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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

Girls Gotta Howl Update

We hope you know by now that AWL has had to cancel the ever popular Girls Gotta Howl event because of the need to avoid large indoor gatherings. However, AWL will be mailing raffle tickets that we normally send in conjunction with the GGH information.

This raffle yields much needed funds to cover our basic care for rescued pets and vet care to ready them for adoption to loving homes. In fact, proceeds pay for Total Shelter Operations expenses, which were \$102,749.49 in 2019. This includes food and medical care and the cost of adoptions.

It's obvious how important this effort is to AWL's ability to help the homeless animals. It is especially critical now that AWL cannot hold large fundraisers. Please watch for the letter and raffle tickets and do your part to save them all.

Update on the Adoption Center

The AC remains closed to the public, but volunteers are coming in to help with the care, dog walking, and cat cuddling. AWL will continue to evaluate when we can open to the public, but our adoption coordinators are adopting by appointment! Pets are finding forever homes!

Puppy Patrol to the Rescue

AWL's kittens are constantly handled, loved, petted, and doted upon. That's why they are all so ready to be loving pets in homes. It takes that socialization provided by our volunteers and our amazing fosters.

However, young puppies also need this human contact and socialization to life with humans. **Shelley Shepherd & Nancy Wagner** have organized a group of volunteers to work with our young puppies to instill in them an eagerness to try new things and not be fearful of new situation.

Puppies go through a critical socialization period from 6 to 16 weeks of age that will dramatically impact their behavior for the rest of their lives. Whatever puppies see at this age, they will consider a normal part of life as adults. For a well-socialized puppy, new things are all a normal part of the world around them.

BUT beyond 16 weeks, new things, which before were accepted with cheerful curiosity and a wagging tail, are now met with suspicion.

So nothing "bad" has to happen at all. A simple lack of exposure at the right time can cause an adult dog to be unable to cope with normal life.

Read more here: <http://www.drjensdogblog.com/socializing-your-puppy-why-later-is-too-late/>

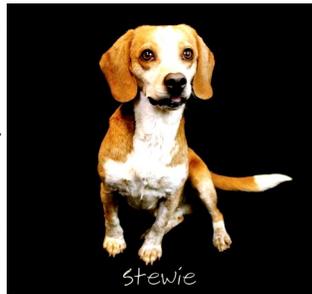
Our dedicated volunteers are amazing. Join us as we work to Save Them All. Help Us Help Them!



Anna and Kristoff are named after characters in the movie "Frozen" by a little girl that helped them find their way to our shelter. These two precious little ones were saved from the side of the road along a mailman's route and taken to a local business for help. Anna and Kristoff are ready to complete their fairy tale story together in their new furever home!

Pedigree Grant Successes

A beagle found running loose and hungry, Stewie was cured of his heartworms and adopted. Sadly, Stewie was returned after only 18 months. His adopters no longer wanted the commitment of having a dog. Stewie was returned with "cherry eye" and the surgery to remove it was successful.



Then he developed eye ulcers that would not heal, even after months of medications and several procedures. Stewie was taken to an eye specialist who performed burr removal keratotomy and inserted a new lens. If not for Pedigree grant monies Stewie would not have received this specialized treatment that has allowed his eye to completely heal. Stewie is now healthy and enjoying life.

Daisy came to us when her owner passed away. A Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, eight years old, Daisy had severe tartar and gingivitis along with an ear infection. We were able to clear up her ear infection so that she could undergo a thorough dental cleaning. Grant monies from Pedigree allowed us to have her teeth and gums cleaned thoroughly, including removal of several bad teeth. Daisy is more playful now that her teeth don't hurt. Her new owners think she has a million dollar smile and we agree.



In the Spotlight for Adoption

Peaches & Sunshine are a loving duo. They provide emotional support for each other, so that when Peaches was out on trial adoption, she constantly looked for Sunshine. Their



Peaches

owner passed away, but they enjoyed playing with her grandkids, so they should be adaptable, and they are friendly & loving.



Adabelle

was found in neglected shape, but after much vet care, proper food, and caring attention, she is a happy, playful dog. She loves to play fetch, go on walks, and hang out with her people. Adabelle will make a great family dog, and at 8 years, is a fully mature shepherd mix. At 54 pounds, she is a perfect medium size family addition, so come meet her for your next love.



