



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

Finding Rover is Live!

It's really **Finding Rover & Fluffy!** It's a FREE service that uses facial recognition technology to find your **lost dog or cat**. It is nationwide, so it is far more comprehensive than any service in our area.

AWL encourages everyone with a pet to register at their site for free. Go to 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 reunite lost cats and dogs with their families with great success. You then can report your pet missing and people nationwide can match a found pet with yours.

For concerns about **security**, this from Finding Rover: "We do not share any data with any 3rd party and we do not use it for anything other than the 3 initial email reminders to register and annual reminders to ensure their pet's photo is up to date if they haven't logged in within that year." Also, regarding the financing, "The \$5.2 million can from our Founder, John Polomeno, private investors who believe in our mission, and the Petco Foundation."

Let's all participate in Finding Rover!

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 provide information about Finding Rover, as well as our many life-saving programs. At this time, the fair is still scheduled and has not been canceled for public health reasons. **THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED!** Representatives will talk to you every one's

AWL Volunteer Luncheon

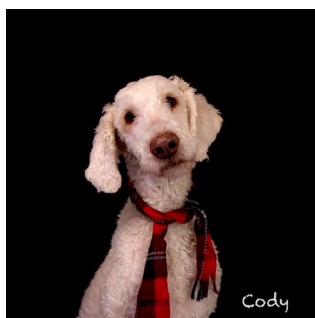
If you were a volunteer in 2019, you received an invitation for our Volunteer Luncheon on March 18th as our guest. However, to support the need to restrict large gatherings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the BOD decided to cancel this gathering. We hope to reschedule when the health threat subsides and will let our invitees know.

This luncheon is a beloved celebration of all we have accomplished during 2019 through the tireless work of our several hundred volunteers, and is a truly fun event.

All of us look forward to a rescheduled luncheon!

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

***"I have felt cats rubbing their faces against mine and touching my cheek with claws carefully sheathed. These things, to me, are expressions of love."
~ James Herriot***



Cody, about 7 years old, is just an all-around good dog and as you can see, he is a very handsome Labradoodle as well. He is super friendly and enjoys the company of kids and all people. He walks well on a leash and is crate trained & now he has a home where he will get all of the attention and exercise.

Pets and COVID-19

Can pets contract Coronavirus/COVID-19 from humans? And vice versa?

There is currently no known reason to think that any animals including pets in the United States can be infected with or spread COVID-19. **However, since animals can spread other diseases to people, the CDC always recommends washing your hands after being around animals.** For more information, read the [CDC's FAQ on COVID-19 and animals](#). You can also learn more about staying safe and healthy around animals including pets, livestock, and wildlife, by visiting the CDC's Healthy Pets, Healthy People website. The most important things:

- According to the CDC, there is currently no known reason to believe that any animals, including pets in the United States, can spread COVID-19.
- At this time, the CDC, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) say there is no evidence that companion animals, including pets, spread COVID-19.

People who are sick with COVID-19 should restrict contact with animals. If you see any changes in the health condition of your pets, advice from a veterinarian should be sought as soon as possible. As always, pet parents should adopt good hygiene habits, such as washing their hands before and after handling pets, their food and supplies, and maintain a clean environment.

[HERE](#) is another source of information from a veterinarian.

Why Do We HUG?

HUG is Help Us Go - our transport program for dogs and selected cats. HUG is one of our most successful programs where we partner with other rescues to help dogs and a few cats find loving homes once they've come into our care.

HUG is most helpful in finding homes away from our area for dogs, so the rest of this article talks about dogs. Cats are often transported to sanctuaries rather than rescue groups. The numbers reveal the impact: 2019—82 dogs, 2 cats, 1 rabbit; 2018—130 dogs, 1 cat; 2017—119 dogs, 13 cats

It's really a supply and demand windfall for the AWL as we have larger dogs and feisty puppies that simply do not match up well with our demographic, but are highly desirable in other parts of the country. Of course we try to find adopters locally, but when weeks go by without a single family interested, it is in the dog's best interest to look beyond our normal scope.

