



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

Update on the Adoption Center

The adoption center remains closed to the public but the volunteers are in the center caring for the animals while maintaining social distance and wearing masks. Adoptions for the cats and dogs remain by appointment and are doing well!

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.

AWL adopted out 10 dogs and 26 cats in May, along with the HUG transfer of 7 dogs to new homes outside the Village. Kudos to **Nancy Jones, Jill Jones, & Shelley Shepherd** for their tireless efforts to adopt out these lovable pets.

Susan Luse, a retired nurse and AWL's liaison with our vets, is now having Tuesday Vet Days at the shelter. One of our Waggin' Wheel vets comes there to perform basic intake on numerous dogs and cats. This greatly facilitates the entry of strays into our adoption process since they are checked, treated, and sterilized so they are ready for a new home!

Thanks to Claire Jones for Her Dedicated Animal Care

Claire, our longest serving Animal Control Officer, is known for her love of the animals that come into the shelter. She has become well respected and loved by our volunteers, as well as the Village community.

Claire submitted her letter of resignation to the POA and will be taking another position outside of the Village. Though we are all sad to see her go, we are happy that the move will give her an opportunity to advance. On Wednesday, June 17th, AWL hosted a going away celebration at the Adoption Center with individual cupcakes and many congratulations.

Claire's last workday is Saturday, June 20th, and Salena will be working alone. However, our volunteers step up to help with the duties.

Two Nice Grants

The Arkansas Animal Rescue Fdn. granted AWL \$15,000 to use in any way to for all animal care for our homeless pets! That's a colossal grant and greatly appreciated.

The Arkansas Community Foundation granted AWL \$500 to help fund the Kind News. AWL provides Kind News for all 1-6 grades in area schools to promote kindness to all animals.

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



Samantha, a senior 12-year-old gorgeous girl, was surrendered when her owner went to a skilled nursing home. Samantha came out of her cubby to greet people, hoping for a new forever home. Well, she got it, and we hope she is settling in and loving her new "digs."

Non-Monetary Donations

AWL exists because of the generosity of our members and others in the community. Please review this list of the non-monetary donations we can or cannot accept (AWL always welcomes monetary donations!).

What We Can Accept:

towels, wash cloths, hand towels
bath mats or throw rugs (rubber backing ones are given to Spay and Neuter to use)

bedding in good condition (can be used at No Fleas flea market)

folding small, medium, large crates
plastic crates

dog/cat food or treats- open or unopened

any animal medication that is labeled with type of medication and not expired

toys in good condition

collars, harnesses, leashes

decorator pillows (can be used at No Fleas flea market)

What We Cannot Accept:

any crate that does not fold

crates that are X-large

carpeted cat climbers (unless new)

human pillows

blankets with stuffing

quilts

We have very limited storage so if the item(s) is a household item that can be used at the No Fleas flea market and hope you can hold on to it until we have the next flea market. There is a sign in the office on the wall that lists most of the items we cannot accept, too.

***"What greater gift than the love of a cat?"
~ Charles Dickens***

In the Spotlight

Rose is lovely like the flower.

She was a scared stray, but now is a

happy, crate-

trained, &

house-trained

thanks to her

foster family.

She is a spayed

female, 1-year-

old tan/white

terrier mix, and

a perfect size for a family and life on a

sofa or on walks. Rose is a medium size

25 lb. girl, just waiting to meet her for-

ever family!

White with a long black tail and

bangs swept over

her right eye make

her a real Beauty.

This petite and

gentle cat seems to

get along with eve-

ryone: cats, dogs,

people Beauty was

brought to us with her son Gator when

their owner could no longer care for

them. She likes to play with dangle

wands and bat the stuffed mouse

around. Beauty is now looking for a

place to call home and a family to call

her own.

Finding Baby Wildlife

What to do??? First, determine

if it really needs help. Many are left

alone by moms to avoid attracting

predators. Here are more tips, includ-

ing species-specific tips that are even

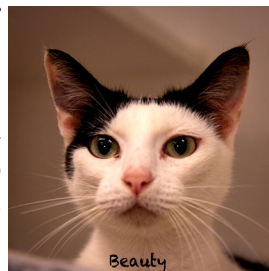
more helpful here in the Village: birds,

deer, rabbits, reptiles, and squirrels.

