



Rescue & News Report

March, 2025

Dedicated to rescue, vet, & find homes for all adoptable cats & dogs, and prevent the overpopulation of unwanted animals.

Making a Difference!

While 2024 was another productive year for the AWL, in 2025 we continue our mission and outreach within HSV and the community. In this Rescue and News Report, learn about all the great things happening at the AWL.

Spay Neuter Clinic held in Mountain Pine The first of six scheduled for 2025

**9,893+ ANIMALS
SPAYED AND NEUTERED
TO DATE SINCE 2007!**

At the Mountain Pine clinic on Feb. 7 & 8, 68 animals were sterilized and received vaccines. Thanks to Petco for providing free vaccines for the animals, and special thanks to our wonderful vet, Dr. Paula, vet techs Hailey and Abby, the Bissell Pet Foundation, and to all of our hard-working volunteers. The Bissell Fix the Future program has fixed 110,000 cats and dogs since the program launched a year ago.





Pictured are a happy family collecting their dogs post surgery, and some of the two dozen plus AWL volunteers needed to conduct each two day clinic.

**Our next S/N Clinics will be Friday, April 11 & Saturday, April 12, 2025
Crows Volunteer Fire Station, 17484 Hwy. 5, in Lonsdale.**

We are fully booked for April 12 but currently have 2 openings for male cats on April 11th. Cost is \$25, includes surgery & free canine and feline vaccines supplied by Petco. Registration available online. Click below.

**New! Spay Neuter Online
Registration**

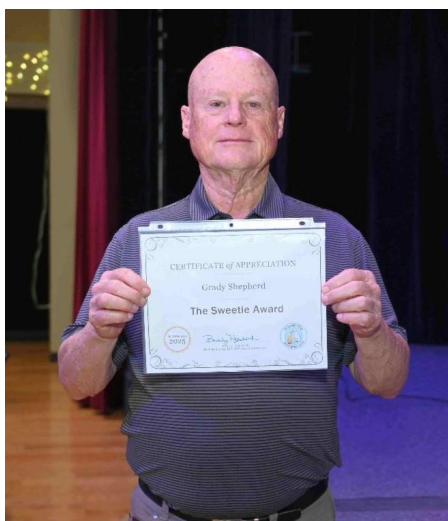
Thank You Luncheon Honors Our Volunteers!

More than 130 of our dedicated volunteers were honored at a special luncheon on February 6th at the Coronado Center.

While volunteers socialized and enjoyed a catered lunch from Clampit's, a grateful President Beverly Fitzpatrick stressed that "if we didn't have volunteers, we wouldn't have this organization." A special presentation was given to extraordinary volunteers Chad and Cheryl Schaefer for their amazing contributions to the AWL. Through the years they have fostered and taken care of approximately 1,400 cats and kittens in their home, and we wish them well as they retire. Also recognized was Grady Shepherd, who was presented with the Sweetie Award in appreciation of his tremendous and tireless help to the AWL. Long term volunteers (20+ years!) Jackie Morris, Angela Nickols, and Mary McCullough were also honored for their service, and Beverly gave a special shout out to our outstanding Animal Control Officers, Jim Kull and Payge Farewell. After lunch, each table competed in a game of cat & dog trivia.

Congrats to Team Sebastian, who had 12 out of 15 correct answers. Each member received a \$10 Walmart gift certificate. Each volunteer also received a raffle ticket to win one of 4 decorative wreaths donated by ReMax.





*Volunteers line up for lunch;
Trivia Team winners from upper
left: Robert Nickel, Kris Karr,
Belinda Baechle, Jackie Morris,
Susan Duit & Dawn Moffit;
Cheryl & Chad Schaefer are
honored; Amanda Allen &
Elaine Schroeder, Mary
McCullough & Angela Nickols;
Grady Shepherd with his
Sweetie Award and Karen Mock
displays a winning raffle prize.*

Click to view more luncheon
pics

Why Volunteer? *

Besides supporting a good cause and giving back to the community, studies show that volunteer work is good for body and mind. Dr. Austin Hall from the University of North Carolina says, "Volunteering has been shown to have a positive effect on both mental health and in older adults, "it can delay cognitive decline." Psychologist Eric Kim adds, "Our minds and bodies are rewarded when we give to others."

Join our Team of Amazing Volunteers!

Please contact us to learn about the many volunteer opportunities at the AWL. Volunteers are vital to our success and crucial for the care of our animals.

