



HSV Animal Welfare League

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Dedicated to the placement of all rescued and surrendered adoptable companion animals into loving homes and to the prevention of overpopulation of unwanted animals.

Rescue Report

Angel Fund Helps Sonny

Generous animal lovers have donated **\$1,000** so far to the Sonny Fund to be sure the Angel Fund retains enough money to help others faced with extreme, unexpected vet bills for a beloved pet.

Sonny, a 7-month-old Shar-Pei mix, was hit by a car and Waggin' Wheel provided emergency care: his right hind leg had been broken, but before surgery, things got much worse -- he could not stand and had no bladder control. Additional x-rays revealed a spinal fracture, so Sonny saw a specialist in Little Rock.

Sonny recovered and Waggin' Wheel addressed the leg fracture. Sadly, the leg was so damaged and infected that an immediate amputation was necessary. Waggin' Wheel referred the owner to AWL's Angel Fund.

Having already paid over \$7000 for the spinal surgery, verified by Waggin' Wheel, the owner had no funds to pay \$600 to \$700 for the amputation so Angel Fund helped.



The complex surgery was performed by Dr. Rebecca Bilby. Waggin' Wheel reports Sonny is now recovering well and should have a long happy life.

AWL's Angel Fund is a special fund for such cases. AWL is careful to help owners who have shown love for the pet by being responsible owners. AWL is the only place in our area such desperate owners can turn to for help with huge emergency costs.

However, large bills can deplete the fund and prevent AWL from helping others. AWL sent out a plea for donations to the Sonny Fund to ensure that we can pay the \$600-700 for the amputation. And, look at the total so far!

All funds above the cost will convert to Angel Fund to help others in need. We are proud of our service to area pet lovers, and grateful for our donors.

BOD Appoints Debe Jolliff

On May 14, the AWL Board appointed Debe Jolliff to the vacant At-Large director position to complete the board's members. Debe has been quite active and will continue her work with the HUG program that has become so vital for adoptions. She will also help with dog adoptions and other special projects. We welcome her enthusiastically!



Sweet Garfield (now Cody) was a friendly stray looking for a home, so AWL helped. He remained at the Adoption Center for a few months until his forever mom found him, and he is now at home with her. We know he's loving it!

Our dedicated volunteers are amazing. Join us as we work to Save Them All. Help Us Help Them!



Shadow found himself out of his home through no fault of his own. He had lived with other cats and a dog, but was looking for new digs. He was declawed in front, and he finally found his purrfect home!

Adoption Event @ Clampit's Country Kitchen & Meat Market

Clampit's on Hwy 7 North will host an AWL adoption event on Saturday, June 2, from 10:00-1:00. AWL will be bringing cats and dogs. Clampit's will have delicious Clampit food-for-purchase to enjoy while you ooh-and-aah over the pets. Besides this chance to meet your forever fur-buddy, for every food purchase Clampit's will make a donation to AWL

Beverly Fitzpatrick needs some additional AWL volunteers to help meet people and talk about AWL, so call her at (214) 632-5314 to discuss what it might entail, and plan to join the fun.

"Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful."
-Ann Landers

Happy Tails

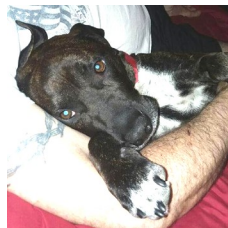
This handsome hound mix whom AWL called Bruno wandered up to a home, bleeding from puncture wounds all over his body.



How could anyone do that???

Fast forward to today. Bruno is now Buddy and is a 50-pound lap dog—really. [Buddy in his owner's arms today]

We are so happy that he not only found his home, but that he will give so much to his new family.



May 17 AWL Meeting

We hope you joined us for the quarterly meeting at 2:00 in Coronado Room 6. Chris Franklin explained how having a huge English mastiff as a pet is a loving, often funny experience.



Angus is a rescued English (not bull) mastiff who showed us what a gentle **183-pound** creature he is. Chris had some heartwarming tales about big Angus, so AWL thanks him so much for sharing his experiences with this special kind of dog.

All loved meeting this gentle, well-trained giant dog. Thanks, Chris.

FYI—Congressional Action on Animals

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge let the visitors know about the importance of supporting **H.R. 1818, The Big Cat Public Safety Act** that is in the US Congress now. Do you know that over 10,000 big cats are in US backyards today? We have no national laws about breeding and housing them, and most are neglected, abused, and used only for profit. This breeding does not save wild animals and causes unfathomable harm. Go to www.turpentinecreek.org to find out more and how to help. Please be encouraged to express your views to your Congressmen and women.

Box Turtles Have Strong Connection to Their Home

Box turtles are a common sight here in the Village, and many of us stop to help them cross our roads safely. As long as we carry them to the side where they are headed, they will likely be saved. Here are some facts about these gentle harmless creatures.

