



HSV Animal Welfare League

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AWL Walk & Wag-A-Thon

The AWL 30th Anniversary Walk & Wag - A- Thon was a grand success! The walk is in honor of the AWL 30th Anniversary and to raise much needed funds.

The walk was at the Balboa Trail on the rain date of May 8. Lots of supporters and volunteers came out to enjoy the fun and the spectacular weather!

The final tally of number of participants and AWL's profit has not been determined, but we'll let you know. 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.**

Thanks so much to our volunteer and Board member **Laura Allworth** who conceived of the idea, made all of the plans, designed our 30th anniversary logo, solicited sponsors, and got volunteers to help! Her team members were Board members **Melanie Marshall & Janene Howell.**



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 **Recyclers.** This group of volunteers helps AWL earn money through various recycling programs. Most of our members are familiar with the aluminum drink can recycling, but AWL also collects and recycles empty ink cartridges – bet you may not have known that.

Aluminum Drink Cans

The recycling of aluminum drink cans started in 2004 when Recycling Center was just past the Animal shelter. **Sue Fisher** organized this and is still the point person. We had 4 guys with trucks who once a week would empty the bin at shelter and take up the hill to the site. POA ran this and would weigh aluminum cans and send AWL a monthly check. AWL also had various golf courses, restaurants, and churches saving cans, so Sue called on a lot of our members to go to various sites for weekly pickups. Price varies as each month it is the going rate per pound.

Then the POA closed the center. We scrambled and now pay \$100 a month to have TRG (in Hot Springs)

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



Jack & Roger were brought in my kind Villagers who knew the family could no longer care for them. Since they are both 8-years-old and need some special food, AWL was careful to find the best home for them. Jack is a sleek black boy and Roger is a handsome tabby, and we are certain they will love their new home.

Recycling Volunteers (from p.1)

switch out the big yellow dumpster on Minorca and then they pay AWL monthly.

AWL thanks all who helped us over the years, especially our village people who save and bring us their aluminum cans. Our shelter animals have benefited. AWL still depends upon our truckers too who pick up the cans and who don't mind getting smelly and dirty but are strong in their love of rescuing our village animals.

Empty Inkjet Cartridges

Mike & Chris Frantz are the only volunteers involved in this recycling, but they'd love to have more to recycle. They collect **"used inkjet printer cartridges" - no toner cartridges.** Once they have enough to fill a medium size shipping box they are packaged up and sent off to the recycling center. Many of the cartridges have value to them for which we receive the redemption value. The redemption center then sends a check directly to the Animal Welfare League. The cartridges which cannot be reused are disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. The funds raised can vary widely from one year to the next. The profit for 2020 was over \$200.00, so AWL could really use more of your empty cartridges. You can simply drop them off at the Adoption Center. You will help with the environment and get funds for AWL to help our animals!

"It's really the cat's house - we just pay the mortgage."
~Author Unknown

In the Spotlight for Adoption

Goldie, a precious 7-week-old kitten, is ready for a new forever home. She is spayed and immunized and looking for you. This is kitten season and AWL has about 40 kittens of varying ages, sizes, colors, and personalities.

If any are not yet ready for adoption, they will not be on the website



yet. So, if you have a special color or hair length or personality in mind, contact Nancy Jones at 622-6444 to discuss it. For now, just consider this adorable Goldie.

Henry was abandoned, and we can't understand how someone could abandon such a nice dog. 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!

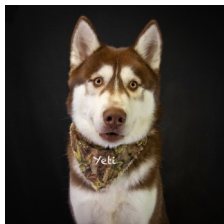
Happy Tails

The adopter drove from Little Rock after she saw **Ollie** on our Facebook page. While at the shelter, she fell in love with **Maggie**, but decided to stick with Ollie. A few weeks later, she saw Maggie on Facebook and couldn't stand that Maggie hadn't found a home yet. She adopted Maggie and sent this pic with a note: "They are doing great together, like an old married pair."



Siberian Husky, **Yeti**, first met his adopters

when daughters, Sophie and Lyla, came to the shelter every week to help their aunt walk the dogs. There was a very special connection between Sophie and Yeti. When the family came, the bond between Sophie and Yeti was so strong that they family decided that Yeti must become one of them.



Facebook Fundraisers

Do you have a Facebook page? Even if you are not an active user, you can post one little request and possibly get donations for AWL. One of our members posted such a request and AWL received **over \$500!** Easy money for AWL with no real investment of your time. Thanks to our persistent treasurer who worked with Facebook to get the account set up, you just need to ask your FB friends and family to donate. We bet many of your contacts are animal lovers and will donate.

AWL Grants!

Our grant team has been hard at work seeking grant support. Writing grants takes expertise, and these volunteers have that as well as persistence.

Petco Love

Formerly the Petco Foundation, Petco Love is the nonprofit arm of Petco. AWL received **\$10,000** from them, to support our rescue work. "This grant investment will help when Animal Welfare League needs it most. It will support our lifesaving care for pets in need and prepare them for adoption with loving families. We greatly appreciate the generous support from Petco Love throughout the years," said Angela Nickols, Chair of AWL Grant Committee.

D J & T Foundation

The foundation, established by well-known TV personality Bob Barker, awarded AWL a **\$15,000** grant. It is to be used for low-cost spay/neuter programs for canines in our spay/neuter program.

Saline County

Once again, AWL received a generous grant of **\$15,000** from Saline County to be used on spay/neuter of Saline County pets.

AWL could not do all we do to rescue, adopt out, and spay/neuter the pets, not only in AWL, but in the surrounding areas. **Great appreciation to the entire Grant Writing Team for your continued research, writing, and representing AWL's work to these generous groups.**

*"The average dog is a nicer person than the average person."
-Andy Rooney*

April Stats

Adoptions:
9 dogs, 8 cats
Spay/Neuter:
80 animals s/n at Mountain Pine clinic on May 3 & 4
• 63 vouchers used in March
Grand total of s/n since 2007 is 7,485



DJ is quite a cutie and a love bug. He's a 12-year-old Shih Tzu whose owner could no longer afford to keep him. AWL was able to find just the right home for him. Since he is a senior, he does have some health problems, but he still has lots of spunk and loves all dogs, cats, and people. What a happy ending for this little guy.

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*"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."
~ Anatole France*



Scooby did so well in his foster home, getting along with other dogs and the cat, so he has his own home now. He is only about 10 months old and is probably a Dachshund/Chihuahua mix who won't get much bigger. AWL is thankful to have found such a sweet little dog his loving home.

Calendar Dates

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

Help Needed

Recycling: The first week of each month we need a trucker who will haul the aluminum cans from Animal Shelter over to the big yellow dumpster off of Minorca Rd. Also, we still need a trucker to pick up aluminum cans every other month once a week from Granada and Isabella golf barns. Please call Sue Fisher 922-5690, if you are willing to do this for our Village animals.

Donate Easily at No Cost to You

NEW way to help! AWL has an **Amazon Wish List**, so it would be generous of you to buy from that list of things needed at the Adoption Center. Here is the link to the wish list, and you must use the link to get to the wish list. Thanks in advance for any donation you can make.

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 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 \$41,415.00.**

The April Champions winner was Melanie Marshall 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.