



# 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

### Shelley Shepherd is POA Volunteer of the Year!

Our Shelley got the recognition she deserves!

Here she is with Lesley Nalley & Cindi Erickson.



She was nominated by a friend who knew how dedicated she is and how much time she devotes to save our pets. Then Villagers voted, and many AWL members voted, too.

The award acknowledges the numerous efforts that Shelley and many other AWL volunteers extend to rescue and rehome homeless and abandoned pets. All of us who give of our time and expertise should accept Shelley's award as also appreciation for AWL's overall contributions to Village life.

### Special Meeting

Thanks to those who attended the meeting to hear proposed shelter building renovations. President Sue Luse is gathering additional bids for the work, and when the BOD decides about any work, members will be notified. It will take time to fully investigate proposals, so please be patient.

### Petco Foundation Award Ceremony

The big grant award from Petco Foundation will be on **Saturday, July 13, at 1:30 p.m. at the Petco store in Benton/Bryant.** The \$25,000 grant from the Petco Foundation will support AWL's adoption program.

The Petco Foundation investment will help provide funds for all expenses of services required prior to adoption, including veterinary care, food, litter, and transport expenses. The veterinary care includes immunizations, sterilizations, heartworm treatment, additional surgeries and other medications.

Thanks to our grant writing team led by Angela Nickols, for their research and writing skills make these grant awards possible.

Besides our thanks to the foundation, AWL wants to express appreciation to that Petco store which has been exceptionally supportive of AWL's adoptions, welcoming our volunteers to their store every Saturday since 2010.

Please plan a short trip to the Benton/Bryant store to join in that big celebration. The store is completing a huge renovation, so you may find great buys for your furry family member. Take the Alcoa Road exit off of IH30—we'll see you there!

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



**Bellatrix & Thorne, 2 sisters, now get to live together forever since they were adopted together. May they have many days of fun and give their new adopters lots of laughs and joy. Since they are only 11 months old, they have lots of energy and playfulness in their future.**

## Essay Contest Winners

The Animal Welfare League hosted an essay contest for 3rd grade elementary students in Jessieville, Fountain Lake, and Mountain Pine schools. This year the students described ways they could personally help animals in their community.

All winners received a certificate for framing and cash for designated amounts. The first place winner was Jessieville student Grace Huneycutt who will enjoy spending her \$100.00 prize. Adalee Bles of Fountain Lake won second place with \$50.00 cash. Third place went to Isabella Reyes of Jessieville who received a prize of \$25.00. In addition, Honorable Mention went to Preslie Bassett of Jessieville who received an award of \$15.00. The teacher of the first place winner was Bethany Bradley of Jessieville who will enjoy a meal with a \$25.00 gift certificate.



Many thanks to **Jackie Morris** for organizing the contest.

AWL sponsored this essay contest to promote kindness toward animals and to reinforce the importance of strong writing skills. As part of



the AWL mission to increase awareness of animal issues through education programs, AWL also funds *Kind News*, and all elementary students in the three school districts receive their very own copies of the magazine.

At the May awards assemblies, AWL Board members Nancy Harlan and Debe Jolliff presented the awards, while also expressing appreciation to the teachers and parents who encouraged students in their progress throughout the year.

## Thanks for Plant Donation

AWL received a pot of annuals to put at the shelter front door from the Village Pines Garden Club for National Garden Week. One of the AWL volunteers, **Janene Howell**, is the Garden club member who chose AWL for a gift to celebrate National Garden Week and handled the delivery of the plants.

Thanks to Village Pines Garden Club and Janene and the National Garden Week Committee Chair, **Christine Beauchamp**.

*"A cat purring on your lap is more healing than any drug in the world, as the vibrations you are receiving are of pure love and contentment."  
~ St. Francis of Assisi*

**Happy Tails**

Gomer, known as “Mr. Personality” to volunteers, has settled into his new loving home. A nice lady from the Village fell for him and did not think giving him daily medication was any reason not to adopt.



Sometimes special needs pets are the most appreciative.

Remember Pee Wee and Smokie? They were a bonded pair of senior dachshunds that lost the only home they ever knew and were hoping to find a new home together. Well, they did! Their adopter had recently lost a beloved senior special needs dachshund and was hoping to adopt another senior or dachshund with special needs. She found the pair online and knew it was a match made in heaven!



They now live in Missouri and go to work every day with their adopter. Their adopter reports that the pair have settled in perfectly and are very happy, love their walks, and are a complete joy to their new family. We are so happy for this precious pair!

*“Heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in.”*  
~ Mark Twain

**Welcome New ACO**

As all of you who volunteer at the Adoption Center know, our dedicated Animal Control Officer, **Claire Jones**, has been working alone for some time. Now please welcome back an ACO who returned after some time away, **Salena Karr**. Please give her a warm welcome on her return.

The ACOs are helpful and knowledgeable animal advocates, and both Claire and Salena work positively with our volunteers to provide the best care for these animals. We know how stressful it is for the animals, so having compassionate caregivers helps the pets cope and be ready for a new home.

**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!

**May Stats**

Adopted: 10 cats & 5 dogs  
HUG: 18 dogs transported  
Taken in: 33 cats & 7 dogs  
S/N total of owned pets (not AWL adoptions) through clinics & vouchers:  
total = 5,639



**Bubba, a little 4-year-old Chihuahua/Corgi mix, was abandoned but luckily rescued. He now has a new home where he will be cherished.**

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*"Clearly, animals know more than we think, and think a great deal more than we know."  
~ Irene M. Pepperberg*



**Charlie, a gorgeous chocolate tortie, found her new home through AWL. We hope she brings joy to her new home, and feel confident that she will.**

## Calendar Dates

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

Saturday, July 13, 1:30 p.m.—PETCO Foundation grant award at Petco in Benton/ Bryant.

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](mailto: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 \$30,360.00.**

The May Champions drawing winner was Karen Spiekerman who won \$500. Champions is open to non-members, too. Use a credit card on our website or send an email to [hsvawlsec@gmail.com](mailto:hsvawlsec@gmail.com) to join. Please tell your friends about it.