



Rescue & News Report

May, 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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Building a Better Future for our Homeless Pets

Many thanks to our amazing donors! Because of your generosity, the felines have moved into a beautiful new facility and the canine facility is next on the list to be reconfigured and improved!

Whether adoptable adult cats, young or nursing kittens with their mamas, felines in isolation, post surgery or recovering from an illness, the new Feline Adoption Center (FAC) features dedicated rooms for our precious felines, including rooms for intake and isolation, plus Tabby Town and Kitten City. This not only helps to ensure health and safety for all the felines, but makes it much easier for our volunteers to care for them. By having all the felines under one roof, it's also more beneficial for potential adopters.

TABBY TOWN - *The 22 Cat Condos for our adult cats are laid out in a much more spacious room, complete with natural light. There are also 6 cages in the Tabby Town Recovery room. Pictured below is Cat Care Worker Chris Frantz, one of the many daily volunteers that do an amazing job taking care of our kittens and cats.*





KITTEN CITY - From left, Jill Jones, Lisa Ake, and Cindy Boucher share progress updates on the facility and the felines. Cubicles underneath the large island contain the cat carriers which make it convenient to transport them to Adoption Days at Petco or to the vet. The monitor on the wall will provide soothing music and visuals to keep the kittens entertained. Depending on litter size, the 24 cages in Kitten City and Intake can provide a safe haven for anywhere from 60 - 80 kittens.



Izzy, pictured below with Isabelle, one baby in her litter of five kittens, proudly boasts that she was the first mama to give birth at the FAC on April 29th. Izzy came to us through Animal Control as a pregnant stray only a few weeks before they were born and "Nurse" Jill (pictured below with Shay - a kitten from another litter) was present to help with the birthing of Izzy's kittens; Jill and Lisa monitor

the status in the Kitten Intake ; Visitors to the new Feline Adoption Center observe the kittens through the Nursery Window.





Exterior Work & Enhancements Continue!

While finishing touches were made within the Feline Adoption Center, upgrades and enhancements continued on the AWL's exterior grounds. These included building a stairway for our volunteers and dogwalkers, the addition of a carport for the AWL transport van, upgrades to our dog run fencing area, and the building of an exit road behind the Feline Adoption Center. Preparations are also being finalized for the interior upgrades at our Canine Adoption Center.



To keep our volunteers and dogwalkers safe while walking up or down the steep hill on the road, a stairway was built to prevent vehicle accidents or falls. Dogwalker Brigid Duffield easily guides Beth down the stairs. Beth, a very sweet 4 year old gal has been at the shelter for more than 18 weeks is looking for her

forever home. Below, our transport van is parked in its new carport, while Scout plays in the dog run.



With the Feline Adoption Center in the background, earth movers remove trees and cut a path for a new road extending from the rear of the new building to Cloaca Lane. The road will be utilized for deliveries, and vehicles exiting from the Adoption Center. Note the before and after shots from the rear of the FAC.





Spay Neuter Clinic at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall Mountain Pine

The Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church in Mountain Pine served as the welcome home for our Spay Neuter Clinic on May 1st and 2nd. Sixty six animals were sterilized and/or vaccinated, and once again we thank our Veterinarian Dr. Paula Gibson, our vet techs, the Bissell Pet Foundation, Fido Fixers for providing their mobile surgical bus, and our wonderful team of AWL volunteers!

PLEASE NOTE THAT AFTER TWO SUCCESSFUL SPRING CLINICS, THE AWL WILL BE TAKING A BREAK THIS SUMMER. WE WILL RESUME CLINICS IN THE FALL.





Volunteers closely monitor the animals post surgery while Michelle Alford gets a kiss from a friendly pup.

Did you know? The AWL has a jar they display at events that contains 7,776 beans, which represents the amount of puppies one un-spayed female dog and her offspring produces over a period of 4 years! One un-spayed female cat would produce 43,197 kittens within those 4 years!

Please help us spread the word how important it is to spay or neuter your dogs and cats.





Great Things Happen at the AWL!

Remember Cutie and Ojo? Last month we shared how this mother and son had just celebrated their one year anniversary at the Adoption Center. We're so happy to report that they recently found their forever home. Their adopters (pictured below) had recently lost their beloved pets and came into the shelter asking which cats have been with us the longest. After meeting Cutie and Ojo they both felt "It was a go the minute we saw them. Our family is back together now."





Great Things also Happen X 4!

Meet Gayle, Gracie, Gus, and Griffin! This adorable litter of four tabby kittens was born just before Christmas. A kind Villager took in their pregnant mom, and now five months later, all four of these precious kittens have been adopted by equally kind and loving families!





More Happy Tails!

Bongo (a young, beautiful Husky Shepherd mix) was found all alone but now has a big family to give him lots of love and attention. What a lucky boy! We think his family is lucky too!



Skittles (pictured below left) is a sweet Dachshund that was surrendered to us when her owner could no longer care for her, and now she has a new forever family. Below right, Charley, a four year old female Border Collie mix, is sweet and super playful and is ready for new adventures with her new family.



While patiently waiting at the AWL for her forever home, Shelley spends time showing affection. She loves to give hugs or enjoy a little cuddle time, as she happily demonstrates to Dog Care Worker Megan Testwaide.





