



HSV Animal Welfare League

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Dedicated to the placement of all rescued and surrendered adoptable companion animals into loving homes and to the prevention of overpopulation of unwanted animals.

Rescue Report

Angels Are Among Us

The Animal Welfare League is thankful to our members and all Villagers who so willingly respond to our pleas for support. AWL sent a holiday card to every person and business in the Village and the response was amazing. Not only did many donate money, but we received numerous new members. Many of you donated to our Angel Tree at the Adoption Center to help specific pets.

Recently, AWL posted a plea in the *Voice* and in this *Rescue Report* for donations to help an orange cat named Emory get necessary surgery because he was in intense pain.



The surgery promised to cure him 100%.

We also put a plea on social media for a dog named Rory who needed surgery, too. He was also in intense pain and the surgery would relieve that.

The response was plentiful as the funds poured in. All monies in excess of these bills will go to our Angel Fund to help others with extraordinary veterinary needs.

Emory had his surgery and is doing fine with a follow up soon, so he will enjoy a long, contented life. Rory, too, had his surgery and is healing well at home. Now both of these sweet animals will be pain free and able to enjoy life. Emory will soon be available for adoption.



Over 500 cats and dogs came into our care in 2018, which is why AWL is especially thankful for the extra support.

AWL has over 700 members and approximately 200 active volunteers in varied capacities, all of whom care deeply about the welfare and adoption of homeless pets.

AWL is grateful to all who continue to support us as we work to be the voice for the animals who cannot speak. As a nonprofit corporation, AWL receives no POA funding. We provide funding for many POA animal costs to help heal and find loving homes for them. AWL is proud to be a service organization in such a caring Village as we strive to save them all.



Rose, a lovely beagle, was inconceivably abandoned in an apartment, but still trusts people. Only about a year old, she found her loving home thanks to AWL, and all of us are happy for the new family.

Our dedicated volunteers are amazing. Join us as we work to Save Them All.



Irish is a lovely cream orange tabby who wandered up to a house lookin' for someone to love. They knew AWL would find that special one for him. He is now big brother to another orange tabby and has clearly found his loving home.

Volunteer Luncheon to Celebrate 2018 Successes

What a lovely luncheon we enjoyed for all who volunteered in 2018. We know we have some very new volunteers, but this celebration was for those who were active in 2018.

AWL sponsored lunch at DeSoto Club, and had about 100 volunteers able to attend of the nearly 200 active volunteers. In addition to enjoying visiting with others we may not have seen lately, President Sue Luse highlighted all of our incredible accomplishments in 2018. **All of these successes were only possible because of the profound commitment and dedication of our volunteers.**

- **508** cats & dogs taken in
- **96.3%** found loving homes
- **0% killed for space: No-Kill** status maintained because of generous fosters
- **917** pets owned by people in Garland & Saline counties spayed/neutered
- **285** AWL pets sterilized prior to adoption
- **Approx. 48,200 hours donated by our volunteers to all of the programs AWL manages.**

AWL has volunteers on the line at the AC caring for, feeding, walking, cuddling the pets, responding to visitors. Volunteers work at S/N clinics and coordinate vouchers for sterilization. Volunteers include behind-the-scenes people (data, correspondence, scrapbook, recycling, fosters, HUG drivers, fundraisers, & many more). BOD members give tirelessly, too. AWL saves lives of pets and enhances the lives of humans. Thanks to all of you!

Adoption Center to Remain Closed on Wednesdays through End of February

Because of continued difficulty in filling the volunteer schedule for adoption center workers and guest relations workers at this time of year, the AC will remain closed to the public on Wednesdays (and as usual Sundays) through February.

Dog Walkers are already scheduled to come in to give the dogs exercise, and Cat Cuddlers are welcome to organize themselves to come give the cats attention. Cat Cuddlers should work with their scheduler if interested.

NOTE: Whenever the AC is closed, the Animal Control Officers always clean and feed the animals, so do not be concerned about whether they are in good hands.

Donations

Clean Tennis Balls—If you or a neighbor play tennis and have some used, but still bouncy tennis balls, we can use them. Not only do we offer to adopters who are getting a new friend who loves chasing them, but we also sell them on eBay for a little profit.

Dry Food—No new or opened food goes to waste. Although AWL uses certain foods, we offer what we don't use to low income folks who bring pets to Spay/Neuter clinics or take to Jackson House. PLEASE do not bring bags over 40 lbs. If you donate a large amount, please divide into smaller bags. so we can carry them.

"If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them." ~ Phil Pastoret

Happy Tails

Sweet Zelda sent a note: “Hi, Foster Mom! I miss you but I’m doing great in my new home!” She was cared for by one of our premier cat fosters, **Cheryl Schaefer**, who is a specialist in kitten care. Zelda was one of a litter that came to AWL with their mama. All of them were named for Dobie Gillis characters, and Dobie & Maynard have also been adopted. Thanks to Cheryl for her care.



