



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

AWL Voted Readers' Choice Best Nonprofit 2018!!!

By the time you read this, you will have seen that the *Hot Springs Village Voice* Readers' Choice awards was special for AWL.

Thanks to all in the Garland & Saline county communities who voted AWL the best nonprofit of the year!

AWL is thrilled because this means that so many neighbors, beyond those who are members, recognize the selfless and determined work of well over a hundred volunteers to improve the lives of homeless animals and the lives of those who love and adopt animals. **We especially thank all of you members, for you are the backbone of our rescue.**

Spay/Neuter Milestone

We are about to hit a record 5,000 spayed/neutered pets through our Spay/Neuter Clinics (owned animals, not to ready strays for adoption)! AWL, through the leadership of Angela Nickols, has held clinics for low-income owners in surrounding areas since 2007.

Angela has cultivated teams of volunteers who work the 2-day clinics, and their dedication and the various grants allow us to continue. In order to "save them all," we must prevent unwanted pets. Thanks to all who help this effort!

Hard & Imaginative Work Nails Grant Money

Our Grant Committee is dogged in their pursuit of money for AWL. The results of their research and grant submissions tell that story:

- \$15,000 from Saline County
- \$15,000 from the D. J. & T. Foundation
- \$10,000 from the Arkansas Animal Rescue Foundation
- \$1,000 from the On Shore Foundation.

These grants were awarded for our outstanding work in our spay/neuter, adoption, and Angel Fund programs and to provide for much-needed adoption center needs. The Board closely monitors the use of these funds to ensure they are used for the purposes in the grants.

These grants were made possible by the hard work of the League's grant committee which meets every six weeks to research and write grant applications. AWL thanks the committee: **Nancy Jones, Betsy Bailey, Julie Henderson, Sue Luse, and Angela Nickols, Chair.**

With expenses totaling over \$206,000 in 2017, every dollar is needed and used to operate the HSV shelter/adoption center and the League's many outreach programs.



Morris

Sweet, shy, and handsome Morris finally found his forever home!!! Volunteers at the Adoption Center know him well as he was waiting patiently at AWL for over a year. We know all of those who worked at the AC were thrilled when they saw his cubby empty because he now has a home. Enjoy your new life, Morris.

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



Bella

Bella was a surrendered beautiful blue nose pit bull terrier who is very smart. She is crate trained and knows basic commands, so she was a great dog for adoption. We know she's enjoying her new family now.

"No Fleas" Flea Market & Bake Sale October 6th

The No-Fleas Flea Market & Bake Sale is coming soon, Saturday, October 6 from 8:00—2:00. **This has become quite a sale, so donate and then come buy stuff!** We need household items, decorator pieces, seasonal, and collectibles. No clothing or large furniture, please, but accessories such as purses & jewelry are welcome.

This is new: **We will set up the evening before on Friday, October 5.** Bring your priced items to the Police Training and Event Center from 5:00-7:00 pm on **Friday, October 5.**

Call Beverly Fitzpatrick if you have questions at 214-632-5314.

Girls Gotta Howl October 9

Gals, we hope you have gathered your friends together for a raucous, howling party!

GGH is an evening with a full seated dinner, wine fountain, cash bar, vendors for pampering, a style show, and, of course, the climactic finale — a dance number by our very own "Cheapendales"!

It is now **SOLD OUT**, so we hope you won't miss it this year. If only we had a venue that would seat more people, we could accommodate all who yearn to have that fun evening out. Perhaps we'll find a place in the future—our fundraising committee hopes so!

"The cat could very well be man's best friend but would never stoop to admitting it."
~ Doug Larson

HUG Van is a Reality!

Thanks to a few members of the HSV Corvette Club who started us out with cash donations, and McCann's Auto Mart who gave us a DOGGONE good deal, plus a small grant to put us over the top, the transport van is now a reality.

AWL also thanks Balboa Dam Storage, Village Home Center, O'Reilly's Auto Parts, and North 7 Auto Care for helping us with donated services and merchandise to store and outfit the van. And lastly, a big thank-you to Beverly & John Fitzpatrick who did the leg-work and to our members who have contributed to the HUG fund. Helping hard-to-adopt Village dogs and cats find their fur-ever homes out of state has been one of the programs that helps AWL maintain our No Kill designation.

On Sunday, September 2nd the van made its maiden voyage to Memphis with 17 puppies! We know they will be adopted into loving homes, and the van has helped our volunteers make this happen.

Now that we have our new-to-us Toyota Sienna mini-van, we're hoping for **more volunteers to transport pets to our rescue rendezvous points. No wear and tear (or pet fluid releases!) in your vehicle.** And the gas is on us, too. Contact **Debe Jolliff (501-915-2252)** for more information.