I Want to Hold your Hand (er..Paw)

Brothers Sol and Cyrus were found on their own in the Village, and poor Sol's tail was broken in four places.

Fortunately, they were rescued and are shown here after their spay/neuter surgeries at Waggin Wheel. They are resting on a heated air mattress, and perhaps dreaming when they'll be ready to move into a new home together.

ON THE TOWN WITH THE AWL Memorial Day Parade of Honor

On Saturday, May 25th, several adoptable dogs from the AWL and our Dog Walker volunteers participated in the HSV Memorial Day Parade. From left Dawn Michalec with Weston, Mike Battle, Dog Team Leader Julie Keck with Shelley; Dawn Battle with Sonny; Stephanie Johnson with Puddin'; and Marian Howard with Ricky.



Britt Corsi, below left, enjoys walking with Zane, while Marian Howard walks with Shelley. Despite a little rain, it didn't dampen anyone's spirits, and Shelley

Shepherd, Dog Adoption Coordinator, said it was great for the well behaved dogs to have a break from the shelter, as well as be around other dogs and people.

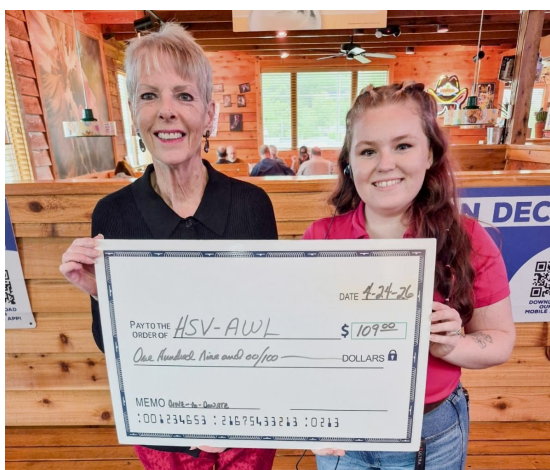


POA Craft Fair - Board members Sandie Rickerman and Michelle Alford represented the AWL at the POA Craft fair on April 11th. We are so grateful that HSV folks are always so supportive of the AWL at these events.



Texas Roadhouse "Dine to Donate" benefits AWL

Thank you to all the AWL supporters and friends who dined at Texas Roadhouse on April 21st. Denise Pitcick, Bobbi Gruwell, and Kit Edscorn, along with Janice and Bob Dean were just a few who "dined to donate," as the AWL received 10% of the total sales from our friends. Sr. Service Manager Sabrina Wofford presents fundraising chair Sandie Rickerman with a \$109 check from the dining proceeds, and along with the sale of peanuts, the AWL raised a total of \$349.





Support the AWL at Belk's Spring Charity Sale June 5th - June 7th, 2026

When you purchase a \$5 Belk ticket coupon from the AWL (either at the Adoption Center Office, or at the AWL table by the entrance to Belk in Hot Springs on Friday, June 5th from 10 am to 1 pm) you will receive \$5 off your first purchase. Plus, you'll receive a 25% stackable coupon which means you can also add on other discounts towards an item's purchase price.

AWL gets to keep 100% of the \$5 coupon cost, and there is NO LIMIT to the amount of ticket coupons you can purchase for yourself or for your friends. It's a Win-Win situation for you and the AWL!

The coupons are valid to use anytime from June 5th through June 7th. Belk is open Friday & Saturday from 10am to 8pm, and Sunday from 11am to 6pm. Please note if purchasing a coupon at the Adoption Center Office, exact change or a check is required. Questions? contact Sandie at (501) 574-2628.

Happy Shopping!

GIRLS GOTTA HOWL RETURNS ON OCTOBER 26!

**Two "Thrilling" shows
11:30 & 5:00**



Remember, Ghouls Just Wanna Have Fun!
Details about this spook-tacular event available soon

Volunteers Needed!

We have a great need for volunteers to help us care for the shelter dogs and cats. Whether serving as a Kitten Care Worker, Cat Care Worker, Dog Care Worker, Dog Walkers, or in Guest Relations, every week there are over 80 shifts to fill!

We are so thankful for our dedicated and committed volunteers, but we need more, especially with vacation season approaching. If you, or someone you know, would like to participate in this very rewarding opportunity, please send an email to: hsvawlmembership@gmail.com and one of our members will contact you. Schedules are flexible.

April Statistics

6 Dog Adoptions

10 Kitten Adoptions

3 Cat Adoptions

9 Hug transfers

4 Angel Fund requests

10,751 Animals Spayed/Neutered through May 2nd
(including 66 at the Mountain Pine Clinic in May)

14 Vouchers used at Your Pets in March; 7 in April
43 Vouchers used at Waggin' Wheel in March; 29 in April

591 AWL Memberships

86 Champions

Welcome New Members *(through May 27th)*

Bret Aylor

Melissa Buck

Louie Corral

Judy Dare

Andrew Hickman

Brenda Holland

Niels Beowulf-McGowan

Jan Oliphant

Abigail Owens

Ruan Reast

Nancy Richie

Linda Shearer

Carla Smith

Micki Vickroy

Congratulations to Nancy Smith

April Champion Winner

Nancy won \$430

****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

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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

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Fri - Sat from 12 -3 pm.
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(501) 915-9337**



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pet, call POA Animal
Control at (501) 922-6547**

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