



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

Adoption Center & Shelter Building Renovations

Have you ever had to live in your home while renovations—extensive ones—are being done? That's what is happening at the shelter building. All of AWL's volunteers and the ACOs have to step around the boxes and mess and still function to help our animals. And we do it knowing the result will be a healthier, more attractive temporary home for the pets.

The BOD held a special meeting to let the members know that we were gathering bids for the work, and that we are using restricted funds specifically earmarked for such building needs. No general donations are being used.

The work began this past week, and we will try to keep you updated on the progress. Remember, AWL is funding some important repairs: removal of the vinyl and metal siding inside, painting the walls and ceilings to seal for germ control, and completely resurfacing of all floors. The redo of the floors is vital to infection control.

First, the removal of the interior siding will allow for repair to the walls and ceilings that have had water damage on both sides of the building. That will take weeks to complete.

Then, they will replace the floors and will do one side at a time so we may be able to temporarily house dogs on the other side, and vice versa. At some point, dogs will have to be in foster or boarding as well. We are anticipating that all cats will have to be removed into foster care, and those arrangements have been made.

AWL thanks the cat volunteers who have graciously taken on the job of housing and caring for all of our cats during the many weeks of this event.

Painting the new/repared walls and ceilings will be done at varying times. After all interior work is complete, the exterior will be repainted.

Because this is an extensive project, we cannot accurately quote dates of each stage, but we will keep all volunteers informed as work continues.

The BOD is certain that the end product of this project will be a shelter of the highest quality, one that reflects HSV's love of animals.

Jill Jones Appointed to BOD

Jill Jones, one of our Cat Adoption Coordinators, was appointed to the At-Large position that Beverly Fitzpatrick previous held (Beverly assumed the Treasurer position until the end of 2019). She will surely give the Board important input regarding cat issues and volunteers.

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



Little Bowtie was surrendered with his mom and siblings. Shortly afterward, their mom got a serious infection and we had to bottle feed the kittens. But, it all turned out OK - mom and babies are now healthy and happy, and little Bowtie found his forever home with one of AWL's cat cuddlers. We know he's being cuddled all of the time now!

Puttin' on the Dog . . . & Cat

Our biggest fundraiser is now sold out. Our homeless pets waiting for their forever homes will be fed and given veterinary care with funds from this grand fundraiser.

Those who have tickets are in for a fun evening with a catered dinner, live and silent auctions, and a generally memorable evening.

Doors open a 5:00 p.m. Don't forget to bring your tickets (the email receipt).

Those who want to join the waiting list if tickets become available can go to <https://hotspringsvillage.thundertix.com/> and add your name.

"No Fleas" Flea Market & Bake Sale Venue Change

Our semi-annual event is changing venue for October: it will be at the Coronado Center, Rooms 5 & 6 next to the Library to display more items.

Set aside Friday, October 4 from 5:00-7:00 to bring items to the Coronado Center. The sale is Saturday, October 5 from 8:00-1:00. We will, as always, have a bake sale, too, organized by Martha Goldman.

We take household items, seasonal decorations, small furniture that can be carried out, nick-knacks, jewelry, and accessories (but no clothing).

Many thanks to Chari Larimore & Judy Sierocuk and our volunteers who help organize and sell—these little flea markets and bake sales yield good profit for the pets.

***"A cat is a priestess in a fur coat."
From Cleo: The Cat Who Mended a
Family ~ Helen Brown***

BOD Elections & Annual Meeting

BOD elections will be at our annual meeting on November 21, 2019. We will fill the Treasurer and two At-Large positions. Contact Sue Luse to answer questions about Board duties at 915-8562.

Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 6, churches around the world will celebrate something that St. Francis of Assisi started almost 800 years ago: blessing our animals. It was Francis who first introduced the idea that human beings are only one of a myriad of creations of God and all are blessed in God's "eyes." The feast day of St. Francis (the day that he died) is celebrated on October 4, and blessing of the animal services are usually scheduled for the Sunday closest to that day.

St. Francis is the one who preached to the birds; blessed fish that had been caught, releasing them back into the water; communicated with wolves, brokering an agreement between one famous ferocious wolf and the citizens of a town that were terrified of it and used real animals when he created the very first, live, Christmas nativity scene. As a result, Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment.

