



# HSV Animal Welfare League Rescue Report

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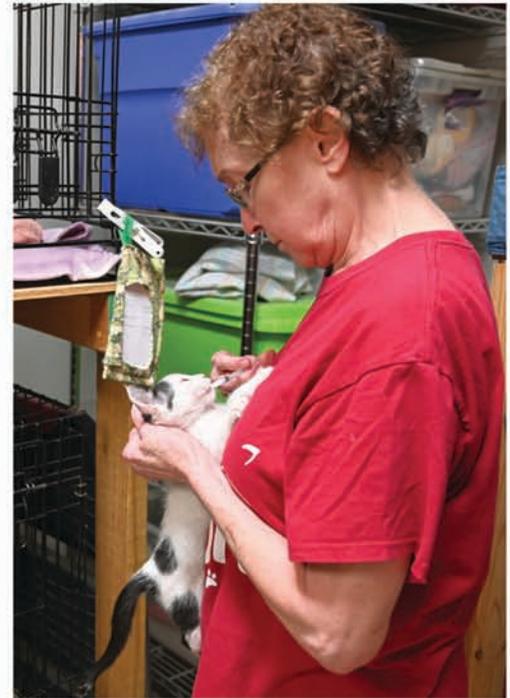
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## Our Fabulous Foster Parents - Unsung AWL Heroes

Guests visiting our Adoption Center witness just a small fraction of the work involved in caring for our adoptable pets. Our visitors are greeted by our Guest Relations Team, and witness firsthand how our Animal Care Workers, Cat Care Workers, and Dog Walkers interact and help the animals. But what they don't see is the valuable lifesaving work that happens at our foster homes 24/7, 365 days a year. Just ask Chad and Cheryl Schaffer. Since 2010, they have fostered literally hundreds of kittens and cats in the room addition Chad built with his own funds, which they affectionately call their "Kitty Palace." As of this writing, they



*Above left - Volunteers Pam Galuska (foreground) helps Cheryl Schaffer five days a week cleaning cages and caring for the kittens, while Lisa Ake helps socialize them. Cheryl uses an eye dropper to give medicine to one of the 10 kittens that is receiving the medicine 4 x a day for 30 days..*



are fostering 37 kittens from several litters. Their care often entails multiple bottle feedings day and night, deworming, watching for signs of illness, observing their behaviours, and making several trips each week to Waggin' Wheel for surgery and checkups. Cheryl is also currently treating a cat isolating in her home with the very contagious ringworm. Add to that multiple, daily loads of laundry, constant cleaning, keeping up with orders of food, litter, toys and other supplies, and you can appreciate all the hard work foster parents do. But for Cheryl, the most difficult part of her job is not the amount of work she does, but when one of the felines she has cared for doesn't survive. It's always a sad day when one of the kittens doesn't make it out of the woods, but it's certainly not due to a lack of loving care! (cont'd. p.2)

*Chad Schaffer installs a new air conditioning unit in the room addition he built to house all the kittens and cats they continuously foster.*

## Volunteers Learn How to Make a Difference

Ever wonder how our 200+ volunteers get to be so good at their jobs? Besides sharing a passion to care for our animals, all volunteers receive comprehensive training in the area(s) they wish to serve. It all starts with a new volunteer orientation session conducted by veteran volunteer Janice Dean. She gives them a tour of the Adoption Center, reviews the details of each position so they can decide where they would like to help out, and shares stories about the animals and interesting situations that happen at the shelter. According to Janice, "the first thing new volunteers always tell me is how clean we keep the Adoption Center, and that it's such a happy place. They're also surprised to learn all that we do in our day to day operations." After orientation, they get hands-on training by shadowing experienced volunteers, including Julie Keck, who works with the Dog Walkers; Rose Johnson, who coordinates the Animal Care Workers, and Jennifer Hurd, who helps the Cat Care Workers. Janice is definitely very proud of the AWLvolunteers. "We have great volunteers and together we do amazing things." To learn more about the amazing things our volunteers do, visit [hsvawl.org](http://hsvawl.org), or click the link to complete the volunteer interest form: <https://hsvawl.wufoo.com/forms/qghmq2w1uiw2em/>



Left: New volunteers attend an orientation session conducted by Janice Dean, while new Guest Relations Volunteer Ruth Smith (right) takes donations to the storeroom.

## Fabulous Foster Parents (continued from page 1)

While Cheryl and Chad primarily take care of kittens, Susan and Bill Wheat normally foster adult cats. They became involved with the AWL eight years ago when their daughter adopted two dogs from the shelter. Originally cat cuddlers, they also worked on Sundays to clean condos and care for the animals when the shelter was closed. They decided to become fosters because they "like animals so much," and have fostered nearly 100 cats during the past five years! Many of the cats they foster need more attention or extra care - either with medications or socialization - than they can get during the hours the Adoption Shelter is open. They also take care of cats that have been at the shelter and confined for a long time so they can give them "the run of the house." Susan and Bill enjoy fostering very much, but admit "that the hardest part of being a foster parent is letting them go, but we are so glad when the cats find their forever homes."



