Rescue & News Report November, 2026

The HSV Animal Welfare League is a no-kill, all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit group dedicated to rescue, rehabilitate, and find homes for all adoptable cats and dogs, and prevent the overpopulation of unwanted animals.

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AWL Feline and Canine Adoption Centers Now Open!



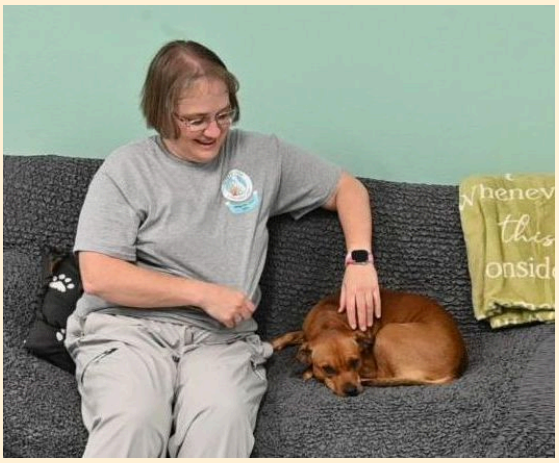
Nearly two years in the making from conception to completion, our Feline Adoption Center has become a reality due to the generosity by hundreds of donors who supported our No Paws Left Behind campaign. Additionally, our new Canine Adoption Center, the original HSV Animal Welfare League shelter building (below) that we share with Animal Control, has been remodeled to provide more enrichment areas for our dogs and puppies, and helps improve their adoptability.



Below clockwise from left, Cat Care Worker Lisa Airey socializes the cats in our Tabby Town area, while kittens play with Therese Klier in Kitten City. Dog Care Workers Cyndy Echevarria and Stephanie Johnson spend time with the dogs in our new socialization and play area.









To view a video of our Adoption Centers, please click the arrow on the image below:



A link listing all campaign donors is also featured on the homepage of our AWL website. Visit hsvawl.org

Girls Gotta Howl-O-Ween a Screaming Success!

Thank you to all the wonderful ladies who attended our Girls Gotta Howl events on October 26th at the Coronado Center. The ladies came out to "howl" in full force, and many were decked in amazing Halloween costumes to match the spook-tacular decor. Special thanks to all the donors, sponsors, volunteers, and attendees who made it a very successful event.
The AWL net over $15,000!



The ladies were also very creative in their costume choices. Above, bewitching Susan Richert (right) and her furry friend practice their best howls! Below are the 3 costume contest winners from the matinee performance. From left, 2nd place winner, Sebastian the lobster aka Darlene Garstecki; 1st place winner La Catrina Day of the Dead, aka Brenda Bennett, and 3rd place winner Jama Lopez, the friendly Progressive Insurance gal.



Not to be outdone, at the evening performance 3rd place winner Deb Fitzgerald is unrecognizable in her ghoulish Day of the Dead makeup and

attire, 2nd place winner is Donna "Dolly Parton" Hinton, and wearing a garden of delights, Mother Nature won 1st place. Thanks to Deb Fitzgerald who also painted the wonderful Girls Gotta Howl mural, a very popular backdrop for photos including Jill Jones' Cat Ladies, the HSV Spice Girls, and a Coven of Witches!







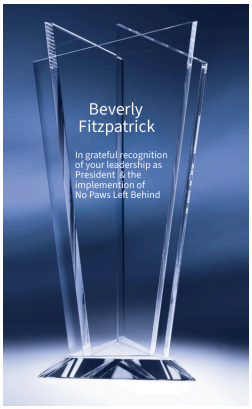


Congratulations to Peggy Sanchez, winner of the $500 grand prize raffle drawing. Three lucky winners won $100 each, and two winners also won $200 each. Also a special thank you to long time GGH Presenting Sponsor Relyance Bank. Pictured right is Pam Galloway, HSV Relyance Bank Branch Manager with AWL President Beverly Fitzpatrick.





