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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

AWL Hearts Are Full

May all of our members and supporters have a joyful, peaceful holiday, filled with lots of wags and purrs.

AWL is grateful for the continued support of volunteers who keep the Adoption Center humming and providing a pleasant, healthy temporary home for our pets waiting for their forever homes.

AWL has hundreds of volunteers in various capacities. Some work at the Adoption Center, Spay/Neuter Clinics, fundraisers, and other activities. Our fosters make it possible for many dogs and cats to have a temporary home and become adoptable. Some others work behind the scenes with scheduling, online presence (Facebook and website maintenance), animal records, grant writing, baking, publicity, photography, and so many other contributions. The members of the Board of Directors all put in hours weekly to help direct our coordinated efforts.

AWL can't begin to thank everyone for what you do for our homeless pets, but know that you are appreciated.

So, in this season of thankfulness, AWL acknowledges the collective hard work and talent that makes our small local rescue so successful.

Two New Grants

AWL is grateful to **AR Community Foundation** and the **Pedigree Foundation** for two new grants.

From the Arkansas Community Foundation (here in the Village), AWL received a grant for **\$320** to help with Spay/Neuter of cats. Nancy Jones and Angela Nickols received the grant at a lovely reception hosted by the Community Foundation, and Nancy explained that the funds would be put to good use. These funds were designated for cats because AWL has received other grants specified for dog Spay/Neuter.

The Pedigree Foundation grant is for **\$1,000** to help dogs find homes, and will be used for adoption preparation for dogs.

While these grants are somewhat modest, our grant writers have been responsible for **receipt of a total since January 2019 of \$78,020!**

AWL thanks our Grant Committee that researches and writes grant proposals: **Nancy Jones, Betsy Bailey, and Sue Luse, with Angela Nickols as the chair.** Without these volunteers and their expertise, AWL would be missing many sources of income to help us in our continued efforts to "Save Them All." Those interested in serving, please contact Angela @ 501-915-0832.

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



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.

Cats Really Do Like Human Companionship

A 2019 study found that “Many pet and shelter cats are pretty eager to interact with humans—particularly people who seek out kitty caresses.”

Kristyn R. Vitale, a postdoctoral scholar in animal behavior and the lead author of the paper, explains, “In both groups, we found [cats] spent significantly more time with people who were paying attention to them than people who were ignoring them.”

For Vitale, these discoveries were not totally revelatory. Her previous research has found that, when it came to cat behavior and preferences, cats would choose to interact with humans over cat food and cat toys the majority of the time.

Our **Cat Cuddlers** help AWL cats learn to love attention, making them more adoptable. Read the article here: <https://www.petmd.com/news/health-science/study-cat-behavior-finds-cats-enjoy-human-companionship-more-most-people-think-3>

Colt & the Old 45s Concert

What a great night of music! The bandleader presented us a check for \$1000! In addition we sold magnets and cookbooks plus \$160 in donations. And it got better. We got a \$500 donation on PayPal. Profitable night for the AWL. Thanks to volunteers for helping with ticket, and thanks to Beverly Fitzpatrick for spearheading this event. **Great thanks to Colt & the old 45s for their contribution to AWL!**

*"I love cats because I enjoy my home; and little by little, they become its visible soul."
~ Jean Cocteau*

Buying Pets Online is Asking for Trouble

Much research reveals that online marketing of “purebred” pets is not a good choice. An article by veterinarian Dr. Karen Becker notes this:

- 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 dog they never received, getting a sick puppy that required thousands of dollars in veterinary care or being sent a different dog than the one they picked
- Some reputable breeders have an online presence, but any selling dogs in a virtual manner, without allowing you to meet the dog (and parents) and see the facilities first, should set off a red flag
- Many rescue organizations and shelters post available dogs online and even allow you to fill out an application prior to meeting the animals

Message: Ask your loved ones NOT to buy, especially online. Instead, get a rescue and truly help a homeless pet and gain a loving friend. Link here:

https://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2019/11/21/pets-for-sale.aspx?cid_source=petsnl&cid_medium=email&cid_content=art1HL&cid=20191121Z1&et_cid=DM393375&et_rid=754215479

Happy Tails

Cute **Diamond** (now called Medusa) was found by the side of a road in HSV with no clue as to her home. She's still a puppy, and is a bulldog mix we think. Now she has a home with other dogs, so she'll get plenty of exercise and enjoy life.



Blynken

Blynken and Wynken are two brothers who are nearly identical. Now that they are adopted together, their new family will need to figure out how to tell them apart. But, we know the family will surely have fun watching the two of them play with holiday boxes!



Wynken

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

Holiday Dangers for Pets

Christmas trees and pet safety

If you have a real Christmas tree, keep the water in the stand covered so your animals can't drink it. The pine sap is dangerous if ingested.

Secure the tree to a wall or ceiling to prevent pets from knocking it over.

Tree lights should not be left on when you're not around. Unplug the tree lights when you're not using them.

Once you've decorated your tree, pick up all tinsel, ribbon and ornament hooks on the floor. These glittery items may be attractive playthings to your pets, but they can get sick if they ingest them. If a gastrointestinal blockage occurs, surgery may be needed to save your pet.

If your pets express interest in playing with the decorations on the tree, decorate the bottom third of the tree with wood or plastic ornaments that won't break.

Holiday gifts, plants and candles

Keep all gifts that contain human food off the floor so that pets are not tempted by the smells. Human treats can be dangerous for pets — especially food containing chocolate, alcohol, raisins and onions.

Holiday plants such as poinsettias and mistletoe can be dangerous, too, if your pets chew on them.

Put burning candles in places that are inaccessible to your pets and don't let candles burn unattended. If you have birds as pets, be aware that the perfumes in scented candles may cause them to develop respiratory inflammation. Source:

<https://resources.bestfriends.org/article/christmas-holiday-dangers-pets>

November Stats

Adopted: 13 cats & 9 dogs

HUG: 2 dogs transported

Taken in: 10 cats & 11 dogs

S/N total of owned pets (not AWL adoptions) through clinics & vouchers:

Total in 2019 = 765



Busch, now called Beau, has found his forever home. He's a well-mannered 1-year-old Lab mix who loves to go for walks and play with toys. We are certain his new family will indulge him and enjoy his company!

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*"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals."
~ Immanuel Kant*



Misty is a cute little 7-year-old Dachshund mix who followed some nice people on one of the trails. They brought her to Animal Control who then gave her to AWL to adopt to a loving home. We know she's happy to have a cozy home for the holidays.

Calendar Dates

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

December 25 & January 1—Shelter closed

S/N Clinics Are Set for 2020

Feb. 25 & 26- Fountain Lake Fire Station

April 21 & 22- Mountain Pine Fire Station

Aug. 25 & 26- Paron Community Center

Dec. 1 & 2- Crows Fire Station

Anyone who is interested, call Dorothy @ 501-226-5772 to make an appointment for any clinic. If you can't bring a pet to a clinic, call Angela @ 501-915-0832 to request a voucher to be used at one of AWL's vets.

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 \$33,330.00.**

The November Champions drawing winner was Sherry Phillips 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.