



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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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Feline Adoption Center!



On July 9th, HSV Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, volunteers, and friends of the AWL attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the official opening of the Feline Adoption Center. AWL President Beverly Fitzpatrick, and Cat Adoption Coordinator Jill Jones had the honor of cutting the ribbon.

- *Below, Chamber of Commerce representatives Deb Siebert, Jeannie Guiseppe and Sara Mason present Beverly and Jill with a special certificate;*
- *Thank you to Community Support Manager Tommy Benfield, Animal Control Officer Mark Holley, and Chief of Police Kristi Bennett for attending;*
- *Our new Feline Adoption Center;*
- *Sara Mason shows off one of the cute cat cookies made by volunteer Deb Fitzgerald*

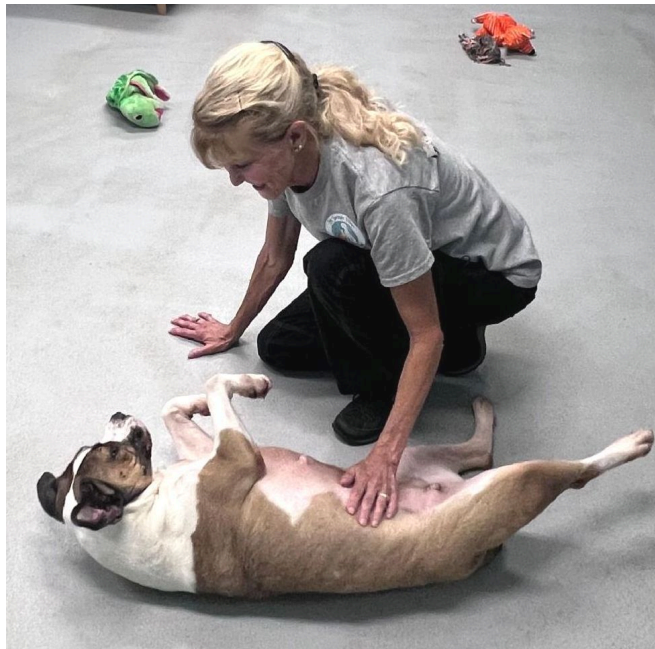


IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO OUR AWL MEMBERS!

Once all the renovations have been made to the Canine Adoption Center, we will be holding an Open House for all to attend. Tours will be given at both the Feline and Canine Adoption Centers. We will let you know when we will have this special celebration, which is tentatively planned for the fall.

Dog Day Afternoons

While the felines are adjusting to their new home, plans are moving ahead with the Canine Adoption Center remodeling. In the interim, what was our "Tabby Town" is now called "Canine Corner" and will be converted into a socializing area for our dogs. Although still in a temporary state, the dogs (and dog walkers) seem to love the additional indoor play and exercise area, especially during the intense summer heat.





Above, Shelley, our friendly shepherd who loves hugs, gets pets from ACW Carol Scioneaux; while Beth, our sweet boxer hound mix, plays fetch with Janice Dean and loves her tummy rubs from Jan Oliphant. Will, our striking white and tan pointer, also enjoys his playtime with Belinda Baechle.

An Absolutely Amazing Happy Tail - 10 Years and Counting!

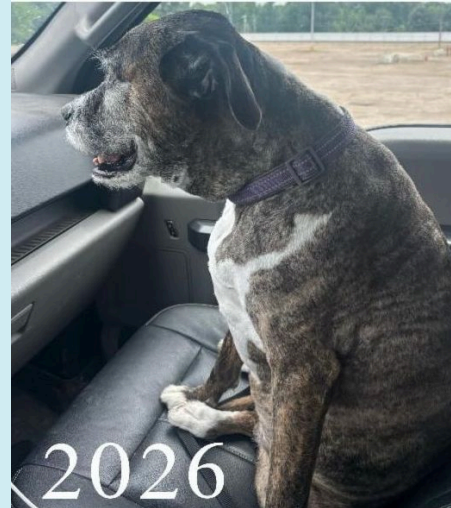
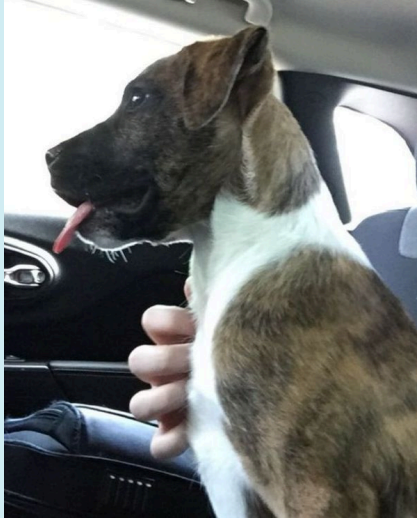


The AWL recently received a very touching note from the family who adopted Phoebe from us 10 years ago! Sixteen-year-old Madison and her family had just moved to HSV from western Oklahoma. Madison hadn't made any friends yet, and her 12 year old beagle, Boomer, had just passed away. Madison writes: "My mom knew I needed a friend, and when I saw Phoebe on your site I instantly knew she was the one. We came to adopt her the very next day, but she was with a foster family. We returned the following day to bring her home for good."

