



# 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

### MuttNation Grant!

AWL received a grant without even applying for it! MuttNation Foundation, a nonprofit founded by Miranda Lambert and her mother, supports rescues and sent AWL a check for \$3,000!

MuttNation Foundation has awarded \$150,000 in grants to 50 shelters around the country for their Mutts Across America campaign! Each organization was carefully vetted and chosen for the outstanding care they provide and their heart for animals. Since Mutts Across America started in 2015, donors have helped them award over \$750,000 in grants to more than 250 shelters.

Only one in each state each year will win, and here are the criteria:

High Adoption Rate; High Volunteerism; Fiscal Responsibility; High Activity/ Fundraising; Specialty; Community Presence; Website & Social Media Presence; Advocacy.

AWL is so special and deserves this. Find out more about MuttNation Foundation [here](#).

***"Animals have no voice. They can't ask for help. They can't ask for freedom. They can't ask for protection. Humanity must be their voice." ~ A.D. Williams***

### 2019 Statistics on Website

Lots of Life-Saving Success:

219 Cats and kittens that came into our care.

229 Cats and kittens that went to loving homes (a small number were transferred to other rescues or sanctuary).

188 Dogs and puppies that came into our care.

183 Dogs and puppies that went to loving homes (some were transferred to other no-kill rescues or sanctuaries).

**96.5% Live release rate (save rate)** = number of animals that went to loving homes plus animals on hand at the end of the year divided by those on hand at the beginning of the year plus those taken in. We take in some very vulnerable and sick animals; therefore, some do die in our care in spite of quality care and some must be humanely euthanized to end suffering.

Emergency Veterinary assistance provided to animals owned by families within the community: 95 dogs and 22 cats.

**732 members & 254 volunteers!**

See the other stats [here](#). Thanks to all who are members, volunteers, and supporters—you help us help our community.

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



**Jordon, a trapped cat thought to be feral, soon decided that the good life in inside was preferred to life in the wild and became a lap cat. He'll be properly spoiled in his new home.**

## 42 Amazing Facts About Dogs

Here are a few:

**DOGS LICK PEOPLE AND OTHER DOGS FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS.**

Puppies will lick their mothers or owners as a sign of affection or to indicate that they're hungry. As adults, licking becomes a sign of submission to an authority figure. So if your dog licks you, they're probably trying to let you know that they want something—probably food and/or attention.

**LICKING ALSO MAKES DOGS FEEL BETTER.**

Licking your face releases endorphins that calm and relieve your dog's stress. But if a dog is constantly licking itself, they might be bored or have a skin problem you need to have checked out by a vet.

**DOGS UNDERSTAND THE POWER OF "PUPPY EYES."**

According to a study from 2017, dogs raise their eyebrows (to make “puppy eyes”) and make other dramatic facial expressions when they know humans are watching. Shelter dogs have learned this trick, too; pups who employ the puppy eyes trick tend to get adopted more quickly than dogs that show other behaviors, like wagging their tails.

**DOGS IMPROVE YOUR ATTITUDE.**

That feeling of happiness you get while watching a bunch of puppies fall all over each other is genuine. Studies have found that spending time with dogs, especially in high-stress situations, can ease tension in humans. They can also lower your blood pressure (and they like going on walks, which helps you, too).

**DOGS KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.**

Dogs can read your mood. A 2016 study from the universities of Lincoln and Sao Paolo found that dogs can read and respond to the emotions on human faces, even in photographs.

**DOGS HAVE AN AMAZING SENSE OF SMELL.**

A dog can smell anywhere from 10,000 to 100,000 times better than the average human. Canines have 300 million olfactory receptors, compared to our measly 6 million. Moreover, the part of the brain dedicated to smell is 40 times larger in dogs than in humans.

Read more [here](#).

## Cat Toy & Behavior Problems

Now that laser pointer toys have been around a while, veterinary behaviorists are learning that like dogs, kitties can also develop behavior disorders as a result of chasing, but never catching, those little red dots (problem first identified in dogs).

Some cats develop a compulsion to chase anything resembling a laser light; eventually, they spend most of their waking hours engaged in the behavior to the point that it becomes a quality of life issue.

One way to use a laser pointer safely with your cat is to incorporate clicker training and treats into play sessions.

There are also lots of great alternatives to laser toys to ensure your kitty gets daily exercise.

Read the article [here](#).

***“Cats are smarter than dogs.  
You can't get eight cats to pull a sled through snow.”  
~ Jeff Valdez***

### Happy Tails

Mr. Scotch was one of our FIV positive cats at the shelter. He was adopted last year and now his name is Spike. His new family just adores him.

He now has another family member, **Bitsy** who is also FIV positive. The adopters decided to take her home and now Spike & Bitsy are best friends.



Cats that are FIV positive

make marvelous pets. They just should not be adopted into a home with cats who are HIV negative. The virus **does NOT transfer to dogs or humans**, and the cats can live long happy lives.



Kissy, now called Missy, is a cute little senior chiweenie who lucked into a loving home. Her new mom has a soft spot for senior pets and supports AWL's Silver Paws fund that we use to support senior pet adoptions. Missy now has a loving home with other senior dogs!



Please consider adopting pets with special needs or senior pets. The reward is love.

### Register Your Pet in 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.

You will get more info later, but registration of your pet is FREE. Just go to [www.FindingRover.com](http://www.FindingRover.com) and:

- (1) Upload your pet's photo;
- (2) Enter a few details about your pet;
- (3) 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.

### Coronado Community Fair

The 12th HSV Community Fair will be from 10:00—2:00 on Wednesday, March 25th in the Coronado Center. Admission is free, so come learn all about the myriad clubs and organizations our Village has to offer.

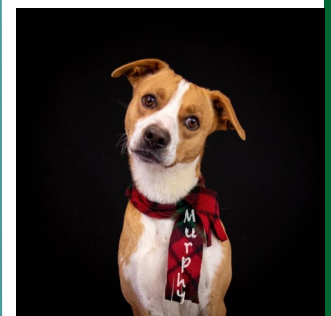
AWL will be there to spread information about Finding Rover, as well as our multiple impressive life-saving

### Petco Foundation Support

AWL received two checks from the **Petco Foundation** in January. The first one for \$600 was for the adoptions: adopters receive forms from AWL and submit forms to their local Petco store to receive coupons. The second for \$428.85 is for those families that had their pictures taken with Santa. Pretty good returns for little effort.

### January Stats

Adopted: 15 cats & 13 dogs  
HUG: 2 cats & 8 dogs transferred



**Murphy is a fun-loving, friendly guy that is good with all people, big and small, and other dogs. He is a great boy, young and active, and loves to share family adventures. Murphy is a 1.5 year old heeler/lab mix and weighs 40 pounds. We are sure he has found just the right family for his love.**

***"You can usually tell that a man is good if he has a dog who loves him."  
~ W. Bruce Cameron,  
"A Dog's Journey"***



# Rescue Report

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*"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men."  
~ Francis of Assisi*



**Khloe is a tiny thing with lots of long hair. But, the stress of a busy or loud household or one with other pets is too much for her. She is a sweetheart but will take a special home and special food. Khloe is a true lap kitty that loves to cuddle with her human but has finally found the right home!**

## Calendar Dates

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

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

Wednesday, March 25—Coronado Community Fair

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

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 Melanie to find out more & volunteer at (817) 909-7042 or hsvawl2@gmail.com. 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 \$34,305.00.**

The January Champions drawing winner was Sandy Young who won \$485. 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.