



HSV Animal Welfare League Rescue Report

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AWL's Facility Updates Continue

In the January 2022 Rescue Report, we showcased many of the safety and aesthetic improvements made at the Adoption Center for the welfare and well being of our animals. Six months later, many more improvements have been made, and more are slated. We were able to facilitate this work due to anonymous donors who specified how their gifts be utilized.



New sturdy and safety fencing was placed around the Adoption Center dog kennels, while potted plants and landscaping beautify the AWL Memorial Garden and adjacent parking lot area. *The AWL Memorial Garden was created with proceeds from the Ryan Lund Memorial Fund. Ryan was a good friend of the AWL and an animal lover.*



All the cat cages on the POA intake area - many rusty and unsafe - are being replaced with larger, stainless steel cages.



The unsightly hvac units adjacent to the AWL front door have been hidden with wooden fencing, thanks to the installation skills of our volunteers, and our puppies enjoy their new, open "play pen" area.

"They (dogs) are just better humans than we'll ever be."

- Melissa McCarthy, actress/comedian

Keeping pets safe during our hot Arkansas summers!

Summer is a great season for people and pets, but the heat can also be dangerous or even deadly for dogs and cats. Heatstroke can occur when an animal's temperature rises to a critical level, and they can suffer irreparable organ damage or even die. Fortunately, you can help keep pets safe in the summer heat by following these precautions:

- *Keep pets indoors during the day. It may sound obvious, but it's hottest outside when the sun is up.*
- *If pets do spend time outside during the day, ensure that they have access to shade and cool water.*
- *Exercise dogs during the cooler morning or evening hours, not in the intense afternoon heat. (Dogs who are seniors, overweight, have thick fur, or a pushed-in nose are even more at risk.)*
- *Note the temperature of sidewalks, asphalt, sand, or even packed dirt, which can cause severe burns.*
- *Consult a veterinarian about whether your pet needs a pet-approved sunscreen on exposed areas.*
- *Never leave your pet in a parked car when the outside temperature is above 70 degrees. (If they're inside a car, recycling hot air, panting gives no relief, and heatstroke can happen quickly.)*



Dog walker coordinator Julie Keck advises that when the air temperature is 86F, the asphalt temperature is 135f! Julie posts signs at the shelter to keep all dog walkers informed about heat conditions. "If it's too hot for your bare feet, it's too hot for theirs."

(left) Thanks to dog walkers Dominique Kohlenberger and David Sparks, AWL dogs Chance and Bear cool off and enjoy an outing at the Balboa spillway.



Spay Neuter Clinic at Mountain Pine Volunteer Fire Station

At our recent spay neuter clinic at Mountain Pine Fire Station on May 16th & 17th, 67 animals were sterilized (39 cats and 28 dogs) and 35 cats and 26 dogs received their free Petco vaccines, thanks to the Ozark Mountain veterinary staff. **Our total sterilizations to date is now 8,369!** Spay Neuter Coordinator Angela Nickols reports that a pet owner also received much-needed Angel Fund* help for his injured dog. Says Angela, "we are very privileged to be able to provide this help to the residents and pets in our surrounding communities and they are all so grateful." The next clinic will be held at the Paron Community Center on September 12th and 13th. For an appt., call Dorothy at 501-226-5772.

*Angel Fund provides financial aid for emergency vet care to certain pet owners who cannot afford the necessary care.



At the Mountain Pine Fire Station, pets are readied to be spayed and neutered. Julie Hadley, (above left) Sandy Young, and Shari Hall are just a few of the many AWL volunteers who regularly assist at the quarterly clinics.



Petco Love \$25,000 Check Presentation

Join the AWL at the Petco Store in Benton on Tuesday, June 28th, at 2 PM, where we will be presented with a check by the Petco management team. The generous grant was awarded to the AWL in April, and is to be used for adoption costs. We are very grateful for Petco's continuing support of the AWL, as their contributions helps defray our annual \$300,000 + expenses. Come celebrate with the AWL and shop at Petco while you're there.

AWL is proud to be a Petco Love TOP 100 Adoption Partner!

Girls Gotta Howl Gala Fundraiser Coming Soon!

After a four year hiatus, we can hardly wait to celebrate this fun event with all our AWL female friends! The party takes place on Monday, September 26th, so mark your calendars now. Tickets will go on sale August 29th and next month we'll be sharing more information, but here's how you can help support us in the meantime. Around July 8th, all AWL members will receive a packet of raffle tickets in the mail. Sandie Rickerman and other volunteers will also be selling additional raffle tickets at the following locations: Walmart, on July 30 and Aug 27 from 9am - noon; Melinda's Cafe on July 22 from 10am - 2pm; Home Plate on Aug. 1 from 8am - 11am, and Clampit's on Aug. 20 from 10am - 2pm. Your raffle ticket purchase will go a long way to help support the AWL, and please let your friends know. For more information, contact Sandie at 501-574-2628 or email her at lovesanimals2@gmail.com.