***"From the very first waggle, we've been inseparable.
She's my very best friend and has been for a decade now."***

Phoebe has been with me through my highest highs and lowest lows. She was there when I had no one and has never left my side (except to chase bullfrogs!) She's gained some furry cousins and two furry baby brothers, but she's most excited about her human baby sister that will be arriving in August. She LOVES kids, she always has. Her favorite activity since day one has been swimming in Lake Desoto, and a close second is riding in the car"

2016 photo (above) when Phoebe first arrived home; (below) riding in the car through the years, and going to work with her dad.



"Without HSVAWL, I wouldn't have found my best friend. She's saved my life more times than I can count. Thank you for everything you do for our community's fur babies and especially for blessing us with Phoebe."



Villagers, a cat named Sandra, and the AWL rally to try and save the "Chipmunk" Kittens

It started as a post on Next Door, when a Good Samaritan discovered a litter of newborn kittens in his backyard. He thought they could possibly be chipmunks, hence the moniker "chipmunk kittens." There was no sign of the mama, and the kittens desperately needed to be fed. When Jill Jones from the AWL arrived to pick them up, they were near death. Jill took them in and began to tube feed them every two hours for several days. Sadly, one did not make it through the first night. She named the other two females Alvina and Simone in homage to the famous chipmonks - Alvin, Simon & Theodore. When they were strong enough, a surrogate mama cat named Sandra helped nurse and comfort the two orphans but she was still nursing her older kittens. Two other volunteers- Katherine Barnes and Pam Galuska- also took shifts to bottle feed. Unfortunately, within a day of each other, both kittens got very sick and passed after three weeks in our care. According to Jill, "At least they were given a chance after such a tough start to their little lives. We were all heartbroken."



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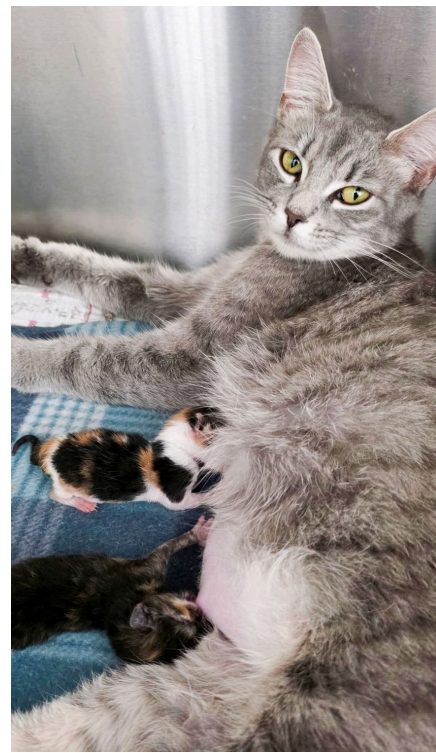
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Great Things Continue to Happen at the AWL!

Fortunately, many more times than not, we are able to save our precious kittens, cats, and canines that come to us distressed and in need of special care. Below, volunteer Susan Senogles bottle feeds her foster kitten **David**; and great medical and loving care dramatically transformed senior dog **Annie's** life.





More Happy Tails!

Oscar came to us when his owner became very ill and was hospitalized. Now this adorable 9 year old terrier mix (with the cutest ears who is always winking) found his forever home with loyal and loving companions!



Malaga, a striking, handsome male tabby was running around the Village doing tomcat things until he was trapped and brought to the shelter by Animal Control last December. The AWL volunteers worked with him for months, helping Malaga understand that he was safe. Malaga is now Tebow since he was adopted and is already settled into his best new life and loved very much!



Dudley was a stray puppy who had been at the shelter for 25 weeks before he found his forever home. He is now 15 months old and ready for endless fun and loyal companionship with his new family.



Who needs the luck of the Irish when you have **Emerald** and **Shamrock** to keep you company? These St. Patrick Day kittens were adopted together and have definitely found their comfort zone, and so has their new mom.



