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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

AWL Walk & Wag-A-Thon

Please register now for the AWL 30th Anniversary Walk & Wag - A-Thon! The walk is in honor of the AWL 30th Anniversary and to raise much needed funds.

The walk will take place at the Balboa Trail from 9- 12 noon on April 24th (rain date is May 8). Please come out to support the AWL!

To register go [here](#) for all the information including how to have someone sponsor you at the walk. The person with the most financial support will receive a **\$100 gift card courtesy of Clampit's Country Kitchen & Meat Market**. Thanks also to our generous sponsors, including **ReMax, Clampit's Country Kitchen, Artfully Baked & Brewed, Ike Eisenhower State Farm, Village TrueValue Home Center, Barkansas, and Brookshires**. Registered walkers will receive a "goodie bag" and there will be special treats for our furry friends!

Thanks - hope to see you there!



Recycling Cans—New Rules

For years AWL has received funds for recycling aluminum drink cans, and our program helps the environment. Our recycling company has informed AWL of some changes in their rules.

Sue Fisher, who is the coordinator of the program, along with AWL's President **Susan Luse**, have adjusted the way AWL operates this effort to comply with the rules.

All aluminum drink cans must now be brought in securely tied bags to the drop off pen at the shelter—the public can no longer take any to the POA site on Minorca Road!

Sue & her pickup drivers will then take care of the rest. Thanks to all for doing this important ecological task that also yields funds for our pets.

Dog Sleeping Position Meanings

Healthy adult dogs spend an average of 12 to 14 hours a day sacked out. Pups, seniors, and dogs with health problems often need even more.

Does your dog sleep in a ball, on its side, or in a belly flop? This article explains what your dog's sleeping position may mean. It also has a short video that highlights the main ideas. Read the article and watch the video [here](#).

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



Pink Paws (ok, so it is a strange name) was adopted and changed his name to Thor (which suits him better because he is a big, healthy, playful guy). Thor loves to run and jump and was a little too big for their space and for the other kitten that they adopted, too. Now this handsome guy has lots of space to run and play, so good for him!

Baby Blankets Especially for You

Sheila Cosby, who served on the AWL Board several years ago, loves making baby blankets. But, she has already provided these special creations to all of her family and friends, so she is again offering to you!

Not only does she make them, but she donates all of the yarn at no cost, and gives all of the proceeds to AWL. So, you can get a unique creation for a special baby in your life and know the funds help our home-



less pets.

These are two she had available previously, but now she has many more, so call her to see them: (501) 915-9827.

Houstrain a Fully-Grown Adopted Dog

Adopting a grown dog who may/may not have been houstrained can be a challenge. In a marvelous article, Dr. Becker offers sound suggestions to ensure success with consistency, positive reinforcement, and patience. Of prime importance is crate-training, and she explains several absolute "rules" that will make it work. Share with friends. [Here](#) is the article.

***"The dog is a gentleman;
I hope to go to his heaven
not man's."
~ Mark Twain***

In the Spotlight for Adoption

Juliet is not waiting for Romeo, but a loving home with humans who will find her irresistible. She's about 2-years-old, and has a black coat that glistens.

Juliet's remarks:

Everyone says "Oh, that Juliet-she is so sweet!" The stuffed mice don't think I'm sweet and that's OK. I like to play when I'm not watching out the window at the birds or sitting in your lap. If you are looking for a sweet Juliet that likes to play, I'm here waiting for you!

Stella is a stunning girl who may seem shy at first but don't let that fool you. She is all about the fun. She loves to run, play, jump and play ball. She's very attentive and very affectionate, will fetch and sit for treats. Her previous owner states that she likes other dogs, cats, and is good with kids. At the shelter, she enjoys playtime in the pen with other dogs. Stella is a great compact size of 37 pounds. Since she is still a puppy, she may get little bigger but not a lot. Stella is a lab mix, is 9 months old, and will make a great family pet.

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

Cats have been reported to be especially important for bonding with youth who are more sensitive and perhaps need a quieter, less rambunctious pet than a dog.

