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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

Update on the Adoption Center

We hope this finds everyone healthy and safe. As you all know the adoption center is currently closed to all volunteers and the public. Some of the areas of the Village have begun to open to the public. We look forward to opening the Adoption Center but are waiting for input from the POA (aka Chief Middleton) for guidance on the date.

Kitten season is upon us and we have set up reservations for them to be adopted when they are old enough! The potential adopter fills out an on-line application then **Jill Jones or Nancy Jones** calls them and they are sent pictures of the kittens. A great idea that is working! The adult cats remain in foster until the center opens.

Most of the dogs are in foster care, and those that make their way over to the adoption center from animal control are being cared for by the ACO's (huge thanks to **Claire** and **Salena**)! The Dog Walkers have also done an outstanding job walking all the dogs. This is a very committed group lead by **Julie Keck** & they have not missed a beat during the pandemic- thanks so much for everyone's dedication to our pets!

Rescues Never Stop—We Will Keep Saving Them

But that takes not only lots of work, but money, too. What can you do to help?

1. Big fundraiser is canceled:

In light of the uncertainty of the virus situation, we have decided to cancel Girls Gotta Howl for 2020. We know many look forward to GGH, so we will postpone this event until next year and will inform all when a date is more certain. We will however, go ahead with the raffle, so buy those tickets when you receive them.

2. Shop at AmazonSmile:

If you register AWL as your charity with Amazon Smile, AWL gets donations at no cost to you. Go to smile.amazon.com and select Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League before you begin shopping. Every eligible purchase will result in a donation.

3. Shop at iGive:

Go to www.igive.com, sign up, and choose Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League. Over 1,700 online stores donate a percentage of your purchase to attract your business.

4. Use Kroger Community Rewards:
Go to krogercommunityrewards.com and register your Kroger Plus card. Then link your card to community rewards, choosing HSVAWL.

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.

Support Angel Fund

Angel Fund provides financial aid for emergency vet care to pet owners who cannot afford necessary veterinary care. The fund has been receiving increasing requests because of our prominent spay/neuter effort and our work with the community animals. The Board of Directors does not want this ability to help the community to dissolve because of lack of funds, so please donate. You can donate securely online at our website and specify Angel Fund, or any other specific fund. All donations are greatly appreciated by the local community.

Lost or Found Pets

Did you lose your pet, or did you find a stray? Go to our pet help [here](#) to learn how to get help. Not only can you get help in HSV in most cases, but you can see how to expand the coverage outside the Village. These two sites have had good results:

[Finding Rover](#)'s animal facial recognition technology makes it a snap to protect your dog and cat!

The [Arkansas Lost & Found Pet Network](#) is available to anyone who has lost or who has rescued a pet in Arkansas.

In addition, you can post on neighborhood Facebook groups to spread your reach.

The most important tip for finding your pet is to act immediately!

"A cat purring on your lap is more healing than any drug in the world, as the vibrations you are receiving are of pure love and contentment."

~ St. Francis of Assisi

In the Spotlight

Cute, sweet, and spunky describes Cubby perfectly. He is a fun little dog that loves people and other dogs. We think he has also lived with cats but that would need to be tested. Cubby is playful and adventurous and would love an active family for his very own. He would be a great walking or running buddy. He was rescued from an extreme hoarding situation and is really a remarkable little dog. Cubby is a 2-3 year old basenji mix and a perfect size at 21 pounds. Cubby is waiting to meet his forever family!



This fluffy calico girl has orange and dark brown all over her white fur. We just had to name her Reeses—not sorry! She is sweet as can be too! Reeses likes brushing almost as much as playtime, and with her long hair this is a good thing. If you're petting her and she rolls over for a belly rub, that's a good thing too. She's good with dogs, but is not fond of active young children. Adopt Reeses and add a little sweetness to your life, and you won't be sorry.



Adopting an Adult Shelter Dog or Cat

Adopting a dog or cat from a shelter quite literally saves a life. Adopting from a no-kill shelter frees up space for another deserving dog waiting for a forever home, or for an older or special needs pet who may not find a new family before the end of his natural life.

Every pet not purchased from a pet store or backyard breeder is a vote against irresponsible breeding for profit. When the demand for puppy mill and other inhumanely bred dogs dries up, mill operators and other reckless puppy suppliers will be forced to find other “hobbies.”

There are many adult dogs & cats at most shelters. They come in both genders, and every shape, size, coat color and breed mix. If you're looking for a purebred dog, make sure to check both your local shelters and breed rescue organizations.

If you can't find the pet you're looking for locally, consider widening your search. This is easy to do with online services like Petfinder. If you locate an adoptable dog that might be a good match in a shelter outside your area, contact the shelter to see if they do non-local adoptions and what transport arrangements are available.

Most shelters charge a **nominal fee to adopt a pet — a fee that is quite a bit less than you'll pay to a breeder or pet store.** That will leave you with some extra cash for essential supplies and a few goodies for your new canine pal. Also, don't forget to set a little money aside for that all-important first wellness visit to your pet's new veterinarian.

When you adopt an adult, what you see is what you get in terms of size, coat color, and basic temperament. She might already be house trained and know basic obedience commands like sit, stay, and down.

Many shelters and rescue groups do assessments on each animal they take in to determine things like temperament, whether the dog is good with other pets and children, whether she's house trained, obedience trained, etc. Another benefit for adoptive families is that many of these organizations also have resources available to train pets and help owners deal with a new dog's behavioral or emotional issues.

If you have kids, and especially if the new pet will belong to a child, adopting a shelter animal can open a young person's eyes to the plight of homeless pets. It can also help him learn compassion and responsibility, as well as how wonderful it feels to provide a forever home to a pet that might otherwise live life in a cage or be euthanized.

An adult adopted pet can make a wonderful companion for an older person. Many middle-aged and senior pets require less physical exertion and attention than younger animals.

Adopted pets can enrich your life in ways big and small. The unconditional love and acceptance of a dog or cat can lift depression, ease loneliness, lower blood pressure, and give you a reason to get up in the morning.

Source click [here](#).

“All his life he tried to be a good person. Many times, however, he failed. For after all, he was only a human. He wasn't a dog.”
~ Charles M. Schulz

April Stats

Adoptions:

9 dogs, 15 cats

HUG transfers:

3 dogs

Spay/Neuter:

6,394 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.



"It's funny how dogs and cats know the inside of folks better than other folks do, isn't it?"
~Eleanor H. Porter



Rock (now Major) was found as a stray with another dog. Because of his sweet, friendly nature, we were sure he was someone's loved pet and they would come looking for him but that didn't happen. He knows "sit" and "shake" and is calm and friendly. He loves to retrieve a ball and is good with older kids. He will be a great addition to the lucky family that adopts him. He has a beautiful coat of a mahogany color. He is a Lab mix at about 1.5 years old and weighs 60 pounds. He found his forever home!

Calendar Dates

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

August 25 & 26—Paron Spay/Neuter Clinic

Wednesday, September 30, 10:00-2:00. Coronado Community Fair re-scheduled date.

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 \$37,750.00.**

The April Champions drawing winner was Deborah King who won \$480. 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.