Keeping Cool!

Dog Walker Marcy Hellman pauses with Deeogee to get some cold drinking water and cooling towels provided by our AWL board of directors to help keep our dog walkers and dogs cool during our Arkansas hot summers.

We are so grateful for our dedicated dog walkers who come to the shelter in all kinds of weather throughout the year - from ice storms to thunderstorms; heat waves and freezing temperatures, they brave all the elements to take care of our shelter dogs!



Did you know? The summer season accounts for more lost pets than any other time of the year. Please review the safety tips below from our partner Petco Love Lost to keep your pet safe. When walking dogs, also avoid hot pavement or asphalt. Contact with these surfaces can blister, tear or completely burn a dog's sensitive paw pads or cause rapid heat stroke.

Safety tips for your pet's best summer



- 1 **Check your home** for loose window screens, fence gaps or places where your pet could escape.
- 2 **Add an ID tag to your pet's collar** and confirm their microchip info is up to date.
- 3 **Remind house guests** of your pet's location when opening and closing doors.
- 4 **Keep your pet secure when traveling** with seat belts and pet carriers.
- 5 **Register your pet on petcolovelost.org.** Reunite tomorrow.



Comforting our Shelter Dogs on the 4th of July

In what has become an annual tradition, several of our dog walkers choose to forgo viewing the Balboa Beach fireworks display so they could comfort the dogs. With the shelter's close proximity to the fireworks send-off, and since dogs have incredibly sensitive hearing, fireworks can cause acute panic and anxiety.

Below, from left Lynn Poole, Patti Shepard, Belinda Baechle, Cyndy Echevarria, Nancy Richie, and Trish Hammond; Indigo shows off her patriotic headband, while Steve Kleinpeter spends quality time with Shelley.



belk CHARITY SHOP • SAVE • GIVE SALE

Thanks to everyone who shopped Belk's Spring Charity Sale which raised nearly \$300 for the AWL. Dog Walker Dawn Michalec shows off her bargains to fundraising chair Sandie Rickerman and volunteer Craig Rickerman, who did a great job selling the discount coupons to customers as they came to shop.



GIRLS GOTTA HOWL

RETURNS ON OCTOBER 26!

Two "Thrilling" shows

11:30 & 5:00



Remember, Ghouls Just Wanna Have Fun!

Both shows will be at the Coronado Center and
will feature a catered meal,
free flowing wine fountain, silent auction, raffle drawings, music,
dancing, and back by popular demand, entertainment by the
CHEAPENDALES!

Look for your raffle tickets in the mail.

More details and ticket information about this
spook-tacular event available soon.

We hope you can join us!

Volunteers *Still Desperately* Needed!

To many folks, the number 76 may evoke the number of trombones in "The Music Man," but for the AWL, it has a totally different meaning.

76 is the number of cats and kittens we are currently caring for in Tabby Town, Kitten City, our Intake area, Recovery and Isolation rooms, plus our Foster Homes.

This is in addition to all the dogs that need walking 3 times a day, plus socializing, feeding, and personal care.

Every week there are over 80 shifts to fill at the Adoption Centers. If you aren't comfortable working "hands on" with our felines and canines, we need assistance in our utility rooms with cleaning, dishes, or laundry.

We are so thankful for our dedicated and committed volunteers, but we need more, especially with vacation season upon us. If you, or someone you know, would like to participate in this very rewarding opportunity, please send an email to: hsvawlmembership@gmail.com and one of our members will contact you. Schedules are flexible.

May & June Statistics

May

8 Dog Adoptions

6 Kitten Adoptions

6 Cat Adoptions

2 Hug transfers

June

3 Dog Adoptions

10 Kitten Adoptions

2 Cat Adoptions

10,771 Animals Spayed/Neutered (*through June 30th*)

606 AWL Memberships

80 Champions

Welcome New Members (through June 30th)

Charlene Bacon

Cheryl Bennett

Julie Cavlovic

Michael Chesser

Nate Ferreira

Rebecca Hayne

Janice Hileman

Rick Hunt

Gary McClinton

Courtney Spudic & Richard Reed

Joyce Stickney

Angela & Mary Wand

Carolyn Westmoreland

Ashley Young

Congratulations to John Bowers

May Champions Winner

John won \$400

Deborah King

June Champions Winner

Deborah won \$400

****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:***

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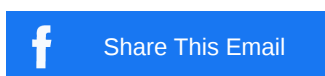
Considering a new pet?

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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