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Rescue Report

Our Hearts are Full

As we reflect on this year's successes, we know our animals are thankful for your incredible kindness that helps them find forever homes. Everyone—those who give of their time & expertise as well as those who support AWL financially—please accept the gratitude that fills our hearts.

We were able to provide needed veterinary care to sick and injured cats and dogs in order to save them. Otherwise many would have been unable to survive. Then, we promoted these loving pets, helping them find their new homes. AWL was able to do all of that because of your support.

As you celebrate all of your riches this season, please continue to think of the homeless pets who rely on all of us. We know you will continue to care for all of them with your time & support.

A heartfelt THANKS from all of AWL and our pets.

BOD Meeting & Election

On Thursday, Nov. 15th, those who were candidates were elected to their positions, and they will serve for 2 years: Sue Luse, President; Shelley Shepherd, 1st VP; Julie Henderson, Treasurer; Mary McCullough & Jody Moore, both At-Large. Thanks so much to all who sent in proxies to help ensure a quorum.

Holiday Shopping Will Help AWL

Did you see? Amazon has free shipping now through Dec 22nd. That is also for **Amazon Smile**. You can donate to AWL when you use Smile.Amazon.com. They have the same items as regular Amazon, but you can click to support HSVAWL.

AWL can also benefit if members associate your **Kroger** rewards cards accounts with HSV AWL.

And, how about **pet photos with Santa! Saturday, December 8th and 15th**, the Petco Foundation and AWL are inviting you to make a memory and get a picture of you and/or your pet with Santa for a donation of \$9.95! 100% of the proceeds benefit lifesaving animal welfare organizations. Go to the Petco store in Benton (not in Hot Springs) to have your donation come to AWL.

Shopping for the holidays then also helps our animals with no added cost to you—that's a great deal for all!

***"Animals have no voice.
 They can't ask for help.
 They can't ask for freedom.
 They can't ask for protection.
 Humanity must be their voice."
 ~ A.D. Williams***

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Tanner came to the AWL when his owner was unable to keep him. Tanner's world was turned upside down because that had been his person and his home for all of his life. We know his new family is delighted to have this little guy in their lives.

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



Donnie, a stray, already neutered tuxedo has to have been a pet. Addy, also a B/W cat, was dropped off at a business with her kittens. Both of these beauties were adopted together, so it's a happy tail for both.

Unsung Heroes

AWL is full of Unsung Heroes who work daily through the years to save stray and abandoned cats & dogs. We want you to know of a long-time hero here in HSV. You may be amazed at her dedication, but she is one of many. Please let us know of others who deserve pats-on-the-back by sending details to public.relations@hsvawl.org.

Unsung Hero: Nancy Jones

In early 2010, Nancy Jones discovered that the Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, shelter was actually a kill facility and had only 5 spaces for adoptable cats. In a state that is number 1 out of 50 in dog ownership, cats are not that highly prized in Arkansas. So, Nancy recruited her neighbor and they decided that they would try to save as many cats as they could through HSVAWL. Nancy began taking cats to Petco on Saturdays for adoption in 2010; Nancy still goes every Saturday with cats and kittens. Nancy kept records of all of the cats not at the shelter on her computer until HSVAWL got a software management system in late 2013; she still manages all of the paperwork for the cats. Essentially, Nancy manages the "cat" portion of the League, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization comprised of mostly retired individuals.

Rescuing, sheltering, and adopting cats are not all that Nancy does for AWL. When the AWL decided to begin a low cost spay/neuter clinic, Nancy volunteered as part of the organizing

committee and is still participating in every quarterly S/N clinic. Nancy kept the records of the animals spayed and neutered until she recruited someone to take over. When it became obvious that there were more people in need than HSVAWL could handle in the S/N clinics, Nancy also agreed to be one of the people who issues vouchers to people to get their pets spayed or neutered in between the clinics. HSVAWL has now spayed and neutered over 5,000 publicly owned dogs and cats.

When HSVAWL needed someone to work on obtaining funding from grants, Nancy agreed to work on that. Nancy writes grant applications, she collects data for the other committee members to use, and recruited a person to keep track of how the grant monies are used.

Nancy and her neighbor recruited another neighbor so they could increase the number of cats saved. They got partial funding from HSVAWL, solicited donations, and used their own money. Cats were kept in crates in the garage, the living room, and even on the dining room table; Nancy's sunroom housed the cats that could roam free. Since none of these cats could go to the shelter, these cats were adopted out from their 3 homes. Nancy and her two neighbors were able to be no-kill for all of the cats and kittens under their control from the beginning. They found barns; they did TNR when possible; they did anything they could to place cats in suitable homes. They were able to place or TNR over 700 cats through 2013.

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"My goal in life is to be the kind of person my dog thinks I am."

