



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.

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Ever Popular Event Back This September!

Girls Gotta Howl!, the extremely popular event, is planned for September 21st. Tickets on sale August 16—see flyer below:



If a group wants to reserve a table, one person must purchase 8 tickets. Your table will be ready for you and your friends. Join us for a “doggone good time!” at the O.K. Cat Corral.

"When I play with my cat, who knows whether she is not amusing herself with me more than I with her."
~ Michel de Montaigne

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 **Cat Cuddlers**. This group of volunteers helps our cats that are housed in the Adoption Center become more used to human interaction and handling. Cats need that exposure to other people and loving and often brushing. Many thrive on it, and they become not as fearful of this confined temporary home. Although temporary, our cat housing is clean, healthy, comfortable, and all they could want in a place to call “home” on their way to a furrever home. Thanks to **Marcy Jordan**, lead trainer, for this description.

Cat Cuddlers work three hours a day -- noon to 3 P.M. For the first two hours, a CC works with each cat individually giving it whatever kind of attention it is ready to accept, building trust between the cat and CC, and generally making the cat more appealing to potential adopters. A person looking to adopt a cat does not want a cat who is hiding under bedding and bites—they want friendly cats.

The cats at the HSV Adoption Center are at least one year of age (kittens are in foster homes). Shelter cats may be surrendered from a village resident

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



Rocky is such a handsome silver tabby, and at 15 years, he is quite active and playful. A caring adopter took him home so he could live his senior years with love and attention. AWL is always happy to have senior pets find loving homes—hooray!

or their family, be "friendly strays," or are trapped cats. Surrendered cats know their names and are used to humans, but they are confused and scared. "Friendly strays" may have had some interaction with humans, but they are not used to a lot of people and being inside 24/7. Trapped cats are basically feral and are not used to people at all. Generally surrendered cats can be ready for adoption the fastest and trapped cats take the longest time.

Some people may think that a CC brings each cat to his/her lap and gives it attention. A feral cat does not welcome being handled and will try to defend itself. So CCs give a cat the kind of attention it will accept. A CC may have to start with just talking to a cat day after day so the cat gets used to seeing a person and hearing a voice. Eventually they may pet when the cat is still in its "condo" and perhaps play with the cat using a wand. Some cats love brushing. Eventually a cat may either jump from its "condo" into the CC's lap or the CC may feel the cat will accept being brought to the lap.

Cats that have been at the AC for a while know that 2 p.m. is "wet food treat time." As soon as wet food cans are opened, some of the cats start talking! While the cats are enjoying their treat, the CC goes around and makes sure that each "condo" is in good shape -- doing "cat condo housekeeping" where needed. The CC makes sure that each condo is securely closed (no overnight escapees) and that there is plenty of water for each cat overnight.

CC's give their input about each cat in a notebook when time permits. The cat adoption coordinators know

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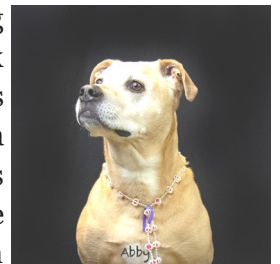
In the Spotlight for Adoption

TURBEAUX is a neutered male kitten 10-wks-old. Being white with black accents, he stood out from his orange mom and siblings when he was little. You can see how elegant and handsome he



is. His mom is a sweet, calm cat and he was born at the foster's home, so, he has had all the attention that he wanted while growing up. If he is half as calm and sweet as his mother, he will make someone a really nice companion.

ABBY is a lovely Lab/cur mix who is about 10 years old. Sweet Abby lost the only home she had ever known when it was discovered the small human she lived with was allergic to her. She wants nothing more than to be with her people and especially enjoys being with the children in her foster home. A favorite activity is relaxing on the deck. She lives in her foster home with a young dog and a cat. She is ok with select dogs and probably a home with no cats would be best. She is an easy dog with excellent house manners, is fully housetrained, and would love to have a new family to spend the balance of her life with.



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!

Cat Cuddlers Cont'd

about each cat, but it is the CCs that spend the most time with the cats.

CCs leave the shelter knowing that the time they have spent with the cats that day has been the highlight of the cats' day! That is a pretty awesome feeling!

When a shelter cat is adopted, it is both a happy time and a sad time. CCs become attached to the cats they work with and miss them when they are adopted. However, we want all of the cats to "graduate" into a loving home. That is our ultimate goal, and we hope we help make that happen!

Happy Tails

Sweet **Pepper**, a surrendered dog several years ago, lost the woman who loved him. His caregiver was not able to adequately care for him since he had some medical needs, so he was surrendered to AWL. He was in terrible medical shape, but AWL had our vets at Waggin Wheel do all they could, and he turned into a fluffy, happy boy. This is a bittersweet story because we just got news of his death. His wonderful adopters showered him with love and all the care he needed,



and they generously donated to AWL. Here is what they wrote about Pepper:

"We wanted to give you a quick update on Pepper. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to our old man yesterday

morning. His heart failure had begun to progress rapidly, and he was having a lot of difficulty breathing. A very tough and sad decision, but the right one. He remained a happy and loving boy to the end, and was very okay with spending the last few days eating rice and chicken, with plenty of treats thrown in for good measure, haha.

"We wanted to thank you, and everyone at HSV-AWL, for helping Pepper find his way to us. . . . He really was a great little dog, and the past (almost) four years would not have been the same without him being a part of our family. We hope that this contribution can help you continue the work of finding homes for these senior animals that still have so much love to give."

Dottie & Tigger are still best friends, according to their adopter. She adopted them in 2019 after someone returned them to AWL, but they clearly found the purrfect home. This is a heartwarming happy tails story about two cats who could actually be bookends!



Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul -- chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth! ~ Anne Tyler

June Stats

Adoptions:

9 dogs, 30 cats

HUG transfers:

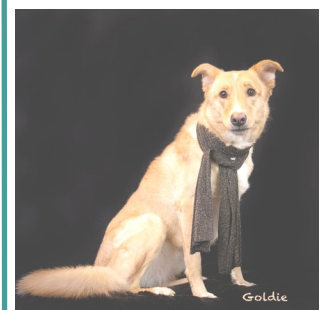
3 dogs

Spay/Neuter:

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

• 47 vouchers used in May

Grand total of s/n since 2007 is 7,589



Goldie, a golden retriever mix, lost her home when her person passed away. She's only 3 years old, and knows basic commands. She is active and will enjoy her new home with lots of attention, and balls, lots of balls!

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*We must fight
against the spirit
of unconscious
cruelty with which
we treat the
animals. Animals
suffer as much as
we do.*

*True humanity
does not allow us
to impose such
sufferings on them.*

*It is our duty to
make the whole
world recognize it.*

*Until we extend
our circle of
compassion to all
living things,
humanity will not
find peace.*

~Albert Schweitzer

Calendar Dates

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

September 8-9—Spay/Neuter Clinic, Fountain Lake Fire Station

September 21—Girls Gotta Howl—Join us for the usual raucous good time. See p.1. Tickets on sale August 16 for \$35 each, which includes a dinner and wine fountain.

November 1-2—Spay Neuter Clinic, Paron Community Center.

Give from AWL Wish List

AWL has a Wish List on Amazon, so if you are thinking of donating to the pets who are in our care, please donate from this list. These are specific items that AWL has decided are beneficial for the care and well being of our cats and dogs, from food to chew toys. Click on this [link](#) to see the list. We hope you find items you want to donate—our pets will be grateful!

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 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 \$42,350.00.**

The June Champions winner was Jimmy Carpenter who won \$460. 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.