Millie has fit that bill for a seven-year-old boy. Since his 6th birthday, this young boy has longed for a cat and his mom promised that on his seventh birthday, they would adopt a cat just for him. The youth did not forget that promise.

Millie is a cuddler and is the cat for this young man. AWL is so glad to have a cat to serve the needs of this family and share the love.



Jolie is a winner who found her special home. She is a sweet, senior girl who is regal like a princess but is low-key and laid back. As a senior, she is great company for someone wanting a companion who is calm, housetrained,

and really no trouble at all. She enjoys being brushed is good with a bath. Jolie is a Maremma Sheepdog mix



and spent her early years on a large farm, working, guarding her flock. She has been a pet in recent years and loves nothing more than just hanging out with her people, inside or outside, going for walks and riding in the car. Such a happy tale!

Never Trim Pet Whiskers

Why? Dog & cat whiskers are vital for their sensory needs. In fact, their whiskers are sensory organs and relay information to their brains.

Some scientists have labeled trimming whiskers “a temporary amputation.” Here’s a quote from a study:

“Trimming the vibrissae is therefore not at all a cosmetic measure in the context of grooming but constitutes a temporary amputation. By disabling a sensory organ, the animal suffers from temporary physical damage representing considerable harm. Thus, cutting the tactile hairs of the domestic dog for esthetic reasons is prohibited according to German, Austrian, and Swiss Animal Welfare Act.”

Cat whiskers are equally important to cats, so please do not trim them. Cats can get “whisker fatigue” when their whiskers interfere with their activities. If you notice your cat pulling food out of a bowl to eat on the floor, that might be why.

The conclusion is that if a groomer proposes to trim your pet’s whiskers, decline the offer for the sake of your pet.

Click [here](#) to read the entire article.

How Dogs & Cats Show Love

Here’s an entire article outlining the ways they display their love for you. Though we don’t think you doubt their love, you might enjoy it.

Read it [here](#).

“A cat has absolute emotional honesty: human beings, for one reason or another, may hide their feelings, but a cat does not.”

~ Ernest Hemingway

February Stats

Adoptions:
5 dogs, 9 cats
HUG transfers:
9 dogs
Spay/Neuter:
Grand total is now
7,226 through
2020.



Harley & Bailey are two elderly Chihuahuas whose owner passed away and were looking for a home together. Well, they got it! Good for them & their new family, as they are sure to add love to the home.



*"Without my pets, my house would be clean and my wallet would be full, but my heart would be empty."
~ Unknown*



Handsome face...beautiful eyes...keep talking, I'm listening! Yes, Kitten will listen. And he likes to have a conversation. As handsome as Kitten is, he is no longer a kitten at almost 16 pounds. Kitten likes to play with stuffed mice and anything you want to dangle. He also likes lap time and brushing, doing both together is even better. Kitten is missing his owner that went to hospice, but he has a new home to love.

Calendar Dates

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

April 24, 9:00-noon, Balboa Trail—30th Anniversary Walk & Wag - A- Thon. Sign up now to participate, with or without your dog! See p.1.

May 3 & 4—Spay/Neuter Clinic - at the Mountain Pine Volunteer Fire Station

Pet Poisons—Greatest Increase in 2020

According to Pet Poison Helpline, 2020 saw a massive uptick in calls about specific household pet toxins. While this isn't the list of the highest toxins overall, it is a list of the toxins yielding the biggest increase in calls and it can be read like a map, of sorts, of what many Americans spent the past year doing.

1. Yeast (+390%); 2. Bread dough (+254%); 3. Brewed coffee (+220%); 4. Wine (+171%); 5. Cocktails (+169%); 6. Art supplies (+145%); 7. Cleaning products (+120%); 8. Paint (+118%); 9. Coffee grounds (+116%); 10. Marijuana (+80%)

Read the entire article [here](#) that also lists the top 10 overall toxins in 2020.

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 \$40,465.00.**

The February Champions winner was Sandra Jannick who won \$470 and donated \$300 back 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.