



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

Special Membership Meeting

The Board of Directors will present proposed shelter building renovations to the members in a special meeting. Come to **Room 4 of the Village Church of Christ at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 22** for an update.

Many of you know we have been investigating improvements to the building to ensure greater sanitation for the pets as well as for all of us who volunteer and for the POA Animal Control Officers. Nothing has been decided yet, but we are considering various renovations.

Our Bylaws state that before the BOD votes on major expenditures, we present the ideas to the membership for input, though members do not vote.

AWL has had some generous donations that are specifically designated for our building fund, and we are planning to work with the POA to make any final upgrades. The Board is looking forward to improving the conditions in the building, and we believe all of the pets, volunteers, and visitors will benefit from AWL's investment.

Please be aware that plans are just plans and subject to revision, but the BOD hopes this update will be an outline for renovation. Join us on May 22 for a preview!

Education Fund is in Need

AWL purchases *Kind News* for all elementary students in Jessieville, Fountain Lake, and Mountain Pine. We receive thank-you notes from teachers and students who enjoy having a magazine that contains information about animals, domestic and wild, and promotes kindness and conservation. AWL also purchases award-winning books for their school libraries, and we sponsor the essay contest for 3rd graders with cash prizes. (Winners will be in June's *Rescue Report* and the *Voice*).

The designated fund for education is short \$1,250, so please consider donating to that fund online hsvawl.org-Donate. Kids in our community are eager to help animals and AWL needs to continue our support.

Jessieville Girl Scout Troop 606 Donates and Visits

These Girl Scouts from Jessieville collected \$100 for AWL, and then enjoyed a private tour of the shelter and the Adoption Center. Shelley Shepherd met with them and their leader to show them around and answer their questions. We hope they enjoyed seeing how we help the pets, and Shelley reported that all of them were interested and a joy to interact with. Thanks to these girls!

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



Ferdinand & Munyay, 2 brothers now get to live together forever since they were adopted by a couple in the Village. May they have many days of fun and give their new adopters lots of laughs and joy. Adopting 2 kittens together is a positive step for them and for their new adopters.

5 More Things You Didn't Know About Cats & Dogs

11. Cats can make over 100 sounds. From meowing and yowling to chirping and caterwauling, each sound communicates something different.

12. Dogs use about 10 sounds to communicate, including a bark, growl, whine, yelp, and yip. Because they learn pretty quickly which sounds will get what they need, they stick to what works.

13. Cats don't have a sweet tooth. They lack the receptors that detect sugar and therefore can't taste sweetness. If your cat has a penchant for ice cream or candy, she's most likely drawn to the fat content, not the sugar.

14. Dalmatian puppies are born completely white and develop black spots as they age.

15. Experts think cats love snuggling up in boxes and other small spaces because it makes them feel protected and safe, giving them a feeling that they're back in the womb.

Th-Th-Th-That's All Folks!

Source: <https://vetsource.com/news/>

Thanks to Tanners

Tanners continued its AWL Charity Day in March with their donation to AWL for 10% of the sales that day. Then, Tanners chipped in more money to make the total even more generous. AWL greatly appreciates their support!

"Love, for cats and people, can be painful."

~ Helen Brown, From Cleo: The Cat Who Mended a Family

"Woofstock" Rescue Dog Show & Bake Sale = Success

Dogs and their humans alike clearly had lots of fun, as evidenced by wagging tails and smiling faces. In addition to the dog show, AWL bakers provided luscious goodies that many bought to take home and savor later. All proceeds went to AWL to provide funds for veterinary services, food, and all upkeep of the homeless cats and dogs that come into its care. Jackie Paul and Carol Fryer teamed with AWL to organize it.

Dogs could enter 13 different categories with winners competing for Best in Show. These are the winners: Best Kisser – Rowdy with Linda Rymer; Best Couch Potato- Charlie with Greg Frank; Best Pair- Gracie & Ella with Cathy Walsh; Best Trick – Millie & Molly with Nancy Johnson; Wildest Hair – Bitsy with Sharon Ames; Best Head Tilt – Coco with Donna Lund; Tallest Dog – Lexi with Molly & Therral Wilson; Smallest Dog – Bella with Arlene Timonen; Best Senior Dog – Toby with Deborah King; Best Underbite – Meggie with Kathy Kovacevic; Best Special Needs – Brayden with Brooke Shipman; and Best Dressed - Chloe with Patricia Kuennan. Lots of dogs competed enthusiastically for Best Tail Wagging, their whipping tails making the choice of Barkley with Gary & Cindi Lutes a challenge for the judges!

