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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 to Participate in HSV 50th Anniversary

The POA has scheduled a January 28th Kickoff at the Coronado Center. AWL will have a table to inform people about our mission and our activities. Several of our BOD members will be at the AWL table, so drop by and talk with them.

In addition, AWL will host an Open House as part of the HSV 50th Anniversary Celebration, which is scheduled for May 6th. We will disseminate more information about that later.

Shelter Renovation is Almost Complete

Related to that Open House is an update on the final stages of our shelter renovation. The BOD discussed and voted on new cabinets, and President Sue Luse is ordering them. We are hopeful that they will be installed, and that the exterior will also be painted by the time of the Open House. So, please plan on a visit to the bright, shiny, and pleasant shelter on May 6th to see the result of AWL's efforts!

*"Happiness? I've tried the
two-legged ones, and the
four-legged ones win."
~ Lauren Bacall*

Exciting New Way to Find Lost Pets

Soon AWL will be sending out an email alert about a new nationwide database to help find lost pets. It is called **Finding Rover**.

Finding Rover (and Fluffy, too!) is a FREE service that uses patented facial recognition of your pet to identify a stray/found pet that you have lost and help you reunite with it.

AWL now offers our community an additional tool to help lost and adoptable dogs and cats find their forever home.

Soon every dog and cat that enters the AWL shelter system becomes registered on Finding Rover. Users of Finding Rover can search the shelter and surrounding areas right from their smartphone or computer in efforts to find their missing pet, a neighbor's missing pet, the family of a found pet, or search for adoptable pets.

You will get more info later, but registration of your pet is FREE. Just go to www.FindingRover.com and:

- Upload your pet's photo
- Enter a few details about your pet
- Enter your name, email address, and zip code

It's that simple, and AWL hopes this will help to reunite lost cats and dogs with their families.

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



Asher & Stormie made noise at a front door until a homeowner answered. After Stormie introduced herself with head butts, she introduced her BFF-Asher. Even though the homeowner was glad they got along with their dogs, they couldn't keep Stormie and Asher. Stormie and Asher are a special pair and deserve a forever home with special people, which they now have!

50 Fascinating Facts About Cats

Here are a few:

1. CATS SPEND BETWEEN 30 TO 50 PERCENT OF THEIR DAY GROOMING THEMSELVES.

Are you that clean? This behavior serves several purposes: It helps cats tone down their scent so they can avoid predators, it cools them down, it promotes blood flow, and it distributes natural oils evenly around their coat, allowing them to stay warm and dry. Grooming also serves as a sign of affection between two cats, and it's thought that saliva contains enzymes that serve as a natural antibiotic for wounds.

2. PURRING DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN A CAT IS HAPPY.

Cats often make the sound when they're content, but they also purr when they're sick, stressed, hurt, or giving birth.

3. CATS MAKE GREAT PRIVATE DETECTIVES.

Can't afford a private eye? A feline might be able to do the job for free. In the 1960s, ambassador Henry Helb—who then lived in the Dutch Embassy in Moscow—noticed that his two Siamese kitties were arching their backs and clawing at one of the walls. Helb had a hunch that the cats heard something he couldn't, and sure enough, he found 30 tiny microphones hidden behind the boards. Instead of busting the spies, Helb and his staff took advantage of the surveillance and griped about household repairs or packages stuck in customs while standing in front of the mics and got all repaired.

Read more here: <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/578211/cat-facts>

January is Walk Your Dog Month

January is Walk Your Dog Month and it's a great way for you and your pooch to bond and get moving! Dogs need plenty of exercise and the best way to keep them active in winter is to take them for regular walks. So, begin this year with a pledge for better health for you and your dog!

Use the **ResQWalk** app on your phone and log your miles. ResQwalk is a free mobile app that lets you raise money and resources for AWL, and all you have to do is walk or run or hike! Check it out here: <https://bestfriends.org/resqwalk>

Throughout the year, Best Friends will announce a ResQpool of cash and other helpful resources that have been provided by some generous corporate sponsors. Best Friends says you can help your chosen organization earn a portion of this pool by downloading ResQwalk and hitting the pavement! Download it today and start walking for the animals.

