



HSV Animal Welfare League Rescue Report

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Pending Storm Propels Proactive Measures Volunteers Protect Shelter Dogs & Cats

When the HSV weather forecast predicted freezing rain and snow along with possible road closures, AWL volunteers sprang to action and moved the animals from the Adoption Center. Since daily care (and often multiple times per day) is crucial for the health, safety and wellbeing of our animals, we had to ensure there would be no interruption with their care in case the shelter became inaccessible for even a single day. On February 2nd, Cat Adoption Coordinator Jill Jones took 10 felines - along with their beds and litterboxes - to her "Cat Casa" home, and 11 dogs were boarded at Waggin' Wheel Veterinary Clinic. There's an old saying that neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow nor hail shall keep a postman from his rounds, and it's clear that nothing stops AWL volunteers either. We thank them for their passion to protect!

(Postscript - all animals were safely returned to the shelter by Monday, February 7th.)



Jill Jones puts Jewel in her carrier (above) while Susan Wheat, Chris Frantz, Cathy Stiles & Jennifer Hurd (left) help get the other 10 cats ready for transport.



Grady Shepherd (left), places Elsa in her crate, while William "Bear" Starr (right) takes Zoe for a walk before they, along with 9 other shelter dogs, are moved to Waggin' Wheel for boarding during the storm. Waggin' Wheel is equipped with a generator, & a staff member was there 24/7 during the storm.



Meet the 2022 AWL Board of Directors

Despite diverse backgrounds and skill sets including nursing, corporate management, sales, and marketing, the AWL's Board of Directors are all strongly unified to support the AWL's mission. Although officially retired, many tirelessly "work" 20 to 40 hours per week to help our homeless pets.

Susan Luse, President - Joined AWL in 2009; Board Member since 2013

Sue started volunteering for the AWL while still living in the Memphis area.. Her best friend served on the Board of Directors, and once Sue moved to HSV, her involvement only escalated. Sue has served on numerous committees, was elected to the Board as Treasurer in 2013, became the Medical Coordinator in 2016, and in 2017 was elected President - the position she still holds 5 years later. "The rights and care of animals are very important to me. They are God's creatures and deserve to be treated and cared for with love and compassion." Sue's goals for 2022 include maintaining positive working relations with the POA and Animal Control Officers, completing the exterior renovations of the Adoption Center, and celebrating our 30th Anniversary with an open house and tour.

Shelley Shepherd, 1st Vice President - Joined AWL in 2014; Board Member since 2016

As a newcomer to HSV, Shelley took her recycling to Cloaca Lane, saw the shelter and signed up as a dogwalker. From then on, she says her involvement with the AWL "morphed." Shelley served as an Animal Care Worker, Secretary, helped with Angel Fund, the HUG program, has been a foster dog mom for several years, and our Dog Adoption Coordinator since 2016. "It's all about the dogs; I would do anything for the dogs." Shelley certainly does that, and believes all the time spent matching adopters with the dogs "is well worth it, if it means one night less at the shelter, and another night at their new home."

Jill Jones, 2nd Vice President - Joined AWL in 2016; Board Member since 2019

Jill originally was recruited by a fellow volunteer to be a Dog Walker. She then became a Cat Cuddler, served in Guest Relations, and currently is extremely busy as a Cat Adoption Coordinator. In 2021 alone, 248 cats were adopted. According to Jill, "I started out to help the animals, and now I realize how much animals help people, which is why I love facilitating the adoption relationship." Jill's goal in 2022 is to "increase the AWL's visibility to the public, grow our membership, and improve the communication and working relationship with the POA."

Janene Howell, Secretary - Joined AWL in 2017, Board Member since 2021

"I've always been deeply concerned with the welfare of homeless animals but didn't feel like I had the time to be more hands on while I was working, so one of my main goals for my post-retirement years was to volunteer with a shelter." When Janene moved to the village and became a volunteer, "I was really impressed from day one with the passion and dedication of the HSVAWL volunteers and have been thrilled to be part of the team. For 2022, I'd like the AWL to continue to expand the number of animals we're able to help and make the shelter even more comfortable for them."

Debe Jolliff, Treasurer - Joined AWL in 2011, Board Member since 2018

Debe has been very active with the HUG (Help Us Go) program, Angel Fund, the website, computer hardware and software programs, and served as back-up dog adoption coordinator. She initially got involved by "responding to a plea for help to transport dogs to distant cities," citing that "animals that end up with us do not have a family to love or to take care of them. We exist to ensure that their next home is their forever home." In 2022 Debe "would like to further the partnership with the POA Animal Control in hopes of saving even more lives." Debe, who currently lives in Missouri, epitomizes what it means to serve remotely!

Melanie Marshall, At Large - Joined AWL in 2017, Board Member since 2020

Melanie is the coordinator of the AWL's 200+ volunteers, who she calls "the backbone of the organization." She became involved with the AWL "due to my passion for helping all animals. In my adult years I have had all rescue dogs (she currently has two rescue Shih-Tzus) and wanted to help the AWL cats and dogs in finding their fur-ever homes too." Her goal as a board member "is to help the volunteers enjoy their time at the adoption center by providing a pleasant, fun, and informative working environment."

Laura Allworth, At Large - Joined AWL in 2018, Board Member since 2021

When she discovered HSV had a no-kill Adoption Center, she "was thrilled and knew she wanted to help animals who couldn't help themselves." She manages the AWL's publicity, the website, helps with fundraising, and volunteers at the shelter. She is "amazed at the tremendous efficiency and accomplishments of the AWL, especially as an all volunteer organization." Her goal for 2022 is "to create more public awareness of all the programs and services we provide for the animals, HSV residents and the community."

