



# 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

### Importance of Taking Photos of Your Pets

#### What if your beloved pet gets lost?

A good photo is more identifiable than a wordy description. You need to show this: A head shot, side view, and a 3/4 view or full body view, but avoid including other pets or humans --just the subject animal. You should do this for all pets in the household, even indoor-only cats. It doesn't have to be a professional portrait, but just something that shows the animal and markings well.

AWL offers its **Lily Alert** to Villagers and others nearby, in which we email an alert to hundreds of residents, so please heed this request to take photos. Information about all you can do about lost or found pets in HSV is on the AWL website [here](#).

Also, AWL encourages all pet owners to register all pets with Finding Rover to impact a broader audience. **Finding Rover** (and Fluffy, too!) is a FREE service that uses patented facial recognition of your pet to identify a stray/found pet that you have lost and help you reunite with it.

Soon every dog and cat that enters the AWL shelter system becomes registered on Finding Rover. Users of Finding Rover can search the shelter and surrounding areas right from

their smartphone or computer in efforts to find their missing pet, a neighbor's missing pet, the family of a found pet, or search for adoptable pets.

Registration of your pet is FREE. Just go to [www.FindingRover.com](http://www.FindingRover.com) and:

Upload your pet's photo

Enter a few details about your pet

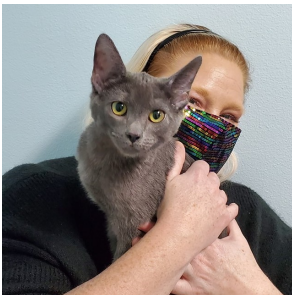
Enter your name, email address, and zip code

It's that simple, and AWL hopes this, in addition to our Lily Alerts, will help reunite lost cats and dogs with their families. AWL and the POA Animal Control work hard to try to identify and reunited stray and lost pets with their families, and clear photos help tremendously!

### Tracking Collars, too!

One of our members has suggested that Villagers research GPS tracking collars after having seen so many lost pets in HSV. You will find a number of tracking collars out there with various reviews. He states that he has had NO incidents of collar failure since they received the collar. He writes, "The collars are not foolproof but the peace of mind certainly helps reduce the anxiety of losing your animal in the jungles of HSV." Besides microchipping and photographing, consider this.

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



**Barry & his littermates were lucky to have been found by a kind person who helped the mother and handled the kittens since birth. They had grown up to be people-loving cats. Barry is a precocious, solid gray boy who is already loving his new home and the other cat who also lives there.**

## Feline-Friendly Houseplants

Indoor cats love to nibble on plants, and some are healthy for them, but some are toxic and can be deadly.

Some cat-safe air purifying plants include these: Areca Palm, Lemon Balm, Bamboo, Old Man Cactus Basil, Painted Lady, Boston Fern, Reed Palm, Cilantro, Rosemary, Dill, Sage, Dwarf Date Palm, Shrimp Cactus, Friendship Plant, Spider Plant (Spider Ivy), Hens and Chicks, Venus Flytrap, Lady Palm, Zebra Haworthia.

Here are some toxic to cats:

1. Plants from the Araceae family — 1. These include the philodendron, pothos, peace lily, calla lily, dumb cane, arrowhead vine, mother-in-law's tongue, sweetheart vine, devil's ivy, umbrella plant, and elephant ear.
2. English shamrock, rhubarb (leaves), and tropical star fruit —
3. Kalanchoe — Kalanchoe plants are absolutely beautiful but unfortunately, they're also absolutely deadly if your cat nibbles on one because they contain cardiac glycosides.
4. Corn plant/dragon tree — Corn plants contain saponins, which are anti-nutrients that interfere with absorption of essential nutrients.
5. Spring flowers — Certain spring bulbs, including daffodils, hyacinth, and tulips.

More info is available [here](#) with descriptions of symptoms.

***"I wish people would realize that animals are totally dependent on us, helpless, like children, a trust that is put upon us."  
~ James Herriot***

## In the Spotlight for Adoption

Lovable and cuddly **Monkey** is a 2 year old neutered male tabby and white boy. He was surrendered when his owners could no longer care for him. If you are that special kind of person that

appreciates a special cat, playful and cuddly Monkey will keep you entertained for



hours. Come meet him by appointment, and we think you'll want to take him home with you!

