



Rescue & News Report

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Dedicated to rescue, vet, & find homes for all adoptable cats & dogs, and prevent the overpopulation of unwanted animals.

*Happy Holidays to our HSV
Animal Welfare League family!*



A Time of Thanksgiving

We are extremely grateful to you, our friends and members for your wonderful support! Your gift to the AWL helps us continue our lifesaving work, and makes a world of difference to the animals.

Please consider the AWL when you make your tax deductible donations this holiday season.

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Exciting news about our Spay Neuter Clinics!



Our S/N clinic volunteers have a lot to smile about! Coordinator Angela Nickols (*4th from left, front row*) announced that beginning in 2025, our clinics will be held 6 times per year - a 50% increase from the 4 clinics normally held. Additionally, the AWL recently received a generous grant from the **Neva McCormick Foundation** specifically designated for our Spay Neuter Program. We also are extremely grateful to the **Bissell Pet Foundation**, who continues to pay for all the veterinarian and tech fees at our clinics, and to **Petco Love**, who provides free pet vaccines.



Other AWL S/N partners include Fido Fixers, who provide the mobile surgical vehicle where all surgical work is done. We share use of the vehicle with Good Shepherd Humane Society in Eureka Springs and five other groups.



Two great medical technicians work together at each of our clinics. Here Kristin Williams helps prepare a male dog for surgery.



Dr. Paula Gibson, our awesome veterinarian, works tirelessly at all our two day clinics. She sterilized 37 cats and 34 dogs at the November 15 and 16 Clinic at Fountain Lake Fire Station.

Volunteers make all the difference!

Procedures are meticulously adhered to throughout the entire spay/neuter process - starting with appointments, animal intake, logistics; including transporting cages, many supplies, and sterilizing instruments; post-op, monitoring animal recovery, contacting the families, and finally check out. Recording the many details of each animal are Shaun Limozaine (left) and Julia Pires.



Barry Zarling carefully removes an incubated dog post surgery to the recovery area, where all animals are closely monitored as they come out of anesthesia. More than two dozen AWL volunteers work each day at the clinics, with some starting at 6 am and working until the last animal is returned, which is often past 6 pm.





A Thanksgiving for the AWL Animals

In what has become a popular annual tradition, volunteers prepared a special meal for all the animals at the shelter and served it on Thanksgiving Day. All the cats and dogs enjoyed turkey, scrambled duck eggs, and pumpkin topped with plain yogurt. Additionally, the dogs chowed down on green beans and sweet potatoes, while the felines also feasted on sardines. Some even wanted seconds!

Spreading the holiday cheer were (from left) Colin Morrison, Kathy Stiles, "Chefs" Shelley Shepherd and Sandie Rickerman, and Mitzi Morrison.



Max checks out his appetizing meal delivered by Sandie...



...and after a taste test, gratefully gives her a kiss!

AWL purchases dog and cat resuscitators for Fire Department

This is a purchase we hope never has to be utilized, but it has already saved a cat's life at a recent fire within a HSV home. The AWL had provided several sets many years ago but they wore out and more were needed. We ordered new resuscitator sets for dogs and cats in all sizes, and Fire Chief Jason Miller will include them on each fire truck.

Chief Jason equates it to valuable items found in a tool box; "You never know when you will use it, but it's absolutely a great item to have. Smoke inhalation can cause serious health issues for both cats

and dogs, and thank you to the AWL for giving us the capability of saving an animal's life."



Chief of Police Jason Miller and AWL President Beverly Fitzpatrick with two different sized respirators for animals.

Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election

All AWL members were invited to the annual meeting on November 7th. Status reports from all AWL areas and upcoming events were presented, and an election was held for six open BOD positions. Every board member serves a two year term, and all candidates that were up for election currently serve on the board. The new terms begin on January 1st, 2025. We will be presenting our 2024 year in review information, statistics, plus a look at exciting events and AWL improvements slated for next year in these upcoming Constant Contact newsletters and our website.

Below are the 2025 Board of Directors: (from left) Laura Allworth - at large, Jill Jones -2nd Vice President, Michelle Alford, Susan Senogles, and Rose Johnson (all at large), Beverly Fitzpatrick - President, Barbara Roberts - at large, Jennifer Hurd - Secretary, Shelley Shepherd - 1st Vice President, and Debe Jolliff (inset) - Treasurer.