Emcee John Paul called all winners together for Best in Show. Judges Leland Kew and Dr. Jill Summerford faced quite a challenge. After deliberation, Best in Show was awarded to Millie & Molly, Nancy Johnson's nearly identical miniature Schnauzers. Millie & Molly also won the Best Trick award for their paired dancing skills.

Happy Tails

Guthrie, a 2-yr-old tabby boy, showed up as a stray looking for love. When our cat adopters took him to Petco for potential adoption, he found his love. His new mom writes, He (new name: Mr. Greyson Fitzgerald Hughes) is an absolute doll. Needless to say, he knows he is the king of the house all the way down to his own pillow in the bed! Yay for Guthrie!” We think this boy is well-loved.



Carter, a Lab/Dachshund mix (we think), was a favorite with our volunteers. He looked like a Black Lab with shorter legs, and had the Lab friendliness and personality. A family in California found him via the Internet and was set on adding him to their family, even paying to fly him out there. Hooray!



“Dogs don’t make judgments about physical appearance or abilities, and they don’t care how big your house is or what you do for a living. They care about the quality of your character and your capacity to love.”

~ Elizabeth Eiler, Swift and Brave: Sacred Souls of Animals

“No Fleas” Flea Market & Bake Sale

Once again, the flea market & bake sale was fun and profitable. On Saturday, April 20th many of you and your friends showed up to shop.

This year AWL netted over \$3,000! Thank you to the “No Fleas” Flea Market Chair Chari Larimore and 25 dedicated volunteers who helped transport and set up the merchandise, and assisted customers during the sale. Also, just in time to fill those Easter baskets, 15 bakers provided tempting goodies.

It was again a success benefiting the animals that come to us for help. Thanks for your support.

Adoption Center Workers Desperately Needed (Still)

Because of continued difficulty filling the volunteer schedule for adoption center workers and, the **AC will remain closed to the public on Wednesdays (and as usual Sundays) INDEFINITELY.**

Without more Animal Care Workers, the BOD will have no choice but to continue to close on Wednesdays. Please consider volunteering at least once a month! Call Janice to volunteer at 209-9086.

AWL is such a remarkable organization because we have over 200 volunteers who keep us running. We have bakers, computer support, fundraiser workers, photographers, fosters, Spay/ Neuter clinic workers & schedulers, social media managers, and myriad others. The most critical are our AC workers who help directly with the animals. Please check your ability to help!

April Stats

Adopted: 10 cats & 7 dogs
 HUG: 2 dogs transported
 Taken in: 11 cats & 33 dogs
 S/N total of owned pets (not AWL adoptions) through clinics & vouchers:
 total = 5,598



P’Nut, a 5-yr-old Chihuahua, was brought in with his good buddy Felix, a longhaired Chihuahua. They needed a new home, but didn’t have to be adopted together. They both found their new homes.



"And the fox said to the little prince: men have forgotten this truth, but you must not forget it. You become responsible, forever, for what you have tamed."
~ Antoine de Saint-Exupery



Mr. Scotch, now called Spike, came in with a wound in his belly, and after surgery, was tested positive for Feline FIV. This only means he should not live with other cats unless they, too, are infected. It is not transmittable to humans or dogs, and he found the perfect home, and is getting all of the attention.

Calendar Dates

Every Wednesday indefinitely—AC Closed (but not the Animal Control).

Saturday, July 13—PETCO Foundation grant award at Petco in Benton/Bryant. Time to be confirmed later.

September 16-17—Spay/Neuter Clinic in Paron.

Tuesday, September 24—Puttin' on the Dog . . . & Cat, Coronado Center.

Donate Easily at No Cost to You

Remember to use your Kroger card, as well as shop online via Amazon Smile and iGive to help AWL earn money from them, not from you. You can also use the app for ResQwalk when you walk with your dog or just yourself, and AWL will receive funds—a fun way to give and exercise in the lovely Village at the same time!

Help Wanted

Our big fundraiser, "**Puttin' on the Dog . . . and Cat**" is in September. During the months of July & August we'll be canvassing for donations for the huge auction that brings in a large profit. We need **volunteers** who would be willing to call on 10 assigned businesses for solicitation. It's only 10 stops, all grouped in a location (so not much traveling) and two months to complete it. How easy is that! Even better, get a buddy and make it a fun adventure with lunch or coffee break. The revenue from this fundraiser allows us to fully support the programs that serve our community. Contact Kathy Kovacevic at kathykovacevic@yahoo.com or call her at 501-412-7778.

Fundraiser Coordinator— Not to DO it, but to help coordinate it. Contact Sue Luse @ 915-8562.

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 \$29,860.00.**

The April Champions drawing winner was Jackie Paul 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.