



HSV Animal Welfare League Rescue Report

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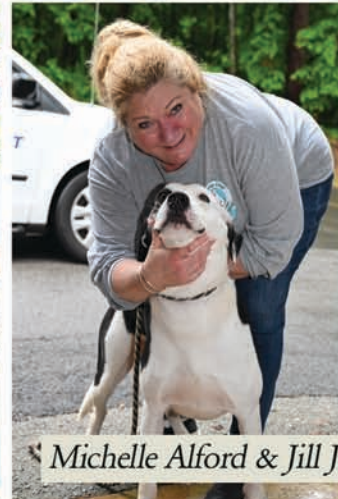
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Puttin' on the Dogs & Cats at our Open House!



*Sheri Koch &
Janene Howell
cut celebration
cakes.*



Michelle Alford & Jill Jones with adoptable pets.



HSV Open House volunteers

The AWL warmly welcomed HSV residents and guests to our Open House on Sunday, May 5th. Despite a rainy and dreary day, visitors enjoyed tours of our Adoption Shelter, met some of our adoptable cats and dogs, and learned how we care for and prepare the pets for adoption. Following the tours, guests were treated to lunch, compliments of Clampit's and Brookshire's. Many thanks to Village SCAT for transporting guests to and from the Balboa Pavilion to the AWL, and our awesome volunteers who helped with the guided tours and lunch. *(cont'd page 2)*



*Lois Morningstar
assists guests as they
get shuttled to and
from the AWL.*



*Beverly Fitzpatrick welcomes
guests in the AWL front office
as they begin their tour.*

AWL's S/N Program - Over 9,532 Animals Spayed/Neutered to Date

Spay Neuter coordinator Angela Nickols reports that at the clinic in Paron on May 31st and June 1st, "an astonishing total of 87 animals were sterilized - 51 dogs and 31 cats. A boatload of thanks to Fido Fixers, Good Shepherd Humane Society, the Bissell Pet Foundation's Fix the Future initiative, and our wonderful vet, Dr. Paula Gibson and the many volunteers who worked smoothly and tirelessly both at the clinics and behind the scenes, who make this venture possible. I can't thank you enough! Friday was a long day with 32 dogs and 16 cats sterilized and Saturday with 19 dogs and 20 cats sterilized. The mix was about even between male and female with several feral cats from TNR (trap, neuter, release) colonies."



Dr. Paula Gibson (2nd on left) takes a break from her surgical duties to pose with volunteers DJ Wisheart, Angela Nickols, Karen Goodroad, & Mary McCullough.

(left) Warren Taylor & helper carefully move a sedated dog, while Germaine Levac (above) sterilizes surgical instruments in the AutoClave machine.

Open House (cont'd from page 1)

Guests learned about the areas within the Adoption Center, and met POA Animal Control Officers - Jim Kull and Payge Farewell - who occupy their own side of the building. This is where all lost or stray animals found within HSV are kept for several days while they wait to be reclaimed, or receive vet care before they can be adopted through the AWL.

Other tour stops included **Tabby Town**, a dedicated cat room where up to 22 adoptable felines have their own condos. (All kittens reside in offsite foster homes due to their weakened immune systems at birth.)

While the weather prohibited a visit to our fenced in **Dog Run** and **Puppy Play** area, guests visited our **Dog Kennels**, which house up to 5 adoptable dogs. Also featured was our **Utility Area** (for cleaning and disinfecting) our **Vet Room**, where the vet visits animals that need health clearance, and performs simple procedures.

Guests also viewed our **Photography Studio**, where our handsome pet portraits are taken, and the very important **Adoption Office** - where lucky pets go to their forever homes with their new families!



(left) Guests arrive at the Adoption Center; Joey Clampit prepares hot dogs for the complimentary lunches.

"The Open house was the result of a lot of planning and mostly, the dedication and commitment of our wonderful volunteers. The weather was less than optimal but our cheerful volunteers made it a memorable event."