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Meet the 2022 AWL Board of Directors *(continued)*

Beverly Fitzpatrick, At Large - Joined AWL 2011, Board Member from 2012-2020

After a 18 month break, we welcome Beverly back to the AWL Board where she is in charge of Shelter Operations. Previously, she has served in many key roles, including President, 1st Vice-President, Treasurer, and Fundraising Chair. "I've been involved with shelters and rescues since the early 1970's, and have even done a stint with a veterinarian where I learned a lot about animal disease and care." Beverly states that even before she moved to the Village, "I knew I wanted to make a difference for the organization. She is glad to serve on a "robust working board, and that 2022 offers the AWL opportunities to partner more closely with the POA to achieve both our goals."

Sandie Rickerman, At Large - Joined AWL in 2010, Board Member from 2010-2011

Since moving to the Village in 2009, Sandie has been involved with the AWL and is extremely pleased "how it has changed is so many positive ways from 13 years ago." She rejoined the Board in 2022 as our Fundraising Chair. "I serve because I love animals very much and want to give them a better life after what they have been through. It's very rewarding and it makes my day when I see how working with the dogs gets them ready to be adopted." In 2022, Sandie wants to see all the "positive changes that have been made to continue, including working with other shelters to get our animals adopted, and a more cohesive working relationship with animal control."

Rose Johnson, At Large - Joined AWL in 2021, Board Member since 2022

Although moving to the Village only 18 months ago, Rose serves the shelter in many capacities including Adoption Center Worker, (and is the New Volunteer ACW Training Coordinator). She is also in training to help with Dog Adoptions and the HUG Program. Admittedly "big animal lovers," Rose and her husband Jeff also walk the dogs at night. "I serve the AWL because of the rewarding feeling it brings from helping homeless animals find safe refuge until we can find their forever homes. In 2022 I would love to see the active base of volunteers at the AWL increase by at least 10 per cent."

We wish to recognize departing Board Members Jan Kincheloe, Warren Taylor, and Nancy Harlan for their years of dedicated service, and are thankful they will continue to volunteer their valuable skills and time to the AWL. Perhaps Nancy summed it up best when she said, "I'm very proud of the AWL, and really enjoyed working with professional people who care about the animals and adopters."

FREE PET VACCINES

THANKS TO  **petco love** +  **BISSELL PET FOUNDATION**
Until every pet has a home.



On Saturday, March 19 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, a FREE dog and cat vaccine clinic will be held at the Fountain Lake Volunteer Fire Station at 7146 Park Avenue in Hot Springs!

The free clinic is sponsored by the HSV Animal Welfare League in conjunction with PetcoLove and Bissell Pet Foundation. Petco and Bissell have one million vaccines to be administered nation-wide to owned pets.

The vaccines protect against parvo, distemper, and various viruses. **Rabies vaccines are not included.**

For a clinic appointment, call Chari at 501 - 922 - 5269.

NOTE: DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AND CATS IN CARRIERS. WE CAN HELP IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE.

THANK YOU!

Your gifts help the AWL in so many ways and we are very grateful.

Did you know?

In 2021 our program expenses exceeded \$300,000?

and that \$160,000 of that amount went to veterinary expenses?

100% of the proceeds from these recent appeals will support our homeless pets:

Holiday Postcard	\$20,166
Betty White Challenge	\$5,258
Giving Tuesday	\$2,792

Guest Relations Representatives Needed!

Don't think you have what it takes to volunteer at the Adoption Center? You're wrong! If you feel you can't perform the physical duties of Animal Care Workers, Dog Walkers or Cat Cuddlers, that doesn't mean you can't serve at the Adoption Center. The Guest Relations team answers the phone, assists visitors, and enables you to get more involved in what the AWL is all about. You'll be fully trained, and with a flexible monthly schedule, you can select when you want to volunteer. The hours are from 1:00 am to 3 pm, and if you need to ever trade days with someone, it's not a problem. Please consider becoming part of the AWL volunteer team! The AWL needs you, and the animals need you! For more information, contact Beverly Fitzpatrick at 214-632-5314 or email shelterops@hsvawl.org.



January Statistics

8 Dog Adoptions
19 Cat Adoptions
25 HUG Transfers
(all from Garland Co.)
57 Spay/Neuter vouchers
used in December
9 Angel Fund requests
92 Champions
687 Memberships

Save the Dates

March 19 - Free Pet Vaccines
Fountain Lake Fire Station
2022 Spay Neuter Clinics
March 28/29 - Crows Fire Station
May 16/17 - Mountain Pine Fire Station
Sept. 12/13 - Paron Community Center
Nov 14/15 - Fountain Lake Fire Station
Girls Gotta Howl - Sept. 27th

Champions

Congrats to Glen Ryder,
January Champions winner!
Glen graciously donated all of
his \$475 winnings to the AWL!
Join Champions - AWL's program
for a \$10 monthly pledge.
Each month there is a 50/50 raffle,
with a cap payout of \$500.
Email contactus@hsvawl.org
to join or for more information.

Happy Tails! Max and Pepper - 7 Years Later



We love hearing from our wonderful adopters who share the "adopaversaries" of their pets! Sweet Max the kitty was adopted Dec 19, 2014, and Pepper, a greyhound-catahoula mix, was adopted on Dec 22, 2014. Their adopter Heather shares that "we love our babies SO much and are so thankful for the memories we've made over the years, and are looking for many more.!"