Arkansas is home to two varieties: the three-toed and the ornate box turtles. The common three-toed turtles have a plain shell that may have yellow and black markings while rarer ornate box turtles have dark brown or black dome-shaped shells with many yellow lines and markings.



<Three-toed box turtle in the Village>

But do you know that these turtles have a “profoundly strong connection” to the location where they were hatched? Website www.boxturtles.com reports that they stay in proximity to that place all of their lives.

If they are removed from their home, they will experience stress and they can die an early death.

Humans can inadvertently cause this by removing them and releasing them somewhere else.

*“A cat loves with all its heart, but not so fervently that there’s nothing left over for itself.”
~from Cleo: The Cat Who Mended a Family ~Helen Brown*

The turtles will not adapt to a new locale and will often hopelessly wander to find their old home until they die. If you or your children take a turtle from its location, always return it to the exact location so it will continue to thrive.

Therefore, our only interaction with these harmless creatures should be to help them safely cross the road. Caution your family and friends not to pick up or move one except to move it to safety within the same locale.

We can all help our Village remain a healthy, thriving, natural habitat for the forest wildlife with which we co-habitate, adding to the charm of our natural home.

We Need Shoes!

AWL is collecting new and gently-worn used shoes to help us raise money. Not only do you help us, but the shoes are then used to help start micro-enterprises in developing nations to help families rise out of poverty. Also, these shoes will not go into landfills and add further pollutants.

We’re looking for all kinds of shoes: sneakers, casual shoes, dress shoes, golf shoes, etc. Just make sure that they are gently worn or new, tie the laces together if they have strings, and then bag them up.

We need 2,500 pairs to earn \$1,000, and we are on our way! You may bring them to the Adoption Center or other sites to be announced.



Shoog, now called Henna, is a large, now lovely pit bull terrier who came to AWL with heartworms. She was skinny, almost emaciated, but her new “guy” has helped her become the beautiful dog she was meant to be. When she visited the AC, her tail was constantly flipping to show her joy. So happy for all.

April Stats

Adopted: 13 cats & 6 dogs
HUG: 6 dogs transported
Taken in: 20 cats & 18 dogs



Riley , a 5-year-old black & white beauty, has a new home where they call her Samantha, but that’s just fine. She will purr and keep purring to any name, and we are sure her family is happy with that, too.



*"Lives based on having are less free than lives based either on doing or on being."
~ William James*



Lucky is a lucky boy indeed! A marvelous helper waited patiently for hours in a crowded parking lot until Lucky trusted her enough to greet her. Villager had sighted him but he would not let them catch him. She did and brought him to AWL, and now he has a new home. The kindness of people is what is so wonderful about HSV.

Calendar Dates

Monday, May 28—Memorial Day—AC and Shelter closed.

**Saturday, June 2, 10:00-1:00 p.m.—Pet Adoption Event + Food at Clampit's Country Kitchen & Meat Market, 5398 Hwy.7
(See p. 2 for information)**

Monday & Tuesday, June 11 & 12— Spay/Neuter Clinic, Paron

Recap of Recent Events

Pat Expo

Thanks to Barkansas Pet Supply and owner Lisa Clem and her staff for the fun event at Coronado Center. AWL brought dogs, made new connections with pet lovers, and got leads on several adoptions — a warm, fuzzy day for all!

Final Results of "No Fleas" Flea Market

"No Fleas" Flea Market yielded **\$2,720**, a record for that semi-annual event. As members and other Villagers become accustomed to the regular sale, the event has grown and has become very successful. Thanks to co-chairs **Chari Larimore & Judy Sierocuk** for organizing it and to all volunteers who helped sell, setup, and breakdown—it takes many to produce a success.

Eureka Springs Trip

Reports from vacationers that the AWL Eureka Springs trip was marvelous: the wildlife cat refuge Turpentine Creek was inspiring, and some even think they saw spirits in the Crescent Hotel! AWL expects to receive about **\$600** from the event. Thanks to Vacation Valet for organizing the trip.

Final Results of Belk's Charity Day

Supporters shopped and saved lots, and by doing that, helped AWL receive **\$605** from Belk's.

Help Wanted

Your Ideas Needed! Please send ideas for AWL meeting programs, such a certain speakers or topics of interest that you would like to have at the general meetings. Send to Mary McCullough at mbmpjm66@gmail.com or call her at 915-8459.

Champions

AWL's program for a sustaining pledge is the "Champions." These committed folks contribute a small \$10 a month as sustaining members. Each month we have a 50/50 raffle, with a cap payout of \$500. **Champions proceeds to date are \$23,925.00.**

The April Champions drawing winner was Sarah Yerkes, who won \$485. Champions is open to non-members, too. Use a credit card on our website or send an email to treasurer@hsvawl.org to join. Please tell your friends about it.