



Rescue & News Report

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

WOOFSTOCK Rescue Dog Show

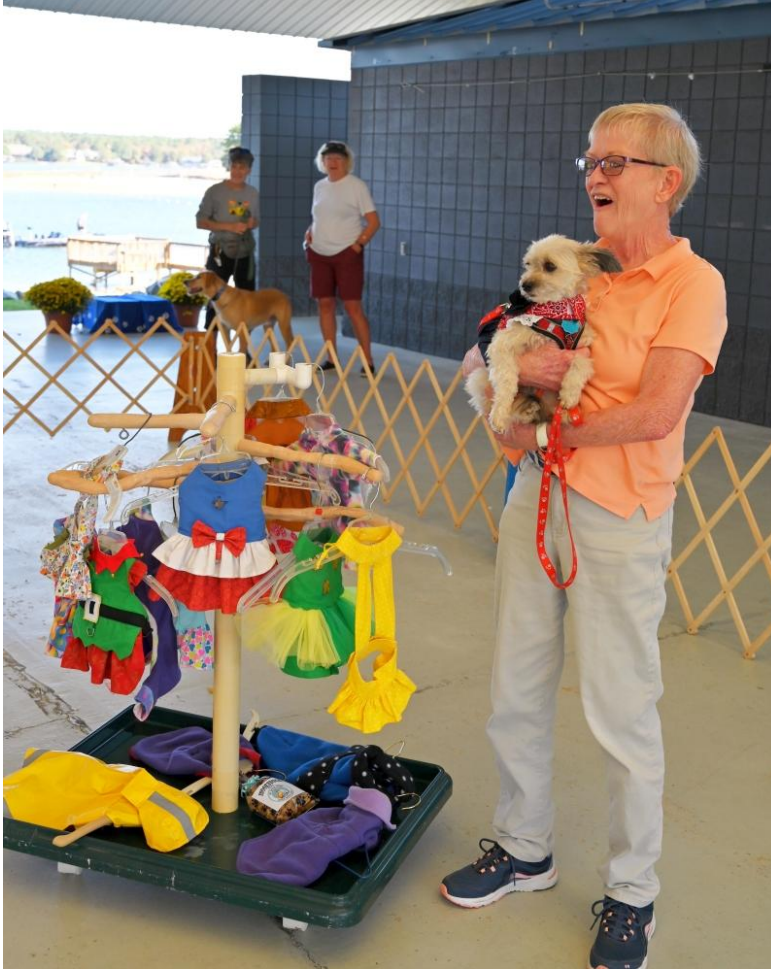
More than 30 adorable rescue dogs of all shapes and sizes brought their owners to our Woofstock Rescue Dog Show at the Balboa Pavilion on October 12, 2024. They competed in 16 different categories, including Wildest Hair, Best Kisser, Best Trick, Best Dressed, Best Tail Wagging, and Best Vocal Performance. Their awesome skills not only helped earn more than \$1,000 for the AWL, but the event was full of Peace (aside from a little barking) and much Love, just like its namesake, Woodstock.



All rescue dogs were eligible to participate, including purebred rescues. Winners in each category paraded in the ring, while other

dogs just enjoyed each other's company, and brought their fan clubs.





Best Dressed winner Bitsy (with mom Karen Geiger) shows off her stylish wardrobe.



Deb Fitzgerald is shown with her rescue greyhounds, Millie and Whiskey, winners of the Best Dog Pairs.



Congratulations to Bubba, pictured with proud owner Zina Nugent and Judges Keith Keck and Jane Hollingsworth. Bubba was the Best of Show Winner, who demonstrated a "trick" for a "treat!"



Special appreciation to Jackie Paul who organized and sponsored Woofstock (shown below left with assistant Kellie Vessie), emcee John Paul, and AWL volunteers Michelle Alford, Sandie Rickerman, Sue Luse, Beverly Fitzpatrick and Laura Allworth.



Congrats to all the Woofstock winners!
Smallest Dog - Stormy (Yorkie Poo) Jeanette Slattery
Tallest Dog - Whiskey (Greyhound) Deb Fitzgerald
Best Tail Wagging - Scruffy (Dominican street dog) Joan Vega & Bill Worthley
Best/Worst Underbite - Trooper (English Bulldog) Cyndy Echevarria
Best Dog Pairs - Millie & Whiskey (Greyhounds) - Deb Fitzpatrick

Best Kisser - Doris (unknown) Doug Zook

Best Trick & Best in Show - Bubba (unknown) Zina Nugent

Wildest Hair - Murphy (Terrier mix) Bev Thompson

Best Dressed/Costume - Bitsy (Chinese Crested) Karen Geiger

Best Senior Dog & Biggest Ears - Jasper (Corgi) Mike Jones

Best Vocal Performance - Sadie (Dachshund/terrier mix) Gary & Rhonda Stewart

Best Couch Potato - Abbey (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel) - Nancy Smith

Best Owner/Dog look alike (Cinnamon) Poodle mix - Connie Weidert

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Celebrating the Blessings of the Animals

The Blessing of the Animals annual service was celebrated at both Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 6th. Many dogs, a few felines, and even two rabbits brought their "parents" so they could receive a special blessing honoring the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. Father Keith Hearnberger, assisted by Deacon Brenda Kroll, blessed the animals at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and presented each pet with a St. Francis medal and prayer bookmark. The St. Francis chapter Daughters of the King, an outreach ministry for Holy Trinity, sponsored the event.



