



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

The building is open, and the work is almost complete!

We have new, more sanitary floors, the walls and ceilings have been improved so that they contribute to a healthier shelter, and all has been brightened with fresh paint. New cabinets are on order to help with organization of supplies.

AWL Gives Thanks

AWL is extremely grateful to the many volunteers who fostered all of the pets for weeks, including Cat Cuddlers who helped the cat fosters care for all of the felines, as well as the dog walkers and fosters who cared for our dogs. We also thank them for moving the cats back into the Adoption Center and for helping to set up the Cat Room.

We are so grateful, too, for the energetic volunteers who helped pack and move everything out of the building and back in. Many also cleaned after the construction so all is sparkling. Their combined efforts have been incalculable!

Our President Susan Luse organized and directed every contractor and every effort of the volunteers, so let's all thank her for her organizational skills and her devotion!

BOD Election & Annual Meeting

Our election took place at the November 21, 2019 annual meeting. The candidates (all unopposed) were elected:

Place 6 – Nancy Harlan, 2nd Vice President

Place 7 – Janet Kincheloe, Secretary

Place 8 – At-Large – Melanie Marshall

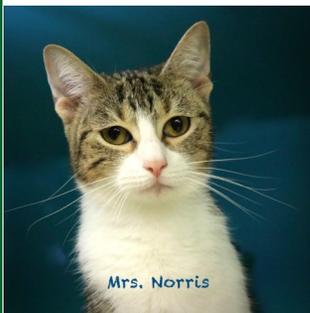
Place 9 – At-Large – Warren Taylor
 Those elected will hold office starting January 1, 2020 for a term of 2 years.

Thanks to all who submitted proxy requests, for those allowed us to reach a quorum so the election is valid. But, if you missed the meeting, you missed an interesting discussion and news.

Julie Keck gave a fascinating description of her visit to the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Utah, which has been a national leader in the No-Kill, Save Them All movement. All of us enjoyed her insightful account—thank you, Julie! AWL is a partner in Best Friends No More Homeless Pets Network.

Board members gave updates on our fundraisers, treasurer report, adoptions & HUG, awards and publicity, education, and spay/neuter accomplishments.

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



Mrs. Norris



Binks

Binks & Mrs. Norris were surrendered when their family couldn't take them in a move. Both are just over 1 year old, and bonded to each other. Everyone is so happy they were adopted together so they can play together forever.

Another Award!

The AWL gathered a new award in the **first KVRE 92.9 FM Listener's Choice Awards!** The AWL was awarded **1st Place in the Non-profit Philanthropic/Service Organization category.**

Each choice was nominated by the listeners of KVRE. Then the top three in each category were voted on by the listeners again. Over 20,000 votes were placed to determine the winners in each category. The AWL is very honored to receive this award!

Just after having received the 1st place in the 2019 Village Voice Readers Choice Awards as the best Club or Organization in Garland and Saline Counties, this second honor is further testimony to the high regard our Villagers and neighbors have for AWL. Clearly the AWL is a valued part of the lives of our community.

Adopt—Don't Shop!

Up to 36% of Americans use the Internet to find their new pet. When looking at animals online, pet owners must be careful to avoid scams or inadvertently supporting puppy mills or unethical breeders. Many online breeders are not licensed, ethical, or transparent and may be selling puppy mill dogs with greater health problems than dogs from other sources.

Thousands of consumers have been scammed by online pet retailers after paying for a pet they never received, getting a sick puppy/kitten that required thousands of dollars in veterinary care, or being sent a different pet than the one they picked.

Some reputable breeders have an online presence, but any outlet that is

AWL Website is Secure

A team of four AWL volunteers has been working on the design and content of our website for most of this year. The transition to our new site and new host has been complicated, but we finally have it working well, and it is secure for payments.

