



Rescue & News Report

August, 2025

The HSV Animal Welfare League is a no-kill, all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit group dedicated to rescue, rehabilitate, and find homes for all adoptable cats and dogs, and prevent the overpopulation of unwanted animals.

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AWL bids farewell to Animal Control Officer Payge Farewell



AWL volunteers and friends wished Animal Control Officer Payge Farewell (3rd from right, 1st row) a fond farewell on Friday, July 19th. Payge did an awesome job serving as an ACO (along with James Kull) and we are very sad to see her leave. Fortunately, Payge will still be part of the POA family, as she has been accepted into the HSV Police Department. According to Payge, "I will be pursuing my biggest goal by becoming a police officer," and we know she will excel in that position as she did as an ACO.

The good news is that Payge is not actually leaving the AWL. She has promised to return and volunteer once her training is complete and she has a regular schedule. "I can't leave you guys fully, as you are seriously great and amazing people; the whole AWL team is." All your friends at the AWL wish you lots of luck Payge!





**KEEP
CALM
AND
CARRY
ON**

A calming 4th of July at the AWL

As thousands of HSV residents and visitors enjoyed the annual fireworks display at Balboa Beach, just a few miles away at the Adoption Center, another annual tradition was taking place. Volunteers Beth Mielke and Cyndy Echevarria spent the evening comforting the animals and keeping them safe, as fireworks and other loud festivities can be highly stressful for animals.



Cyndy (*pictured top*) and Beth first took turns taking the dogs out and letting them play in the pen. Cyndy adds, "we gave them really long walks to hopefully wear them out. I brought my Bose radio, and when it got time for

the fireworks, we cranked it up and we were playing music from Alabama. The dogs really seemed to like the country music and they did really well until the grand finale when the booms were very loud. So, we just sang along with Alabama. All in all everybody did really well."

Alabama fans, take note for next year's "calming party." Volunteers are always welcome to join in the fun.

Did you know?

As printed in the May, 2025 edition of Arkansas Living Magazine, Dogs sneeze to tell other dogs they're friendly, and it's known as a **calming** signal.

Simon - A very "Special Paws" in a safe haven



The vast majority of the adoptable animals in our care are extremely healthy but infrequently some animals need special temporary treatments or attention. In those cases, we provide assistance for their healthcare needs through our Special Paws program, which ultimately enables the adopted pets to enjoy many healthy and happy years of joy with their families. On rare occasions, though, some animals come into our care when even special treatments aren't enough to make the animal healthy. Such is the case with Simon, a handsome 7-year-old beagle who suffered with seizures. Unfortunately, his foster mom who had adopted Simon had to relocate, and circumstances prevented her from taking Simon with her.

As anyone involved with rescue knows it's difficult to find placement for animals - especially those with medical conditions - it was very hard for the AWL to find just the right home for Simon. Despite three different medications, Simon was still having breakthrough seizures due to epilepsy.

Fortunately, Shelley Shepherd, AWL Dog Adoption Coordinator, contacted the wonderful folks at The Henry Haven, a Senior Rescue and Sanctuary in Arkansas.

Henry Haven provides a safe haven for senior/medical needs animals so they can live the remainder of their lives receiving the medical care and love they deserve. They have experience managing epilepsy, and their hope is that they can come up with a treatment plan to better manage Simon's seizures.

[Visit The Henry Haven](#)

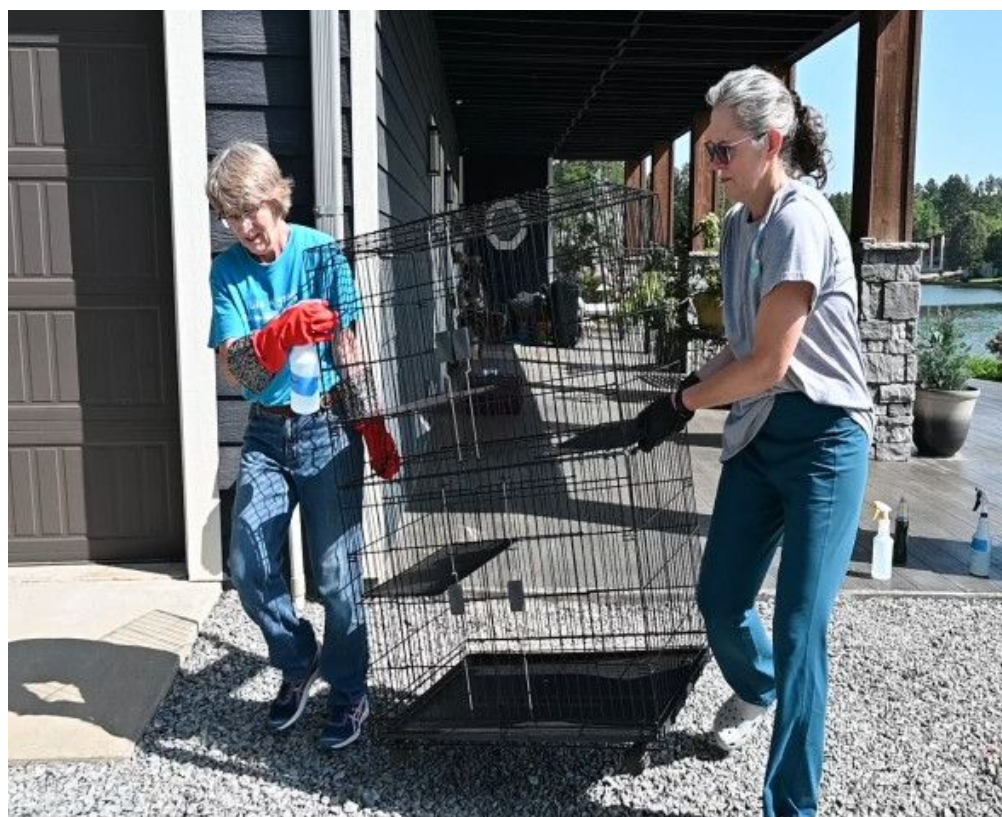
Volunteers step in overdrive to save lives