So what's in a transport, you ask? Every dog that comes into our care receives specific vetting to ensure his/her health and wellness. The care is the same for those that are adopted locally and for those that are transported to partner rescues. Every dog is spayed/neutered, receives a series of age appropriate vaccines and de-worming

***"Dogs come into our lives to teach us about love, they depart to teach us about loss. A new dog never replaces an old dog; it merely expands the heart. If you have loved many dogs, your heart is very big."
~ E. Jong***

Why Do We HUG? [Cont'd]

medications, as well as Heartworm and flea/tick prevention medications. Dogs must also be free of Heartworm disease. If positive, they remain in our care for heartworm treatment (at least 4 months) until cured. Only then can they be considered for transport.

Once we determine that a dog's best chance for adoption is the HUG program, we submit their pictures and biography to the partner rescue. Dogs have to be good canine citizens, be well socialized with other dogs and people, be good on a leash, and cannot be aggressive with food or toys. We ONLY partner with rescues that are as diligent as we are in their adoption practices as we must be confident that the family that adopts will provide the best care for our dogs, forever. Since the demand for dogs is high in the states that we partner with, the adoption fees regularly top **\$400**, so we know that the family is making a significant investment when they choose to adopt!

As the time for transport approaches, each dog is examined again by our veterinarian and if required tests are passed, receives a Health Certificate that certifies that it may be transferred across state lines. At that point, the transport is scheduled and a swarm of activity ensues. The dog has to be groomed (everyone deserves a spa day), all of the medical tasks are completely documented, copied for the partner rescue, and scanned into our systems. Then ID tags are made, collars are fitted, and volunteers are solicited to take the dogs to meet the transport. The meeting occurs at 5:00 am in North Little Rock which means that they leave HSV by 3:45 am! (big round of applause to our HUG drivers!). Though bittersweet, we know that

there is a family waiting that will love them, so hugs and kisses are doled out by our volunteers as they say goodbye one last time. In nearly every case a family has already paid their deposit to adopt a dog they have never met, and they are waiting for their pup to arrive to complete the adoption and take their new family member home. How awesome is that?!?!? Sometimes our adoption coordinators are lucky enough to get a picture or two from their new family. We post these pictures for our volunteers so that they can see how the pups are thriving in their new forever homes. One dog even has her own Instagram Page and we get to follow her new life on Instagram! (oh.miss.luna)

We bet you are wondering about costs. The partners that we work with do not charge us transport fees as they are passed on to the new family and included in the adoption fee. So everybody wins - most importantly the dog has a wonderful new home. We helped supply the demand and we freed up a space in our shelter for the next dog that needs our love, care, and advocacy!

You can see why our HUG program is so valuable, so successful, and quite frankly so necessary for AWL. We are proud to be a "no-kill" organization and without HUG our kennels would be constantly overflowing, we'd have to pay for boarding, (assuming we could find availability), and we simply could not maintain the no-kill status that all of us cherish so.

You can support this reach-out program with volunteer time as well as money. Contact Debe Jolliff at 915-2252 to find out how to help.

February Stats

Adoptions:
5 dogs, 33 cats
HUG transfers:
25 dogs
Spay/Neuter:
59 pets at Fountain
Lake clinic in February,
63 vouchers used in January



These two BFFs made noise at a front door until the 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, and now they are together forever in a home with special people.

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"Animals are reliable, many full of love, true in their affections, predictable in their actions, grateful and loyal. Difficult standards for people to live up to."
~ Alfred A. Montapert



Kitty lived with a 92-year-old woman who had to go to a nursing home. Since Kitty, who is about 7 years old, has been an only cat, she will do well in her new home where she will be about to get all of the lovin'. We are happy that she will now have a lap to keep warm.

Calendar Dates

Daily until end of March—AC Closed—Adoptions continue! Animal Control remains open.

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

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.

Petfinder Grant

AWL received a grant of \$1,000 from PetFinder for shelter operations! Thanks, PetFinder, for your support!

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 \$34,790.00.**

The February Champions drawing winner was Elaine Helfers 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.