



HSV Animal Welfare League Rescue Report

Dedicated to place all rescued and surrendered, adoptable companion animals into loving homes, and to prevent the overpopulation of unwanted animals.

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**Note: The Shelter is now
open Mon-Sat 12 - 3pm!**

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End of 2021 Message from Sue Luse, AWL President:

**"The HSV Animal Welfare League has the best
volunteers and members in the world!"**



Despite the challenges presented by the pandemic, our volunteers have continued to care for the animals, assist villagers, operate spay and neuter clinics for low income families, walk the dogs, cuddle the cats, and find these precious animals forever homes.

Shelter Improvements

We continue to improve the building's exterior and the property surrounding the shelter:



- The parking lot has been enlarged and resurfaced to provide safety for volunteers and our shelter visitors.
- A water source was added next to the play area fence to provide the dogs with drinking water while in the play area. The water source also facilitates the cleaning of the "Drop-Off" enclosures.
- New awnings (built by an AWL member!) were built for the intake doorways to protect volunteers and visitors from the elements and to greatly enhance the shelter's appearance.
- AWL purchased exterior building paint and POA building maintenance employees painted the exterior. (There are still a few building areas that will be painted in the spring).
- A new memorial garden has been established with a bench in place and attractive plants will also be installed in the spring.
- Trees and plants have been purchased for the new planting beds that border the parking lot that will provide a warm welcome to visitors and adopters!

All of the funding for these exterior improvements have been generously provided by two of our wonderful AWL members, who wish to remain anonymous. More improvements are coming in 2022! *(Continued on page 2)*

President's message cont'd

Almost all of the visitors and adopters who come to our shelter comment about how clean and beautiful it is; how friendly and well behaved the animals are; and how friendly, helpful, and wonderful all of our volunteers are. Like I said before, AWL has the best volunteers and members in the world!

30th Anniversary

The AWL was unable to celebrate our 30th anniversary due to the pandemic, but hopefully we will have a big celebration in 2022. You will be contacted as soon as plans are developed.

All of us who love animals can be very proud of what AWL has accomplished to save these pets and those who love them. Thanks to all our volunteers, members, and friends who support our lifesaving work.

Celebrating our volunteers! Clockwise from top: Dog Walker David Sparks and his daughter Gianna with sweet Sophia; Animal Care Worker Jennifer Hurd keeps the animal bowls, trays and pans clean; Cat Cuddler Ron Rychlik holds a very content Brutus as his fellow felines look on.



Reporting a Lost or Found Animal

These winter months can be very dangerous for lost or stray pets, and we encourage you to take these steps to promptly report a missing or stray animal:

Lost Animals:

1. Call the AWL at 501-915-9337 so we can make a written report to give to the POA Animal Control. We ask that you also call Animal Control at 501- 922 - 6547 to ensure they get the information in a timely manner.
2. Lily Alert - (Lost Pet Alert) Call our volunteer Deb King at 281-216-1925. Email a clear photo of the pet (ideally that shows the pet's face and body), along with the pet's details to lilyalert@hsvawl.org. It's a good idea to take a picture now should the need ever arise.
3. KVRE radio - Call the station at 922-5678 so they can alert their listeners.

Found or Stray Animals:

Any animals found should be taken to the POA Animal Control. They will do the following:

1. Check for microchip in the animal. They are often familiar with the strays and can contact the owner.
2. Publish a photo of found pets on the Police Dept. Facebook page.
3. The POA and the AWL do NOT euthanize pets that are turned in unless the vet decides the pet is too ill or injured.

NOTE: If the animal's owner isn't located, the POA keeps the pet for a 5 day period and then transfers pet ownership to the Animal Welfare League. Once the AWL ensures the animal receives appropriate veterinary care, the animal is available for adoption.

Abraham Lincoln had two cats in the White House, Tabby and Dixie. Lincoln once told a friend that Dixie was "smarter than his entire Cabinet," and "didn't talk back, which was a bonus."