Susan Senogles, Open House Committee Chair



Shelley Shepherd describes the dog kennels.

Fostering Saves Lives!

After two years with the AWL, two foster cats were finally adopted together on April 18, 2024.

Both were strays who entered the shelter three days apart and ended up in foster care at Susan and Bill Wheat's house. Since they bonded and became best buds, Daisy and Prissy had to be adopted together and waited a very long time for their "people." Finally on April 18, 2024, they were adopted by a retired couple near Russellville, Ar.

Contributed by Lisa Ake, AWL volunteer



DAISY - 759 days
in AWL care



PRISSY - 762 days
in AWL care

Become an AWL Foster Parent

We are very grateful to Susan and Bill Wheat and all the AWL foster parents who provide loving, temporary homes. They help save even more lives by freeing up space at our Adoption Center so we can care for additional animals. Pet fostering also requires less commitment than full pet ownership, and offers a flexible schedule - often a priority for empty nesters, retirees, and older adults who travel or have other obligations. Additionally, it costs nothing to foster - the AWL provides food, crates, supplies, and medical services. For more information about fostering and helping to save lives, please contact:

Dogs - Shelley Shepherd at 314-520-8674; Cats - Jill Jones at 901-570-1430, or Nancy Jones at 501-922-6444.

Six Reasons to Consider Adopting a Dog



JASPER



EBONY



GINGER



KAYLA



SPOT



BEAU

At the recent POA Meet & Greet, Jasper was the star of the event, and is currently out on adoption approval!

If you're considering adding a dog to your family, there are many reasons to consider adopting a dog from the AWL. These pups are loyal, gentle, and just looking for a family to love them. It's worth considering adoption for these reasons:

- You know what you're getting.** When adopting a rescue dog, you get the chance to meet the dog and get to know their personalities. Shelter volunteers and foster dog parents are able to answer questions about the dog's routine and temperament to help you find the best fit for your lifestyle.
- Minimal training is needed.** Shelter dogs already have some training completed. Many of these pups are already housetrained, and you will save yourself the overnight wake-up calls to let the puppy out.
- You're helping a dog that truly needs you.** You are giving a dog a home and helping to clear the shelter space so they can rescue more dogs.
- Puppies require a lot of work.** Bringing home a new puppy comes with a lot of time and attention. Most people just think about how cute puppies are, but you have to work with them nonstop and help them learn all the boundaries and keep them safe. Rescue dogs are typically out of that stage of life.
- It will help put an end to harmful puppy mills.** Each time you rescue a dog instead of buying a puppy, you're helping to eliminate the need for disreputable breeders and puppy mills.
- Rescue dogs know that you've rescued them.** You'll receive love and respect from your dog once they realize you're providing them with a home, food, and safety. Please visit hsvawl.org to see all our adoptable dogs.

Happy Tails!

Sweet Rylee relaxes with her new family



Rylee looks absolutely thrilled as she leaves the Adoption Center with her family that recently moved to the Village. Fortunately for Rylee, they decided it was time to add a dog to their family!



Escape artist Kai on the run for 19 days

The Johnson family found the perfect dog in Kai to add to their family. On adoption day, everyone was so excited when they picked him up and drove back home to Sherwood, Ar. But Kai never made it inside their house. Disaster struck when Kai's crate was opened and he bolted right in front of their home. A real Houdini, Kai was on the run for 19 days. The frantic family tried everything to lure him back. Shelley Shepherd even brought his dog playmates from the AWL to entice him since game cameras revealed he was still in the area. Kai was finally caught in a trap. According to his relieved family, "Kai came back a different dog and is doing great!"



Kai, a terrier mix approximately one year old, came to us as a stray. After 19 days on the run, he seems very content in his new home!



First Kittens of the season adopted at PETCO

Born in January, Donovan and Ronnie became the first kittens to be adopted in 2024 by a very happy family from Malvern, Ar. They visited Jill Jones, the AWL's Cat Adoption Coordinator, at the PETCO store in Benton, saw the adorable kittens, and the rest as they say, is history.

