



# HSV Animal Welfare League Rescue Report

*Dedicated to place all rescued and surrendered, adoptable companion animals into loving homes, and to prevent the overpopulation of unwanted animals.*

## Behind the Scenes at the AWL - If It's Tuesday, it Must Be Vet Day

As part of our continuing series featuring the behind the scenes work at the AWL, the days when the animals are examined, vaccinated, and even sterilized - all prior to adoption - are crucial to our mission. Thanks to the expertise demonstrated by AWL volunteers who assist Dr. Chris Bilby and technician Rebecca Burnett when they come to the shelter on "Vet Day," the multiple procedures at the shelter are done with the precision of a surgical team, and with complete accuracy. On a recent Tuesday, 38 animals were treated. *(cont'd on page 2)*



*Rebecca Burnett assists Dr. Chris Bilby as he examines 1 of the 38 animals on the day's schedule, while Sue Luse (center) & Lisa Ake update the medical records - all pre-adoption!*

## Caroline Shares Her Love for the AWL



The AWL is fortunate to get many wonderful donations, but we were really touched by three year old Caroline's desire to help the AWL. When Caroline wanted to have her first lemonade stand, her mom provided a list of places where she could donate her proceeds. Caroline quickly chose the AWL so "she could help feed the doggies and kitties." The AWL received \$28.30 in proceeds, but the amount of love Caroline gave us is priceless!

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## Behind the Scenes - Vet Day (cont'd)



Dr. Chris Bilby has been coming to the shelter for 8 years, which enables our animals to receive faster treatment; we can easily monitor them, plus it frees up space at Waggin' Wheel so other animals can get care for services that can't be performed at the shelter. These include surgical sterilizations, which are performed on Wednesdays at Waggin' Wheel. Non-surgical procedures can be done at the shelter.

*Above left: Foster mom Cheryl Schaefer and volunteer Pam Galuska transport 23 kittens from Cheryl's home for their checkups; Sue Luse records a weight, Jill Jones prepares vaccines to prevent coccidia, roundworms and other feline infections (cats are also tested for feline leukemia); and neutered male cats rest in the temporary "recovery room."*



## Behind the Scenes - Operation 7

The AWL has great relationships with partner rescues that ensure our larger dogs find their forever families, but it requires the help of our dedicated volunteers who go to great lengths to make that happen - multiple times every year. In the early hours (3:58 am) on a rainy July 13th, that's exactly what **Julie Keck** and **Liz Ryan** did. They met at the shelter, walked seven dogs that were being transported, loaded them in their crates and drove to North Little Rock where they met with the partner rescue, who took the dogs to their new forever homes in the northeast US. Unfazed by the schedule, Julie and Liz modestly say they're just so happy for the dogs!



## Behind the Scenes - Helping Community Pets

Three caring volunteers have been delivering pet food within the community for many years. Since 2015, **Dorothy Zabecki** has been delivering cat food donations to local area homes that have been referred to by the AWL. The folks are low income and would otherwise have a hard time affording the food. The AWL can provide this service as sometimes we receive brands or types of food we cannot use at the shelter. In return, we require the recipients to have their pets spayed/neutered. **Jane Garrison** works with many area churches that provide hot meals to the homeless. Since many of these people have dogs, Jane delivers dog food that gets distribute to the people when they get hot meals at the churches. To make it easy for them to carry, she repackages the food into gallon ziploc bags. The AWL provides some food to distribute, but Jane also purchases a lot with her own money. **Shelley Shepherd** also helps deliver dog food to needy dog owners, who are always so grateful to get the donations for their beloved pets.





## Feline Frenzy - 93 and counting!

AWL dog walkers heard meows by the water treatment center; a couple out walking found six abandoned kittens in a cardboard box on a deserted Village street; a family riding their bicycles saw five kittens run out of the woods crying for help; and a nurse at Mt. Carmel spotted a young mama moving her three kittens to higher ground during the heavy rains. These are just a few of the recent stories about some unfortunate felines, many who have been abandoned, surrendered, or unceremoniously dumped in Hot Springs Village.

Thanks to the good samaritans who contacted the AWL, these cats and kittens are indeed lucky. But while finding them is one thing, caring for them is quite another.

Once in our care, our volunteers often spend hours each day taking care of their continuous needs; whether providing food and water (even round the clock feedings when required), taking animals to the vet, giving medications, daily health checks, socializing, keeping needed supplies on hand, and constant cleaning.\*

Compounding the situation is the sheer number of felines involved. In a typical kitten season, we may care for 50 or 60 felines, which in itself is very demanding and requires the efforts and time of many volunteers.

*As of this writing, we are caring for 93 felines; a workload that is pushing our capabilities to the max. But thanks to our incredible foster parents & cat care workers who have stepped up to this daunting challenge, all animals are getting wonderful care.*

Words can't express how much the AWL appreciates our incredible volunteers! Without their help, we simply couldn't save these many cats simultaneously. The amazing foster parents caring for the cats in their homes are Jill Jones, Susan and Bill Wheat, Cheryl and Chad Schaefer, Pam Galuska, Heather Benz and Judi Prestridge. Volunteers Lisa Ake and Jennifer Hurd have been working many hours nearly every day for several weeks, and Cindy Boucher, Brenda Bennett, Susan Senogles, Susan Espinal, Sandie Rickerman, and Laura Allworth are helping at the fosters', while Beth Barrows, Janene Howell, and Melanie Marshall are taking on extra shifts at the adoption center until the crunch subsides.