Holy Trinity presents \$1,000 check



Father Keith presents the generous \$1,000 check to Shelley Shepherd, AWL Dog Adoption and Foster Coordinator, as members of the Daughters of the King look on, including Kizzie, who was adopted from the AWL by Deb Thompson in 2021.

Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church

Blessing the animals at Christ of the Hills were Senior Pastor Rev. Sieg Johnson, Rev. Sheila Jones, and Rev. Steve Fries.



Above, Rev. Steve Fries conducts a brief Blessings service, as Rev. Sieg Johnson and Rev. Sheila Jones look on; Sarah Bell pictured right, holds Taylor (left) and Paisley, with

*Piper in the foreground.
Both events were very joyful and
lively gatherings. The AWL is
very grateful for all the monetary
and pet food donations that
were contributed.*



Arkansas Community Foundation Presents Grant to AWL



The Hot Springs Village Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Arkansas Community Foundation, awarded the AWL a \$1,985 grant on October 23rd to provide

Garland County cats with spay and neuter services and rabies shots. We are very grateful for the grant!

Pam Avila presents the grant to Angela Nickols, Spay Neuter Director, and AWL Board Member Susan Senogles

Eight newborn pups and mom brought to AWL



Everyday is full of surprises at the AWL, including one recently when a HVS resident brought eight two-day-old pups that were born under the porch of her home. Thankfully, their mom, who we named Tiffany, is taking good care of them. They will remain at the shelter for approximately 10 weeks to receive veterinary care before they're ready for adoption.

A Very Special Birthday

HSV resident Cindy McGear wanted to do something special to celebrate her birthday, so Cindy asked her fellow "Mis Amigas" social club members to donate dog and cat food in lieu of giving gifts.

Cindy is pictured here with some of the donations she brought to the AWL.

Did you know you can create a no cost birthday or other special event fundraiser on Facebook to benefit the AWL?



AWL volunteer Julie Gerush hosted a Facebook birthday fundraiser and raised over \$700. Julie said the process was "so painless and absolutely the easiest way to raise money for a cause."

[Click to learn more about special event fundraisers](#)

9,717 total animals spayed & neutered since 2007

At Crows Fire Station on October 18th & 19th, 32 cats and 26 dogs were spayed and neutered and received their rabies shots and vaccines.

The clinic was filled to capacity and we are so grateful to our wonderful vet, Dr. Paula; vet techs Hailey and Abby; Angela Nickols, our S/N director, all of our hard-working AWL volunteers, and our partners Fido Fixers, and the Bissell Pet Foundations Fix the Future program.



Baked Treats at Rock Porch benefit the AWL



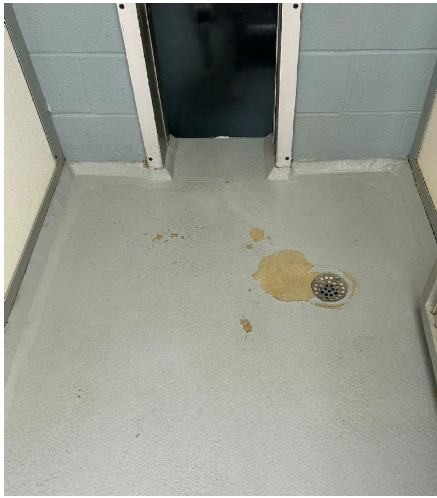
Thanks to homemade baked goods donated by AWL members and the help of our volunteers, the AWL raised over \$300 at the Rock Porch session on October 5th. Listening to Eastbound and Down with Jackie B at Grove Park, and enjoying treats while supporting the AWL was a great way to end this season's free Rock Porch concerts. *Special appreciation to (from left) volunteers Jennifer Hurd, Sandie Rickerman, Grace Turley, Michelle Alford, and Pattie Swenson who sold the goodies at the event.*

Happy Tails - Penelope



Penelope was found alone in the woods by a good Samaritan named John. Just a pup, she came up to him and he noticed her ribs showed and she was obviously starving. Ironically, John had just moved full time to the village two weeks earlier. He brought her to the shelter, was extremely concerned about her recovery, and we're very happy that he and his wife Lisa adopted her! Since Penelope is just a pup, she will also get all the exercise she needs as their grandchildren (who live nearby) are anxious to help with the puppy. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with Penelope's wonderful recovery!

