



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

AWL Volunteers are Spectacular

Here's a shout-out to our volunteers, members, Animal Control Officers, and people in the community. All of our cats & kittens are in foster so we have none in the shelter, but adoptions are still going strong, and we are taking reservations for kittens. Some of our dogs are in foster, and our Dog Walker schedule for April is full to ensure that the few dogs that remain in the shelter get exercise and attention daily. We are of course still adopting dogs and puppies, too. The Animal Control Officers Claire and Salena also continue their regular schedule to respond to calls and care for the dogs at the shelter. Also, we have new volunteers pending orientation when we re-open. It is very busy at our recycle drop off, so people are continuing to contribute in spite of this crazy time.

These are all little things, but it's great to know good things are still happening at AWL!

Grants

Petco Foundation awarded AWL \$10,000 to cover any costs for adoptions. **Arkansas Community Foundation** awarded AWL two grants: \$500 for our education program and \$1,500 for our Spay/Neuter program. Thanks to both!

Hands-On Volunteers are Special

Those who give of themselves to personally care for and often foster pets waiting for their homes, especially now that we cannot house them in the shelter, are truly special.

Kitten season has arrived. We are starting to get quite a few new babies, some still need their mother and others need to be bottle fed by our wonderful foster, **Cheryl Schaefer. Nancy Jones** also rescued a couple of kittens from under a house, no mother to be found. They are so cute and too young to bottle feed, so Cheryl is switching them out on a nursing mother we have.

Besides fosters, Cat Cuddlers, who used to go to the Adoption Center to give cats lovin', are now going to our cat fosters to help with the socializing and cleaning.

We have fewer dogs, but our dog fosters and our dog walkers continue to devote themselves to the care and love of our dogs. **Julie Keck** is AWL's Dog Walker Coordinator and has helped us maintain a strong cadre of dog walker volunteers.

Our efforts would truly fall apart without all of the combined support from these special people. Pet lovers are indeed a special breed.

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



Daisy & Rosie recently lost the only home they had ever known when their person passed away. Both girls are very good girls and are house trained and leash trained. They are also great with other dogs and cats. A loving adopter opened her heart and home to these very sweet girls. They are now grateful to be together forever.

Facebook Helps Adoptions

Our Facebook page is growing because everyone is liking and sharing. We are starting to get adopters that say they saw the animal "on Facebook" and fell in love. 🐾🐾 AWL's Facebook page is Animal Welfare League HSV at <https://www.facebook.com/HSVAVL/>

Facebook Lost & Found Pets

Also, pets that are picked up by HSV Animal Control as strays are now posted on a new Facebook page: Hot Springs Village Animal Control at <https://www.facebook.com/Hot-Springs-Village-Animal-Control-110674730543333/>

Please refer friends and neighbors to this site if they lose their pet and tell them also to call HSV Animal Control at 922-6547.

A more nationwide search can be made on [Finding Rover](#) as mentioned in past Rescue Reports. We can all work together to reunite lost pets and their families.

Our Photographer Wins Awards

AWL's primary pet photographer is **Jennifer Kallas**, who clearly is talented in getting our dogs and cats to pose. Many of us have oohed and aahed over her glamor shots, like the one on this page of Penny.

Clearly, her lovely photos have helped our pets find forever homes. But that's not all.

Jennifer entered some of her prints in the HSV Camera Club's Print competition at the Woodlands in March. Her print of Penny took a 1st place, her Fox photo took 2nd, and another of a farm boy took 3rd place. She wrote, "I was pretty happy!" So are we—Congrats!

Elegant Penny will Light Up Your Home

Lovely and elegant Penny is such a great girl and we don't understand why she hasn't been adopted yet! She is very smart, sweet, and loves to give kisses. People, walks, balls, toys, car rides, and cuddling are some of Penny's favorite things. Penny is good with other dogs and kids and is crate trained and housetrained. She needs to be in a home without cats because she likes to chase them.

Penny has completed her heartworm treatment and she is ready to get back to a normal dog life. She would love to be in a home being loved by her new family as soon as possible.

Penny is a young, active girl and will need an active family because she needs plenty of exercise when she's well.

Penny is under 2 years old, a bull terrier mix, and is full grown at 54 pounds.

