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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.

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Adoption Center Closed

The Adoption Center is still closed although we are all thankful that people are getting vaccinated and Covid-19 is retreating. The infection levels are lower, and if you are fully vaccinated, you can go maskless.

However, the AC remains closed, not because of Covid-19, but because of the work on the parking lot. AWL is renovating the lot and is working to complete some of the renovations on the building, such as the painting. Since no parking is available and work is being done, the AC must remain closed for this time.

Adoptions continue via appointment as explained on our [website](#). Our dedicated volunteers who clean and feed the cats and dogs in our AC, as well as the Dog Walkers and their helpers continue to come and take care of our pets.

But, the AC cannot be open to visitors without an appointment. AWL thanks you for your patience.

To see our adoptable pets, go to Adopt-a-Pet [here](#) or Petfinder [here](#). If you see a pet in which you are interested, complete the online Dog Adoption Application or Cat Adoption Application. Doing so speeds up the process, allowing the adoption coordinators to contact you. This does not obligate you in any way.

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 **Dog Walkers**. This group of volunteers helps our dogs that are housed in the Adoption Center as they are readied for adoption. Dogs that are confined as ours must become ready for some exercise and human interaction.

The Dog Walkers (DWs) and Dog Walker Helpers (DWHs) are so dedicated that they come three times a day to walk and interact with the dogs, regardless of the weather. They come after breakfast, early afternoon, and evening, and all of the dogs really look forward to their visits.

If it weren't for these kind and physically fit souls, many of the dogs would suffer from lack of exercise and lack of stimulation. However, our dogs are ready for adoption largely because of the marvelous group of DWs and DWHs.

These volunteers handle not only the little pups, but also some of the most active, strong, and excited dogs with much patience and agility.

The trainer and leader of the group is **Julie Keck**, quite an experienced dog

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



Gigi & Fefe are bonded sisters, 2 1/2 years old. AWL was determined, that given their history, they must be adopted as a pair. Now, both of these sweet cats are together in their new home, and we know they are playing with each other and loving their new family. We are so happy for them!

Dog Walkers (Cont'd.)

person, and AWL cannot express our appreciation to her for what she does. She recruits, trains, and often fills empty slots when DWs can't make it.

Our dogs must love Julie and all of the DWs and DWHs! Read the Happy Tails story of Honey & Blue on page 3 to know how much our dogs love all of them.

DW & DWH Get Together

On June 10 Julie Keck and other Dog Walkers had a Get Together with hot dogs and cold drinks. The occasion was developed because, even though these tireless volunteers walked dogs three times a day in all weather, they often did not really know each other.

Julie wrote this: "It was very casual and the 35 that were there had a good time meeting others and putting names to faces. It was very hot though. Good thing we had the breeze from the lake!"

Here are a few photos of the get together and their camaraderie, thanks to Laura Allworth.

Look at the hot dogs!



Julie & Sandy Jannick



All seemed to have a great time !

In the Spotlight for Adoption

Nancy, a one year old spayed female, was found wandering along a street and talked her way into being rescued. With a personality as colorful as her fur, Nancy will charm her way into your heart. (And she has the cutest heart shaped nose!) Nancy will be happy to tell you the story when she takes a rest from playing. She likes other cats, proper intro of course, to bat the ball around with. Nancy luvs her scratch post, too. Check her out as your new lovebug.



Griffin is happy and cheerful and walks well on a leash. He is very smart and wants to please and will "sit" on command. Unfortunately, he is heartworm positive but the AWL will pay for his treatment until he is heartworm free. He should make a full recovery and live a normal life with his new family. We are unsure of Griffin's breeding but he is possibly an Australian Shepherd/Brittany Spaniel mix but of course, it's just a guess. He is about 3 and 1/2 years old and weighs 52 pounds.



A home without a cat - and a well-fed, well-petted and properly revered cat - may be a perfect home, perhaps, but how can it prove title? - Mark Twain, Pudd'nhead Wilson.