Your 2021 Impact

426 Animals Came into our Care

96

Dog Adoptions

(65 Dogs transferred to rescue/sanctuary through our HUG - Help Us Go! Program)

248

Cat Adoptions



203 Volunteers

AWL is staffed totally by volunteers who care for our shelter animals 365 days a year. They serve as foster parents, help at spay/neuter clinics, and write grants, just to name a few!

Shopping Rebates

AWL receives money when you shop!

amazonsmile **Kroger** **iGive.com**
\$1,064 **\$217** **\$26**

283 Animals

Spayed or Neutered pre-adoption



Spayed/neutered since 2007

Live Release (Save Rate) 96.8%

Number of animals placed into loving homes & animals in our care at year's end divided by those on hand at year's beginning, & those taken in.

685 Members

Including 95 Champions
(sustaining monthly contributors)

Our Angel Fund spent **\$15,053**
to help publicly owned pets -
65 Dogs & 26 Cats

Happy Tails **New adopter Hannah shares how happy Sky King is in his new forever home!**



Sky King loves getting a massage!

"Sky King seems to love his new life- at times, I think he thinks it's too good to be true, and it has taken a lot of assurance for him to gain confidence and help him with his anxiety, but he's finally able to explore the house on his own. On his first days here, he could barely move out from under my bed, and he would cautiously follow me down the hallway a few steps at a time. Now, he loves running up and down the hallway. His favorite toy is his mouse wand, and if any family member isn't in the living room at night when we watch TV, he will go and find them personally to let them know the show is on. He loves The Sound of Music and will come running anytime he hears it. Thank you so much for taking care of him for us in his pre-adoption days. We love him so much!"

Make a Resolution to Give Back in 2022!

Now that our Adoption Center has reopened (Mon-Sat 12-3), AWL needs volunteers more than ever! Volunteers are crucial for the socialization of our cats and dogs until they find their forever homes. We especially need volunteers in the following areas: Dog Walkers, Dog & Cat Fosters, Animal Care Workers, Cat Cuddlers, Spay/Neuter Clinics and for our HUG (Help Us Go) program. If you feel you can't perform the more physical duties some of these positions require, you can still serve the Adoption Center in Guest Relations. The GR rep answers phones and assists all visitors, with a little light duty work on certain days. As with many of these positions, you will be fully trained and have a manual to guide you through the inquiries and tasks. Since schedules at the Adoption Center are compiled a month ahead of time, you can select your days well in advance. If your schedule changes, it's not a problem to trade days with another volunteer. The GR only works a 4 hour shift (11 am to 3pm). Please consider becoming an AWL volunteer. The AWL needs you, and the animals need you! Contact Beverly Fitzpatrick at 214-632-5314 or shelterops@hsvawl.org for more information.

Become an
AWL
Volunteer!



December Statistics

- 12 Dog Adoptions
- 20 Cat Adoptions
- 1 HUG Transfer
- 56 Spay/Neuter vouchers used in Oct. & Nov.
- 9 Angel Fund recipients

Champions

AWL's program for a \$10 monthly pledge is the Champions. Each month there is a 50/50 raffle, with a cap payout of \$500. Cheryl Schaefer, member and volunteer foster cat mom, received \$470 as the December Champions winner! Champions is open to non-members, too. The AWL proceeds from the Champions program to date exceed \$45,000! Email contactus@hsvawl.org to join or for more information.

SAVE THE DATES!

2022 Spay Neuter Clinics

- March 28 & 29 - Crows Fire Station
- May 16 & 17 - Mountain Pine Fire Station
- Sept. 12 & 13 - Paron Community Center
- Nov 14 & 15 - Fountain Lake Fire Station

Girls Gotta Howl - Sept. 27th



Mary McCullough (left) & Julie Keck volunteer at the 2021 Spay/Neuter Clinic in Paron.

Below, Shelly Hill takes lovable Bowen on one of his walks. Bowen is looking for his forever home!



Creed

Creed and Bowen

are just two of our adorable pets up for adoption. AWL has many furry friends that will fill your heart! Call Shelley Shepherd about dogs at 314-520-8674, or for cats, call Nancy at 501-922-6444 or Jill at 501-570-1430



Bowen