



Rescue & News Report

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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 ANNOUNCES SHELTER EXPANSION FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

NO PAWS LEFT BEHIND

As a valued member and animal lover, you will be receiving important information via USPS mail by mid-July on this life-changing campaign. Click below to read the press release published in the Village Voice on June 24th. **SAVE THE DATE! OUR NO PAWS LEFT BEHIND GALA IS ON SEPTEMBER 29TH**

[View Press Release](#)

Overflowing with Loving Felines and Canines

Every summer season, there seems to be a never-ending struggle to house and care for all the cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies that come our way for help. Currently, we are providing for nearly 80 animals, including 35+ kittens. Some animals are ready to be adopted, and others will be ready when weaned, vetted, or nursed back to health. Additionally, every day the shelter receives calls asking if we can accept more cats and dogs. Here are just a few of the animals, including many with special needs, that require daily care from so many dedicated volunteers-either at the adoption shelter, or at foster homes.

Click the link below to see animals currently ready for adoption. Visit regularly as more kittens will be featured as soon as they can go to their forever home.

[See Our Adoptable Animals](#)



Volunteer Sue Espinal (below) tends to laundry needs while volunteer Susie Neal proves that "Three's Company" at a foster home.



Curious kittens frolic and play at their foster home, while Serenity gets a dose of medicine.



Other cats like Fluffy are isolated while they regain their health.



At the Adoption Center, Noah and Kimberly Warren, along with Becky Mason, socialize with our shelter cats.



Sweet Bessie (below) qualifies for our Special Paws Program, while charming Bella recently lost her human, and affectionate Precious lives up to her name. All three need new, forever homes.*

**Contact Shelley at 314-520-8674 to learn more about the Special Paws Program.*





AWL Board Members attend Saline County Town Hall Meeting in the wake of recent dog attacks and inadequate Animal Control services

Concerned about Saline County's recent dog attacks resulting in the loss of a teenager's life and brutal attack on another, plus the lack of financial resources for appropriate animal control in the county, AWL Board Members attended the May 23rd meeting at Benton High School. Present were Beverly Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Hurd, Melanie Marshall, Animal Control Officer Payge Farewell, and POA Community Support Manager Tommy Benfield and his wife Mary. Led by Saline County Judge Matt Brumley, who stated that cases of irresponsible pet ownership, declining revenue from a voluntary tax that was passed in 2014, plus a 3/8 cent sales tax for animal control that was voted down in 2008, have all contributed to the current situation.

"We need real resources to be able to meet the expectations and (implement) the solutions that people deserve in this county," said Brumley, who is in the third year of his first term as county judge.

Beverly was the first of 25 speakers who addressed the audience



As reported in the Democratic Gazette, Beverly stressed the need for more spay/neuter enforcement, and explained that Hot Springs Village recently implemented leash laws for pets. She said rules like that can be helpful in preventing dog attacks. Sterilization laws and limits on how many pets a person can own also help. Fitzpatrick also supports something like the failed 2008 ballot issue being reconsidered by the county, especially in the wake of two dog attacks. "I know cities want to be beautiful, but if people aren't safe, that doesn't mean anything," she said. "But safety costs money."

As other speakers shared their stories, Beverly said that the AWL group was shocked to learn about their loss of pets and livestock to dog packs. Most of them said they carried pepper spray with them even to go out to the mailbox. One person even said she waits at the bus for the kids to get off to keep the dogs away from them. The lady that was attacked was in attendance and spoke about her ordeal. She has two pit mixes herself and is a dog lover. Although two dogs were involved in the incident, only one bit her severely several times. The aggressive dog was neutralized, and the other dog ran off and is still being sought.

The general consensus of the AWL group was there clearly needs to be a Saline County shelter, more than just the one current Animal Control Officer, and spay/neuter enforcement.

In conclusion, Beverly said she is "not sure where this will go. Personally, with the recent death of a teenager and the attack on another it should warrant putting the failed 3/8 cent tax on the ballot again. 17 years of this ordeal for Saline County residents is enough." Let's hope the voters agree...