*"As anyone who has ever been around a cat for any length of time well knows, cats have enormous patience with the limitations of the human kind."
~ Cleveland Amory*

Hugo's Happy Adoption After 711 Days

Hugo became a beloved pet during all of those days, by dog and cat lovers alike. After this news spread, many volunteers offered cheers and good wishes. Here's his story:

The Animal Control Officer Claire Jones had been trying to catch a fearful stray for a week. On June 23, 2018, she received a call that "Hugo" was sighted. She lured him into the homeowner's garage with her lunch, cheeseburgers. Although terrified as she leashed him, Hugo never tried to bite her.

He was in terrible condition, physically and emotionally. Demodex mange and a horrible yeast infection left very little hair on his body. He had heartworms and Ehrlichia Canis (tick disease) among other ailments and was also very underweight at only 53 pounds. He was forlorn and afraid of human touch, loud noises, and just about everything.

The Animal Welfare League took Hugo for adoption, and his hair grew back, he was neutered, and he endured the awful, painful heartworm treatment. He recovered and achieved a healthy weight of 72 pounds and warmed to familiar people, too. Although he might escape at times, he would never go far because the shelter had become his "home," and cheeseburgers could lure him back.

Hugo was loved dearly and cared for by the Animal Welfare League shelter

volunteers who helped him evolve into the happy, wonderful dog that he was meant to be. Although Hugo never seemed unhappy at the shelter, he needed a family of his very own.

Even with numerous inquiries, the right adopter had not come along.

A couple, both dog walkers, decided to foster him - they had a senior rescue dog that would be a great companion and wanted to give Hugo a temporary home. The AWL adoption coordinator asked what Hugo needed to help her adopt him. When faced with the realization that he could find another home, they decided to adopt Hugo. "He's very comfortable with us and there is no reason to upset his life again." Hugo's story ends so perfectly with a family of his very own that just couldn't let him go.

A perfect ending for a dog that is loved by the many volunteers that helped him come out of his fearful shell and become the truly wonderful dog that he is today!

Hugo & Randall with adopters Gerry & Bill Rosta:



If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons.
~ James Thurber

June Stats

Adoptions:

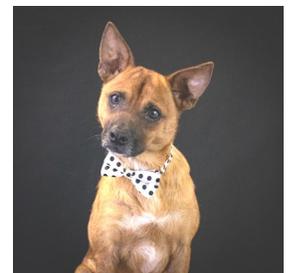
8 dogs, 17 cats

HUG transfers:

7 dogs

Spay/Neuter:

Vouchers are still being given.



Cute, sweet, and spunky describes Cubby perfectly. He is a fun little dog that loves people, most other dogs, and is fine with cats too. His main priority is to just play and have fun. He was rescued from an extreme hoarding situation and is really a remarkable little dog. AWL is so happy he has found a loving home!



*"If a man aspires towards a righteous life, his first act of abstinence is from injury to animals."
~ Albert Einstein*



This friendly guy was hanging around a house so a nice lady fed him. She thought Mainard had to belong to someone, so she brought him to us. Because no one claimed him, he was adoptable. Mainard likes brushing, attention, and also likes to hold conversations with his people, punctuated with a head rub for sincerity. Mainard likes to cuddle and share the pillow at night. As a true C-A-T (Cuddly-Adorable-Talkative) Mainard found a true friend,

Calendar Dates

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

August 25 & 26—Paron Spay/Neuter Clinic CANCELED! Vouchers are still being given.

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

Work from home! The spay/neuter program needs a computer proficient person to enter information on-line and print documents. Must be able to use Microsoft Excel and Mail Merge. Laptop, all supplies, and training provided. Call Angela Nickols @ 915-0832 or Debe Joliff @ 915-2252.

Help for our No-Fleas Flea Market: One position which needs to be filled is sorting donations prior to the flea market. You can get a sneak preview of the merchandise available, so help AWL in this important role. Call Melanie @ 226-3220 for more information.

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 \$36,690.00.**

The June Champions drawing winner was Eric Blohm who won \$470 & donated \$200 to AWL. 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.