



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

Fundraising Trip to Fixer-Upper land in Waco Texas

Are you ready for a Fixer-Upper Marathon? The HSVAWL is proud to present this very special trip to Waco designed just for us "Fixer-Upper" junkies, **Monday, June 17th to Thursday, June 20th**. The itinerary is packed with all things Magnolia and, of course, plentiful Texas cuisine.

- Non Smoking Motorcoach from Hot Springs Village
- 3 night stay at the The Fairfield Inn - breakfast included
- 2 Lunches - Plain and Fancy Sandwich Shoppe and Viteks BBQ
- 2 Dinners - Saltgrass Steak House and Buzzard Billy's

In addition to Magnolia Table for brunch and then Magnolia Market and the Silos for shopping, we've arranged a special tour to include many of the homes that Chip & Joanna made famous on the show. We'll also visit (Clint) Harp Designs and JDH Iron Designs (where we just might see Jimmy Don!)

We never make a trip without visiting another no-kill rescue, so we'll also make a quick stop at the Humane Society of Central Texas to give them encouragement on our combined mission--save them all.

Details in attached flyer, so make your plans soon! 

New Website is On the Way

The current AWL website needs a facelift and some reorganizing to make it easier to navigate and mobile friendly. The BOD approved an agreement with Dannet Botkin and her business to help us revamp it.

Design Group Consulting has designed several websites for other Village groups and businesses, and we have confidence that Dannet and her crew will design an engaging and informative site for us.

We would like your input, too. Please let us know what you like now on our website that you want us to keep, what you wish we would include on our new site, and any other suggestions you have to help us communicate more effectively.

Email your comments to Nancy Harlan at contactus@hsvawl.org. While we can't guarantee that your ideas will be incorporated, our team will consider every comment. We appreciate your thoughts on this.

The trip is now open to non-AWL members, so don't delay your reservation. We've only reserved one bus, and the seats will go fast. So, pair up with a friend (or spouse) and make the call to Vacation Valet today at (501) 984-6191.



Leo, formerly Sky, is enjoying his new home. His new mom is committed to making Leo the best boy that he can be. He seems in love with her, too.

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



Izzy, only about a year old, was a stray mooching food where she could find it. She is affectionate and loves having her belly rubbed. We predict that she will give millions of purrs to her new family.

No-Kill Milestone!

From Best Friends Animal Society:

“Today, the **number of dogs and cats being killed in America’s shelters every year is about 800,000 — down from an estimated 17 million in 1984 — and there are now nearly 4,000 (and counting) no-kill communities throughout the U.S.**

“For the first time on record, the total number of dogs and cats killed in America’s shelters for a given year has dropped below the one million mark — to about 800,000 for the 2017 calendar year, or **nearly 2,200 dogs and cats killed every day.** Accordingly, **the national save rate rose from 70 percent to 77 percent.** This positive movement in lifesaving reflects both the hard work of shelters and humane organizations across the country as well as more complete reported data for some regions, which replaces the conservative estimates in previous reports with more accurate numbers. You can check out [this latest data report](#) on our website.

Best Friends gives “a special nod to the 2,500-plus Best Friends Network partners. [AWL is a network partner!] These are organizations working in tandem with us on the shared goal of ending the practice of animals being killed in shelters in the United States.

“Obviously, 800,000 is still a disturbing number. But we are getting closer to reaching no-kill by **2025.** In the context of the arc of animal welfare and the no-kill movement specifically, it is a major milestone.”

We couldn’t participate in No-Kill without all of you—Thank you!

Adoption Center to Remain Closed on Wednesdays through End of March

Because of continued difficulty in filling the volunteer schedule for adoption center workers and guest relations workers at this time of year, the AC will remain closed to the public on Wednesdays (and as usual Sundays) through March.

Dog Walkers are already scheduled to come in to give the dogs exercise, and Cat Cuddlers are welcome to organize themselves to come give the cats attention. Cat Cuddlers should work with their scheduler if interested. ACWs may come in to help, but not required.

NOTE: Whenever the AC is closed, the Animal Control Officers always clean and feed the animals, so do not be concerned about whether they are in good hands.

Recycling Contributions!

Our recycling program yielded close to \$4,000 this past year. Thanks to Recycling Coordinator Sue Fisher & the following volunteers for taking aluminum cans in their trucks to the yellow bin on Minorca Rd.: Melissa Cox, Pat and Mary McCullough, Tom Harrison, Mike Frantz, Jim Weaver, Dennis Leslie, Wally Johnson, Deb and Gary Brod, Lillie Wallack, Del Arkin, Sue Strayer, Martha Thomson, John Sierocuk, and Don Fisher. AWL would not have that money without their personal effort!

A hearty thanks to Barb Mays who recycles the ink cartridges—also a help!

“Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.”
-Roger Caras

Happy Tails

Emory, the orange tabby with the tooth problem necessitating surgery, has found his forever home!



To all who helped this sweet guy, we thank you.

News Flash!

