

## HSV Animal Welfare League

### July 2018

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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**

### **HUG Needs a Transport Van**

AWL'S HUG program (Help Us Go) prepares hard to place pets mostly puppies and large dogs but some cats—for transport to other areas of the country. Many of these other rescues are eager to receive our pets because their states have strong, humane spay/neuter laws. Arkansas, on the other hand, has nearly nonexistent laws to help limit and prevent the overpopulation of unwanted pets.

Truly, without our transport networking, AWL could not continue to be a No-Kill rescue. Look at the number HUG saved in June: 11 puppies, 3 dogs!

In order to transport them to other states, AWL is looking for a van to own. We have scouted several possibilities. We need your input.

AWL will make it usable for our purposes, possibly removing seats to accommodate kennels.

If you have a used van in good shape that you consider donating for a substantial tax deduction, please contact Beverly Fitzpatrick at 214-632 -5314. If you have a van that AWL might purchase at a reasonable price, or if you know of anyone who has such a van, please let Beverly know. If you want to donate to our "HUG van" fund, please do so!

### Special Election to Add Board Position

The special election to add an At-Large position with Beverly Fitzpatrick as chief fundraiser was successful, so now the AWL BOD has 10 positions.

Fitzpatrick, who was the Treasurer, resigned that position to move to the At-Large position to spearhead fundraising. The Board then appointed Julie Henderson to take over as Treasurer. Julie has experience as Treasurer in other nonprofits, so she is already quite knowledgeable.

Fitzpatrick is relieved to be able to spend more of her time and talents on AWL fundraising, which is one of the most vital of our leadership roles. Having been instrumental in all of AWL's major events, she is able to use her skills to organize and follow-through.

The Board is collectively relieved to have Henderson as Treasurer, Jody Moore taking over for Deborah King with shelter volunteers, Debe Jolliff to lead HUG transport efforts, and Fitzpatrick to work with fundraising.

Thanks to all who voted and all who volunteer so selflessly of your time to help our rescued pets. They are better off because of us!

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Handsome ginger Gordon with the deep orange eyes is now in his new home. He lost his home, but found AWL and a new home! Hooray for him and his new family.

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



Cute little Kelly had to find another home with someone who could spend time with her. And, thanks to AWL, she found that home! This little Basenji is now well-tended and wellloved, getting all of the attention she deserves.

### "No Fleas" Flea Market Date Change to October 6th

The No-Fleas Flea Market is fast approaching on Saturday, October 6 (new date). We need household items, decorator pieces, seasonal, and collectibles. No clothing or large furniture, please. Bring your priced items to the Police Training and Event Center from 5:00-7:00 pm on Friday, October 5.

The sale will be on Saturday from 8:00-2:00. 50% sale starts at 12:30. Help us help them with your contributions. Call Beverly Fitzpatrick if you have questions at 214-632-5314, and thanks for your donations.

### How Can You HUG Our Pets? Here's How

As mentioned, we now transport numerous dogs and puppies to other states for successful adoptions. Before transporting, we must see that they are healthy, vetted with shots, sterilized if old enough, and clean. Clean is the word.

We need a team to give baths to dogs prior to transport. You will only respond on an on-call basis, only about 1-2 hours bathing, 1-2 times a months. This is not a huge commitment, but your help will allow us to do so much more for them.

Please call Shelley at 314-520-8674. You will gets many rewards in sloppy kisses and wiggly wags!

"You think those dogs will not be in heaven! I tell you they will be there long before any of us." ~ Robert Louis Stevenson

#### Donations, Yes! But ...

Our Adoption Center is in need of many items, and we so thank you for them. These are things we need:

Spic n Span-bottle, not spray; Quart & Gallon Ziplocs brand; Towels; Fancy Feast Classic wet cat food (pate); Clumping Litter (any size bags).

Or order from Amazon wish list:

1. Log onto Smile.Amazon.com (you must have an account)

2. Under "Accounts and Lists" select "Find a List or Registry"

3. Type in "HSV AWL" and click on the search button—There will be two choices, "HSV AWL" and "Wish List"

5. Click on "Wish List" and order from there.

BUT, please do not bring rubberbacked rugs, carpeted cat trees, extremely large dog crates, human bed pillows, electric blankets.

### Shoes are Gone, Gone, Gone!

Thanks to all who purged your closets of unused shoes, for your donations have helped poor in other countries, have kept debris out of landfills, and have provided AWL some additional funds.

