



# 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

### Kittens—Why So Many?

It's biological. Female dogs (bitches) generally come into "heat" and are ready to mate and become pregnant about twice a year (varies by breed and size). Even if a female dog does not become pregnant, her heat cycle will end until the next cycle begins, with no specific season of the year for a breeding season.

In contrast, female cats (queens) are kitten-producing machines that do not let up. Cats are "seasonally polyestrus," which means that they have multiple estrus cycles during the breeding season. The breeding season for cats varies according to geographic and environmental factors, and in the Northern Hemisphere, female cats usually cycle from January until the late fall. **That's perhaps 9-10 months!** Each heat generally lasts several days, and if the queen is not mated during estrus, she will "go out of heat" for a short period of time, and then come back into heat. In addition to their being almost continually ready for mating, a cat can become pregnant again as soon as six weeks after giving birth. **Up to three litters can be mothered by one cat in a year**, with each litter having five to six or more kittens. Therefore, one cat can be responsible for thousands of descendants.

### Spay/Neuter Supporters

It is imperative that all cats and dogs are sterilized to prevent so many homeless pets. Since 2007, AWL has had an active Spay/Neuter program in Garland and Saline counties. The number of privately owned pets that were sterilized through AWL totals **5,733**—just imagine how many strays would be in this area without AWL!

In order for AWL to hold these clinics 4 times a year and assist these low income owners, AWL has to have funds. Fortunately, we have a talented team of volunteers who search for grants and submit applications. Once these nonprofits open a grant, thousands of rescues like AWL apply so the competition is immense.

During the past decade, the following organizations have given us grants for spay/neuter: Petco Foundation, DJ&T Foundation (Bob Barker's charity), Saline County, and a few other foundations. We recently received a grant from a new organization, Athletes for Animals.

If you've never been to one of our clinics, you would not know the large number of volunteers it takes, organized into various teams, to run the 2-day long clinics. It takes 25 volunteers for each day of the clinics, so thanks to all of them as well as to the leaders and organizers who make it happen.

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



**Chuckie was a stray in the Village and took a long time to trust people again.**

**Our volunteers worked with him daily so we could adopt him to a good family. Now he is a big love and found his forever home! He even has a new cat friend!**

**From his adopter....**

**"I think he's getting used to us!!! He's doing great! He's very social and plays with our other kitty well! He loves to play with all his toys and he lets us love on him a lot!!"**

## Saying Goodbye to Your Pet

It's hard – oh, so hard. We know that. But we also know it's in our hands.

How to decide when is the time??? We all want our beloved pets to die “a natural death,” but what does that mean and how can we ensure it is humane and as painless as possible?

Here is an article to help us evaluate our pet's quality of life. It reminds us that, although we want a “natural death” for them, they are not in the natural environment. They are kept creatures, protected from the outside environment. So, as the article points out, they cannot go out under a bush and wait to die. They would be frail in the wild and would not linger long in nature. We, however, because we love them so, sometimes keep them too long.

Here is a link to the article that has a tool based on seven indicators: hurt, hunger, hydration, hygiene, happiness, mobility, and more (good days than bad).

You can talk with your vet to find ways to improve your pet's health in each category. But ultimately, we all need to constantly evaluate our pet's overall quality of life so that we can ensure a quality of life for them.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/03/19/well/family/19petgoodbye-quiz.html>

If you do not subscribe to the NY Times, you may not be able to read it so we are attaching a copy in a pdf document you can read.

We at AWL hope this helps all animal lovers who are struggling with this decision as your pet ages.

## Petco Grant Makes News

The Petco store in Benton was bustling with AWL teal shirts as many volunteers gathered for the Big Check presentation from Petco Foundation on Saturday.



KATV Channel 7 sent a cameraman to record a story which was broadcast on their News at 6:00 and 10:00. Lewis Delavan from the Village Voice was also there gathering the story and photos.

Thanks to these volunteers: Nancy Jones, Susan Luse, Angela Nickols, Shelley Shepherd, Mary O'Neill, Mary McCullough, Heather Benz, Cheryl Schaefer, Chari Larrimore, Debe Jolliff, Laura Allworth, & Nancy Harlan.

AWL has already begun spending the funds (the money was in the bank before the symbolic Big Check). The funds go to prepare pets for adoption, including veterinary care, sterilization, and other expenses to that end.

## Belk Charity Day

AWL received a \$602 check from Belk. Kudos to **Patti Swenson** for her outstanding effort selling tickets!

## Bookmarks by Jean

Multiple thanks to long-time member and supporter **Jean Michener**. She stitched at least 100 bookmarks with the first names of volunteers and left them for those to pick up. What a thoughtful gift to all of us.