Sunday, October 6, 2019, 5:00 p.m., bring your pets to **Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 199 Barcelona Road**. The blessing is hosted by the Daughters of the King St. Francis Chapter. The Rev. Neil Kaminski will be giving the blessings. Pets will receive a St. Francis medal and some treats. Donations of dog and cat food, cat litter, and monetary donations will be given to the AWL. Join your animal-loving friends.

Happy Tails

Charlie, 4-year-old Black Mouth Cur/ Pit Bull mix, is such a calm, loving guy that his new family fell in love at first sight. Even his 3 feline siblings have taken to him. And, that was the deal when he was taken out on approval: the cats had to approve. His new parents report that he is perfect for their home. Just a week before they had had to put down their sweet 15-year-old Buddy, and the emptiness they felt without a dog was unbearable. Buddy would want them to give their love to another rescued dog, so they know Buddy's happily waiting on the Rainbow Bridge thinking, "Nice going, Charlie!" Both Charlie and his new family hit the jackpot, thanks to AWL.



Bowie, a striking snowshoe Siamese, came to AWL when his owner had to move. We knew he wouldn't stay long at our shelter with those beautiful blue eyes! He was adopted by a family from Cabot that had rescued a cute little dog from HSVAWL in 2017 named Phoebe who has a new name: Bella. Bowie and Bella are now buddies and are getting along fabulously. Love the happy beginnings!



An AWL Schnauzer is also a happy guy with his new family, which includes

another Schnauzer, Lucy. **Baxter** and Lucy get to play together constantly, and their parents sent AWL a photo of their antics (Baxter's on the right). We couldn't be happier for you, sweet boy!



Amelia came to our shelter over a year ago with her two kittens, Tallie and Smudge. She was a good mama and we could tell she was going to be a great companion for someone. Time went by and she kept getting passed over for adoption until a kind lady saw her picture and came to see her. She had a cat that needed a friend and happens to look just like Amelia! She sent this photo: Amelia (now Patches) is on the right and Pebbles is on the left.

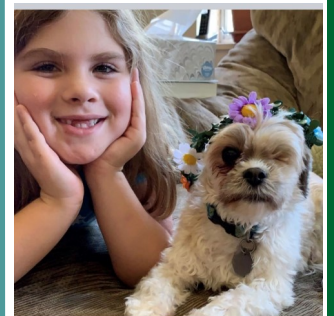


She wrote, "They just started playing together! Amelia (renamed Patches) is a perfect fit-she's so laid back. She gets all the credit for getting along so well - just a 'whatever' attitude." It's obviously a good match for everyone.

*"A mutt is couture — it's the only one like it in the world, made especially for you."
~ Isaac Mizrahi*

August Stats

Adopted: 27 cats & 6 dogs
 HUG: 9 dogs transported
 Taken in: 23 cats & 16 dogs
 S/N total of owned pets (not AWL adoptions) through clinics & vouchers:
 Total since 2007 = 5,772



Adorable Eileen (now Izzy) found herself looking for her 3rd home in her short life of 4 years when her owner became very ill. She is living happily with her new family where her new mom reports that Izzy just loves the kids and follows them everywhere. Amelia reads to her every day. She says Izzy is so perfect for their family. We are so happy for Izzy now that she's getting the attention she deserves.



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



Silo



Bull

At least 3 stray momswith kittens were the result of people dumping off their cats in the country, without getting them sterilized and hoping that someone will take them in. Silo & Bull are lucky that nice people caught them and took them somewhere safe. These two were adopted together, as AWL strongly encourages adopters to take 2 kittens at a time.

Calendar Dates

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

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

September 24, 5:00 p.m.—Puttin' on the Dog . . . & Cat, Coronado Center.

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

Thursday, November 21, 2:00 p.m.—AWL Annual Meeting & election, Coronado Center Room 6.

November 30—Colt & the Old 45s at Woodlands Auditorium. Part of proceeds will benefit AWL. (more info later)

Donate Easily at No Cost to You

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. The coordination is superbly organized, so all you need to do is spearhead it.

Please consider becoming 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 \$31,840.00.**

The August Champions drawing winner was Rose Ludeke 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 to join. Please tell your friends about it.