ResQwalk is available for both iOS and Android.

You can participate in any distance-related activity — walking, running or biking —that can be measured by GPS and involves a speed of less than 14 miles per hour.

Every quarter, the ResQpool is proportionally distributed to the ResQwalk partners based on miles walked on their behalf. Enter Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League, Inc. as your ResQ!

***"In the beginning, God created man, but seeing him so feeble, He gave him the cat."
~ Warren Eckstein***

Happy Tails

Rosco, an adorable cat with wobbly cat syndrome, has a forever home! He lives with a 70-pound dog, and they took to each other immediately. The dog holds Rosco down and grooms him. His wobbly movement makes it hard for Ros-



co to climb, but he can climb up on some things. The daughter that he cuddles with most, has a low bed and Rosco can reach up, and pull the rest of his body up. Plus, the bed is low enough that he can get himself down. He does not even try to get on couch so he clearly wasn't allowed on a couch by his previous owners. Although he can and does sling litter everywhere, they are going to accommodate him and get him some higher sides. The kids are responsible for taking care of him as part of their household duties, and all are amazed that he is so cuddly with the whole family.

They chose him as part of their family's charitable program since he is a special needs cat. AWL appreciates the kindness and generosity of this charitable family. Way to go, Rosco!

***"You cannot share your life with a dog, as I had done in Bournemouth, or a cat, and not know perfectly well that animals have personalities and minds and feelings."
~ Jane Goodall***

Enjoy Hearing About AWL in a Podcast

Debe Jolliff, one of our dedicated volunteers, and now a BOD member as Treasurer, was interviewed by the Animal Rescue Professional Association, a nationwide group. You can hear the podcast by going to AWL's website <https://hsvawl.org> and scrolling down the homepage. Just click on the "Listen to the Podcast" box toward the bottom of the page. You might be surprised to learn so much!

While you are on our website, look around because we have new content showcasing all that we do.

Local Awards Reveal the High Regard for AWL

All of our members join because they want to help homeless animals, but all may not be aware of AWL's myriad programs and successes.

Members of the public in HSV, Garland & Saline Counties, and the KVRE audience do clearly appreciate all that we do:

- AWL won 1st place in the 2019 Village Voice Readers Choice Awards as the best Club or Organization in Garland and Saline Counties.
- AWL won 1st Place in the first KVRE 92.9 FM Listener's Choice Awards in the non-profit Philanthropic/ Service Organization category.

Now AWL has been nominated for the Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Organization of the year award. Those of us who are active in so many of AWL's programs hope to receive yet another recognition of our community work.

December Stats

Adopted: 17 cats & 3 dogs
 Total Adoptions in 2019: 217 cats & 88 dogs
 HUG: 1 dog transferred
 Total HUG transfers in 2019: 1 rabbit, 2 cats, 82 dogs



Cute little 8-year-old Rascal, a Maltese, was surrendered to AWL when his owner could not continue to care for her dogs. It didn't take long for his new mama to fall for him and offer him a truly forever home!



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



Armani, now called Lucy, did not stay long with AWL, and you can see why. She's a 1-year-old Lab mix who is a bit shy, but has been learning more each day with her dog walkers. Now she will get a chance to become a beloved family pet and enjoy life to the fullest.

Calendar Dates

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

Feb. 25 & 26—Spay/Neuter Clinic, Fountain Lake Fire Station

Wednesday, May 6—AWL Open House (Part of HSV 50th Celebration).

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Saturday, May 9—Belk's Charity Day. Watch for more information 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 Village at the same time!

Golden Paws Society—AWL's Golden Paws Society, a legacy gift program, lets you support our lifesaving work for animals in need well into the future. Legacy giving is for anyone who wants to create a lasting impact that will live on beyond their lifetime. Talk with your attorney or financial advisor about it.

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 \$33,820.00.**

The December Champions drawing winner was Chad Schaefer 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 to join. Please tell your friends about it.