Debe Jolliff organized the drive and Funds@Orgs picked up the shoes and will pay AWL. Debe had some help getting the shoes loaded into the trucks for shipping. These volunteers gave muscle and time and are appreciated: Patty Swenson, Bill Barborich, Bob and Janice Dean, Jan and Todd Kincheloe, Annie and Michael Webster, Bill Joor, Julie Keck, and Warren Taylor.

Thanks to Debe and all who donated and helped load them for shipping.

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#### **Happy Tails**

Simba, one of a group of abandoned orange cats and kittens, has been super lucky to find his new home.

He and others, some that were a year and a half old and some that were only 8 months, were found and treated by AWL. They were thought to be feral, but, goodness, they turned out to be people-oriented cats and very adoptable.

Simba was adopted in June to become a buddy of a gorgeous calico who needed a friend. Here is a photo of Simba with his new companion, obviously getting along well.



~~ Note: If you know of any stories of adoption success, email us at public.relations@hsvawl.org.

### Education Program Needs Funds

As part of the AWL mission to increase awareness of animal issues through education programs, AWL funds *Kind News*, a publication promoting humane treatment of all animals and appreciation of our environment. All elementary students in three area school districts receive their very own copies of the magazine. Donate to Adopt-a-Class help fund all education activities.

#### **Board Positions November**

As you know, AWL has elections for Directors on the Board every November. The terms are staggered, so some are elected for two-year terms each year.

This year, the following positions are up for election:

- President
- 1st Vice President
- Treasurer
- 2 At-Large Positions

Please know that our Board of Directors is a *working* board. All have myriad responsibilities and work many hours each week for AWL. These are not honorary positions. The directors do not meet monthly only, and they are involved with the daily operations of AWL.

Rescuing our animals is a multifaceted effort, and it takes talents from all to accomplish our goals. We always need those who have worked with publicity, web design, fundraising, organizing/accounting, people-management, animal training, and you-name-it. If you have a talent, AWL can find a spot for you.

If you are interested in knowing more about how you can help the animals, please contact Sue Luse at 915-8562.

"A meow massages the heart." ~ Stuart McMillan

### **2019 Calendar On Sale Soon**

The anticipated AWL calendar will be on sale on September 1st, so look for the chance to get yours. Also, they make great holiday gifts, so get a list ready for your order. June Stats Adopted: 18 cats & 16 dogs HUG: 14 dogs transported Taken in: 36 cats & 24 dogs





These two beauties were happy together, and now they are even happier. Mary Jane & Tarzana may have new names, but they are still together. Their owner had to surrender them because of a change in living conditions, but they were so lucky to have come to AWL to find their purr-fect home.

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"When a man has pity on all living creatures then only is he noble." ~ Buddha



Precious little Skippy, a terrier mix, was looking for a new home at an older age of 11 years. That's tough on an old girl, but she found it. AWL is so glad she is now living her retirement with lots of love and attention.

### **Calendar Dates**

<u>Saturday, October 6, 8:00-2:00</u> "No Fleas" Flea Market, Police Training & Event Center, Balearic Road (see p. 2.)

Tuesday, October 9-Girls Gotta Howl!

November (date not announced) - Belk Charity Day Sale

### **Tips for Summer Pet Care from ASPCA**

<u>Dehydration</u> - Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot or humid outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful not to over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.

<u>Overheating</u> - Symptoms of overheating in pet include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. Symptoms can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees.

<u>Susceptible Pets</u> - Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.

Never, ever leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle, even if in the shade!

<u>Do Not Shave</u> - Feel free to trim longer hair on your dog, but never shave your dog: The layers of dogs' coats protect them from overheating and sunburn. Brushing cats more often than usual can prevent problems caused by excessive heat. And be sure that any sunscreen or insect repellent product you use on your pets is labeled specifically for use on animals.

<u>Hot Asphalt</u> - When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.

### Help Wanted

**Substitute Pickup Driver** ~ We need a helper with a pickup who will go on an on-call basis to pickup cans for recycling from the shelter and take them to the POA Minorca location. This is an occasional substitute volunteer to help when others are out of town or unavailable. Call Sue Fisher at 922-5690 to help with this important effort.

### **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 \$24,895.00**.

The June Champions drawing winner was Kathie Hansen, who won \$485. Champions is open to nonmembers, too. Use a credit card on our website or send an email to <u>treasurer@hsvawl.org</u> to join. Please tell your friends about it.