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Happy Tails

One of the many kittens in our care, Hays, was adopted at Petco a few weeks ago and is now called Aslan. He has become quite a cuddler.



The resident cat is



making sure he's a clean kitten, so they are clearly getting along well.

~~ Note: Email your stories of adoption success, to public.relations@hsvawl.org.

***"Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog."
~ Franklin P. Jones***

Shop Dogwood Tree for Sale

The Dogwood Tree outside the East Gate is offering AWL 10% of its sales on Friday, October 5th.

The store is providing the clothes and the models for the Girls Gotta Howl style show, an event that our ladies love. The styles are popular and our guests shop The Dogwood Tree to buy the outfits.

Visit The Dogwood Tree on Friday, October 5th for the latest fashions and help the store donate to AWL. That's great for business, great for AWL, and great for your "look"!

Belk Charity Day November

Belk Charity Day is Saturday, November 10. We'll be selling discount coupons at Girls Gotta Howl and the "No Fleas" Flea Market & Bake Sale.

You can also call Patti Swenson at 281-744-0927 for coupons. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to support your League and get in early to snatch up tremendous mark-downs. You pay the AWL \$5 for each coupon, we keep the money, and you get \$5 off your purchase. It's a win for everyone.

2019 Calendar On Sale Now

The anticipated AWL calendar is available now, so look for the chance to get yours. They make great holiday gifts, so get a list ready for your order. Supplies are limited, so once they are gone, they truly are gone.

On Saturday, Sept. 8, Rose Ludecke will be selling calendars at the adoption center from noon until 2:00. Sales also at the "No Fleas" Flea Market & Bake Sale on Saturday, October 6th, at Girls Gotta Howl on Tuesday, October 9th, and at The Dogwood Tree and Bank of the Ozarks, east location.

Annual Holiday Party

The BOD discussed the annual Holiday Party with these considerations: continuing declining attendance, negative member feedback on the price and choices of the dinner (which will only increase or the menu choices will be restrictive), sponsoring other activities that allow members to gather in celebration, and lack of volunteers to plan and present the event.

Based on these factors, the BOD voted to discontinue the party, beginning this January.

August Stats

Adopted: 25 cats & 4 dogs
HUG: 7 dogs transported
Taken in: 20 cats & 10 dogs
S/N total of owned pets (not AWL adoptions) through July: 4967



Nimrod (now Pumpkin) and Catherine (now Peaches) were abandoned in a box when they were newly born. AWL got them and one of our awesome fosters bottle fed them and socialized them so they would become the lovable siblings they are. We are so happy they now have a home together.

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"Let us remember that animals are not mere resources for human consumption. They are splendid beings in their own right, who have evolved alongside us as co-inheritors of all the beauty and abundance of life on this planet"
~ Marc Bekoff



Chardonnay, a cute little Dachshund mix, had to be surrendered because her owner could no longer care for her. At age 12 years, she still has lots of love left, and AWL found the perfect new "mom" to take care of her. She now shares her home with other lucky dogs, too.

Calendar Dates

Thursday, September 20, 2:00 p.m. — AWL Meeting, Coronado Room 6— a representative from Arkansas Game & Fish with a program on Animal Adaptation (with perhaps a surprise guest as part of the presentation).

Friday, October 5, 5:00-7:00 p.m. — Bring priced items for flea market to Police Training & Event Center for setup (see p.2).

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

Sunday, October 7, 5:00 p.m.— Blessing of the Animals: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will be conducting the blessing of the animals

Tuesday, October 9—Girls Gotta Howl! SOLD OUT!

Saturday, November 10—Belk Charity Day (see p.3)

Holiday Wishes Campaign Now Until Sept. 30

Remember last December when Petco Foundation gave AWL a \$25,000.00 grant? We were shocked that it was such an amount, but by golly, AWL has used that money well.

Now is your chance to help AWL win even more and for you to get a \$1,000 shopping spree. This year's campaign focuses on how your relationship with your adopted pet has changed your life. So, submit stories describing how your adopted pet has made your life better. Stories range from the simplest things that bring more joy to life each and every day to one-of-a-kind, extraordinary stories.

Look for another email with details, or contact contactus@hsvawl.org.

Help Wanted—We Need You

Help us HUG our pets: 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!*

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 \$25,865.00.**

The August Champions drawing winner was Sheila Robertson who won \$485. Champions is open to non-members, too. Use a credit card on our website or send an email to hsvawlsec@gmail.com to join. Please tell your friends about it.