Happy Tails

The story of **Honey & Blue** by Honey:

We would like to tell you about the awesome volunteers who make up the Dog Walker Team! We think they are all wonderful and we know what we are barking about, because we have been here at this beautiful place for 8 months from a very bad situation.

The Dog Walkers (DWs) and the Dog Walker Helpers (DWHs) walked us eve-



ry day, **THREE** times a day! They are all very kind, friendly, and physically fit people. They also took us into this **HUGE** fenced in area that had plenty of room to run, great smells, and lots of toys to play with. We always loved to wrestle each other and also with our male dog friend, Yeti!

Every day we would wait patiently for our DW friends to come after breakfast (9:00am) and then again in the afternoon (1:00pm) to walk us. Then at night, we would get one more chance to mark some bushes before bedtime. We never mind what the weather is like, and neither do the DWs, because they always show up, rain or shine! We enjoy getting dirty and muddy and I'm sure the DWs do too, because they usually have mud on themselves and they smell pretty sweaty, especially during these summer months! It is a great smell to us.

We love giving kisses to our walkers and they love it too even though they do say "OFF" and "DOWN" a lot –

those must be words of love. It is so easy to get a cookie or treat from our people friends – all you have to do is SIT – so easy!

Blue and I are off on a new adventure – we get to join other Siberian Huskies at a rescue, where they promised we will get our forever family. But one thing is certain, we will **NEVER** forget our special friends at the AWL Adoption Center! We **LOVE** you all and will miss the wonderful care you gave us!

Both have been adopted and have new loving homes.

Donating While Shopping at NO Cost to You

Do you sometimes shop at Amazon? Would you like to get Amazon to contribute to an active all-volunteer non-profit in HSV that saves lives daily?

Then sign up for **AmazonSmile** and select Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1805215.

You can shop anytime, not just Prime Days. Remember to shop at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to AWL at no cost to you. It's a great opportunity to help homeless pets. So, you can get amazing deals and have Amazon donate to AWL. Once you designate AWL as your charity, everything you purchase that qualifies yields a donation.

Amazon donated \$241.13 for one member's purchases!!!

"If I could be half the person my dog is, I'd be twice the human I am." ~ Charles Yu

May Stats

Adoptions:

12 dogs, 18 cats

HUG transfers:

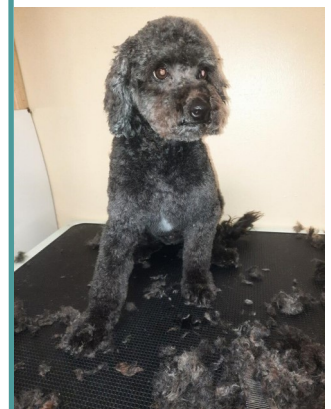
7 dogs

Spay/Neuter:

80 animals s/n at Mountain Pine clinic on May 3 & 4

• 59 vouchers used in April

Grand total of s/n since 2007 is 7,544



This cute little black poodle is named Cole and is 10 1/2 years old. He was surrendered when his long-time owner could no longer care for him. But now, Cole has a fabulous new home with a committed dog lover who will shower him with attention and never let him go!

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*"How it is that animals understand things I do not know, but it is certain that they do understand. Perhaps there is a language which is not made of words and everything in the world understands it. Perhaps there is a soul hidden in everything and it can always speak, without even making a sound, to another soul."
~ Frances Hodgson Burnett*

Calendar Dates

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

Help Desperately 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 (501) 922-5690, if you are willing to discuss what this entails if you might do this for our Village animals—no obligation!

Donate Easily at No Cost to You

NEW way to help! AWL has an **Amazon Wish List** that includes items we need at the Adoption Center. Using this [link](#) you can order the items from Amazon and they will be delivered directly to AWL. This is an easy way to contribute to AWL and help our animals. 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 are not used for the care 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 \$41,890.00.**

The May Champions winner was Sheila Cosby 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.