Cats and kittens are available for adoption by Jill every Saturday at the Petco Store in Benton.



A "Cool" Birthday!

Spot and his fellow canines at the Adoption Center enjoyed refreshing treats in honor of dog walker Nancy Richie's birthday! A very hot day, the whipped cream really hit the "spot" and the dogs didn't even mind wearing hats help to celebrate! Thanks also to Nancy for cleaning all the mud and rocks on the sidewalk in the Dog Pen after a recent storm.



Spot (above) and Ziggy, (right) help celebrate Nancy Richie's birthday.

AWL Bake Sale raises nearly \$575 at Rock Porch



We thank all the fabulous AWL bakers who prepared a wonderful selection of goodies to sell at the May 25th Rock Porch concert, plus special thanks to the volunteers at the sales tables, including (from left) Michelle Alford, Julie Gerush, Patti Swenson, and Beth Barrows.

AWL partners with Adopt-A-Pet's low cost Rehoming Program



After years of declining animal intake numbers, HSV Animal Control and the HSV Animal Welfare League are seeing intake numbers rise again as more owners are relinquishing their pets to our shelter and shelters in nearby communities.

In an effort to help families and individuals who need to rehome a pet, we have partnered with Adopt-a-Pet to offer low-cost rehome listings to members of our community for only \$1.

For more information on rehoming or surrendering a pet, please contact POA Animal Control Officers (Jim Kull and Payge Farewell) at 501-922-6547.



K9 Officer Nala with Officer Elvis Caple. The AWL was pleased to provide support for Nala's transition to HSV, including veterinary care.

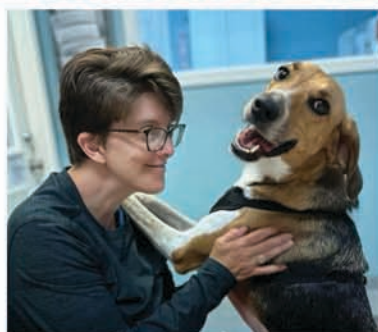
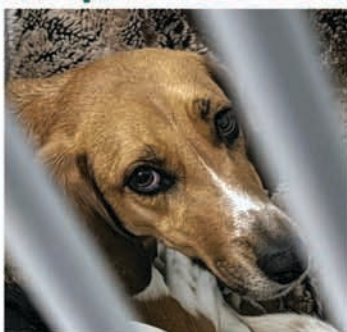
New Sheriff in Town?

A huge welcome to HSV K9 Officer Nala, a two year old Belgian Malinois donated from Category 5 K9, a non-profit from Texas. She will assist Officer Elvis Caple with search and rescue operations, drug detection, and provide additional safety to Officers and HSV residents.

Police Chief Kristi Bennett reports that "Nala is currently finishing up her training with graduation expected in two weeks."

According to her trainers, "she excelled in building drive for searchers and in finding things fast. We are excited to have Nala return home and hit the streets."

Heidi proves there can be love after grief...



A very depressed Heidi came to us after her owner had to go into assisted living. It was painful to watch, but Heidi ended up with the perfect mom and now both are very happy!

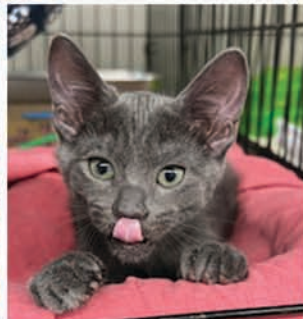
AWL is currently caring for over 70 cats and kittens!

The time period between March and October is generally when many litters of kittens are born and shelters become overwhelmed. HSVAWL is grateful for our foster homes which are currently taking care of many kittens. Several are available now for adoption, and others will be when they are fully vetted and of age.

Both these moms and their kittens are ready for adoption!