\*Daily cleaning is essential, Simply keeping bedding and towels washed can require 5 loads of laundry each day; another foster home uses up to 60 lbs of cat litter per day, not to mention the huge bags of kitten chow and multiple cans of food consumed. Other tasks include washing food and water bowls, cleaning cages, changing bedding, sweeping / washing floors, removing trash and recycling when possible.

Featured are some of the record 90+ kittens and cats in our care that will be, or are currently, up for adoption. Skylar, (above left) holds two kittens he found near the water treatment center while helping AWL dog walker Shelly Hill.



## Ways to Help Reunite Lost Pets



Our partner Petco Love Lost has announced a new integration with Ring and its Neighbors app, which allows customers to share images of their pet via a Neighbors Pet Profile or a lost pet post with Petco Love Lost. The AWL encourages you to register with Neighbors and Petco Love Lost, and to ensure your pet data is up to date. Visit the link below to register:

[https://lost.petcolove.org/?utm\\_source=cordial&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2023-06-29\\_PLove\\_AWO\\_Neighbors\\_Announcement\\_2023-06-28](https://lost.petcolove.org/?utm_source=cordial&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-06-29_PLove_AWO_Neighbors_Announcement_2023-06-28)

## AWL's Lily Alert Program

If a pet is missing, immediately call the POA Animal Control at 501-922-6547. Please leave a message if there is no answer. For wider coverage and prompt attention, email a description, photo, and contact info to: [LilyAlert@HSVAWL.org](mailto:LilyAlert@HSVAWL.org). In most cases, volunteer Deb King (or a backup if she is unavailable) can email Lily Alert notices within minutes of receipt. The notices are sent to nearly 800 HSV residents and other members on our mailing list, plus it is also posted on NextDoor. Questions? Please call the AWL at 501-915-9337. To join our mailing list, email: [LilyAlert@HSVAWL.org](mailto:LilyAlert@HSVAWL.org)

## HSV Businesses Support the AWL



### AWL Scores a Home Run at Home Plate!

Home Plate Café & Bakery front of house manager Tonya Porterfield (left) presents a \$500 check to AWL President Susan Luse. Home Plate recently started a round up program which asks diners if they would like to round up their tabs to benefit a local nonprofit. We are thankful that they choose the AWL as their monthly charity for July!

### Village True Value Home Center & Building Supply

For the third consecutive year, AWL was selected as a True Value Home Center Charity of the Month. Patrons were asked to "round up" their receipt amount to give to the AWL. Village True Value in turn donated up to \$250 to the total. AWL Fundraising Chair Sandie Rickerman accepts nearly \$330 from General Manager Matt Burr (pictured left) and Travis Smith, Marketing Manager.



### Eyecare Specialties

A Special Thank You to Michael and Susan Semmler, and the entire team at Eyecare Specialties in HSV! As part of their Community Support to non-profits, they donated \$300 to the AWL, which was a portion of their eyeglass and prescription sunglass sales for the months of April & May. Additionally, several staff members also participated in our recent Walk & Wag-A-Thon.

## Happy Tails! Daisy, Zayden, and Lily Prove Love Has No Age Limits



Daisy was 13 when she came to the shelter after her owner passed away. Sadly, months went by without a single adoption inquiry, application or even a call. Meanwhile, Catherine and Phil had lost their dog to bone cancer, and when they learned about Daisy, they decided to adopt her. Now Daisy has a new family to share her love with. And if Catherine looks familiar, she happens to be the daughter of Shelley Shepherd, AWL's Dog Adoption Coordinator!

Lily was adopted from HSVAWL 10 years ago and spent her life being loved by her human. Her life was wonderful until her human became sick and passed away after a couple of years of illness. Lily was right beside her when she passed. Lily missed her very much. A dear friend who visited Lily's mom frequently before her death, offered to give Lily a home and all the love she was used to getting. Now this senior but spry dog has a wonderful new mom and life is good!



Zayden is still a kitten at just over 6 months old, and this handsome boy is getting lots of loves from his young family. They also happen to be first time cat owners who are definitely enjoying being with their newest family member!

## Creating Sounds of Silence during Fireworks

Special thanks to volunteers Janice & Bob Dean, Dawn Michalic, and Julie Keck (pictured right with Jesse), who comforted the shelter dogs during the July 1st fireworks in HSV. In what has become an annual tradition, they spent the evening exercising the dogs, enclosed them in the shelter, and then used music and fans to dampen the booms from the fireworks.

*"My fashion philosophy is, if you're not covered in dog hair, your life is empty."*  
Elayne Boosler, comedian



## Statistics

### Adoptions

May - 9 Dogs, 7 Cats

June - 2 Dogs, 20 Cats

### Angel Fund Requests

May - 14, June - 17

### Spay Neuter

9,067 sterilizations since 2007!

April - 34 Vouchers used

May - 33 Vouchers used -

13 by Kelly; 20 by Waggin' Wheel

### Memberships as of 7/1

651 Members

87 Champions

### HUG Transfers

May - 2 June - 4

## Save the Dates

### Girls Gotta Howl

TICKETS ON SALE AUG 21!

at [hsvticketsales.com](http://hsvticketsales.com) \$35

For ladies wishing to sit together,  
Contact [mollyhartman@att.net](mailto:mollyhartman@att.net)  
to provide the names of your  
group sitting together.

Tables of 8 can be reserved,  
but one person must purchase  
the entire table for \$280.

### AWL Open House

October 8th

### AWL Annual Meeting

November 16th

## Champions

Congrats to our Monthly Winners!

June - Cheryl Gaskill - \$445

July - Gail Kranz - \$450

*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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<https://hsvawl.wufoo.com/forms/sguov4m0twh1dc/>



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