That means that you see a padlock or https in the name online. If you enter hsvawl.org and you get a warning that it is not secure, then you need to take a few steps to get to our site:

- On your computer, open your browser (Chrome, etc.).
- At the top right, click More .
- Click More tools Clear browsing data.
- Choose a time range, like Last hour or All time.
- Select the types of information you want to remove.
- Click Clear data.

These steps are for Chrome, so if you use another browser, check Help for clearing data or cache. Report problems to contactus@hsvawl.org.

selling pets in a virtual manner, without allowing you to meet the pet (and hopefully their parents) and see the facilities first, should set off a red flag.

Instead, tell family & friends to rescue a pet from a nonprofit rescue, like AWL! Rescues are transparent, always have the pets thoroughly vetted, and provide a loving, healthy pet for a family to love.

"A cat doesn't go where it's invited. It appears where it's needed."
~ Helen Brown

Happy Tails

Beautiful **Millicent**, a vivid calico, was roaming the streets as a feral when kind neighbors trapped her to save her. She had a clipped ear and had been spayed, but life is rough in the woods. When she came in, she was scared of people and was feral, but our Cat Cuddlers and other volunteers and ACOs were kind and didn't rush her. She became friendly and eager to enjoy the cuddling, and after many months, she decided the indoor life was for her. Now she has a warm, dry lap to love.



Rocky 2 is a little bitty guy—less than 6 pounds—who had to be surrendered when his owner was relocated. At 9 years of age, he really wanted a new home. He's a cute little maltese/Pomeranian mix, and he found his new home in just a few weeks!



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Handsome **Alfred** was found with a collar on, so he belonged to someone, but got lost. This very friendly 4-year-old boy now has his new home, and he can play, play, play with toy mice and other fun things!



Reuniting Lost Pets with Owners

ACO Claire Jones found the homes of the last three cats taken to animal control. Claire went out of her way to look through the old lost reports and matched a cat with the owners. It is a dream come true for the pets and their owners—pets getting back home. It took effort on the part of the people who turned them in or called the ACOs about strays at 922-6547. They would not be home now but for the kind folks who turned them in and the efforts of our ACOs.

“People” Food for Pets

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and people want to know about letting pets enjoy, too. Offering your pet cooked turkey meat and a few fresh cooked veggies served plain is fine. Examples of holiday people food you want to **avoid** giving your pet include **dressing, bread, rolls and other starchy grains, processed or sugary foods; dishes containing raisins, grapes, onions, leeks or chives and all desserts.**

Please note that rather than feeding your pet at the table, it's better to replace up to 15% of feed-grade kibble with fresh people food in his bowl. Offering food from your plate at the table, or in the kitchen during meal preparation or cleanup, can turn your pet into an incurable beggar.

“The greatest pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself, too.”

~ Samuel Butler

October Stats

Adopted: 28 cats & 10 dogs
 HUG: 16 dogs transported
 Taken in: 14 cats & 19 dogs
 S/N total of owned pets (not AWL adoptions) through clinics & vouchers:
 Total since 2007 = 6,107



Sweet little Alissa got lost, but luckily found her way to AWL. About 4 years old, she's probably a rat terrier mix and only about 15 pounds. Her calm demeanor makes her a wonderful house dog and buddy. So glad she found her new home!



*"Without my pets,
my house would be
clean and my wal-
let would be full,
but my heart
would be empty."
~ Unknown*



Taz has super cute ears and a personality to match. His brindle coat also attracts attention. He is probably a 2-year-old Mountain Cur mix, and his agreeable personality won him a new family, just in time for the holidays.

Calendar Dates

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

November 28 & 29—Thanksgiving—shelter closed

November 30—Colt & the Old 45s at Woodlands Auditorium. Part of proceeds will benefit AWL.

December 25 & January 1—Shelter closed

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.hotspringsvillage.thundertix.com or at the Woodlands box office. HSVAWL will receive proceeds from the concert, so enjoy!

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 \$32,835.00.**

The October Champions drawing winner was BJ Pritchett 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.