June is National Adopt-A-Cat Month

During National Adopt a Cat Month every June, hundreds of felines find a forever home, thanks to the numerous cat lovers across the U.S. Coincidentally, June also marks the height of "kitten season," when large litters of kittens are born and end up homeless when their owners are unable to find them a home or if they are strays. As of this writing, the AWL currently has more than 40 cats and kittens ready for adoption, and more will be arriving at the Adoption Center and our foster homes. Charlotte, Nala, Misty, Frank and Judy (pictured below) are just a few of our cute feline furballs looking for their forever homes! Contact our Cat Coordinators to learn more: Nancy Jones 501-922-6444, or Jill Jones at 901-570-1430.



Keep your Pets Safe on July 4th

Firework displays are a beautiful and patriotic way to celebrate our nation's Independence Day, but they can send some dogs and cats into a stressed out frenzy. The constant loud bangs and bright flashes may frighten or panic your pet. To keep your pet calm, create a safe place for them indoors away from the glaring lights and loud noise, and remove any free objects from the room that could cause an injury as some dogs become destructive when frightened. A little TLC can go a long way too!



May Statistics

- 11 Dog Adoptions
- 16 Cat Adoptions
- 9 Spay/Neuter vouchers used in April (May totals not in yet)
- 67 Animals Spayed/Neutered
- 61 Petco Love Vaccines given at Mountain Pine Fire Station on May 16 & 17
- 11 Angel Fund requests
- 90 Champions
- 676 AWL Memberships

Save the Dates

2022 Spay Neuter Clinics
Sept. 12/13 Paron Community Center
Nov 14/15 Fountain Lake Fire Station
Month of June - Village True Value
"Donate Your Change" program to benefit AWL
June 28 - 2 pm, Petco Store in Benton
Presentation of \$25,000 grant to AWL by Petco Love - come celebrate with us!
Sept 26th - Girls Gotta Howl

Champions

May Champions winner is Mary Lemberger! Mary graciously donated her entire \$455 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!



Annie and Herb of HSV are happy parents. They recently celebrated the 3 month anniversary when they adopted Philomena (now affectionately called Philly) from the AWL. According to Annie, they're "very satisfied parents and Philly is so adorable. She is just perfect and also gets along well with our two dogs." Philly's story is certainly a happy tail, as she and her kittens had an uncertain future when the person that rescued them became homeless. Fortunately, all the kittens were adopted, and now Philly is part of a wonderful family!



Cookbooks - \$7 each or 2 for \$10



Looking for new recipes for your summer gatherings? We have two cookbooks for sale; one features AWL's favorite recipes, and one from the DeSoto Womens Club of HSV. Make fabulous meals and support the AWL! Available for purchase at the Adoption Center Office.

Road Trip for Rottie!



George & Kathy Gadd (pictured on right) came to the shelter to deliver Rottie to his new "mom" - their daughter, who happens to live in New Hampshire. Rottie will join Connor,, who was also adopted from the AWL. Waving is foster mom Joanne Welsh. Happy Trails!





Join Our Team of Volunteers!

Love to spend time with our furry friends?
Enjoy walking dogs or cuddling with cats?
Need a flexible schedule?
If so, please consider volunteering for one of these rewarding positions and help us help them!

Dog Walkers

Our dogs really enjoy their morning and afternoon walks and would love for you to join them.
Contact Janice at scottysdogs24U@hotmail.com.

Animal Care Workers & Cat Cuddlers

These volunteers ensure the cats and dogs are ready to meet their public. They tend to their needs and care and give food as prescribed. Cat Cuddlers give each cat individual attention, brushing, afternoon feeding, and of course, cuddling. Contact Melanie at 817-909-7042

Guest Relations

Greeting and assisting visitors at the Adoption Center, answering phones, and general customer service are a few of the varied tasks of the Guest Relations team. Contact Beverly at 214-632-5314 or shelterops@hsvawl.org

Dog & Cat Fosters

Foster "parents" enable dogs, cats, puppies and kitten litters to live in loving, nurturing homes, which increases the pet's socialization and their chance of adoption. For Dogs, contact Shelley- snswgs@att.net or 314-520-8674. For Cats, contact Jill- 901-570-1430

Spay/Neuter Clinics

The AWL operates four low-cost, two-day clinics a year in communities surrounding HSV. Volunteers help with registration, track animal status in surgery, post-op, and other animal needs and care. Contact Angela at 501-915-0832 or 501-922-8840.

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