring together over 250 "girls who just wanna have fun," a special visit by our adoptable dogs, a bountiful buffet, free flowing wine fountain, great shopping, plenty of dancing, raffle prizes, live auction, and awesome entertainment - all designed to support the AWL's life saving work - and it's a guaranteed formula for success! Tickets for the AWL's fundraiser, held at the Coronado Center on Monday, September 26th, sold out in a record 3 1/2 hours. Thanks to our generous supporters, over \$12,000 was raised to care for our adoptable cats and dogs. *(cont'd on page 2)*



Clockwise, ladies line up to "get the party started," and enjoy country line dancing; Event Chair Sandie Rickerman (center) with paw-fect volunteers Missy Hale, Brenda Bennett, Pattie Swenson & Connie Weidert; Dannell Daly and Pam Galloway represented our presenting sponsor, Relyance Bank.



POA General Manager Kelly Hale to Speak at AWL Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election Nov. 17

The AWL encourages all current members to attend the annual meeting at the Coronado Center on Nov. 17, 2022, from 2 to 4 p.m in room 5. Members will receive an update on the AWL's 2022 activities and financial condition, and cast their vote for the board of directors. We are very pleased that Kelly Hale, POA General Manager, will be speaking to our group.

The candidates for the board this year are: Susan Luse, President (unopposed), Shelley Shepherd, 1st VP (unopposed), Debe Jolliff -Treasurer (unopposed), Laura Allworth, At-Large (unopposed), and Michelle Alford, for a vacant At-Large position.

Those elected will hold office for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2023. They will join the following board members whose terms run to December 2023: Jill Jones, 2nd VP, Janene Howell, Secretary; Melanie Marshall, At-Large, Sandie Rickerman, At-Large, and Rose Johnson, At-Large. Ballots will be available at the meeting. Proxies and meeting information will be emailed to all members.

If you're interested in adding your vision and expertise to the AWL by serving on the board of directors, it's not too late to toss your hat in the ring. Please contact Rose Johnson at 757-576-0226 by Oct. 23 to discuss your interest. AWL board members take a very active role in AWL planning and activities, so please note that a time commitment is required.

Girls Gotta Howl - Doggone Fun at the OK Cat Corral (cont'd from page 1)



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A. The Spa City Tappers got toes tapping with "God Bless Texas." Front row L to R: Marlene Gremillion, JoAnn Dobscha, Maria Roubik, Leah Servais - Capt, Karen Reese, Judy Rowe; Back Row L to R: Joan Clinton, Lynette Gates, Vinny Anderson, Darlene Whitwell, Pattie Genovese, Instructor/Choreographer. B. Alissa Nead was the proud raffle prize winner of the the Party Basket. C. Becky Mueller (in hat) and Marilyn Carstens enjoy the show.



E.

D. Barbara Potter gets a drink from the wine fountain
E. The Cheapendales pulled out all the stops with their terrific moves: Gary Wooten, Gary Vogt, Rick Hiemenz, Steve Schramer, Ted Otero, and Bruce Rodea. Helping them strut their stuff were Linda Broome (center) with asisstants Carol Morgan & Mary Lou Wiley, and music from DJ Larry Wilson (2nd from right)
F. Dog Walker Janice Dean gets a surprise hug from Emily, when Emily recognized her friend!

More photos / videos on our website:
<https://hsvawl.org/past-fundraisers>



F.

Guests enjoyed a delicious chicken fajita bar and awesome desserts catered by **Melinda's Cafe**, and visited our vendor booths featuring the Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Silverware Lady, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Tastefully Simple, Dog Wood Tree, Do Terra Essential Oils, and Marjorie Lambert Jewelry Creations.

Our wonderful guest entertainers played off our country western theme to perfection. We were entertained by the forever young **Spa City Tappers**, **DJ Larry Wilson**, and treated to a crowd pleasing performance by the **Cheapendales**, led by choreographer Linda Broome. Some of our adoptable dogs even made a very special appearance! Special thanks to our **Corporate Sponsor Relyance Bank**, **Wine Sponsor ReMax HSV**, **Dessert Sponsor Ike Eisenhauer**, **State Farm**, and **Chips and Salsa Sponsor mForce Capital**.