~ Paul Dunn

Unsung Hero (cont'd)

In 2013, HSVAWL became a no-kill rescue group and Nancy and her neighbor were asked to handle the cat adoptions at the shelter as well. HSVAWL takes all of the animals that HSV Animal Control gets; there is no managed admission. Since there were still only 5 places for adoptable cats at the shelter in 2014, Nancy and her neighbors continued to house all of the remaining cats. Finally, in December 2015, the shelter increased the capacity for adoptable cats to about 20 (which is about a fourth of the number of cats available for adoption). Since HSVAWL became no-kill, Nancy has been involved in the adoptions of over 950 cats.

Overall Nancy has been instrumental in saving the lives of well over **1650 cats for the area**. The raw numbers of cats may not be significant in a large metropolitan area; but, in a community with 14,000 people surrounded by a rural, impoverished area, the numbers are huge.

Whether it is rushing out in the dark to get kittens in a flower pot, taking live traps to someone, explaining that the poop on the lava rock is not from the neighbor's cat, giving speeches, or returning a call about a cat behavior problem, Nancy is there. Nancy has said that in retirement she was going to play cards, work in her garden, and cook up all of those saved recipes; instead, she has been an unsung hero for cats. We all appreciate her devotion to saving them all.

*"The smallest feline is a masterpiece."
~ Leonardo da Vinci*

Dogwood Tree Donation for Adoption at GGH—a Happy Tail

Pa Houser who owns the Dogwood Tree did the fashion show for GGH. Two of the dogs we brought to the event were a part of that fashion show. She offered a \$50 donation if either or both if those 2 dogs were adopted as a result of attendance at the event. Nala (now called Nyla) met her adopter there and she was adopted the following week.

Here is a photo of Nala/Nyla with Carleen and Dan Ferguson and Pa Houser. Thanks to Pa Houser for the donation and to the Fergusons for giving this pup a wonderful home.



AWL Logo Shirts & Totes

We have logo shirts and bags available, and these are not T-shirts, but quality shirts and a lovely tote bag. Many that preordered at GGH didn't pick theirs up. Those who did preorder at GGH, please contact Jody Moore at pupemom42@bellsouth.net.

Our embroidered Animal Welfare League logo shirts (\$30 S-L; \$33 XL+) and Tote bags (\$25) are available for purchase at the shelter office while supply lasts. There's a limited quantity and sizes are going fast. This is a wonderful opportunity to proudly display the logo of our marvelous Animal Welfare League. HURRY and get yours now.

The shirts are at the Adoption Center and you can try them on to get the correct size. Check them out!



Julianna

Julianna, a beautiful Torbie (Tortie /Tabby), will be even more gorgeous when grown. Her name is now Rey, and she must be thrilled to be so loved.

October Stats

Adopted: 22 cats & 14 dogs
HUG: 14 dogs transported
Taken in: 38 cats & 32 dogs
S/N total of owned pets (not AWL adoptions) through Oct.: 5165

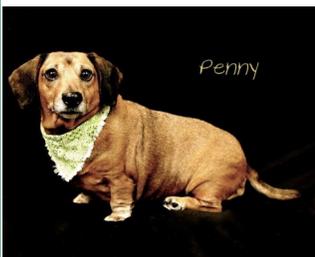


Toulouse

Toulouse, a striking rare agouti tabby, has found a forever home. She & her sisters were favorites in Kitty City at the AC, so we hope our Cat Cuddlers enjoy this good news.



*"Besides love and sympathy, animals exhibit other qualities connected with the social instincts which in us would be called moral."
~ Charles Darwin*



Penny is a sweet-natured little girl that recently lost her home because her owner wasn't able to provide the attention that she deserves. But now she has a loving home and lots and lots of attention!

Calendar Dates

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

Saturday, December 1, 10:00-noon, Crows Fire Station. Free rabies shot clinic for Saline County residents only.

Monday & Tuesday, December 10-11—Spay/Neuter Clinic at Fountain Lake

Tuesday, December 25—Shelter closed.

Tuesday, January 1—Shelter Closed

Every Wednesday through end of January—AC Closed (but not the Animal Control).

Free Rabies Shot Clinic for Dogs & Cats of Saline County

Saline County & AWL are sponsoring a free rabies shot clinic for pets owned by Saline County residents. Dogs must be on leash & cats in carriers. Pets must be at least 14 weeks old. No appointment needed. Drs. Chris & Rebecca Bilby of Waggin' Wheel Vet Clinic are donating their expertise and time. Come to Crows Fire Station from 10:00-noon on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Call (501)915-0832 for information.

Why Register My Dog with the POA?

All dogs physically housed or boarded for more than 30 days in Hot Springs Village are required to be registered with the HSVPOA. All dogs registered also require a valid rabies vaccination. The registration fees go to the Animal Control budget which funds the budget for the shelter for the POA responsibilities, such as Animal Control Officers' pay, utilities, etc. These funds do not alleviate the funding that AWL provides, such as all veterinary care, food, and litter.

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 \$26,840.00.**

The October Champions drawing winner was Gail Kranz who won \$495. 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.