Barney, the Highway 7 dog who was a regular sight at various businesses for about 3 years, now has a loving home! For years, concerned people tried to catch him, but he was elusive. Local businesses and others fed him and kept him relatively healthy, but all were concerned about his living along the highway.

All knew someday it was inevitable that he would be a lifeless body on the road. That just couldn't happen. As a frequent visitor to the Village, he was caught and brought to AWL.

It turns out that he is not the escape artist people expected, but he has picked his family. He loves all of them, and is buddies with his new brother dog. They call him Scraps, which is appropriate since that's how he survived. Such a great Happy Tails story for this cool dog.



AWL Presents Woofstock 2019 Rescue Dog Show

All rescued dogs (mutts or any breed) may be entered in this fun show regardless where rescued. The owners do not have to be HSV residents either.

Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.

Balboa Pavilion

Categories: Best vocal performance, Tallest dog, Smallest dog, Best Pair (2 lookalikes), Best tail wagging, Best kisser, Best trick, Wildest hair, Best (worst) underbite, Best couch potato, Best listener/head tilt, Best senior dog, Best dressed, Best in special needs.

Won't this be fun for our furry friends and their loved ones? Entrance fee = \$10 (one category), \$5 for each additional category.

All dogs must be kept on a leash (NO retractable leashes) & current on vaccinations. AWL will have baked goods and people water for sale. All proceeds go to AWL. Entry form & information will be sent in another email.

Sweetest Cat Promotion

And, speaking of sweet cats, we have a sweet promotion for cat adoptions during February, the month of love and sweet things. Anyone who adopts a cat in February will receive a coupon for a free cupcake from our local bakery, Sweet Cheeks (located behind Sonic outside the West Gate),

One of AWL's active volunteers has a poster in Sweet Cheeks with cat photos, and the owner is supportive of AWL and adoptions. Our volunteer Betsy Bailey created the campaign, and while we know that people will not adopt just to get that luscious cupcake, we hope you will look for love covered in fur!

January Stats

Adopted: 22 cats & 11 dogs
 HUG: 10 dogs transported
 Taken in: 12 cats & 14 dogs
 S/N total of owned pets (not AWL adoptions) through clinics & vouchers: 53



Lucy & Princess, both 12-years-old, lost their "mom" and then their home. They had always been together, so it was imperative that they be adopted together. A caring cat lover adopted both senior cats. AWL looks for compassionate adopters who yearn to provide love and security to the older and more needy pets since they are often overlooked. These pets are so grateful, so please consider them. Thanks to the adopter of Lucy & Princess!

"To forgive is in a cat's nature - eventually."
From Cleo: The Cat Who Mended a Family ~ Helen Brown

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*"The soul is the same in all living creatures although the body of each is different."
~ Hippocrates*



Greta, an American Bulldog, came to AWL with some medical needs. She was suffering from severe arthritis, and is about 9-10 years old. Lucky for her a compassionate couple wanted to give a loving home to such a sweet dog so she could live out her life in peace and contentment. It takes special animal lovers who share their homes with senior & special needs pets to save them.

Won't you be the one to adopt another senior or special needs pet? The reward are never-ending.

Calendar Dates

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

Monday & Tuesday, March 4 & 5—Spay/Neuter Clinic at Crows.

Tuesday, March 19—AWL day at Tanner's—10% of our bill comes to AWL.

Saturday, April 20—"No Fleas" Flea Market.

Saturday, April 27—Rescue Dog Show (see p. 3).

Monday & Tuesday, April 29 & 30—Spay/Neuter Clinic, Mountain Pine.

Help Wanted—We Need You

Our big fundraiser "Puttin' on the Dog...and Cat" is in September. During the months of July & August we'll be canvassing for donations. We need volunteers who will be willing to call on 10 assigned businesses for solicitation. It's only 10 stops and two months to complete it. How easy is that! The revenue from this fundraiser allows us to fully support the programs that serve our community. This is one of the easiest ways to help us be successful. Contact Kathy Kovacevic at kathykovacevic@yahoo.com or call her at 501-412-7778.

"No Fleas" Flea Market—If you can help with displaying (April 19) and/or working the sale (April 20), please contact Beverly Fitzpatrick at 214-632-5314. And, start setting aside those treasurers to donate. In fact, let all your friends know about it so they can start gathering as well. These sales net between \$2500 & \$3500, so it's a pretty big return for a couple days of hard work. NOTE: Donations should be brought to the Police Academy on Balearic Road on Friday, April 19 from 5:00-7:00 so that we can organize the display.

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. The registration fees go to the Animal Control budget which funds the shelter for the POA responsibilities, such as Animal Control Officers' pay, utilities, etc. These funds do not lessen the funding that AWL provides, such as all veterinary care, food, and litter. AWL continues to finance those parts of what is POA responsibility in accordance with our agreement to use part of the building for adoptions and housing.

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 \$28,335.00.**

The January Champions drawing winner was Gayle Taylor who donated \$300 of her winnings to AWL. 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.