SO SEE A PENNY PICK IT UP - ALL DAY LONG YOU'LL HAVE GOOD LUCK.

Please call Shelley Shepherd at 501-625-9901 to discuss fostering or adopting Penny. You can also visit our website at www.hsvawl.org to fill out an application.



***"For me a house or apartment becomes a home when you add one set of four legs, a happy tail, and that indescribable measure of love we call a dog."
~ Roger Caras***

Adorable Kittens Are Here!

Kitten season is here. The time between March and October is generally when many litters of kittens are born and shelters become overwhelmed. HSVAWL is grateful for our foster homes which are currently taking care of over two dozen kittens of all ages. We are taking adoption reservations now on our website www.hsvawl.org. Just fill out the cat adoption application and put in the notes that you are interested in adopting kittens.

HSVAWL recommends that kittens be adopted in pairs, so they have a playmate, learn their manners, and grow up to be sweet cats. Of course, if your home already has a young cat or a friendly dog for them to play with, then that would be an exception. We want these kittens to have the best chance to find a good home and grow up happy.

Two adorable kittens:



Spay/Neuter Can Help Reduce Homeless Pets

Kittens and puppies are so cute, but AWL is committed to reducing the number of homeless pets.

Information from the Humane Society of the U.S.:

An unaltered female cat will go into heat every 3 weeks.

The average size of a litter is 4-6 kittens.

One mother cat have 2-3 litters per year producing as many as 18 kittens.

A female cat can begin having kittens at 4-5 months of age.

One unaltered female cat and her offspring can produce an estimated 420,000 cats in a seven-year period.

Kittens as young as two months and weighing two pounds can be safely altered.

HSVAWL has a successful spay/neuter program in place and organizes low cost clinics four times a year. We can also provide vouchers to pet owners in Garland and Saline Counties. Please check out our website for more information.

Now, About Dogs

If not spayed or neutered, a dog, her mate and their offspring could produce as many as 66,000 dogs within a span of six years.

From 50 Fascinating Facts About Dogs. Read the entire source [here](#).

Here is a sampling of other facts:

Contrary to popular belief, dogs don't see in monochrome. Dogs can see colors on the scale of blue and yellow.

Dogs can understand up to 250 words and gestures.

A dog's sense of smell is 10,000 to 100,000 times stronger than that of humans. Dogs can recognize the smell of a range of organic compounds, which often enables them to diagnose signs of diseases.

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

March Stats

Adoptions:

8 dogs, 15 cats

HUG transfers:

4 dogs

Spay/Neuter:

6,328 since 2007

Vouchers are still being given.



This darling pair came to us when the owner passed away. Jo & Mo have been together since they were kittens. How to tell them apart? The sister, Jo, has more yellow eyes and a rounded face. The brother, Mo, has more green eyes and more angular face. Jo and Mo are gentle and on the quiet side. They will surely be properly adored by their new mom.



*"And the fox said to the little prince: men have forgotten this truth, but you must not forget it. You become responsible, forever, for what you have tamed."
~ Antoine de Saint-Exupery*



Remington (now Simba) is a playful active puppy about 5-months-old. He found a family that will be committed to training him so he can learn good manners and be a well-adjusted, confident boy. He will also get a lot of activity and exercise that every puppy and active dog needs. He's a Labradoodle so is on track to be a large dog when full grown.

Calendar Dates

Daily until further notice—AC Closed—Adoptions continue! Animal Control remains open.

April 21 & 22—Mountain Pine Spay/Neuter Clinic Canceled

Wednesday, May 6—AWL Open House Canceled but will be rescheduled.

Stay Safe—Stay Home!

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.

Keeping Busy Hunkered Down at Home

Have you finished painting your rooms? Is your gardening done? Are you tired of looking at the computer screen? Then here's a project for you that will be a productive way to support our animals: Clean out your closets and garage to set aside items for our October "No Fleas" Flea Market! Just organize a spot to store them so that when we begin gathering for the market, you are more than ready. It's amazing that AWL makes substantial dollars from just your household items, plus you can come shop and replenish your closets! Isn't that a fun idea?

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 \$35,270.00.**

The March Champions drawing winner was Karen Spiekerman 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.