



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

GGH a Howling Success

A sellout crowd of more than 300 gals celebrated a great girls night out while supporting the AWL at the Coronado Center on October 9th.

Thanks to the generosity of the guests, **over \$10,000** was raised to help AWL find loving homes for homeless pets.

This year's theme was "Tuesday Night Fever," a throwback to the disco era. During cocktail hour, guests had their photo taken with "Billy" Chippendale, sampled hors d'oeuvres, enjoyed a free-flowing wine fountain, shopped at several vendor booths, bid on silent auction items, and purchased raffle tickets. The vendor booths featured jewelry, boutique clothing and household accessories, beauty collections, and pet themed items.

While everyone enjoyed a plated dinner (served by male volunteers sporting pink bow ties), the entertainment began with a video message from Fabio – yes, the model Fabio – praising the AWL.

Choreographer Kathy Boone led the crowd in a rousing set of disco dancing, followed by a fashion show hosted by The Dogwood Tree. The fashions and models were great, but stealing the show (and hearts) of the
(see p. 2)

Nov. Meeting Voting for Board of Directors

Every November AWL elects specific directors and the meeting will be on **Thursday, November 15th at 2:00 PM in Coronado Room 2.** This year the following positions will be filled:

President—Sue Luse
1st VP—Shelley Shepherd
Treasurer—Julie Henderson
At-Large—Mary McCullough
At-Large—Jody Moore

The terms are for 2 years, so that in 2019 we vote on the other positions. The names above are the only members who have announced that they want those positions. If any other member is considering running for one of the positions, **you must send an email to Sue Luse president@hsvawl.org before Nov. 1st.** AWL has an Elections Committee that will meet with all candidates, and your name must be included on the ballot.

The AWL Board is not an honorary Board, but a working Board. All directors have multiple duties, some of which can be reorganized to other directors. See the list at <https://hsvawl.org/membership.html> to see the myriad roles we serve. Consider how you can donate your expertise and time to help us *Save Them All.*

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Lovely Monica was found with her litter of kittens and successfully nurtured them. Then, she "volunteered" to nurse 2 subsequent litters when they had no one to feed them. What a great surrogate mom she was. Now, she has a more carefree life and can truly enjoy her home.

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



Cute Jessiebelle was a stray, and only about 9 months old. This little tan & white girl will make a warm addition to her new home, and we know she's happy to be home for the holidays.

"No Fleas" Flea Market & Bake Sale Success!

Now in its third year, the "No Fleas" Flea Market & Bake Sale raised an unprecedented **\$3,300 – more than any previous flea market.** All proceeds will go directly for animal care at the Animal Welfare League Adoption Center.

While searching for their treasures, the bargain hunters enjoyed free coffee and thanks to our generous volunteer bakers, a wide variety of tempting homemade baked goods for sale.

Once again, thank you to the "No Fleas" Flea Market Chairs **Chari Larimore and Judy Sierocuk** and their team of more than twenty-five dedicated volunteers who helped with transportation, set-up, and event sales. We also appreciate all of the merchandise donors and shoppers who made the flea market a successful event.

A special shout-out to the Hot Springs Village Police Department, especially Chief Ricky Middleton, for their continued support of the POA Animal Shelter.

*"Kittens are wide-eyed soft and sweet. With needles in their jaws and feet."
~ Pam Brown*



Stephanie Hubbard, Sue Ottrogge, & Elaine Schroeder get photo with "Billy" at GGH

Spay/Neuter Celebration

Angela Nickols, Spay/Neuter director, has sent invitations to all S/N volunteers to join us in celebrating the latest milestone: sterilization of over 5,000 area owned pets since 2007.

The various teams of volunteers take care of scheduling, registering, tending pets waiting, post-op monitoring, and contacting owners for pick up of their pets. The teams work in seamless coordination for the care of the pets, returning them to their homes with love. These are pets whose owners qualify for low-cost surgery to prevent the over population of unwanted cats & dogs, particularly in the outlying rural areas.

Thanks not only to Angela, but also to all of the S/N volunteers!

GGH (cont'd)

audience were the four legged "supermodels" who walked the runway. All the dogs who made their debut on the runway were ready for adoption!

The grand finale was an appearance by the AWL's own "Cheapendales," five dancers that could teach John Travolta how to make the right moves. Their gyrations earned a record \$400 in tips, all of which was donated to the AWL.

Special thanks to corporate sponsor Relyance Bank, the vendors, donors, volunteers and everyone who contributed to another successful night!



"Cheapendales" Dr. Chris Bilby, Adam Shock, Scott Austin, Irby McCollum, & Travis Morris



Roxanne with her dog Centaur and Poseidon



Poseidon, adventurous travel cat



Boating together, then loving each other



Happy Tails — How My Adopted Pet Changed My Life

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

The award was based upon the touching true story by volunteer Debe Jolliff about the adoption of one of our cats, Jerry, by her elderly father. We trust you remember that story of bonding between a black cat and widower.

AWL again asked our adopters for stories that illustrated how their relationship with their adopted pet has changed their life to submit to the “Holiday Wishes” contest. Two adopters wrote heart-warming stories describing how their adopted AWL pet has made their life better.