Meet this handsome guy with the most beautiful red coat! **Remy** is a very friendly guy that loves to play with other dogs and is good with kids. . He is still just a puppy at only 9 months so he has plenty of puppy energy. He is house-

trained and crate trained and would love a place to run. He knows sit, stay and come. He



loves to play with toys and will retrieve a ball. Remy weighs about 50 pounds and is probably a Golden Retriever/Lab mix. He would love to join your family and join in on family activities.

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

**Rocky & Sirkus** are two times the fun. Sirkus wears his tabby tux with quiet flair. He likes to cuddle and get loved on. Sirkus & Rocky play bat the stuffed mouse, or ping pong ball, around with each other-so fun to watch. These two are not siblings, but have spent their whole lives together.

When one owner passed on, and the other went to assisted living, Sirkus & Rocky came to us, both about



14 years old. We are so happy they found their forever home together!

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.

*"My sunshine doesn't come from the skies,  
it comes from the love in my dog's eyes."  
~ Author Unknown*

## Dogs on Slippery Surfaces

Many of us have hard floors, and the older our dogs get, the harder it is for them to get traction. Here are some quotes from an article ([Here](#)) by a vet with a new product that might help:

For traction, a dog uses their nails, and it's like soccer cleats digging into the earth.

But of course, hard nails can't grab hard floors. And so, it's the simplest thing, it's just these little bands of a custom engineered rubber material that we ... apply onto the distal, the very ending, of the toenail, so it's not in contact with soft tissue or skin or anything like that.

The dogs really don't even notice them because there's not any innervation that they're directly touching. And they allow the dog to use that natural biomechanics of grabbing with the nails.

The product that Dr. Karen Becker recommends is **Dr. Buzby's Toe Grips**. You can find the information [here](#) if you are interested.

**NOTE: AWL is not recommending this product, as no one has tested or evaluated it. If you decide to purchase it, you do so at your own risk.**

AWL knows that many members deal with this problem, particularly with elderly dogs, and we want to share the information. If you order them and have a recommendation, AWL asks that you let us know.

## January Stats

Adoptions:  
11 dogs, 22 cats  
HUG transfers:  
11 dogs  
Spay/Neuter:  
Grand total is now  
7,170 through  
2020.



**Jasper is a fun-loving rough coated terrier mix who is a great family pet. He found his forever home because he is so good with everyone and even other dogs.**



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*"Animals are reliable, many full of love, true in their affections, predictable in their actions, grateful and loyal. Difficult standards for people to live up to."  
~Alfred A. Montapert*



Lucky (now Teddy) has had all the luck. An active kitten, Lucky had too much energy for the nice older lady that brought him to us. He likes people for cuddles or playtime. During the crisis Lucky has been in a foster home. Lucky for him there was another kitten and a dog to play with. Lucky got along well with both. Such a well balanced kitten in a charming package & now is comfy in his new home.

## 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.

## Save the Date! April 24, 2021 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Walk & Wag-A-

**Thon**— We're inviting you and your four legged friends to walk along the Balboa Trail to support the AWL – either the 1.2 mile one way route, or the full 2.4 mile round trip trail. The event will be held on April 24th at 9 am; rain date May 8th. How You Can Help: Register to Walk – Open to all members, volunteers, and friends of the AWL; Get Support for your walk - contact your animal loving friends and family members to sponsor your walk; Non-walkers – sponsor a fellow walker, and ask your friends to support the event; Volunteer at the event. **You will be receiving an email with more information soon, or visit [hsvawl.org/events](http://hsvawl.org/events). Put this on your calendar today! See our logo on the left.**

## 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](http://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 \$39,995.00.**

The January Champions winner was Connie Weidert who won \$480. Champions is open to non-members, too. Use a credit card on our website or send an email to [hsvawlsec@gmail.com](mailto:hsvawlsec@gmail.com) to join. Please tell your friends about it.