**as reported in Costco Connection, Nov, 2024*

Saline County Justices of the Peace Tour the AWL

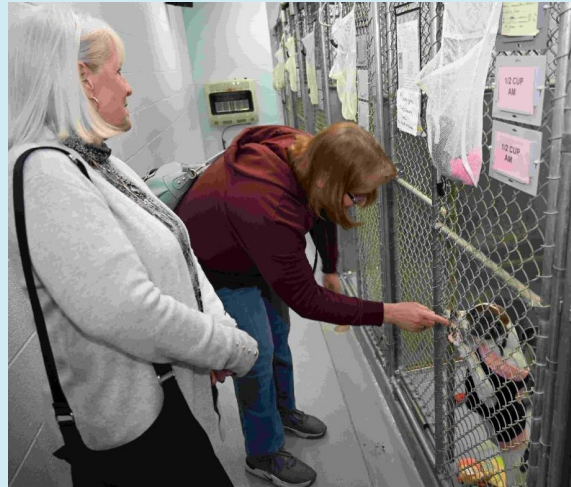


We were honored that two Saline County Justices of the Peace - Stephanie Johnson, District 12 (holding Moe) and Karen Crowson, District 13 - visited the AWL Adoption Center on February 12th. Both avid animal lovers, they are pictured with volunteer Cat Care Workers Jennifer Hurd (left) and Chris

Frantz. Stephanie, along with AWL board members, also attended the Best Friends Animal Society's Bring No-Kill Home Summit in Little Rock.

Did you know? You Can Help Animals when you pay your Property Tax Bill

As Property Tax bills for both Saline and Garland County are now being sent out, please check the \$5.00 (Saline) or \$10.00 (Garland) voluntary contribution for Animal Care and Control that is listed on the form. It really does make a difference to help save the lives of animals!



Guest Relations Volunteers - The "Face" of the AWL



Fielding calls about stray or lost animals; how the adoption or surrendering processes work; animals that need medical attention or what to do if animals are brought directly to the AWL - these are just a few of the situations discussed in a meeting specifically for the Guest Relations team on January 29th. The Guest Relations volunteers greet all the guests who come to the Adoption Center, answer the phone, and serve as the lead to show our cats and dogs to potential adopters. The primary duty of Guest Relations is to "funnel all requests we get to the appropriate person," according to Melanie Marshall, Volunteer Liaison and BOD member. Melanie stressed how communication is the key, and how important it is to handle situations correctly. To ensure consistency among the group, a Guest Relations manual is updated regularly.

AWL Members attend Best Friends Animal Society's "Bring No-Kill Home to Arkansas" Summit in Little Rock



On February 1st, AWL BOD members (from left) Jennifer Hurd, Susan Senogles, President Beverly Fitzpatrick, and Laura Allworth participated in the summit to learn how we can help make Arkansas the first "no-kill" southern state and ban dog breed specific legislation. Workshops were also held to build lifesaving support and networking strategies with other no-kill shelters. Currently, more than half of the total shelters in Arkansas have reached no-kill, including the HSV Animal Welfare League. Note: The AWL achieved a save rate of 94.5% in 2024; well above the 90% save rate needed to be considered a no-kill shelter.

Sand Trap's Chili Cook Off & Super Bowl Raffles benefit AWL



Mickey and Sandy Wells (above) present Shelley Shepherd with a \$665.00 check, the proceeds from the Chili Cook-Off they held at their Sand Trap Sports Bar on January 25th. Eighteen different chilies entered the competition and there were more than 80 taste testers and/or participants in the 50/50 raffle split. Sandy said many generous patrons also separately donated to the AWL. On Super Bowl Sunday, Sand Trap patrons Candace Morehead (holding poster) and Barbara Aaker held special raffles and football pools to also benefit the AWL and collected \$300. No matter what team you routed for, the AWL was the sure winner! We thank Mickey, Sandy, Candace, Barbara and the patrons for their generosity!

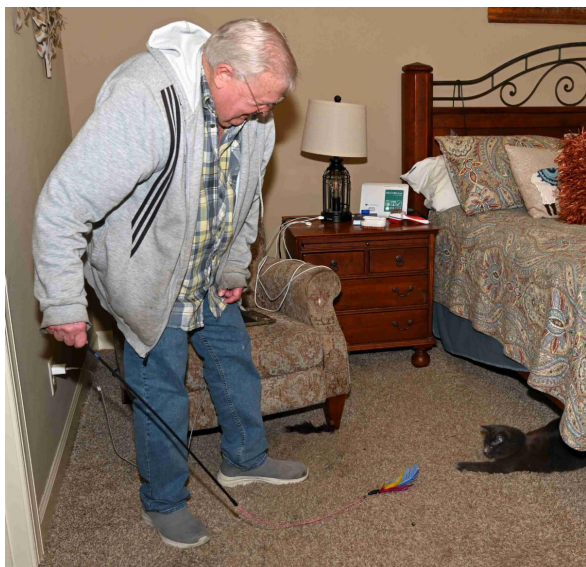


Happy Tails



David and Damon have always had male cats who were also brothers. Sadly, after 18 years their remaining cat passed, and they decided to get two more brothers.

They were also looking for grey cats. David came to the shelter, and when he saw Buster and Maximus, both brothers who were also grey, immediately declared he wanted them. The next day he returned with Damon to adopt them. Now named Buster & Maximus, the "sweet, precious and very much loved" young cats are enjoying play time and getting lots of attention at their new home.