Congratulations to our raffle winners! Sharon Smith, the \$500 winner, was so ecstatic to win because she's feeding a stray cat and was concerned about having the funds to continue, and hopefully the cat will no longer be a stray! **Bonnie Rutledge** and **Debra McAndrews** each won \$200; and \$100 went to **Toby Hamilton**. Two other \$100 winners generously gave back their winnings to the AWL. Thank you to all our auction bidders, and congrats to **Alissa Nead**, winner of the party basket raffle. The GGH committee has already met to discuss how the next event can even be better!

Volunteer Team Meetings Scheduled

To foster better understanding and communication among our Adoption Center volunteers, meetings are being conducted to allow open discussions, and obtain valuable feedback on procedures and tasks that are successfully working, and target areas where we can improve. At the recent Cat Care Workers meeting, President Sue Luse emphasized that our goals include “fostering kindness, and becoming more inclusive to all volunteers who want to help and participate in the areas they feel passionate about.” Sue emphasized that the Board of Directors will become more transparent, cohesive and build a team approach. “We want to know what we can do to help you do your job better.” As these are areas for continuous improvement, we welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please contact any of the Team Leaders for more information: Jennifer Hurd, Cat Care Workers; Janene Howell, Animal Care Workers; Melanie Marshall, Guest Relations; and Julie Keck, Dog Walkers.



President Sue Luse (2nd from left) addresses the Cat Care Workers on October 7th. Discussions have also taken place with the Animal Care Workers, and later this month Dog Walkers, and the Guest Relations teams will hold their meetings.

Holy Trinity Holds St. Francis Blessing of the Animals



Every year we are grateful to the St. Francis Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King for conducting the Blessing of the Animals, and supporting the Animal Welfare League. At Holy Trinity Church on October 4th, Father Dee Stayton, assisted by Deacon Brenda Kroll, individually blessed many lucky dogs and even Henry the cat! We thank all the generous participants for their donations to the AWL. (Above) Some of the Holy Trinity parishioners, friends, and their pets gather for the Blessing; (Right) Father Dee Stayton blesses Lucy as proud parent Janet Moore looks on.



AWL Participates at Homefest

It's always nice to meet new residents, visit with their pets, and share information about the AWL - especially to those folks who have never heard about us. So we were glad to be invited to host a booth at the Homefest Celebration sponsored by Village True Value Hardware on September 24th. We met new AWL friends and saw many others who have been friends for years. Special thanks to volunteers Janene Howell, Shari Koch, Pattie Swenson, and Laura Allworth for representing the AWL.

Diane Sisler fills out raffle tickets purchased from volunteer Pattie Swenson. Winners were announced at Girls Gotta Howl on September 26th. We thank the community for their support, as the sale of raffle tickets contributed a large amount to the GGH proceeds!

The Puppies Have Left the Building!

Thanks to the tireless efforts by Dog Adoption Coordinator Shelley Shepherd, a total of 27 puppies of various breeds and sizes were recently transported to their new rescue shelters, and most are already in their new homes. The huge undertaking required three transports - two to Texas and one to Kentucky. Shelley says that fortunately “the trips were uneventful as the puppies were angels, mostly sleeping the entire time.” Shelley did a solo run on the Kentucky trip, but drove with Rose Johnson on one of the Texas trips. Shelley is very thankful to everyone who worked to get the puppies ready - Beth Barrows, Janice Dean, Jeff Johnson, Tracey Arnaud, Grady Shepherd, & Bridget Duffield.



(from left) Puppies are packed and ready to go; checking out their new play area; using his paw, a pup “reassures” his sibling at the new rescue; and saying goodbye to three wonderful furballs!