**“How we behave toward cats here below will determine our status in heaven.”**  
~ Robert Heinlein

**Happy Tails**

AWL volunteers help an elderly cat get to Wisconsin to a new loving home!

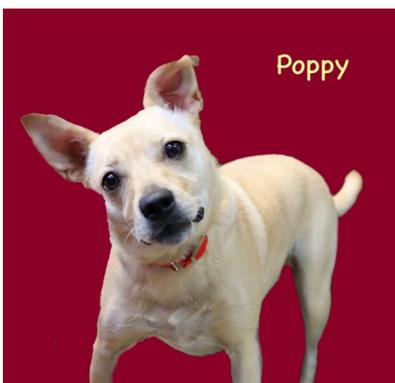
Tiger is a beautiful 14 year old senior needs cat that lost his family and had to take daily medication. One of our cat adoption coordinators, Jill Jones, wrote,

“We were so happy to find the perfect adopter for him. Except she lives in Wisconsin . . . well, **Sandy Young**, one of our awesome dog walkers drove him to his new home.



Tiger and his new mom are very grateful!”

Poppy, a 3-year-old terrier mix has found her loving home right here in HSV. She lost her home when her family had to move. Walks and rides in the car are two of her favorite things to do and if hugs are needed, she is happy to provide them to those who may need them. She is quite the social butterfly when she greets everyone that she meets. She will be a perfect companion here in the Village!



Poppy

**“My little dog - a heartbeat at my feet.”**  
~ Edith Wharton

**Puttin’ on the Dog . . . & Cat**

Here it comes again—our biggest, most fun fundraiser of the year on Tuesday, September 24 in the Coronado ballroom.

It’s not merely a fun evening with dinner, it’s a huge auction, too. We will have silent auctions and live ones, and the event is always sold out.

**Event tickets will go on sale 8/12 using the online the HSV Event Tickets website for \$25 per person.** <https://hotspringsvillage.thundertix.com/>

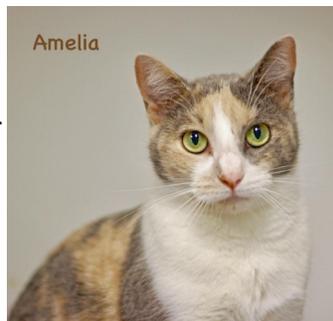
Groups wanting tables will need to purchase 8 tickets. For a reserved table of 8, ONE person must buy all 8 tickets (\$200). Table location will be assigned on a first come, first served basis, based on the table ticket purchase date/time.

Come show some love and support for the Animal Welfare League. It costs over \$200,000 EACH year to shelter, protect, and adopt the special animals in our care. We couldn’t do this without your help and support!

**Cat Transformation**

Amelia, a lovely 4-year-old dilute calico, was originally brought to AWL as a feral (wild) stray. After time at the shelter with good food and care, she has decided she is now a loving lapcat.

She also loves the other cats in the shelter, so if you want a playful beauty, contact Nancy at 922-6444 or Jill at 901-570-1430 and take her home!



Amelia

**June Stats**

Adopted: 17 cats & 4 dogs  
HUG: 4 dogs transported  
Taken in: 29 cats & 15 dogs  
S/N total of owned pets (not AWL adoptions) through clinics & vouchers:  
2019 total = 394  
Total since 2007 = 5,733



**Finley, a 3-year-old poodle/ Golden retriever mix, who found a new forever home right here in the Village thanks to AWL.**

# Rescue Report

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*"The indifference, callousness and contempt that so many people exhibit toward animals is evil first because it results in great suffering in animals, and second because it results in an incalculably great impoverishment of the human spirit."*  
~ Albert Einstein



Pepper, a 6-year-old tuxedo, came to AWL already neutered and front-paw declawed, so he had been a pet. Luckily, he found his new home and we hope he's enjoying the love.

## Calendar Dates

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

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

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

October 5—"No Fleas" Flea Market & Bake Sale (more info later), Coronado Center Rooms 5&6.

## 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

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

**Pick-up driver to get cans to Minorca**—The aluminum cans that are left at 2 golf courses need to be taken to the Minorca dumpster. One of our drivers can no longer do this, so if you have a pick-up truck and would like to help our fundraising recycling program, please contact Sue Fisher at 922-5690.

**Please consider to become AC Workers**—We still need Animal Care Workers and Guest Relations at the Adoption Center! Call Janice to find out more & volunteer at 209-9086. Without you, we will have to close the AC for another day.

## 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 \$30,850.00.**

The June Champions drawing winner was Shelley Shepherd who won \$490. 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.