It's been a long hot summer, especially for our volunteers who continue to tirelessly take care of the animals that fill the Adoption Shelter and particularly our foster homes where our "kitten explosion" is still in full force. Currently, there are nearly 100 animals - cats, kittens, and dogs - at the shelter or in foster homes. Many are adoptable now, including over 25 kittens, and others will be ready as soon as they have been spayed or neutered. Our volunteers have indeed been working in overdrive (2 shifts per day) to ensure the animals are fed, their health monitored, medications given, dishes, cages and litter pans cleaned, laundry washed, supplies ordered, and time provided for socialization among other vital tasks. Special thanks to these essential volunteers who have worked very hard during this "kitten explosion" season: Jill Jones, Lisa Ake, Katherine Barnes, Brenda Bennett, Cindy Boucher, Susan Espinal, Pam Galuska, Janene Howell, Jennifer Hurd, Sandy Jannick, Kris Karr, Patti Keahey, Therese Klier, Susie Neal and Susan Senogles. Thank you also to our cat fosters - Susan Druit, Julie Gerush, and Bill and Susan Wheat. Also providing "behind the scenes" help are Tracy Ake, Rene Boucher, Todd and Dylan Hurd, and Carol Monk. We couldn't manage without your dedication and commitment. It is much appreciated!





Just a few of the many cats and kittens in our care; some are available for adoption now; others will be soon. Cindy Boucher enjoys some cuddle time with a kitten; Susan Espinal and Jennifer Hurd move just one of several cumbersome cages that need to be cleaned and sterilized at a foster home. This job must be done outside - no matter the temperature!



Dog Team member Cyndy Echevarria gives Chip and Chandler a treat after their afternoon playtime; while Janice Dean stops on her walk with Precious, a striking terrier mix blessed with a blue and brown eye. The dogs are walked three times each day 365 days a year - in all kinds of weather.

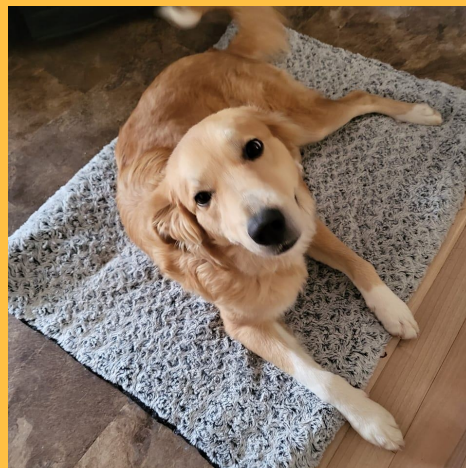


Happy Tails!
Leesa & Kevin Kopp



Enjoying a stroll in HSV with Leesa and Kevin Kopp are (from left) Kollee Flower, Daisy Duke, Mossy Oak, Tillee Tubby, and recently crossing the rainbow bridge Lucky Dawg (white dog).

When entering Leesa Kopp's admin office at the Village Church of Christ, you can't help but notice the great "family" pictures on display featuring Leesa and her husband Kevin's beautiful dogs. Leesa proudly points out that Daisy Duke and Kollee Flower (*pictured left together*) were adopted from the HSVAWL at a young age. Leesa explains, "while all the dogs except Mossy Oak, the silver lab, are rescues, not all were as fortunate to come from such a wonderful organization as the HSVAWL. This organization provided wonderful care to our Daisy and Kollee before we adopted them and they slid right into our often crazy, frolicking, hair shedding pack, as you might imagine. Unfortunately, we recently lost our Lucky Dawg, as she eventually succumbed to lung damage due to neglect before we found her. We cherished the three years we had with her. The four remaining canine sisters love their daily walks on the beautiful HSV trails. Our home and hearts are full and we thank the HSVAWL for being able to add these wonderful two dogs to our mix!"