We had to add these pages 3-4 in order to include the stories in this *Rescue Report* for your enjoyment.

The first story is about Poseidon, a kitten adopted by Roxanne Walker when she visited one of our foster homes. You will be amazed at their adventurous lives.

The second is a story by Robin Hudson who adopted one of AWL’s puppies. Robin calls Loki “Lucky Loki” and you will read why she does.

Many thanks to the authors, but even more, AWL thanks them as adopters who gave a homeless pet a chance for a fulfilling life. Feel free to share their stories by forwarding this *Rescue Report*.

Poseidon, Healing Travel Cat

While visiting a foster home to meet cats looking for adoption, the little gray and white kitten was the first one to approach us, showing off by playing with other kittens and toys. His outgoing nature and courage attracted us, and since this was a busy hurricane season in September 2017, I named him Poseidon for the God of the Sea.

I study and practice spiritual issues and travel the earth with pets to spread joy and healing to people, animals, and the land. We are “lightworkers” who practice energy healing (Reiki), and I wanted to take Poseidon on travels with Centaur my dog around the U.S.A. in a car, staying at various rental homes, ranches, and motels. So, I made sure Poseidon learned how to be on leash and off leash at times.

Poseidon is an amazing adventurous cat. Little did I know how this ball of fur would impact us. He has helped Centaur and me to have courage to explore nature and observe the surroundings.

The three of us have explored together in the forest, humid landscapes, deserts, cities, towns, and rural areas. Our travels have allowed us to meet a variety of animals like deer, pigs, dogs, cats, birds, snakes, bugs, fish, horses, and cattle. We have experienced boating, dirt baths, wading in creeks, hugging and climbing trees, napping on a hammock. We have encountered nature in snow, rain, hail, and wind, all the while sensing it all.

Poseidon hunts for mice, garter snakes, and lizards, but I taught him only to play with them kindly and then let them go. I am grateful that he catches mice in a home by putting them in

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Poseidon (cont'd)

the litter box or bathtub till I wake up to take the mice outside in woods.

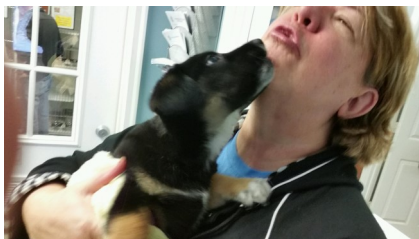
Entering new surroundings, Poseidon's habit is to hug the first tree he finds, so he is nicknamed "tree hugger." When staying in a desert without friendly trees (without thorns), he displayed anger and frustration at the thorny tree-like plants – no climbing them!

When we go for hikes, Poseidon loves to ride in a kitty backpack. This fearless guy has helped me let go of worries about walks with Centaur in neighborhoods and parks. I am now more at ease on walks because, though my hearing is impaired, Poseidon gives a look when a vehicle comes by. He is helping me heal my hearing.

Another way Poseidon aids me is by awakening me in my sleep when my blood sugar drops very low. This daring little guy has helped Centaur the dog show more love and accept cuddles from him. No longer does Centaur fear being touched by a cat, and he has learned that some cats are kind and affectionate like Poseidon.

Our travels continue, and as we begin the drive to our next destination, confident Poseidon loves to meow sounds like "yyyaaaayyyy" – He's excited to be on our way, and we all relish the promise of new adventures.

~Roxanne Walker



Loki & Robin

Our Lucky Loki

You never get over the passing of your beloved dog of 16 years. Max completed our new marriage, and when he left us, my husband Bill and I were lost. He was a fishing buddy, a referee, a consoling fur coat during another loss, and the happiest German Shepherd/Lab mix you ever knew.

We were in a deep depression for about a year and a half: didn't travel, didn't go fishing in our own backyard lake, didn't really want to talk about another pet. Our lives weren't the same, time passed and we still grieved.

Then last November, while he picked up cat medicine at the vet's office, Bill struck up a conversation with a volunteer from the Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League about puppies. She told him that a new litter of BIG puppies were coming to the shelter the next day but they were being transferred very soon to another shelter that finds homes for big dogs.

Bill secretly stopped by the shelter the next day to check them out and knew he had to do some heavy coaxing—quickly—if he could get me to agree to expanding our family.

The next morning, he sprang it on me – he saw a wonderful little puppy that would be perfect for our family. "NO!" I said. We had holiday travel plans and I wasn't ready. "Please? Just come and look – It won't take long," he nudged.

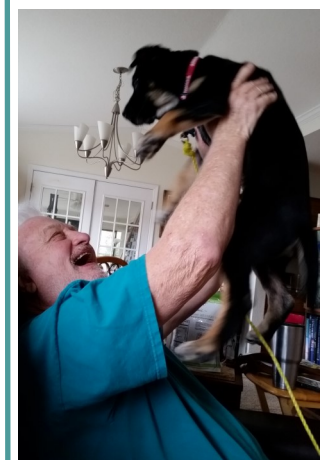
We arrived at the shelter and saw the puppies doing what puppies do – running all over the pen, bumping into each other, and enjoying new faces to play with them. Our AWL volunteer had a very cute little guy nuzzled in her arms. I asked to hold the little guy and



Loki's adoption photo



Robin & Bill adopting Loki at AWL's Adoption Center



Home at last!