Dog Kennel Floors - resurfacing produces not only safe floors but a wonderful Happy Tail!



BEFORE

Our dog kennel floors were peeling and deteriorating which caused many sanitary and health concerns. Since the entire process took a week to allow for proper curing of the sealant and eliminate fume odors, the cats and dogs were removed from the shelter. Dog Adoption Coordinator Shelley Shepherd sent out an urgent request for temporary fosters for the duration of the work, and she extends a special thank you to the five people who stepped up to foster. She also reports that while "temporarily" fostering, Kim and David Myers became new adopters!
(see following Happy Tail)



AFTER

President Beverly Fitzpatrick and the volunteers are very pleased with the results. Not only are they aesthetically pleasing, but more importantly, they don't harbor bacteria, and are safer for the dogs and the volunteers because they are not as slick as the previous flooring. Beverly would like to thank all the volunteers who helped during the transition, Animal Control Officers Jim Kull and Payge Farewell, and the POA crew that removed two dead trees from the dog exercise pen when the interior and exterior dog runs were also repaired.



When new AWL volunteers Kim and David Meyers learned we needed temporary fosters while the kennel floors were being resurfaced, they agreed to foster Fern, a black Labrador Retriever, pictured on the left with their dog Piper. Kim reports that "they bonded right away." Fern (now Mabel) and her older sister Piper "completely love each other," and Mabel was eagerly welcomed to their family - a Happy Tail that reinforces the old proverb that every cloud (or flooring in this case) has a silver lining!

November 7 - AWL Annual Meeting & Election

Just a reminder that the AWL will hold its annual meeting and election on November 7, 2024, from 10 am to 12 noon at the Coronado Center, Room 6. We encourage our members to attend, vote for the BOD candidates, and learn more about the exciting things that are happening at the HSV Animal Welfare League!

Happy Halloween!

The AWL was happy to participate in the annual HSV Halloween Trunk or Treat at the Woodlands parking lot. Thanks to Michelle Alford and Jennifer Hurd who set up the festive display and passed out treats to the children and their families who stopped by for a spell!



Check out these adoptable pets! They're just a few of the more than 85 puppies, kittens, dogs and cats that the AWL is caring for as they wait for their forever homes!



PEACH

A litter of five adorable, sweet, lab mix sisters were dumped in a church parking lot. They were so afraid at first, but all are doing well now and are ready to be loved by families. Peach is improving her leash skills each day, and like her sisters, enjoys being outside, sniffing everything. She really enjoys playing with her sisters and getting lots of love from the volunteers. They are fun puppies about 6 months old



MINNIE

What a super sweet little girl with a giant smile! She loves hugs and cuddles and being around people and is great with kids! She likes other dogs as well. Minnie walks well on a leash and enjoys exploring outside. She has a gentle nature and gives great kisses! She is a petite girl about 9 months old at only 40 pounds. Minnie would be a great addition to any family.



SAMUEL - 7 months at shelter

Seven may be a lucky number, but not for Samuel and Silas, who have currently been at the shelter for over 7 months. They have been together for much of their two year lives, plus this is the second time they have been brought to the shelter when their adopters had to move without them. They were recently going to



SILAS - 7 months at shelter

Despite these setbacks, both have been raised with lots of petting and playtime and have grown into friendly playful kitties full of purr-sonality. They get lots of attention and cuddling from our cat care workers, but they are looking for their forever person. If you want to change their luck and would like two

be adopted together, but their potential owner had to decline due to a long term illness.

cool cats, please contact us to meet Samuel and Silas.



We still have so many adorable types of kittens and young cats that are available now for adoption, or will be in the coming weeks. Please let us know if you have a preference and we will try to accommodate you as only the animals currently available for adoption are linked on our website to [petfinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com) and [adoptapet.com](https://www.adoptapet.com). Please note that due to space and the developing immunization system of kittens, they are not located at the Adoption Center.

PETFINDER

ADOPTAPET

For dog adoptions, call Shelley Shepherd at 314-520-8674; for cat adoptions call Jill Jones at 901-570-1430 or Nancy Jones at 501-922-6444

Welcome New AWL Members!

Thank you to the following members who have recently joined the AWL. Memberships are vital to support the programs that help our homeless cats

and dogs find homes. We are grateful for your support!

Christine & Paul Lagerquist
Andrea Nutley

September Statistics

5 Dog Adoptions 22 Cat Adoptions

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

11 Angel Fund requests

9,717 Animals Spayed/Neutered since 2007

9 vouchers used at Waggin' Wheel in August

675 AWL Memberships

92 Champions*

Cheryl Gaskill is October's Champions drawing winner

She won \$470!

**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

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The Adoption Center is open
Monday-Saturday 12-3
(501) 915.9337



To report a lost or found
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