Complete your adoption application now. We are taking adoption reservations on our website: <https://hsvawl.org/become-a-pet-parent> Just fill out the cat adoption application and put in the notes that you are interested in adopting kittens. We will contact you to discuss availability. HSVAWL recommends that kittens be adopted in pairs so they have a playmate, learn their manners, and grow up to be sweet cats. Of course, if your home already has a young cat or a friendly dog for them to play with, then that would be an exception. We want these kittens to have the best chance to find a good home and grow happy!



Volunteer Needed!

- Good with data entry?
- Detail oriented?
- Like to work from home?
- Have 6-8 hours a month to spare?
- Own a computer and printer?



If so, the AWL needs a volunteer to enter data from Waggin' Wheel's monthly canine veterinary statement into our Shelter Manager program. Depending on level of interest, this could become a shared or rotated responsibility. We are very grateful to Annie Webster who currently handles this responsibility, but she is moving from HSV. Annie has also graciously agreed to train her replacement(s).

If interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Beverly Fitzpatrick at 214-632-5314 or email fitzpatrick44@att.net



Enhancing AWL Communications

At the AWL, we realize the urgency of getting messages out quickly - Lily Alerts about missing pets, facebook posts about pets in dire need, emergency help needed at the Adoption Center - the list can be long. To keep our readers up to date on the latest AWL information, we will be revamping our Rescue Report format to feature stories and events as they happen, rather than in a bi-monthly newsletter. In the near future, we will be utilizing Constant Contact emails to share information, and we promise not to inundate your inbox! The format will be compatible to read on both mobile phones or computers/tablets. Please keep us informed if you change your email address!

Statistics

Adoptions

April - 6 Dogs, 7 Cats
May - 6 Dogs, 11 Cats

Angel Fund Requests

April - 10
May - 7

Spay Neuter

9,532 sterilizations since 2007
April - 12 Vouchers used at Waggin' Wheel
Paron S/N Clinic - 87

Memberships as of June 1st

640 Members
89 Champions

HUG Transfers

May - 1

Save the Date

Village True Value
July Charity of the Month

DOGgone PURRfect
Golf Event
Saturday, July 13
(Sold Out - waiting list only)

More Information soon:

Girls Gotta Howl
"Bow Wow Meow Luau"
Monday, September 23, 2024
Coronado Center
11:30 am & 5 PM

Woofstock Rescue
Dog Show
Saturday, Oct. 12 - 10 am
Balboa Pavilion

Champions

Congratulations to our
Monthly Winners!

May, 2024
Sally Hendricks \$445
June, 2024
Stephanie Pyatt - \$445

Join Champions - AWL's program for a \$10 monthly pledge. Each month there is a 50/50 raffle, with a \$500 cap payout.

Email contactus@hsvawl.org for more information.
or click the link below to join:
<https://hsvawl.wufoo.com/forms/sguov4m0twh1dc/>



Paws Up!



Special appreciation to our many partners and supporters for their generosity and thoughtfulness!



Support the AWL when you shop in July at Village True Value

In what has become an annual tradition, we thank the Village True Value for selecting the AWL as the July Charity of the Month. Customers can "round up" their purchases to the nearest dollar on sales during the month of July, and all donations will be matched by True Value!



Belk Spring Charity Sale raises \$300 for the AWL!

Many, many thanks to Jane Benfield, manager of the Hot Springs Belk Store, and the Real Housewives of HSV, (spearheaded by Elizabeth Terry) who represented the AWL at Belk's Spring Charity Sale from June 7-9. They have graciously offered to help the AWL at the next Belk Charity Sale in November, which is just in time to do all your holiday shopping!



Rotary Satellite Club of HSV presents AWL with \$800 grant

Drew Kahle, (center) Chair of the HSV Rotary Grants Committee, and Wendy Blair (right), Chair of the After Hours meeting group and incoming Fundraising Chair, present an \$800 grant to AWL Board Member Susan Senogles. The grant will be used for our Angel Fund, which provides financial aid for emergency vet care to pet owners who cannot afford necessary veterinary care.