Loki (cont'd)

before I could get him settled, he lunged for my chin and face and tongue baptized me for life. Click went Bill's cell phone and the moment was captured forever.

Yes, it was time. I was ready, Bill was ready, but the shelter said we couldn't get him for at least 4 weeks due to shots and procedures. Darn. So, the next best thing we could do was to visit him E-V-E-R-Y day, and finally on Christmas afternoon, we brought our Loki home.

Loki's now 10 months old, and a wonderful little guy bringing laughter and fun back into our lives. But, the name Loki is the Norse God of Mischief, and our Loki certainly lives up to his name! We've told our friends that he hit the Doggy Jackpot when we adopted him, but I think it is we who hit the Jackpot.

Our Lucky Loki, Little Mischief-Maker.

~Robin Hudson

Dogwood Tree Donation

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

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

Some of our AWL members and supporters shopped that day, so The Dogwood Tree donated \$300 to AWL. We know the gals got great clothes for their "look"! Thanks to the owner and staff of The Dogwood Tree for their support.

Belk Charity Day November

Belk Charity Day is Saturday, November 3rd. 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.

Also, you can pre-buy and they will hold it (like layaway), and you still get the \$5 discount and the sales price. You use your \$5.00 Belk ticket and you can pick it up after the sale if you cannot make the sale on Nov 3rd.

You can call Pattie Swenson at 281-744-0927 for coupons or to answer questions about the sale. It's a great way to get bargains and help AWL at no cost to you.

2019 Calendar – Only A Few Left

Angela Nickols and others on the Calendar Committee will be at the shelter on Tuesday, Oct. 23 and Thursday, Oct. 25 from 11:00 – 2:00 selling the calendars.

They are \$10 each and they make nice little holiday and hostess gifts. Suggestion: Give to grandkids to show them the spirit of helping homeless pets since all pets featured are rescued pets.

Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike people, who are incapable of pure love and always have to mix love and hate.
-Sigmund Freud

September Stats

Adopted: 20 cats & 7 dogs

HUG: 27 dogs transported

Taken in: 20 cats & 19 dogs

S/N total of owned pets (not AWL adoptions) through Sept.: 5114



Beautiful Bella & O'Malley, sisters with lovely rare Agouti tabby coats, now have a home together. Agouti tabbies have ticked coats rather than traditional stripes so they are somewhat unusual. We know they are happy to curl up together.



*"Animals are reliable, many full of love, true in their affections, predictable in their actions, grateful and loyal. Difficult standards for people to live up to."
— Alfred A. Montapert*



Ella, an American bulldog mix, was found in terrible condition. Her skin was in bad shape, she was skinny, and she had heartworms. But, with all that, she has a sweet disposition and is physically better. Now that she's adopted, we know she will make a great family dog.

Calendar Dates

Saturday, November 3—Belk Charity Day (see p.5)

Thursday, November 15 — AWL General Meeting and Voting for Board of Directors, 2:00 PM, Coronado Center room 6.

Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23—Shelter closed for Thanksgiving

What Does AWL Do with Donated Food?

Rest assured, your donations of pet food and treats do not go unused. Whether through the loss of a beloved pet or your finicky eater, we appreciate your donation.

If it's the brand we provide our shelter or foster animals, we use it for them. If it's a specialty food that we might need (weight management, etc.), we keep a small supply. Unopened bags and canned food are saved for spay/neuter clinics.

So what do we do with full or partial bags of dry food and cans when there's no spay/neuter clinic within a couple of months, or if we are overstocked? Jackson House!! People living on the streets or in dire circumstances have animals, too. And, they love them just as much as we do. We repackage the dry food in gallon bags for distribution at the House.

The last time a donation was dropped off, one of the volunteers at Jackson House related a story. The day before we arrived with the donations, a man came to the House in tears. He had no food for his dog. The only thing he had was a can of chili which he gave the dog and he went without supper. Of course, chili wasn't the best meal for the dog (he's okay now), but luckily there was one bag of dog food left for the man. So please, don't toss opened bags or isolated cans. Bring to the shelter so we can make a difference for an animal in need. Since volunteers must lift and haul these items, please limit the dry bag size to no larger than 40 pounds. Smaller size bags are even better.

Help Wanted—We Need You

Grant Writers Needed—If you have had any experience researching and writing grants, or if you are adept at online research, data gathering, and detailed writing, please consider joining our Grant Team. AWL has had great success obtaining substantial funds by applying for grants, and our goal is to do more. You can't receive if you never ask. The team meets only once every six weeks to share ideas and coordinate efforts. Call Angela Nickols to discuss how you can help with this vital funding from the comfort of your home: 501-915-0832.

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 \$26,345.00.**

The September Champions drawing winner was Chad Schaefer who won \$489. 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.