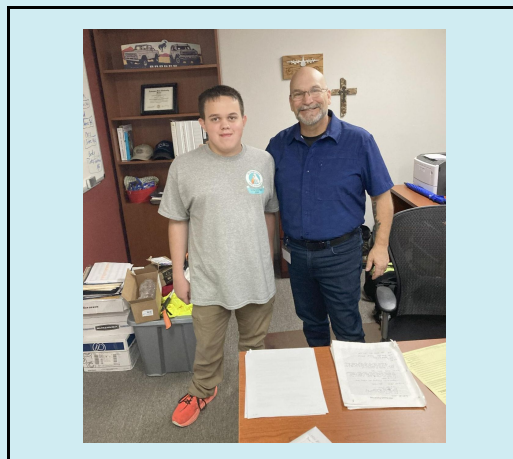
Daisy Duke (left) with Kevin and Leesa Kopp on her adoption day in February, 2022; Kollee Flower (right) adopted in November, 2022 gets comfortable in her new home!



Great job posing for the photo everyone! You can all relax now.

A Day in the Life of a HSV Animal Control Officer

Noah Warren, a volunteer at the AVL, was intrigued by the interesting work done by the Animal Control Officers Payge Farewell and Jim Kull. He asked if he could possibly spend a day shadowing them, and with his mom's permission (fellow volunteer Kimberly Warren) 18-year-old Noah enjoyed a great adventure with the team. Jim said they had a "GREAT" day with Noah. He was a tremendous help to Payge and I and he will be a good ACO one day." Way to go Noah!



Clockwise from top left: Noah with Animal Control Officers Payge Farewell & Jim Kull, visiting POA Community Support Manager Tommy Benfield, helping set a trap, and spending some quality time with Jazzy.

Coming Events - Save the Dates!

We are grateful to the following organizations who are supporting the AWL through special events! We'll be posting more information on these events on our website and future constant contacts.

HSV ROTARY CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

FUNdraiser for HSV Animal Welfare League

Save the Date!

Sunday, August
31
Kick-off 5pm
Balboa Pavillion

**\$20 for each
2-person team**

RSVP by August 29th:
All About You Medicare
501-922-9898
Jamie@medicareinsurance4ar.com

**Stay tuned for more
details coming soon!**





Drive for Show, Putt for Dough, Mama's Gotta Go!

You're invited to a dinner & mystery theatre performance at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church on September 19th & 20th at 6 pm. It's a special production written and directed by Gil Duran and presented in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus Council #10208 and the Sacred Heart Men's Club. Enjoy a Mexican cuisine dinner and the play will transport you to the Hog-Land Country Club. Tickets are \$25 each, or \$200 for a table of 8. Purchase through Gil Duran at 760-486-6760.

All proceeds benefit the AWL and St. Francis Veterans Home in Little Rock.

Register now for the Spay Neuter Clinic Sept. 19 & 20

First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 100 Fifth Street, Mountain Pine, AR
Cost is \$25; includes surgery and free vaccines supplied by Petco, plus Rabies vaccines supplied by the AWL. Clinic fills up fast!

The following restrictions apply to all of our mobile Spay/Neuter clinics:

- Dogs must weigh less than 80 lbs. and must be less than 8 years of age
- No dogs with flat faces, such as boxers, pugs, shih-tzus, etc. We can still help, please call us at 501-922-8840 for a voucher at one of our local vets
- Cats must be less than 8 years of age

Thank you for your cooperation

CALL US AT 501-922-8840 IF YOU NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

[**Click for Spay Neuter
Registration**](#)

No Paws Left Behind Gala

Members' Exclusive Pre-Sale going on now!

**Any remaining tickets go on sale to the general public on
August 25th**

[**Click to Register**](#)



Please join the HSWAWL at our
NO PAWS LEFT BEHIND
Shelter Expansion Gala

Hors d'oeuvres - Red & White Wine Fountains
Three Course Dinner by Executive Chef Justin
Cash Bar Available - Silent Auction
Entertainment by The Village Strings
Vocalist Lois Ann Marler
Special Guest & Presentation

Monday, September 29, 2025 Tickets \$75
Coronado Center 6 - 8 PM

Entree Selections

Pan-seared Chicken Breast with demi-glace
Poached Salmon with lemon dill beurre blanc sauce
Ratatouille Pasta (Vegetarian)

Dessert Selections

Torta Caprese with Chocolate Cremeux & pistachios
Honey almond olive oil cake with Strawberries

Entree, dessert selection, and guest names must be listed when registering. If you would like to sit with your friends, an AWL member must purchase all the needed tickets in a single transaction, and must include all guest names along with entree and dessert selections for each guest. Each table seats 8 and we are limited to 272 guests.