Special Presentation





In a surprise presentation, Jill Jones and Shelley Shepherd, our Cat and Dog Adoption Coordinators respectively, and on behalf of all the AWL Board Members, presented AWL President Beverly Fitzpatrick with an award for her exemplary service to the AWL. (*award facsimile above*). The inscription reads: *In grateful recognition of your leadership as President and the implementation of No Paws Left Behind.*
Congratulations Beverly on this well deserved award!



Highly anticipated were the "thrilling" dance performances by the Cheapendale dancers and choreographed by Sandi Rickerman. Craig Rickerman, Michael Battle, and Dominic Listermann made all the right moves re-enacting Monster Mash and Thriller, and then joined the ladies as they grooved on the dance floor. Deb Krajicek applies her creative makeup skills on Cheapendale Mike Jones before he and Mitch Taylor also joined the gals on the dance floor.









Special thanks to RX Catering, who provided a popular Italian themed buffet, Linda Broome, who led several popular line dances; and to the AWL Board Members and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make Girls Gotta Howl a very special event! Bottom right, volunteers Patti Swenson and Janene Howell pose for a quick pic!









But the stars of GGH were without a doubt the many adoptable dogs who paraded through the Coronado Center and were also on their very best behavior!







To view more Girls Gotta Howl pictures, click the link below:
AWL EVENTS & PHOTOS

Halloween Trunk or Treat - an Annual Tradition

Despite some heavy rain, many HSV residents, along with a large crowd of school children and their families from Jessieville, Fountain Lake and Mountain Home, came to the Ponce de Leon Center for the annual Trunk or Treat Fest sponsored by the POA. The AWL is always happy to participate in this family friendly event. Many folks get to learn about the AWL, and view many of our adoptable dogs.



From left, Tori Varriale, Susie Neal, Jennifer Hurd, and Beverly Fitzpatrick pass out donated candy to the local area children that came to show off their costumes and get a treat!





Six AWL dogs enjoy a special evening!

Dog Care Workers Mirian Howard, Amy Soto, Cyndy Echevarria and Belinda Baechle, along with Trish Hammond, Megan Testwuide and Dog Adoption Coordinator Shelley Shepherd, braved the rain to show off some of our sweet, adoptable dogs, While the candy is always a welcome treat for the children, our adoptable dogs got lots of attention as well.



AWL Annual Meeting & Board of Directors Election

All current members of the HSVAWL were invited to attend our annual meeting and BOD election on November 5th at the Village Church of Christ. President Beverly Fitzpatrick presented an overview of the past year and discussed action steps as we move forward to 2027. These included scheduling an Open House showcasing our Adoption Centers, our programs including Spay/Neuter clinics and Angel Fund, volunteer scheduling, and more communications with volunteers, such as What's app and other platforms. Beverly acknowledged that having been part of the AWL for 15 years, she is stepping down from the role of president, but will still assist with membership and other areas.

Below, AWL members and volunteers listen as Beverly Fitzpatrick presents a status report.





Election Results for 2027

The nine volunteer members of the Board of Directors oversee all operations of the AWL along with providing vital support to more than 200 volunteers. Beginning January 1st, 2027, four current BOD members will continue to serve on their 2 year term - Susan Senogles was an at-large member but has been elected President; Jill Jones, 2nd Vice-President (and Cat Adoption Coordinator;) Jennifer Hurd, Secretary; and Tori Varriale, at-large. Three members ran for re-election: Shelley Shepherd, 1st Vice-President (and Dog Adoption Coordinator:) Debe Jolliff, Treasurer; and Michelle Alford, at-large. We are also proud to announce that two new candidates were elected - Dawn Battle, and Susie Neal, who have been serving in various volunteer capacities.
Nearly 300 votes were made either by proxy or in person by our 582 current member base, far more than required by our by-laws.

From left, newly elected board member Dawn Battle, Susan Senogles, President; Shelley Shepherd, 1st Vice-President and Dog Adoption Coordinator; Michelle Alford, at-large,and new board member Susie Neal.



Dog Team Pot Luck

Several dogs brought the AWL dog walkers, dog walker helpers, dog care workers (DCW), Animal Control Officers and Board Members to the annual pot luck on September 24th at the Balboa Pavilion. Guest presenter Karen Kelley, a credentialed Dog Behaviorist and Trainer (pictured below with Riggs) demonstrated different ways to handle dogs and presented several helpful tips. Karen helps dog owners create a better bond, and learn to balance love and leadership with them. The presentation was followed by a wonderful pot luck meal, and special thanks go not only to the dogs, but also to Dog Team Leader Julie Keck.