Dallas, a handsome shepherd/ husky mix, had heartworms and was fostered by one of AWL’s volunteers **Michelle Alford**. Of

course, he wormed his way into her heart while he was healing, and now he is in his wonderful new home!

AC volunteers and Cat Cuddlers know these two guys well. Flash & Gizmo were quite the attention getters at the AC. These



brothers who look almost identical were found as strays and now they have the best life, thanks to AWL’s care.

*“Cats seem to go on the principle that it never does any harm to ask for what you want.”
~ Joseph Wood Krutch*

HSV AWL Presents Woofstock 2019 Rescue Dog Show

All rescued dogs (mutts or any breed) may be entered in this fun show regardless where rescued. The owners do not have to be HSV residents either.

When: Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Balboa Pavilion

Categories: Best vocal performance, Tallest dog, Smallest dog, Best Pair (2 lookalikes), Best tail wagging, Best kisser, Best trick, Wildest hair, Best (worst) underbite, Best couch potato, Best listener/head tilt, Best senior dog, Best dressed, Best in special needs.

Won’t this be fun for our furry friends and their loved ones? Entrance fee = \$10 (one category), \$5 for each additional category.

All dogs must be kept on a leash (NO retractable leashes). All dogs must be current on vaccinations, including Bordatella (kennel cough).

AWL will have baked goods and people water for sale. All proceeds go to AWL. Entry forms will be available soon.

AWL Logo Shirts & Totes

We have quality logo shirts (not T-shirts) and lovely tote bags available. If you preordered, please contact Jody Moore at pupemom42@bellsouth.net.

Our embroidered logo shirts (\$30 S-L; \$33 XL+) and Tote bags (\$25) are available for purchase at the AC office while supply lasts. There’s a limited quantity and sizes are going fast. The shirts are at the Adoption Center and you can try them on to get the correct size. Check them out!

December Stats

Adopted: 40 cats & 7 dogs
HUG: 5 dogs transported
Taken in: 9 cats & 15 dogs
S/N total of owned pets (not AWL adoptions) through clinics & vouchers: 5408



This sweet girl has had the people in her life leave her because of their health. Luckily, she came to AWL. One of our Cat Cuddlers couldn’t resist adopting her, so we know she is being cuddled non-stop now! Good for her and her new family.



*"Animals have no voice. They can't ask for help. They can't ask for freedom. They can't ask for protection. Humanity must be their voice."
~ A.D. Williams*



Handsome Chewy was surrendered to AWL when his owners could no longer care for him. He is only 3 years old, and a great hound mix. Now he has the best home ever, and he deserves it.

Calendar Dates

Every Wednesday through end of February—AC Closed (but not the Animal Control).

Monday & Tuesday, March 4 & 5—Spay/Neuter Clinic at Crows.

Saturday, April 20—"No Fleas" Flea Market.

Saturday, April 27—Rescue Dog Show (see p. 3).

Monday & Tuesday, April 29 & 30—Spay/Neuter Clinic, Mountain Pine.

Help Wanted—We Need You

Our big fundraiser "Puttin' on the Dog...and Cat" is in September. During the months of July & August we'll be canvassing for donations. We need volunteers who will be willing to call on 10 assigned businesses for solicitation. It's only 10 stops and two months to complete it. How easy is that! The revenue from this fundraiser allows us to fully support the programs that serve our community. This is one of the easiest ways to help us be successful. Contact Kathy Kovacevic at kathykovacevic@yahoo.com or call her at 501-412-7778.

"No Fleas" Flea Market—If you can help with displaying (April 19) and/or working the sale (April 20), please contact Beverly Fitzpatrick at 214-632-5314. And, start setting aside those treasurers to donate. In fact, let all your friends know about it so they can start gathering as well. These sales net between \$2500 & \$3500, so it's a pretty big return for a couple days of hard work.

Memorials— Are you the special person looking for a way to help the AWL from the comfort of your home? We need someone to update the memorial digital photo display and Dog/Cat Cage Sponsorship display at the Adoption Center. It's a quick process using an established computer program. It only requires a semi-monthly trip to the AC to change out the memory stick or sponsorship document. If you're interested, please contact Beverly Fitzpatrick at or 214-632-5314.

Why Register My Dog with the POA?

All dogs physically housed or boarded for more than 30 days in Hot Springs Village are required to be registered with the HSVPOA. The registration fees go to the Animal Control budget which funds the budget for the shelter for the POA responsibilities, such as Animal Control Officers' pay, utilities, etc. These funds do not alleviate the funding that AWL provides, such as all veterinary care, food, and litter.

Champions

AWL's program for a sustaining pledge is the "Champions." These committed folks contribute a small \$10 a month as sustaining members. Each month we have a 50/50 raffle, with a cap payout of \$500. **Champions proceeds to date are \$28,330.00.**

The December Champions drawing winner was Karen Spiekerman who donated her winnings of \$495 to AWL. Champions is open to non-members, too. Use a credit card on our website or send an email to hsvawlsec@gmail.com to join. Please tell your friends about it.