AWL members will enjoy an exclusive
2 week pre-sale starting August 11 at 8 am.
Any remaining tickets will be available
to the general public starting Aug. 25th.

Visit hsvawl.org for more info or click
the registration link to order tickets.



Artist rendition of the AWL expansion

Keep your pets safe during emergencies!

We hope this is never needed, but our friends from the Bissell Pet Foundation wisely recommend pet owners prepare a disaster kit with items for your pet's basic survival needs in case of a crisis or emergency. FEMA recommends having two kits, one larger kit if you are sheltering in place and one lightweight version if you need to evacuate. For more information, visit Bissell's website below. Also, if you don't already have one of our free emergency decals for your front door or window, next time you visit the Adoption Shelter please pick up one to alert any emergency responders that may come to your home.

Bissell Pet Foundation

Make a plan. Arrange a safe place where you can take your pets before disasters or emergencies happen.

Use the buddy system. Plan with friends, neighbors or family to evacuate pets if you are unable to do so.

Microchip your pet. Make sure your address and phone number are up to date.

Prepare an emergency kit and include:



food/water



first aid kit



collar/leash



sanitation



picture of pet



toys/bed



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Until every pet has a home.

Information from: ready.gov/pets

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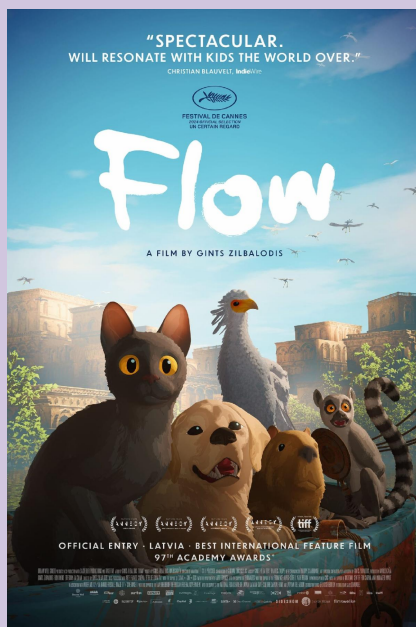


*Please Save
Our Pets!*

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HSV Animal Welfare League

195 Cloaca Lane, HSV 501-915-9337



Enjoy a cool film on a hot August night - Go with the FLOW!

A 2025 Best Animation Oscar and Golden Globe winner over four years in the making, Flow is a fascinating and heartwarming animated tale without any dialogue. A courageous cat teams up with a capybara, a lemur, a bird, and a Labrador Retriever in search of dry land after their home is devastated by a flood. Together they must rely on trust, courage, wits, and friendship to survive.

Flow is currently available on many streaming platforms and is suitable for all audiences.

June Statistics

3 Dog Adoptions - 21 Cat Adoptions

**3 HUG (Help Us Go) transfers to other
rescue, no-kill animal shelters**

8 Angel Fund requests

10,146 Animals Spayed/Neutered since 2007

(14 Vouchers used at Kelly in May/June)

(11 Vouchers used at Waggin' Wheel in May,

19 Vouchers used in June)

674 AWL Memberships

Welcome New Members:

Joanne Chambers

Cathy Felger

William & Mary George

Lee Guenther

Judy Parker

Maya San Filippo

Kevin & Lois Ann Marler

Roger Newman

Janis Rowe

Kathryn Skrien

Marie Stealey

Lisa Stiegler

Lorraine Valladares

96 Champions*

Congratulations to Becky Mason!

Becky is June's Champions drawing winner, and is generously donating all her winnings back to the AWL - \$300 to the shelter expansion, and \$180 to our general fund.

**Join AWL's Champions Program! Make a \$10 monthly pledge and become eligible to win a 50/50 raffle with a \$500 cap payout. Email contactus@hsvawl.org for more information or click the link to join:*

Click to Join Champions

PETFINDER

ADOPT A PET

Considering a new pet?

Click the above links to see our adoptable cats and dogs.

For dog adoptions, call Shelley Shepherd at 314-520-8674

For cat adoptions call Jill Jones at 901-570-1430

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We hope you enjoy receiving these newsletters, announcements, and our Lily Alerts about missing pets. Please contact us if you wish to remove your name from an individual mailing list, since if you unsubscribe to any of these Constant Contacts, you will automatically be removed from all the Constant Contact email lists from the AWL. We were informed by Constant Contact that when requested, they are required to remove them.*



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The Adoption Center is currently open
Mon - Tues - Thurs
Fri - Sat from 12 -3 pm.
We are closed Wed & Sun.
(501) 915.9337

To report a lost or found pet, call POA Animal Control at (501) 922-6547



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