Bottom left, Enzo brought his parents, AWL Board Member Tori Varriale and her husband Ralph, while Animal Control Officer Jim Kull and his wife Kathleen get ready to enjoy the tempting pot luck selections.





Below left; Dog Team Leader Julie Keck and guest Karen Kelley poses with her dog ; Right; rescue dog Queen with her very loving parents, Sandie and Craig Rickerman. Seeing how great Queen looks now, it's hard to believe that four years ago she came to us abandoned, emaciated, and nursing four puppies. It's wonderful what some loving TLC can do too!





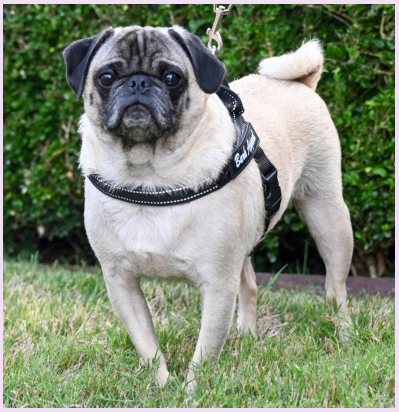
Happy Tails

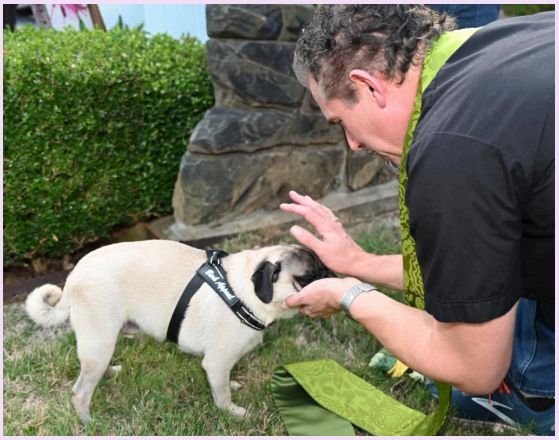
A True Blessing of the Animals in Many Ways!



Every year, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and the Order of the Daughters of the King conduct a Blessing of the Animals. The AWL is always happy to participate, and is grateful for their generous support. This year Shelley brought Marley, one of our adoptable dogs to the event. This year was particularly special, as another one of our adoptable dogs was adopted by Holy Trinity's Rector, The Rev. Dr. Keith Hearnsberger.

Above, Dog Adoption Coordinator Shelley Shepherd with Marley and the Rev. Laura Phillips, Curate at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, at the Blessing of the Animals on October 4th. Below, a picture of Marley, and Father Keith blessing him.







All the very well behaved dogs and their owners posed for a group photo at the Blessing of the Animals. As of this writing, Father Keith and Shelley are scheduling a December date when he can come to the Adoption Centers and bless all of our animals!

More Happy Tails

It's true! Pictures are indeed worth 1,000 words.
The happy faces of these new adopters say it all.









Benji (fka Bandit)

Benji, this adorable 1 1/2 year old miniature schnauzer, would like everyone to know that he has found his forever family! What a lucky boy.





Sandy

Sandy is a little French Bulldog with a big personality, and loves to cuddle on your lap for affection. She is so adorable and great with people, and we're so happy she has found her forever family and will be very loved.

Scarlett (Starla)

This adorable hound has hit the doggie lottery. There will be lots of walks, golf cart rides, cuddle time and anything a dog could want. She came to us as a shy girl but quickly learned to trust the volunteers who took care of her, and enjoys snuggling in your lap for a nap.



Meanwhile, back at the AWL, Gordy walks with Cupcake and his favorite ball; while Maria Aguglia enjoys double the fun!





AWL's Lily Alert Service - Reuniting Lost Pets with their Owners



Reading a story about Luna, a 10 year old Jack Russell terrier that bolted from her family's cabin during a vacation at Yellowstone National Park, hit home the importance of networking to find lost pets. Fortunately, after missing for a month, Luna's ordeal came to a happy ending when she was caught and reunited with her owners. The volunteers set a live trap using clothing with the family's scent to lure Luna in.