Special AWL Guests at the POA Meet & Greet

Theo, Bessie, and Santana (all available for adoption) were indisputably the main attractions at the Newcomers Meet & Greet event on December 11th at the Coronado Center.

Below, Amii and Kirk Flanagan enjoy petting sweet Theo, while Bessie gives a smooch to a new friend.





Linda Wakeford cuddles with Santana as Jill Jones, Cat Adoption Coordinator, looks on. Read more about this special fellow below.





Santana is a Survivor! He was one of eight kittens, along with two momma cats, who were brought to the shelter in a box, and we were probably their last hope for survival. He lost two siblings to pneumonia, and we almost lost him when he caught it, but Santana recovered with lots of great foster and vet care. Now he's a happy, super playful boy ready to make someone else awfully happy too!

Happy Tails!



Grace is a beautiful two year old hunting dog that is alive and well thanks to the Medinger family. Father and son had gone out to do some skeet shooting but were unable find the location, so they settled for a boat ride on Lake Ouachita. That's when they saw something bobbing in the water about a half mile from shore. Moving closer, they realized it was a dog in distress. They rushed over and rescued the very fatigued dog, and from the moment she entered the boat, it was an "instant bonding," and the rescuers named her Grace. She was vetted and no one claimed her, so the Medingers' now have a wonderful new companion to take on all their outings!

Great Things Happen at the AWL!



Despite the rain, Dog Walker Maria Aguglia and Minnie enjoy their afternoon walk together. Social butterfly Minnie, who loves hugs and cuddles, is especially happy now that she recently found her forever family to love!



Good Samaritan Cheryl Surguine happened to witness two dogs being unceremoniously dumped from a pick up truck near her HSV home. Concerned about the young dogs, she brought them to the Animal Control Office. Now named Robbie and Taffy, both affectionate dogs are available for adoption.



Robbie (pictured with Cheryl above)



Taffy, a very sweet terrier

Donations from Petco!

The AWL is extremely fortunate to partner with our generous friends at

Petco. In addition to monetary grants supporting our lifesaving work, every year we receive several boxes of food and toys for our animals!

Animal Control Officers Jill Kull and Payge Farewell help unload all the donations brought over from Petco by Jill Jones.



Dog of Christmas Past.. Hunter brings gifts for all AWL dogs

Hunter, who was adopted from the AWL 5 years ago, brought his mom for a wonderful surprise visit. He also brought lots of gingerbread treats for all the shelter dogs! He also wishes the AWL volunteers and the dogs a Merry Christmas. It was a "treat" to see you too Hunter!



Three's Company

Spitfire, Steve and Jack get cozy on their heated blanket while they recover from their spaying and neutering at Waggin' Wheel.



This delightful trio are just 3 of the 20 or so adorable Christmas kittens available for adoption now. As cats can have 2 or 3 litters per year, our kitten season has extended through the holidays, and these precious fur babies would love to have their own place to ring in the New Year!





All animals currently available for adoption are linked on our website or will be in the coming weeks. Please let us know if you have a kitten preference and we will try to accommodate you. Click the [petfinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com) and [adoptapet.com](https://www.adoptapet.com) links below to learn more. Please note that due to space and the developing immunization system of kittens, they are not located at the Adoption Center.

PETFINDER

ADOPTAPET

For dog adoptions, call Shelley Shepherd at 314-520-8674; for cat adoptions call Jill Jones at 901-570-1430

Welcome New AWL Members!

Thank you to the following members who have recently joined the AWL. Memberships are vital to support the programs that help our homeless cats and dogs find homes. We are grateful for your support!

Kathy Bell

Donald and Gail Hemler

Shaun Limozaine

Cheryl Surquine

November Statistics

10 Dog Adoptions - 23 Cat Adoptions

14 HUG (Help Us Go) transfers to other
rescue, no-kill animal shelters

5 Angel Fund requests

9,811 Animals Spayed/Neutered since 2007
24 vouchers used at Waggin' Wheel in October

682 AWL Memberships

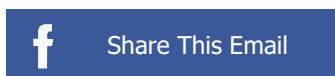
94 Champions*

**Kathie Hansen is November's Champions drawing
winner. She won \$480, and is graciously donating
\$240 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

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We hope you enjoy receiving these newsletters, announcements, and
our Lily Alerts about missing pets. Please note 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're required to remove them.*



The Adoption Center is currently open Monday-Saturday 12-3; effective January 1st, we will be closed on Wed. & Sun; open all other days from 12-3.
(501) 915.9337



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

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