



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.

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Shopping Amazon for AWL

Please shop at AmazonSmile this season. This is the email I received because AWL is my charity:

“This is the quarterly AmazonSmile notification to inform you that the charity you’ve selected, Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League, recently received a donation of \$200.32, at no cost to you.

“Thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile turned on in the Amazon shopping app, everyday purchases generated over \$236 million in donations to charities worldwide so far. AmazonSmile's impact: **\$2,152.35 to Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League.**”

All you need to do is to go to smile.amazon.com and select Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League as your charity. From then on, whatever you purchase, if applicable, will yield money for AWL at no cost to you. That’s it!!!

Adoption Center Update

The upgrades are almost complete, and AWL will yell “Hooray!” once it is complete. Remember, the Adoption Center remains closed to the public, but adoptions are speeding along by appointment only.

Spay & Neuter Successes

Breaking News! Angela Nickols, our Spay/Neuter organizer and chair, wrote this comment after getting statistics from **Julia Pires** who tracks our S/N numbers: “We rock!!! And this is sure to be our highest year ever! Great work by us and our wonderful vets!”

Her response came after seeing that AWL, along with the **Ozark Mountain Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinics, Waggin Wheel Vet, and Kelly Vet**, have spayed or neutered 16 more pets than last year, even during a pandemic, and this does not even count the complete December numbers! The numbers will increase for 2020!

Amazing efforts by all who help during the clinics and those volunteers who connect others to vets with vouchers. AWL helps the entire community.

Grand total today from 2007 is 7,089 dogs & cats! Wow!

“We must protect the forests for our children, grandchildren, and children yet to be born. We must protect the forests for those who can’t speak for themselves such as the birds, animals, fish and trees.”
 ~ Chief Qwatsinas (Edward Moody)

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



Born at the shelter to a great cat, we think Stella (now CoCo) is a lot like her Mom. Cute as a kitten, Stella has grown into a lovely cat. She also looks very much like her brother, Rio (now Ricco). You might even call them fluffy bookends. Very curious and active, Stella doesn't let her brother push her around. They play together, nap together and sometimes meow together. They came back to us when their family had to move and couldn't keep them. So glad this bonded pair now have a home together.

Message About Recycling

We want to thank all of our Village aluminum can recyclers and truck haulers that pick up from our sites.

Even with Covid raging, and some Village restaurants, churches, and golf courses under restrictions, we have netted about \$3500. (Not counting December yet).

TGR (Recycling Center in Hot Springs) picks up our cans, sells them at whatever the going rate by the pound is and sends a check for that month.

Please tell your neighbors to save their alum. cans, bag them, and take them to drop off sites at shelter or big yellow bin at the Minorca Rd. HSV Sanitation Facility. We also recycle inkjet printer cartridges that can be dropped off at Adoption Center at the shelter.

Thanks for helping our Village animals!! Happy 2021! [Message from **Sue Fisher**, coordinator of recycling since 2003!]

Happy Dog Donation

One of our volunteers & adopters **Julie Keck** reported a unique gift.

Bill Serritella (in picture with puppy Jasmine) made the AWL this wooden toy box for our dog pen.

Bill is a woodworker and used his skills (and paid for the supplies). It is really nice and will help to "contain" all the dog toys! Thank you Bill!!!



There are few things in life more heartwarming than to be welcomed by a cat.
~Tay Hohoff

In the Spotlight for Adoption

Little **Shima** has a story to tell. She was wandering, lost, when a nice man rescued her. Shima got along with the

older cats that lived at the man's house. Sometimes the older cats would chase the ball, or nap with her. Then the nice man

had to find a new place to live and so does Shima. If you want a kitten that purrs and talks, or snuggles, or plays, or does ALL this, then look no further. Give Shima a happy ending to her story by giving her a new place to live, a home with people that she can love on.

Look at this handsome guy! **Ricky** lost his home when his family moved, and he had been with them since he was a puppy so we know this must be hard for him. We promised him we would find him a new family soon that will be committed to him forever. He is good with kids, cats, and other dogs. Kids over 5 would be best since he not so sure about the

really young ones. He is housetrained and crate trained. There is not much more you could want in a family pet. Ricky is just over 3 years old, a lab mix and weighs 59 pounds.