How the AWL Helps....When the AWL is notified about missing pets, our Lily Alert dedicated volunteers take all the missing animal's information, request a photograph, and promptly send out a Lily Alert to our mailing list (currently over 700 area families) and notify our Animal Control Officers.

What you Can Do...the story about Luna reminds us about the importance of setting out a blanket or clothing with the animal's scent, or your scent on it. Always scour the immediate area where the animal was lost, check vehicles, contact your neighbors, or post flyers in nearby public areas if you are able.

So far in 2026, the AWL has sent out more than 20 Lily Alerts, and fortunately, most of the animals were safely reunited, or returned home on their own.

Please let us know when your pets return home or are found. Our members would like to celebrate the homecoming of your beloved pet too!

To contact AWL about a missing pet, email lilyalert@hsvawl.org; call the Adoption Centers at 501-915-9337, or Animal Control at 922-6547.
For other information, email contactus@hsvawl.org

New opportunity with Starlink to save you money with fast, affordable internet and help the AWL!

Use our LEARN MORE! link to sign up for new service and you will get $100 from Starlink! Plus, the AWL will get $100 for our animals, too! You can choose to have cash deposited directly into your bank account, or you can choose service credit that will be applied to your bill automatically. Simply sign up for Residential or Roam service.

Starlink has been a fantastic service for the AWL! We thought that it may not work because of the trees, but it has certainly exceeded our expectations! Our volunteers can now use their cell phones inside the building where there was no hope to get a signal before. And, we have enough bandwidth to run 30+ devices all the time, including 4 TV's, with no problems at all

Click the button to learn more and sign up for Residential or Roam service.

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Wishing you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!



We are so thankful for our dedicated volunteers,
our wonderful adopters,
and all of you, our caring members!

May your Thanksgiving be full of Peace, Love, and Joy

September Statistics

13 Felines adopted

(8 kittens and 5 adults)

6 Dogs adopted

7 HUG (Help Us Go)

October Statistics

19 Felines adopted

(12 kittens and 7 adults)

5 Dogs adopted

2 HUG (Help Us Go) transfers

10,973 animals Spayed/Neutered through September

42 Spay Neuter vouchers used

582 members

Welcome New Members ***(through November 7th)***

Joseph & Nancy Beck

Judy Collins

Treca Craig

Jeff & Cathy Crandall

Christina Davis

Paula Findley

Carol Freeland

Tera Gandy

Judy Glaves

Susan Grismore

Lori Neel

Randall Pierce

Cindy Pilgrim

Paula Presswood

Amanda Rodgers

Donald & Gail Starr

Vicki Teel

Congratulations to our Champions Winners:

August - Lance Emerson

Lance won $405

September - Joanne Thielbar

Joanne won $375, and has generously donated all the proceeds to the AWL

October - Marge Harvey

Marge won $390 and is graciously giving $195 back to the AWL

Join AWL's Champions Program! Make a $10 monthly pledge and become eligible to win a 50/50 raffle with a $500 cap payout. Email contactus@hsvawl.org for more information or click the link to join:

Click to Join Champions

PETFINDER

ADOPT A PET

Considering a new pet?

Click the above links to see our adoptable cats and dogs.
For dog adoptions, call Shelley Shepherd at 314-520-8674
For cat adoptions call Jill Jones at 901-570-1430

An important message about unsubscribing to Constant Contact emails: We hope you enjoy receiving these newsletters, announcements, and our Lily Alerts about missing pets. Please contact us if you wish to remove your name from an individual mailing list, since if you unsubscribe to any of these Constant Contacts, you will automatically be removed from all the Constant Contact email lists from the AWL. We were informed by Constant Contact that when requested, they are required to remove them.

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The Adoption Centers are currently open
Mon - Tues - Thurs
Fri - Sat from 12 -3 pm.
We are closed Wed & Sun.
(501) 915-9337

To report a lost or found pet, call POA Animal Control at (501) 922-6547

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