



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.

Rescue Report

November Annual Meeting and Election

AWL Bylaws do not require an in-person meeting. The annual meeting requires members to vote on officers and directors and to present a report on the activities and the financial condition of the AWL. In critical circumstances such as extreme weather conditions, health restrictions during a pandemic, or other such emergencies, the Board has decided to have the meeting as we did last year:

- AWL will send an email with the instructions and the ballot so that members can vote via email.
- For those without email, AWL will mail the ballot to them.
- AWL will announce where and when members can pick up a summary of activities and finances and deliver their ballots in person if desired.

Here are the current people on the ballot:

Jill Jones—will leave her At-Large position to run for 2nd V.P.

Janene Howell—will leave her At-Large position to run for Secretary.

Warren Taylor—will step down from his At-Large position leaving a vacancy.

Melanie Marshall will run again for her At-Large position.

AWL Volunteers Are Special

As an all-volunteer rescue, we can only save the hundreds of cats & dogs each year because of the effort of our numerous volunteers.

This month we spotlight our wonderful fosters. They take cats and dogs into their homes when those pets cannot be housed at the Adoption Center. Often these pets are too young or in need of special care, so fosters provide that for them. The fosters also give valuable information to the adoption coordinators regarding how the pet behaves and reacts to others, such as other pets, children, etc. Such information helps ensure a successful adoption.

Here are some of AWL's fosters.

- **Cheryl Schaefer** & husband **Chad** converted part of their garage into a cat room and today house cats & kittens. Cheryl even bottle feeds infant kittens! With

Election (Cont'd)

Therefore, AWL would like volunteers to run for Board positions. If you wish to be considered, Bylaws require that you interview with the Election Committee unless you have served on the BOD. Contact Mel Marshall 201-226-3320 by Oct. 18 if you wish to be considered to serve.

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

"Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea."
-Robert A. Heinlein



Henry, a hound mix, is now in his furrever home, and probably loving every minute with his new family. He is only about 5+ years old, and has lots of love to give. He is a perfect gentleman in the house and loves the outdoors, too. AWL is delighted for him and his new family.

the help of other volunteers to clean and socialize the cats, Cheryl & Chad have helped AWL save hundreds of cats & kittens through the years.

- Our dog adoption & foster coordinator **Shelley Shepherd** has fostered well over 50 dogs with AWL, so many with special needs or unadoptable. She adopted 3 of those and always has at least 2 fosters at once in addition to her own several dogs. Three others have been so unadoptable that they fostered with her until they crossed the rainbow bridge. The social misfits and unadoptable geriatrics always come to her. She has 3 personal dogs (previously 6) she always has at least 5 dogs at any given time and sometimes 6 and their cat. She just adopted one of her foster dogs, too. Why does she do all of that? Fostering is so rewarding!
- **Jill Jones**, one of our cat adoption coordinators, fosters cats that need special medical care, including those after spaying to be sure the incision heals well.
- **Heather Benz**, a long term foster, takes kittens & now even puppies that need bottle feeding.
- **Diane Gower**, a newer foster, takes in pregnant cats and cares for them and their babies until adoption.
- **James Costello**, another newer foster, keeps kittens (and now even puppies) that need bottle feeding.
- **Claudia & John Gillette** are also fosters who have fostered several dogs, helping them to get adopted.

In the Spotlight for Adoption

Kittens galore!!! Cute little **Bryce** and

his siblings were found in a wheelbarrow at a nursing home. AWL scooped them up and trapped the



mom to save them. Bryce is the only one in his litter not yet adopted, so he really needs his very own home!

Dogs just do not get any sweeter than **Ava**. She came to us as a stray and was a little bit shy at first but has really come out of her shell and is very friendly with people. Ava likes to play with other dogs and also likes kids. She enjoys chasing tennis balls and playing outside and she appreciates a belly rub if you are willing. A great size at only 32 pounds and 10 months old, she will not get much bigger. She is possibly a hound/shepherd mix.



Call Nancy Jones about cats at 501-922-6444; contact Shelley Shepherd about dogs at 314-520-8674.

- **Marjorie Lakey** is another newer foster for dogs, and AWL is thrilled to have her to help.

AWL has had many fosters through the years, who have made a huge impact but are too numerous to mention here. Please contact Nancy Jones at 501-922-6444 or Shelley Shepherd at 314-520-8674 for more info.

Happy Tails

Pookie may be about 10-years-old, but she acts like she is only two. When her owner died, she came to AWL, and our dog adoption coordinator



Shelley Shepherd found a perfect match. The adopter saw Pookie's photo online and fell for her. The adopter who loves pittie mixes, and takes Pookie everywhere, for walks and lots of adventures. Another great happy tail story!

Determined little **Marbles** was only a young kitten when she was brought to AWL. She had flies lay eggs in/on her. She almost starved, and she was in such bad shape that the vet had trouble identifying her as male or female. But, with the care made possible by AWL, she grew and thrived and now is in a loving home.

Her new mom wrote this: "Marbles and Journey are now the best of



friends and do everything together. Thanks again for connecting us with this sweet baby!" Marbles is the black/white kitty.

Amazon Donates When You Shop at Amazon Smile

AWL received its quarterly notification that AmazonSmile has made a charitable donation to the **Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League** in the amount of **\$275.31** as a result of qualifying purchases made by you and other customers who have selected AWL last quarter.

Thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, everyday purchases have generated over **\$321 million** in donations to charities worldwide so far. AmazonSmile's impact:

\$2,922.64 to Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League*

Go to Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) and designate Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League as your receiving charity. They have the same products as regular Amazon. Please shop there this holiday season if you shop at Amazon!

Girls Gotta Howl Update

It is not definite, but the date for our next fun-filled Girls Gotta Howl will probably be in the fall of 2022, not in the spring. Things change as you know with the pandemic and restrictions, but AWL will let you know. So many look forward to that evening, and it will be coming soon.

*"My sunshine doesn't come from the skies, it comes from the love in my dog's eyes."
~ Author Unknown*

August Stats

Adoptions:
8 dogs, 26 cats
HUG transfers:
5 dogs
Spay/Neuter:
44 vouchers used in June
85 animals spayed and neutered at Fountain Lake clinic on Sept. 8 & 9



This beautiful face belongs to Allie. We're so happy that sweet, quiet Allie has found her furrever home!

Allie's original owner was forced to surrender her when they could no longer take care of her and she took that pretty hard. But she's now happily living with her new big sister, Miss Kitty, and enjoying the good life with lots of love and attention.



*"We must protect the forests for our children, grandchildren, and children yet to be born. We must protect the forests for those who can't speak for themselves such as the birds, animals, fish and trees."
~ Chief Qwatsinas
(Edward Moody)*

Calendar Dates

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

October 4—Blessing of the Animals [see below]

November 1-3—Spay Neuter Clinic, Paron Community Center. This is a 3-day clinic, which is a change from our 2-day clinics, so take that into consideration.

November 21—Annual elections [see p.1]

Blessing of the Animals

Bring your pets Monday, Oct. 4 at 5:00 p.m. to Holy Trinity, 199 Barcelona Rd., but remain in your car. Fr. Neil Kaminski will go to each car and deliver a blessing with a treat and a medal. All donations will benefit Animal Welfare League, which is greatly appreciated. Tell your friends and attend this St. Francis of Assisi tradition. Monetary donations are preferred, and checks can be made out to Holy Trinity with AWL or Animal Blessing on the memo line.

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!

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 \$43,270.00.**

The August Champions winner was Darlene Tripcony who won \$460.00. 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.