National Wildlife Federation published

[this blog](#) to help you decide what to do,

so please click, read, and follow.



How to Avoid Stressing Out Your Dog

1. Don't punish him/her for being a dog — Your canine BFF is a creature of opportunity, and when you give her opportunities to "misbehave" by leaving irresistible items within her reach, she'll take advantage.

2. Don't tell him/her "no" without offering an alternative — If your dog is doing something he shouldn't, telling him "no" will probably cause him to stop the behavior temporarily. But saying no to a dog without offering an alternative turns your "no" into a mere interruption, not a request or command.

3. Don't use different words for the same command — Train your dog to respond to simple, preferably single-word commands (sit, stay, come, down, pee, poop, etc.) and then use those words, and only those words, to communicate.

4. Don't say the words "it's okay" to your dog — Many dog guardians tend to say this phrase to their pet when something decidedly not okay is about to happen. For example, you're driving your dog to the groomer, which is a place he loathes. You've driven him there often enough that as always, he starts to whine.

5. Don't pull him/her along by her leash — Dogs who've been properly trained to walk on a leash don't typically do a lot of pulling, so if you feel the need to constantly yank the leash to redirect your pup, it's probably time to refresh her leash manners. Be understanding and tolerant and allow your furry friend a reasonable amount of time to sniff outdoor territory and pick up pee-mail without yanking.

6. Don't restrain him/her while you hug or kiss him — Canines really don't get these human expressions of affection and can be confused by them — especially when the hugger or kisser is a stranger.

7. Don't stare at him/her — Most people are uncomfortable being stared at by other people, so it's easy to imagine how unsettling it might be for your dog. The canine species views staring as a confrontational signal, which naturally triggers a stress response.

8. Don't point or shake your finger at your dog — The finger pointing/shaking thing is a universal stress inducer for dogs (and many humans).

9. Don't use the phrase "get down" when he/she jumps up — Train your pet to stop jumping with the verbal command "off" or "paws on floor" instead.

10. Don't wake up your dog — Unless there's a pressing reason to awaken your four-legged family member from a nice snooze, try to avoid it.

Read the full article [here](#). It also includes how to calm a stressed dog.

Socializing Puppies & Kittens

This article explains the best time to socialize them. Dr. Becker writes, "Appropriate early socialization sets the stage for balanced behaviors and a well-adjusted pet years down the road and ongoing, strategic socialization throughout the animal's first year of life should be every pet owner's goal. Read it [here](#)."

*"I had given orders which brought death to thousands. Yet here I was stirred, profoundly stirred, stirred to tears. And by what? By the grief of one dog."
~ Napoleon Bonaparte*

May Stats

Adoptions:

10 dogs, 26 cats

HUG transfers:

7 dogs

Spay/Neuter:

6.481 since 2007

Vouchers are still being given.



This darling fluffy Shih Tzu was surrendered when his owner realized he didn't have the time to devote to him. This little guy certainly deserves lots of loving, and we think he's got it now! Congrats, Twix, though now you are called Finn, we know you will adapt well to the good life.

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“Not to hurt our humble brethren is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission – to be of service to them whenever they require it.” ~ St. Francis of Assisi



Reeses, a gorgeous vivid calico who was featured in last month's Rescue Report, found her forever home! She promises to bring sweetness to her new home and we know she'll be so cuddly and affectionate. Hooray for her and her new family.

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.

Help Wanted

Generous volunteers haul the aluminum cans donated at the shelter to the dumpster on Minorca. Now we need you help if you have a pickup. With one of our truckers/haulers moving, we need a truck to haul our aluminum cans from the bin by shelter over to the yellow dumpster labeled AWL. This would be only 4 times a year and we need one to start week of Sept. 28, then start up again in 2021. It takes about 3 trips. People choose the day they want for hauling. We make about \$5,000 a year! Please call Sue Fisher 922-5690, if you can help!

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 \$36, 220.00.**

The May Champions drawing winner was Pam Galuska who won \$470. 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.