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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

Movin' right along! Here's what is happening and dates:

The Adoption Center will **close to the public at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, 10/19**, and the new floor installation is scheduled to begin Wednesday, 10/23. It's anticipated the floor installation will be completed on 10/30, and movers are scheduled to start moving things back in on 10/31. Of course, all dates are subject to change.

The **target date to reopen is Monday, 11/11**, but that is only a target and may change.

ADOPTIONS CONTINUE! Contact Nancy Jones about cats at 922-6444 and Shelley Shepherd about dogs at 314-520-8674.

All cats are now in foster homes, and soon all dogs will be out of the building and either in boarding or in fosters. We can't thank the fosters and the Cat Cuddlers enough for taking such long-term care of our cats. We also have deep gratitude to our dog fosters for their help.

Soon our Adoption Center and Animal Control Intake will reflect the high standard of care that our Village has for its pets. Plan to visit to see the remarkable improvements for pets, volunteers, and POA workers.

AWL Wins Best Club/Organization in Readers Choice

Last year AWL won Best Nonprofit Club/Organization, and this year AWL won the **Readers Choice Garland & Saline Counties Best Club/Organization!** That's not just best nonprofit, but best of all clubs or organizations. What an honor!

We have reason to be proud. Together, all 750 members and about 200 active volunteers rescue, heal, and rehome homeless cats and dogs. Our efforts are unfortunately never-ending because the need never subsides. Yet we know the love and joy we help bring to the lives of these creatures and to the lives of those who adopt them.

If you have a friend or neighbor who is a pet-lover, but not a member, please let them know the substantial scope of AWL's work. You can direct them to our newly designed secure website at hsvawl.org to see all about AWL. Our member and volunteers are the life=blood of our work.

Golden Paws Society

The renovation to the shelter building has been possible because of legacy gifts from animal lovers: they left provisions in their wills for AWL. You can, too. Visit hsvawl.org/donations-options.

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



Harriet is one fortunate gal. She was in foster care, and her foster mom & dad fell for her. She gets along with their dog, who loves her, so it was simply meant to be! This is one "foster failure" that is good for all concerned.

Puttin' on the Dog . . . & Cat

Our biggest fundraiser was a spectacular success. All had fun, bid on lovely items that were donated by generous folks, enjoyed a catered dinner, and had time to visit with other pet lovers. The evening yielded **over \$20,000** that will directly benefit our homeless pets.

Thanks to all who helped coordinate the event and those who attended and donated!

"No Fleas" Flea Market & Bake Sale

Our flea market and bake sale netted AWL **over \$2,300**. 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.

Amazon Smile Donations

AWL recently received a quarterly donation of \$117.83 thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com. To date, **AmazonSmile has donated a total of \$1,324.43** to Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League.

The season for shopping online is upon us, so shop at smile.amazon.com and select HSWAWL as your charity and you will have **Amazon donate to AWL at NO COST TO YOU.**

Thank you for supporting AWL by shopping at smile.amazon.com.

Belk Charity Day Sale

The Belk Charity Day Sale is November 9 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.. Please call Pattie Swenson about tickets at 501-226-3237 and leave a voicemail if necessary. It's a marvelous chance to get amazing buys and give to AWL, too at no cost to you. Call Pattie for information and tickets.

BOD Election & Annual Meeting

Our election will take place at the November 21, 2019, meeting @ 2:00 p.m., Coronado Rm. 6. Those elected at the November 21, 2019, election will hold office starting January 1, 2020, for a term of 2 years.

The candidates this year are the following:

Place 6 – Nancy Harlan, 2nd Vice President

Place 7 – Janet Kincheloe, Secretary

Place 8 – At-Large – no candidate at this time*

Place 9 – At-Large – no candidate at this time*

*If you are interested in serving, please contact Susan Luse at 915-8562 for information. New candidates are to meet with the Election Committee to review the commitment of BOD members. We will inform you prior to the election if any new candidates volunteer. Consider joining our leadership team!

Arvest Foundation Grant

Arvest Community and Business Relations Advisor Donna Aylward presented the "ceremonial" \$5,000 check to AWL President Susan Luse at the Puttin' on the Dog . . . and Cat event.

DJ&T Grant

DJ&T, the Bob Barker foundation, has consistently granted funds for spay/neuter work. Again, DJ&T gave AWL \$15,000 for our spay/neuter program. AWL has done these clinics since 2007 to reduce the population of unwanted pets in our surrounding area.

"There's no need for a piece of sculpture in a home that has a cat." ~ Wesley Bates

Happy Tails

Bowie came to us because his owner had to move away. 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, now known as Bella. So, Bella and Bowie are now buddies and getting along fabulously. Love the happy beginnings!



Murphy (formerly Kevin), came to the AWL with a brother and 2 sisters. They have all found wonderful homes and Murphy and his new mom look very happy!



Tyler & Smudge are lucky cats! They get adopted together after both had spent a long time in our shelter or foster home. Their new mom wrote, "Tyler and Smudge are doing well in their forever home. Tyler is the one with a missing right eye. Smudge is really starting to get used to being a house cat. He was in a shelter all his life



(1.5 years) Watching him settle is like watching grass grow or the hour hand on a clock. You know it's happening it's just not always really apparent. Today was another milestone as I found him sleeping on our bed." Tyler has adjusted well since he was always an outgoing cat at the Adoption Center. We are so happy for both these guys.



Bristol, now called Rosie, was in the AC for months as she completed heartworm treatment. Rosie is now a beloved member of a family who will keep her on heartworm prevention and love her constantly.



Colt & the Old 45s Concert

This outstanding ensemble of musicians and singers will rock the Woodlands stage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, getting you ready for the happiest time of the year. Tickets are on sale at www.hot SpringsVillage.thundertix.com or at the Woodlands box office. HSVAWL is sponsoring Colt and the Old 45s. This very popular band will be performing the best songs of the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80's bringing back memories unmatched.

*"Actually, my dog I think is the only person who consistently loves me all the time."
~ H. G. Bissinger*

September Stats

Adopted: 20 cats & 6 dogs
HUG: 15 dogs transported
Taken in: 23 cats & 21 dogs
S/N total of owned pets (not AWL adoptions) through clinics & vouchers:
Total since 2007 = 5,943



Annabelle began following some nice people out on one of our trials, so they brought her to the shelter. She was so sweet, walked well on a leash, and was an overall agreeable dog with other pets, too. She now has her forever home!



*“You can judge a man's true character by the way he treats his fellow animals.”
~ Paul McCartney*



Miles, a handsome tabby, was looking for a special home. On the quiet side and gentle, Miles is only 2 years old. Since he is FIV positive he needs to have another cat that's FIV or a dog for a buddy. FIV-feline AIDs-can not be passed to humans or dogs, just other cats. Thus, many cat lovers could not be adopters if they had other cats. So, Miles is so lucky to have found his place!

Calendar Dates

Monday, October 21–November 11 (target) - Entire shelter closed

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

Monday-Tuesday, October 28-29—Spay/Neuter Clinic, Fountain Lake Fire Station

Saturday, November 9, 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.—Belk Charity Day Sale

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.

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 \$32,340.00.**

The September Champions drawing winner was Juddie Wachtel who won \$500 & donated a portion 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.