*When Frank and his buddy Creed ended up at the shelter for 8 months, they were taken to Susan and Bill Wheat's home to get some extra care and room to roam. They also helped Creed become more sociable (as you can see Frank didn't need much help). They were at the Wheat's home for 5 months when a kind villager decided they needed to go home with him, and now they both are enjoying their new home!*



*Susan and Bill Wheat spend time with Lovey, a sweet 8 yr old they are fostering. Lovey needs a mild steroid for life to keep her sinus clear.*

### Other Kitten and Cat Fosters

The AWL is fortunate to have so many caring volunteers who foster and care for our felines. Many thanks to Diane Gower, James Costello, Heather Benz, Jill Jones, and Nancy Jones.

We will feature our **Canine Fosters** in a future Rescue Report.

## All in the Family (and Friends!)

Remember the ad slogan Double Your Pleasure, Double Your Fun? No, we're not selling doublemint gum, but it could be a nickname for the AWL since so many of our volunteers are husband and wife teams, couples, families, and friends who regularly arrange their schedules so they can enjoy time with the animals and each other. In addition to foster parents Cheryl and Chad Schaffer, and Susan and Bill Wheat, families and friends help in so many ways not only at the Adoption Center, but at spay neuter clinics, or with administrative, fundraising, and handyman projects. Our family and friends volunteers include Chris and Mike Frantz, Molly and Therral Wilson, Robin and Bill Burns, Bob and Janice Dean, Emily and Nelma Bennett, Judi Prestridge and Sue Hoey, Anthony and Dorothy Zabecki, Shelley and Grady Shepherd, Dawn Michalec and her "Husky Team," Paul and Laura Hedgpeth, Mona and Tom Harrison, Rose and Jeff Johnson, Jeff and Carolyn Cochran, David Sparks and Dominique Kohlenberger, Tess and Shawn Harrison, and Leslie and Tom Sherrill. It's a definite double win-win situation for everyone!



Emily Bennett and her grandmother Nelma Bennett enjoy working together at the shelter, especially during the summer when Emily is out of school.



It takes two to tango! Bob and Janice Dean enjoy playtime with Kate and Kirby.



Jeff and Rose Johnson take Patience and Ella out for their evening walk.



Long time friends Judi Prestridge and Sue Hoey socialize with the cats and each other!



## Happy Tails - Newman, our Frequent Flier Collegiate Cat!

Emma came to the Adoption Shelter on her Christmas break from Vassar College last year looking to adopt her very first cat. An animal loving resident of the Village, Emma had shadowed at Waggin' Wheel, and wanted an older cat she could provide a good home for. She immediately bonded with 15 year old Newman, and when Emma returned to school, Newman was placed in his own backpack carrier for their 1,300 mile journey that took two plane rides, a several hour train ride, and an Uber ride. Emma says, "Newman was such a good traveler during the whole ordeal. He has become my cuddle buddy, and loves our room on the campus where he can look out the windows, and tries to find my hidden stash of beef jerky!" Newman also provides Emma with emotional support, as she often felt isolated in her room at school. Emma, a biology major, wants to become a veterinarian, so we know that Newman will spend the remainder of his days surrounded by love and good care!

*Cat's out of the bag. My e-mail password has been hacked. That's the third time I've had to rename my cat!*

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## July Statistics

- 5 Dog Adoptions
- 25 Cat Adoptions
- 10 Spay/Neuter Vouchers used in May at Waggin' Wheel
- 45 Vouchers used in April & May at Kelly Vet
- 8,433 animals sterilized since 2007
- 6 Hug transfers
- 19 Angel Fund requests
- 94 Champions
- 670 AWL Memberships

## Save the Dates

### 2022 Spay Neuter Clinics

Sept. 12/13

*Paron Community Center*

Nov 14/15

*Fountain Lake Fire Station*

### Sept 24 - Fall HomeFest

9am - 7 pm; Village True Value Parking lot. Food, Drinks, Visit the AWL Booth, Entertainment  
Free Admission

### Sept 26th - Girls Gotta Howl

*Tickets on Sale August 29th!*

## Champions

Tom Sherill is July's Champions drawing winner. Tom won \$470 and has graciously donated all the winnings back 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](mailto:contactus@hsvawl.org) for more information.

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## DON'T FORGET TO MAIL IN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!

Wrangle Your Way to

## GIRLS GOTTA HOWL!

Join us Monday, September 26th at 5 pm at the "O.K. Cat Corral" Coronado Center for a Doggone Good Time!



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