

## HSV Animal Welfare League

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# 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 9:00-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!

#### **AWL Volunteers are Special**

As an all-volunteer organization, AWL could not save hundreds of homeless pets a year without our numerous, hard-working volunteers.

This month we spotlight our Animal Care Workers (ACWs). These animal lovers come to the Adoption Center to love, socialize, clean, and feed the cats in Kitty City and do some socializing with the dogs (Dog Walkers take care of walking, to be covered later). They clean the cat cubbies, and make sure the food and water are fresh. They also wash dishes, and use the washer and dryer to clean the towels and other fabrics. They mop and tidy the entire AC, thus making a spotless home for the pets.

Our adoption coordinators regularly hear compliments about how clean and pleasant our AC is, which is a direct result of all of the work our ACWs do daily.

Some of our ACWs have been faithful volunteers for years, and it's their love of the animals that keeps them going.

The Humane Society of the United States published an article in their journal *All Animals* about the reward that we get by helping animals. If you are considering helping our pets, you might read "Do Good Feel Good" to see how you will be rewarded.

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



Lulu loves to go for walks and the longer, the better. She is playful and active and will toss soft toys into the air and leap after them. She likes to snuggle up next to you for a nap but really prefers a lap! This tiny beagle girl only weighs 14 pounds and is crate trained and mostly housetrained. Her foster mom says she is a very good girl and is learning "sit, stay, and come." At one year old Lulu is cute and she's small and AWL is sure she will make a great addition to her new active family.

## Recycling Cans—Changed Rules Again

AWL is working with the POA to provide a way for Villagers to drop off cans at the Minorca POA site since we know that is convenient for many. Now you can leave cans at both the Shelter and Minorca.

**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 of the recycling company that has caused this change.

You may still bring aluminum drink cans in securely tied bags to the drop off pen at the shelter.

Also, the POA has built a corral at the Minorca site where you can also leave cans in securely tied bags. AWL sincerely thanks the POA crew at Minorca for suggesting and building that.

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.

<u>Help Wanted!</u> Sue has <u>one</u> more request: We need a person with a truck that will pick up aluminum cans at Granada and Isabella golf courses (by cart barn) each week every other month. There are usually one or two bags at each site each week, weather permitting.

Please call Sue Fisher at 922-5690 if you will do this!

"If a dog will not come to you after having looked you in the face, you should go home and examine your conscience." ~ Woodrow Wilson

#### In the Spotlight for Adoption

**Kittles** is about two years old, and is a lovely lilac Tortie. She also has no tail, making her unique in that way.

Her family had to move to a new place that didn't allow cats, so they had to surrender her to AWL. Our cat adoption co-



ordinators think she will be a great cat for a loving family, so call and ask about her.

Henry and his buddy Webster

were abandoned, and we can't understand how someone could



abandon such nice dogs. Henry is very friendly, likes other dogs, and loves attention from people. He enjoys relishing the sights and smells of the trails and surroundings as he takes walks with our dog walkers. Henry is heartworm positive but the AWL will provide the treatment. He would love to go through his treatment in a new home with his family to give him lots of love as he gets through it. Henry will be a great family pet, as most hounds are, as long as he gets plenty of attention. Henry is about 5 years old and weighs 39 pounds.

Call Nancy Jones about cats at 501-922-6444; contact Shelley Shepherd about dogs at 314-520-8674. AWL has the furry friends to fill your heart!

#### **Happy Tails**

**Tippy** found just the right home. He tested AIDS positive, which just means he needs to be with other

AIDS cats or just stay away from non-infected cats. This is not communicable to humans. A CPA office in Bryant needed a greeter & a mouser, and



Tippy had the credentials. Now he has two beds, but the office reports that he prefers boxes—of course! Tippy should have a normal life span in his new home since HIV/AIDS does not necessarily shorten a cat's life.

Bailey & Bentley were found



wandering strays, but were healthy when our vet checked them. Since thev were bonded. our adoption coordinator wanted them to be adopted togeth-

er. It looks like they found just the loving home, and at only two years old, will have long, happy lives!

"A kitten is, in the animal world, what a rosebud is in the garden." ~ Robert Sowthey

#### **Incredible Transformation**

**Pepper**, an older Beagle, was surrendered to AWL several years ago. He had skin and other problems and had been somewhat neglected after his owner died. After AWL had him, our vet at Waggin' Wheel changed his medication, and he improved, but he needed continual special care. He was

adopted by a young professional couple in Little Rock who loved senior, special needs pets and they spare no ex-



pense. Pepper is unbelievably healthy and handsome, even has a dog walker during the day, and is greatly loved. What a difference love makes!

### Baby Blankets Specially Made 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

homeless pets.

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

#### **March Stats**

Adoptions:
6 dogs, 10 cats
HUG transfers:
6 dogs
Spay/Neuter:
Grand total is now
7,342



A little girl found Ollie and turned him over to us. Surprisingly, no one claimed this cuddly package. Ollie gives head rubs and wet kisses as part of the package deal. If you want to play, just toss a stuffed mouse and Ollie will chase it. Ollie has found his new family that's willing to keep him home schooled. In return, Ollie will teach them about being loved unconditionally.

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"Maybe it's animalness that will make the world right again: the wisdom of elephants, the enthusiasm of canines, the grace of snakes, the mildness of anteaters. Perhaps being human needs some diluting." — Carol Emshwiller



Juliet was highlighted in last month's Rescue Report as adoptable, and she has found her new home. If you remember, Juliet is a sleek black cat who is playful and makes you laugh at her antics. We are so grateful for her adopters and their welcoming her into their home.

#### **Calendar Dates**

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

<u>April 24, 9:00-noon, Balboa Trail</u>—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

#### **Tragic Results of Unspayed/Unneutered Pets**

Female cats can breed **three** times a year and have an average of 4 kittens per litter. Dogs can breed **twice** a year with litters of 6-10 puppies. In **seven years**, **one unspayed female cat and her offspring can produce** <u>420,000 cats</u> **and one unspayed female dog and her offspring can produce** <u>99,000 dogs</u>.

In the United States about half of animals entering shelters will be euthanized because there are not enough homes. Many homeless animals never make it to a shelter and live a meager existence on the street. Pet overpopulation is the major cause of death and suffering for companion animals. Read the article <a href="here">here</a>, and support our spay/neuter efforts.

#### **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** \$40,940.00.

The March Champions winner was Donna Bojus who won \$475 and donated all \$475 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.