Passing the “Recycling” Torch

For 17 years, Sue and Don Fisher coordinated the aluminum can recycling program, but they have recently announced their “recycling retirement.” Sue headed up the team of volunteers that picked up cans from the golf clubhouses, restaurants, and the container behind the shelter. The recycling program has produced thousands of dollars for the AWL over the years, and we thank them for their dedication and commitment to this valuable program that benefits the AWL.

Don and Sue Fisher (wearing their AWL shirts) enjoy lunch at the recent AWL Volunteer Luncheon at the DeSoto Club. They are seated with fellow volunteers Chris and Mike Frantz. Ironically, Mike has volunteered to take over the aluminum can recycling program. Thank you Mike!



Mike enjoys a Kitty Spa

Recently, the shelter’s shower in the restroom did double duty as a “steam spa” when Mike had a minor congestion. A little improvisation went a long way as Mike was back to his lovable self in no time, and is now at his forever home!



AWL Photographer Jennifer Kallas Wins Best of Show at HSV Camera Club Competition

Ever wonder how we get such great photos of our adoptable cats and dogs? The answer is simply Jennifer Kallas, whose stunning portraits of our cats and dogs never cease to wow us! “Baby Blue,” one of the dog portraits she took, also won 1st Place in the animal category. Thank you Jennifer and congrats on your well deserved honor!



New publication dates for the Rescue Report. Our next report will be our holiday edition in December, and beginning in January, 2023, we will be publishing every two months. Up to date news will continue to be posted on our website at www.hsvawl.org, and on our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HSVAVL>

September Statistics

10 Dog Adoptions

30 Cat Adoptions

8,646 sterilizations since 2007

78 animals spayed/neutered
at Paron Clinic - 9/12 & 13
(39 cats and 39 dogs)

54 S/N using low cost vouchers

9 Angel Fund requests

27 HUG (Help Us Go) transfers

95 Champions

665 AWL Memberships

Save the Dates

Oct. 29 - AWL volunteers will be wishing vehicles using the Balboa Gate a Happy Halloween with a sweet treat from 9-3!

Spay Neuter Clinic

Nov 14/15 - last one in 2022!
Fountain Lake Fire Station.

Nov 17 - AWL Annual Election & Meeting, 4 pm at the Coronado Center, Room 5

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Champions

Congratulations Liza Broome! Liza is our September Champions drawing winner. Liza has generously donated her \$475 winnings to the AWL. Thank you Liza!

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/>



Happy Tails - Ella (Miss Annabelle "Bella" Lee) Loves Her Rocky Mountain High Home

Everyone at the shelter had a special affection for Ella. She came to us as a very pregnant stray, became a great mom and raised a beautiful litter of puppies. When they were weaned, Ella enjoyed cuddling with her foster mom Liz. But around the same time, over 900 miles away in Colorado, Karin and her husband were heartbroken to lose two of their senior Beagle mix rescues to cancer. Their remaining Beagle (seated in front of Karin) was very sad and lonely. So they started looking online for Beagle mixes, and came across our adoptable dogs. "Miss Bella just jumped off the screen, and she seemed like a perfect fit," according to Karin. Then all the pieces did fit together, with special thanks to AWL foster mom Liz Ryan, who drove 250 miles to Tulsa, Oklahoma to introduce Bella to her new family. Three weeks later, Karin reports that "Miss Bella is adjusting to her new routine and is adored by her new family! She is also 1/2 Coonhound, 1/4 Foxhound, 1/5 Beagle, and a little Cocker Spaniel thrown in!! And 100% Good Dog!"



Great Things Happen at the AWL! Above, Miss Bella with her new loving family, and (left) with Maisie Lu, who is looking affectionately at her new sister!

Like A Good "Who Done It?" You're Invited to a Mystery Dinner Theatre! "GAME, SET, & MATCH"

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 6pm
Proceeds to benefit the AWL! All Seats \$25
Includes spaghetti dinner, dessert, show & awards.
For tickets, contact Gil Duran 760 - 486 - 6760

*Presented by the Knights of Columbus Council # 10208
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