



# 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, vet & find homes for all adoptable cats & dogs, and prevent the overpopulation of unwanted animals.*

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## AWL's Dog Team Potluck & Pups

The perfect recipe for a great time!



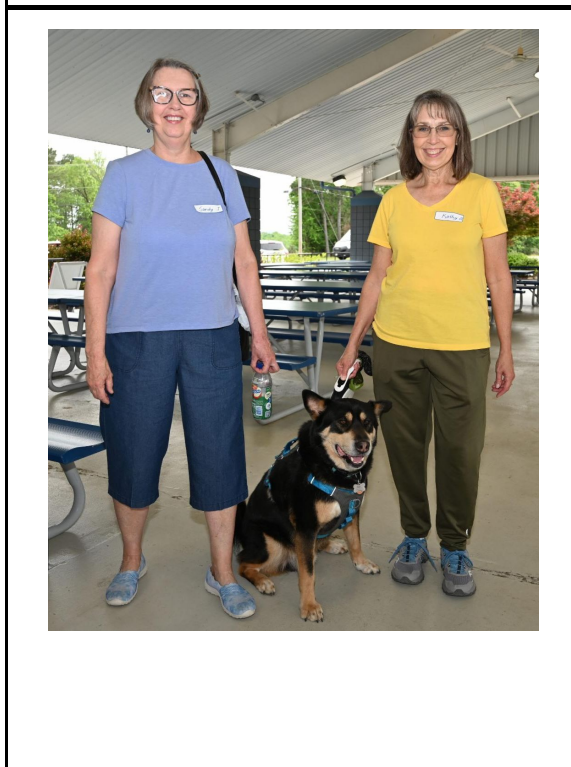
*Dog Team members Liz Ryan, Bear Starr, Guest Speaker Stacey Lowe, and Dog Team Leader Julie Keck enjoy the Potluck.*

On Thursday, April 24th, several of our volunteer dog team members (and their well-behaved dogs) gathered at the Balboa Pavilion to celebrate their annual potluck. Besides enjoying a variety of home cooked food, the "soup-er" event is always a special time to meet and "ketchup" with friends. Started by Dog Team Leader Julie Keck five years ago she feels "it's a time to thank the dog team for all their hard work. Our dogs are walked three times every day, 365 days a year. Since the dog team schedule always changes, the event is a great opportunity for team members to socialize and bond with each other."

Guest speaker and Dog Trainer Stacey Low shared tips on dealing with

shelter dogs, including recommending dog walkers to keep silent when leashing the dogs. Since non verbal communication keeps their excitement level down, it's much easier to leash them. While Julie is so appreciative of the AWL's dog team members, more volunteers are always needed to help, especially as we approach the summer vacation season. For more information and to complete a volunteer application, please click the link below and select the dog walker volunteer box.

Volunteer  
Application



*Clockwise from top left, Marian Howard and Janice Dean get ready to "chow" down; Denise Roberts (holding Sissy) with Lynn Poole; It's double the pleasure for Carolyn & Jeff Cochran with Beacon and Barclay; Sandy Jannick and Kathy Ogilvie with Bear, whom she adopted from the AWL.*

**Precious and Blossom - Popular Adoptable Pets at the POA  
Meet & Greet**





Precious, a young affectionate terrier mix, and Blossom, a sweet mackerel tabby, certainly got a lot of attention at the POA's Meet & Greet on May 7th. Precious, who's obviously a real social butterfly, never misses an opportunity for a pet or a head scratch, as our Hot Springs Village finest police and firefighters can attest!

Blossom is a "Super Mom" cat and a testament to a mother's love. Once a wandering soul, a kind human found her and her four kittens, abandoned and alone. She kept her kittens warm and loved, but her motherly love didn't end there as she became momma to three abandoned little ones she also loved like they were her own. Both Precious and Blossom are ready for their forever homes!





### **Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines Church Celebrate Blessing of the Animals**

Thanks to the terrific pet owners who brought their pets to be blessed on May 3rd. Everyone was well behaved and the pets had a great time mingling with the crowd. We gratefully give special thanks to the congregation for their generous donation to the Hot Springs Village AWL.

### **Spay Neuter Program Achieves Awesome Milestone 10,000 Spayed & Neutered Community Animals since 2007**

AWL members and volunteers gathered at Balboa Baptist Church on April 28th to celebrate and share stories about this significant achievement 18 years in the making! The next S/N clinic (which is already totally booked) will be held at Fountain Lake Fire Station on June 6th & 7th.

