

HSV Animal Welfare League

November 2021

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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

November Election Results

AWL received ballots, and all candidates were elected with an equal number of positive votes cast. Clearly, our membership supports this new Board.

Here are the new/returning BOD members who were up for election:

Place 5 – At-Large – Beverly **Fitzpatrick**

Place 6 – 2nd VP – Jill Jones

Place 7 – Secretary – **Janene Howell**

Place 8 – At-Large – Mel Marshall

Place 9 – At-Large -Sandie Rickerman

Place 10 - At-Large -**Rose Johnson**

As a director on the BOD, a commitment to serve is required, as the AWL Board is not a purely honorary position. All Board members take active participation in our activities and planning. AWL looks forward to having our new Board members to add their vision and expertise to our vibrant, life-saving nonprofit.

All of these officers and directors will take office in January 2022. AWL thanks all members who considered the ballot and submitted their votes. We can only save them all with your support!

Spay/Neuter Update

Four mobile spay/neuter clinics and one shot/testing clinic were held in following 2021 COVID protocol. Locations were Fountain Lake Volunteer Fire Station (VFS), Crows VFS, Mountain Pine VFS, and Paron Community Center. Through September, 339 cats & dogs were sterilized at the mobile clinics and 348 with vouchers at Waggin' Wheel and Kelly Vet Clinic. The final mobile clinic of the year was in November with 100 animals sterilized and 33 previously sterilized animals receiving their vaccinations. The grand total through Septem-

ber 2021 was 7,857. 2022 clinics: March 28 & 29 Crows **Mountain Pine** May 16 & 17 Sept. 12 & 13 Paron Nov. 14 & 15 Fountain Lake

Blessing of the Animals

We are very grateful to the St. Francis Chapter of the Daughters of the King from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Their annual Blessing of the Animals on October 4th raised over \$1,000 to support our programs. President Linda Shay presented the generous check to AWL (photo on AWL website). Holy Trinity celebrates this annually in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

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Calendar Dates

<u>Daily until further notice</u>—AC Closed— Adoptions continue! Animal Control remains open.

Thanks! We asked for another truck driver to pick up cans for recycling, and Sue Fisher, who coordinates our helpers, received a volunteer almost immediately. What great volunteers we have!



Give from AWL Wish List

AWL has a Wish List on Amazon, so if you are thinking of donating to the pets who are in our care, please donate from this list. These are specific items that AWL has decided are beneficial for the care and well being of our cats and dogs, from food to chew toys. Click on this **link** to see the list. We hope you find items you want to donate—our pets will be grateful!

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!

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 are not used for the care 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 \$44,200.00.**

The October Champions winner was Elaine Helfers who won \$470.00. 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.

"Animals are the bridge between us and the beauty of all that is natural. They show us what's missing in our lives, and how to love ourselves more completely and unconditionally. They connect us back to who we are, and to the purpose of why we're here." — Trisha McCagh