



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

End of 2020 Message from Our AWL President

The Animal Welfare League has accomplished many wonderful projects for our animals, despite the challenges presented by the pandemic. We have launched two new programs for the dogs: an enrichment program and a puppy program. We have also worked very hard to improve the physical condition of the animal shelter building.

Animals in the shelter environment need socialization and enrichment activities to give them their best opportunity for adoption. We started our cat cuddling program several years ago and have observed great success with helping the cats become highly adoptable pets. We decided it was time to do the same for the dogs.

Our volunteers are making sure the dogs have toys and peanut butter filled Kongs to keep them occupied during their time in their kennel. Our dog walkers have new "play equipment" to allow the dogs to climb and play on. The equipment purchase was made possible by the generous donations of two of our wonderful volunteers. We are already seeing how much these efforts are contributing to help these dogs become great family members.

Puppies present many challenges because of their underdeveloped immune systems. But, puppies learn so much during their first few months of life. The Puppy Patrol was established to socialize our puppies and guide them in constructive play time. Dedicated volunteers have been trained in the special infection control procedures needed to interact with puppies at a very young age. These volunteers come every day to help these puppies learn to be great family pets.

The Animal Welfare League started the renovation of the interior of the Adoption Center late 2019. I'm happy to report that the interior renovation has been completed. We have new floors, paint, and cabinets. All mold has been removed and water-resistant materials have replaced the vinyl siding and rusted metal siding that was on the interior walls. The interior looks wonderful!

We have recently started to improve the exterior of the building. New metal siding has replaced all of the rusted-out metal siding. The next step will be to have the exterior painted, which we hope to accomplish this year.

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



Cher



Matilda

Bouncy, healthy, happy. That says it all about lovely kitten tuxedo Cher. Also, at her age, there are many firsts for Matilda (7 months). She found a family; but, they were allergic to cats. She found us; but, she didn't know how to play with someone her age. She has gotten it together now! Cute as a button and sweet as can be. Both were adopted together so they can play and keep each other happy with their new family.

Message from President Cont'd

Funds for these improvements have come from grants, bequests and donations directed to this project.

This year in 2021, the Animal Welfare League will celebrate its 30th Anniversary! We hope to be able to have a Grand Open House to celebrate all of our wonderful volunteers and the great work that they do for our precious animals and showcase our new and improved Shelter building.

Note from the Rescue Report: All of us at AWL who love animals can be proud of what AWL has accomplished to save these pets and those who love them. Thanks to Sue Luse for her review of our accomplishments, and thanks to all members and others who support our work.

No-Kill by 2025 in US

What a huge goal this is, but it is the goal of Best Friends Animal Society. As a member of the Best Friends No More Homeless Pets Network, AWL is committed to the No-Kill philosophy and follow their guidelines.

The following was copied from the Best Friends website:

“No-kill is defined as saving every dog and cat in a shelter who can be saved. It means healing the animals who can be healed, treating behaviors that can be treated, and prioritizing safety and a high quality of life for both pets and people in our communities.

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"I love cats because I enjoy my home; and little by little, they become its visible soul."

~ Jean Cocteau

In the Spotlight for Adoption

Rocky & Sirkus have spent their whole lives together though they are not siblings. When one owner passed on, and the other went to assisted living, they came to AWL. While they are seniors, they are both very healthy and just



need some special food. They are both front paw de-clawed, friendly, gentle, and playful. If you are lucky enough to

adopt Rocky & Sirkus, they will give back twice the love.

Beautiful **Angel** is a Catahoula leopard/Australian shepherd mix who was found as a stray. She is playful and likes people and enjoys her walks.

She is active so would love an active adopter, and a fenced yard would be great also. Angel has a seizure disorder



and will probably always need the medication to keep that under control—she qualifies for AWL's Special Paws program. She is sweet and would be a great family dog.

Call Nancy Jones about cats at 501-922-6444; contact Shelley Shepherd about dogs at 501-625-9901. AWL has the furry friends to fill your heart!

Happy Tails

Shabba is a young tabby who is part Japanese bobtail, which is what attracted his adopters. They were looking for a Japanese bobtail, and even though they had to travel to AWL from Kansas City, they were determined to come get him and take him to his new forever home. [AWL does adopt to qualified adopters in other cities and states!]



Shabba

Even at his young age, **Barry** has already lost 2 homes. He was abandoned when his family moved away and left him. Luckily, a neighborhood family took him in but he was once again



homeless when that family moved to a house that didn't accommodate dogs! Now he has a family that will love



him forever. He is living happily with his new family and has a big backyard to play in.

No-Kill by 2025 in US [Cont'd]

“It means reducing the number of animals entering shelters through spay/neuter education and services and increasing the number of animals leaving shelters through adoption and other programs that lead to them finding safe places to call home.

“When animal shelters and the communities they serve value those objectives, euthanasia is used only as a last resort, when an animal is suffering from an irreparable medical or behavioral condition. No-kill means that an end-of-life decision for a pet is an act of mercy rather than one done for convenience or lack of space.

“When shelters and communities follow no-kill principles, every animal is recognized as an individual with a life worth saving. There are no quotas to be met or set number of animals to be killed or saved.

“The goal is for every shelter, no matter what type of shelter it may be, to make a clear commitment to lifesaving and transparency while working to achieve and sustain no-kill in philosophy and practice, rather than simply working to obtain a no-kill design.”

For more information, click [here](#) to go to the Best Friends website and learn all about the No-Kill movement.

“Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring--- it was peace.”
 ~ Milan Kundera

December Stats

Adoptions:
 9 dogs, 30 cats
 HUG transfers:
 9 dogs
 Spay/Neuter:
 Grand total is now
 7,085 through
 November.



Friendly and playful are two good words to describe Mikey, an Australian Shepherd mix. He loves people and is very affectionate, and often gives hugs to show people how much he loves them. He is good on walks and is friendly with other dogs. With his loving playful nature, Mikey will be a great family pet. He found his forever family so he is cuddling up with his new family.



*"Happiness?
I've tried the
two-legged ones,
and the
four-legged ones
win."
~ Lauren Bacall*



Garfield is a male orange tabby with lots of love to give. He has super sharp hearing and notices every click of the door knob. Garfield likes to swipe at the shoestring and dangly toys. The best part is when he gives lovey eyes and rolls over, ever so slowly and completely, for a belly rub. How sweet is that?! Garfield found his lap to love forever.

Spay Arkansas

Romaine Kobilsek, president of Spay Arkansas, moved to Northwest Arkansas about a decade ago. Romaine, who was nominated for a Healthy Pets Animal Game Changer Award, was looking to volunteer after she left her corporate job. Spay Arkansas & the AWL Spay/Neuter program have the same goals: clinic that offers low-cost spay-neuter services to economically challenged people in the community. **"Two weeks ago, we celebrated our 50,000th surgery at our facility,"** she said, and that's just the beginning of what Romaine and her extended team at Spay Arkansas have accomplished for animals in need.

Read all about the need for Spay/Neuter and her efforts [here](#).

Calendar Dates

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

March 15-16 Spay/Neuter Clinic—Crows Volunteer Fire Station. Please contact Dorothy @ 501-226-5772 to make an appointment.

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.**

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 \$39,515.00.**

The December Champions winners were Donald & Sally Hendricks who won \$475. 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.