# 10,000+ and Counting!

Spayed & Neutered owned animals since 2007



*Pictured below are just a few of the hundreds of volunteers who have tirelessly helped at the clinics over the years as they get ready to enjoy celebratory cake proudly served by S/N Director, Angela Nickols.*



### **Andy, a special dog who needs some extra TLC**

Many of the pets that come into our care can quickly be placed for adoption after all their vet checks and immunizations. Sadly, some animals need extra medical care and attention. Andy is one of those exceptions who currently is recovering from an injured paw. According to Dog Adoption Coordinator Shelley Shepherd, "Andy is a complete love bug who is happiest when he can just hang out with his human friends and get love and cuddles and take naps." We hope Andy will be back to normal soon and find his forever home!



## Urgent Need for Temporary Kitten and Momma Cat Fosters

**During this busy kitten season, the AWL is looking for temporary fosters to help our felines in two vital areas - post nursing momma cats, and bottle feeding newborn kittens.**

The first need is during the period momma cats have stopped nursing to allow their milk to dry up, which is typically 10 to 14 days. Once the momma cats are done nursing their babies they need a quiet space without kitten cries.

Depending on the actual cat, they could either be crated or just have the run of a small room in the foster's home (away from other animals). Once the milk is dried up, they will return to AWL to be spayed and then put up for adoption. All supplies will be provided by AWL.

Although newborn kittens are reared by their mothers, there are some circumstances where this is not possible, and humans need to step in to give assistance. On occasion, AWL receives very young kittens (less than 4 weeks

old) without a momma cat or else the momma cat cannot produce enough milk for the kittens to thrive. AWL is looking for volunteers who would be willing to bottle feed these kittens until they are 4 weeks old which requires feeding them around the clock at 2-to-4-hour intervals. Once the kittens are able to drink formula and eat wet food on their own, they will move to the kitten foster home to be cared for until they can receive their shots, be fixed and then put up for adoption. All supplies will be provided by AWL.

***If interested in helping with these temporary needs, please contact Jill Jones at 901-570-1430***



**Happy Tails!**

**"Sisters" Reunion  
From Abandoned to Adopted;  
Loved and Adored!**



Four of the five Labrador mix sisters that were abandoned in a parking lot in HSV last year, reunited for a 1st birthday celebration.

The 5th sister was adopted in Connecticut and was unable to attend but did receive photos and videos of the event.

The girls had a blast playing with each other again.



### Curious Cat Gets A New "Safe" Home!

A fellow helping with yard work heard a cat crying somewhere near the house. He and the homeowner looked everywhere and found a cat stuck in the BBQ grill. "Baby" was taken to the HSVAWL animal shelter and then was seen by Waggin' Wheel Vet Clinic for her injuries. She had surgery on her

front foot and lost two toes and half of her paw. The homeowner kept up with her recovery and couldn't wait to adopt Baby when she was healed! Baby is doing great and is now living life inside and away from dangers.

*Right, Baby with her happy adopter: below, post surgery.*



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**Photo Op for Pudge!**



AWL volunteer photographer Jennifer Kallas gets the attention of Pudge for his puppy portrait. Pudge has a very friendly nature, and his intelligence is evident in his playful antics. He's sweet, cuddly and always ready to explore, making every day an adventure. Pudge is also a quick learner, having already mastered 'sit' at only 10 weeks old. He is working on "down and stay." He is good with cats, dogs and kids and is being well socialized by his foster family while waiting for his permanent family. Adopting Pudge means welcoming a bundle of joy that will fill your life with love, laughter and endless play time.

**Rock Porch Bake Sale Nets \$812!**



*Susie Ikner, Patti Swenson, and Beverly Fitzpatrick prepare for the bake sale.*

Thanks to AWL's fabulous bakers, our bake sale at the Rock Porch on Saturday, May 24th raised a profit of \$812 and was totally sold out! Since Grove Park was still wet and muddy from the morning storms, the concert featuring the Ridgewalker Band was moved inside the Woodlands Theatre. A special shout out to coordinator Jennifer Hurd, everyone who made the goodies and brought them to the Woodlands, and the volunteers who sold the tasty treats.

## **In Memoriam - Nancy Harlan**



We are so saddened to learn about the passing of our good friend Nancy Harlan. She was a tremendous advocate for the AWL, and served on our Board of Directors for many years. In her professional career, Nancy was both a teacher and attorney, and was very instrumental in the development of our policies and procedures, including our website and publicity materials. An avid animal lover, she is pictured above with Charley, who she adopted from the AWL. Nancy will be missed enormously.

### **April Statistics**

**3 Dog Adoptions (low inventory)**

**4 Cat Adoptions**

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

**8 Angel Fund requests**

**10,028 Animals Spayed/Neutered since 2007**

**-7 Vouchers used at Kelly in March**

-15 Vouchers used at Waggin' Wheel in March

684 AWL Memberships

94 Champions

Welcome new Members

Marianne Allensworth & Tom Whittenhall

Don Brady & Kim Riley

DeWayne Guess

Keith & Karen Jones

Congratulations to Chris Frantz, the March Champions drawing winner. She won \$470 and is donating \$70 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](mailto: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*

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Until every pet has a home.



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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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