The Tale of Bruce's Tail

At a recent AWL spay/neuter clinic, Jennifer Hurd, one of our volunteers, came across an outdoor kitten that was there to be neutered, but it was obvious that this poor kitty had another medical issue. His tail had suffered some sort of trauma and required surgery. The clinic's vet performed surgery to remove the damaged tail, and it was decided that the little guy shouldn't be put back outside while his tail healed. Since the kitten needed to be fostered, Jennifer asked volunteer Pam Galuska if she'd foster him while he healed, and she agreed.



He needed to wear a collar for two weeks, and during that time Pam and her husband, Bill, fell hard for him. They named him Bruce and slowly started introducing him to the rest of the Galuska clan.

Soon it was decided that they weren't satisfied with just being Bruce's foster parents, so they made it official and adopted him.

Pam and Bill report that he's a happy, well-adjusted guy who doesn't miss his tail at all. And he loves his six brothers and sisters!

Seven is indeed a lucky number.

Story submitted by Pam Galuska

A New Home for Lindsey



Stephanie, Lindsey's temporary foster mom, gives a thumbs up to Chrissy, Lindsey's happy new mom. Chrissy recently lost her aging dog and is ready to give Lindsey the love and attention she thrives on. The AWL tried to find a new home for Lindsey when her humans had to move to an assisted living facility, and it's been challenging to find the right fit. Although Lindsey is 12 years old, she is very healthy, loving, gentle and playful - plus she loves to talk! We are thrilled that Lindsey can live out her remaining years in a new loving home.

Three's Company - Charlie Brown and Peanuts join Linus



Oliver and Oswald were two strays found running near Ponce Golf Course. Since they were together, we were hoping to find a home that would take both of these

adorable dogs. As it turned out, they were quickly adopted by Lauren and her family, including their dog Linus. Oliver (now Peanut) and Oswald (now Charlie Brown) were warmly welcomed by Linus, and even shares his toys with them.

FREE FIRE & EMERGENCY DECALS AVAILABLE!



The next time you visit the Adoption Center, please ask for your free emergency decal. List your animal quantities and affix it to a visible window or glass pane on your front door. In case of an emergency, the stickers are very helpful to our first responders. Various sized animal respirators provided by the AWL are also kept on HSV fire trucks.

January Statistics

5 Dog Adoptions - 15 Cat Adoptions

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

18 Angel Fund requests

9,893 Animals Spayed/Neutered since 2007

662 AWL Memberships

Welcome new January Members

Windi Cohns
Helen & Tom Haessly
Trish Hammond
Robert Kinser
Gloria Luedke
Susan Oltrogge
Pat & Tom Runyan
David Streett

Welcome new February Members

Karen Blankenship
Dennis & Rebecca Denison
Adam & Julie Edmonson
Dale & Laura Furney
Judy Graves
Marge Harvey
Therese Klier
Lois Pritchard
Diane Shaw
Berna & Stuart Smedley

96 Champions*

Jerry & Julie Kalick are January's Champions drawing winner. They won \$495, and are graciously donating the money 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



AWL by the Numbers - Your 2024 Impact

407 Animals Came into our Care

91

Dog Adoptions



(64 dogs & 1 cat transferred to partner rescues where adopters were waiting through our HUG - Help Us Go! Program)

224

Cat Adoptions



225+ Volunteers

AWL is staffed entirely by our dedicated volunteers who care for our shelter animals 365 days a year! They serve at the Adoption Center, as foster parents, at Spay/Neuter Clinics, and behind-the-scenes to mention a few.

100% of all donations support our homeless pets.

\$26,680 Donations received from our Holiday appeal.

\$1,560 Donations received from Giving Tuesday

Our 2024 program expenses: **\$392,548**

which included **\$171,780** in veterinary fees.

Our 2024 income: **\$327,004** which included **\$43,514** from fundraising

Angel Fund spent **\$22,695** to help community families with emergency veterinary assistance.

Silver Paws Fund spent **\$2,214** to help to help senior pets with medical or other aging needs.

Special Paws Fund spent **\$2,273** to help animals with special needs.

AWL receives money when you shop!

\$221 Shopping Rebates



iGive.com



\$396 Recycling Rebates
Printer Ink Cartridges

534 Animals Spayed/Neutered



Community Pets
Spayed/neutered since 2007

2 area school districts receive educational materials for 3rd graders, including "Kind News," which promotes humane animal treatment.

667 Annual Members including **98 Champions** (sustaining monthly contributors)

94.5 % Live Release (Save Rate)
(Number of animals in our care placed into loving homes at year's end divided by those on hand at year's beginning & those taken in. We take in some very vulnerable and sick animals and some do die despite quality care; others are humanely euthanized)

www.hsvawl.org 501-915-9337

On average, the Awl expense to vet each cat prior to adoption is \$183; and the average cost to vet each dog prior to adoption is \$233.

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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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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