Call Nancy Jones about cats at 922-6444; contact Shelley Shepherd about dogs at 591-625-9901. AWL has the furry friends to fill your heart!



Happy Tails

Sunshine & Peaches have a new home. Their mom wrote this:

“Sunshine and Peaches, renamed Pumpkin (Because he's orange and as big around as one) and Cookie. They fit right in around here! Our other cats are accepting them pretty well. Pumpkin loves to "help" me study by lying on my notes to keep them from flying away. He does however sit in the window a lot, and he growls every time the neighbor comes outside or there's another person walking by. He is quite the guard cat! Cookie was a little more independent at first but she is starting to love lap cuddles too. They both

LOVE lying under the Christmas tree and chasing the laser. They are such wonderful cats, can't believe they weren't adopted sooner. We love them and we know they are in their forever home. We think they know it too!”



Angel wandered the streets as a stray for many months until the AWL took her in. After treating her heartworms and other medical issues and getting her back to good health, she finally has a family of her own to love her, keep her safe, and take care of her. It will truly be a great Christmas for sweet Angel, thanks to the wonderful welcome from her new family!



Is It Too Cold to Walk Your Dog? – A Talk with a Vet (Article Partly Reprinted)

“Some dogs are better suited to withstand cold weather ... while others are very susceptible to drops in temperatures,” Dr. Rivera told The Dodo.

Breeds like Akitas, huskies or Bernese mountain dogs all have pretty thick coats, and probably don't need extra protection in the winter. But if your dog has a thinner coat — or barely any coat at all — one of the most important things to do is check the temperature.

According to Dr. Rivera, you should bundle up your cold-intolerant dogs (which include breeds like greyhounds and Chihuahuas) when the temperature dips **below 45 degrees Fahrenheit.**

Is Your Dog Too Cold?

The cold weather can affect your dog by irritating his paws thanks to the salt, snow and ice. If your dog is too cold or uncomfortable, he could show these signs: Shivering or shaking, whining or barking, licking paws, and other signs.

Tips for Cold Weather Walking

Keep those walks short and sweet. But if you're going to be out in the cold a little longer, or if your dog's fur is on the thinner side, Dr. Rivera recommends investing in winter apparel for your pup. “Decking your dog out with cold weather gear such as boots or coats may be a good idea, especially if your dog has a thin coat or is a thin dog with little insulation to protect from the elements,” he said.

Read the article [here](#).

*“My goal in life is to be the kind of person my dog thinks I am.”
~ Paul Dunn*

November Stats

Adoptions:
6 dogs, 20 cats
HUG transfers:
6 dogs
Spay/Neuter:
99 vouchers used in October! 79 cats and dogs spayed and neutered at the Paron clinic!
Grand total is now 7,020.



The first thing that comes to mind about Celeste (now Nova) is SWEET! This social butterfly loves everyone she meets and knows how to work a room making sure to soak up of lots of attention from every single person there. Since she is just a year old, she is very playful and just wants to please. She is possibly a Great Pyrenees mix but she is really small at 41 pounds and shouldn't get much bigger. Celeste will bring lots of joy to her new family and steal their hearts from the get-go.

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*"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals."
~ Immanuel Kant*



Ariel is a gorgeous lilac Tortie, and her lucky litter of kittens was born the morning a hurricane made landfall. They are lucky because someone found Ariel and kept her safe before the heavy rain came down. She was a great mother and now has a great new forever home.

Calendar Dates

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

Christmas, Hanukkah, New Year's Eve, and New Year 2021—Stay safe and fill your holidays with warm wishes to loved ones. Please be careful to wear a mask and avoid large gatherings to ensure everyone's future health and safety. Let's hope for a better, more healthy 2021!

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 donate and exercise in the Village at the same time!

If you are planning to do online holiday shopping, please consider helping the HSV Animal Welfare League by using **Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com)** and designating **Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League** as your receiving charity.

Help Wanted

AWL also needs a volunteer to provide computer technical assistance at the Adoption Center. If interested or for questions contact Debe Jolliff #501-915-2252 or debe3@att.net.

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 AWL proceeds to date are \$39,040.00.**

The November Champions drawing winner was **Julie Keck** who won \$475, donating \$100 to AWL & \$120 for Champions. 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.