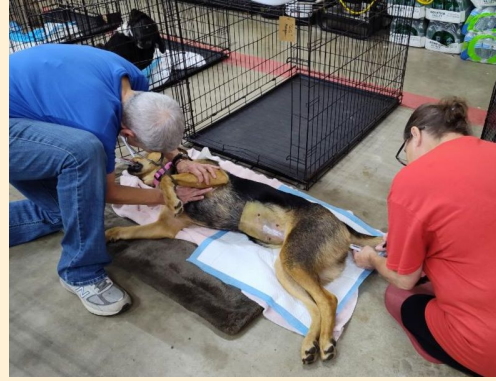
62 cats and dogs were sterilized at the Fountain Lake Fire Station Spay Neuter Clinic on June 6 & 7

Thanks to the Petco Foundation for providing vaccines for all the animals, and special thanks to our wonderful vet, Dr. Paula Gibson, our vet techs, the Bissell Pet Foundation; Fido Fixers for providing their mobile surgical bus; and to all of our hard-working volunteers. We hope to announce the next Spay/Neuter clinic soon!



Shaun Limozaine, Janene Howell, and Susan Senogles ensure the registration and check out processes go smoothly. Below, Connie Weidert and Susan Duit sterilize the surgical instruments, while Judy Dare and Tamatha Bailey carefully monitor dogs in recovery.





AWL helps with new "Puppy Program" at Brookhill Ranch



It's often said there's nothing more adorable than a child with a puppy, except perhaps when there are six puppies, and even more children! Thanks to a new program started this year at the popular Brookhill Ranch Summer Camp in Hot Springs, boys and girls who attend camp will learn about animal care and obedience training, help socialize the puppies, and may even leave with a new pet to take home! It's all part of a special, coordinated effort between the AWL and Brookhill Ranch. According to Dog Adoption Coordinator Shelley Shepherd, "the program is a wonderful opportunity for the puppies, the campers, and their families. Brookhill adopted six puppies (five were in the same

Camping images courtesy of Brookhill Ranch



When animals are brought to the shelter, they are always checked to see if they are microchipped, so if lost, they can be reunited with their owners. In the case of feral, stray, or not-so-nice animals, this can be difficult or harmful to check with a standard sized microchip device. To help protect Jim Kull and Payge Farewell, our Animal Control Officers, the AWL purchased a scanner that is much longer in length than standard scanners, and will be easier for them to safely check the animals.



From left: Animal Control Officers Payge Farewell, Jim Kull, Dog Adoption Coordinator Shelley Shepherd, and POA Community Support Manager Tommy Benfield.

In Loving Memory of Carol Ralph



In June the AWL said a sad goodbye to past Board member Carol Ralph. She served from 2010-2016, as publicity chair and secretary. In 2016 she left the Board to become our corresponding secretary. Carol customized, printed and mailed thousands of letters to AWL donors in the last 9 years. She and her husband Chuck were advocates to the POA for the 2007

shelter expansion. As a valued member, Carol will be sorely missed. Our consolation is that she is reunited with all the animals she worked so hard for to find their furr-ever homes.



Happy Tail!

One of our sweet kittens was recently adopted. Sunflower will be going to college soon with her new mom! We wish them both the very best!

Just a reminder that we have many more kittens available for adoption! Check out our website to see all of our adoptable pets!

[Visit our Website](#)



Keeping Pets Safe during The Long Hot Arkansas Summer

Please keep your pets safe throughout the hot weather! Heat can be dangerous or even deadly for cats and dogs. Dog Walker coordinator Julie Keck advises that when the air temperature is 86F, the asphalt temperature is 135F and can quickly cause severe burns on their paw pads. She reminds us that "If it's too hot for your bare feet, it's too hot for your pets."

Just like Humans, Sunburn can lead to Skin Cancer in Dogs

In an article by Health & Wellness Editor Angela Haupt for TIME Magazine, she recently reported that if you want your good boy to have a good summer, make sure he catches balls instead of rays. Dogs can get just as sunburned as people, veterinarians warn, and sometimes, it becomes an emergency. A dog's fur provides some built-in protection against UV rays. But all breeds are susceptible to sunburn—and the lighter or thinner the fur, the greater the risk. A general rule of thumb is that any time you slather sunscreen on yourself, put a pet-safe brand on your dog, too. Canine sunscreen exists and is available at most pet stores.

May Statistics

10 Dog Adoptions - 16 Cat Adoptions

3 HUG (Help Us Go) transfers to other

rescue, no-kill animal shelters

11 Angel Fund requests

10,113 Animals Spayed/Neutered since 2007

(5 Vouchers used at Kelly in April)

*(7 Vouchers used at Waggin' Wheel in April,
11 in May)*

672 AWL Memberships

Welcome New Members:

Gigi Celeste

Tera Gandy

Peg & Jim Getman

Susan Lafond

99 Champions*

Margaret Watts is May's Champions drawing winner.

She is generously donating her winnings of \$495
back to the AWL.

**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

ADOPTAPET

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

An important message about unsubscribing to Constant Contact emails:
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.



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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