



Rescue & News Report

November, 2025

The HSV Animal Welfare League is a no-kill, all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit group dedicated to rescue, rehabilitate, and find homes for all adoptable cats and dogs, and prevent the overpopulation of unwanted animals.

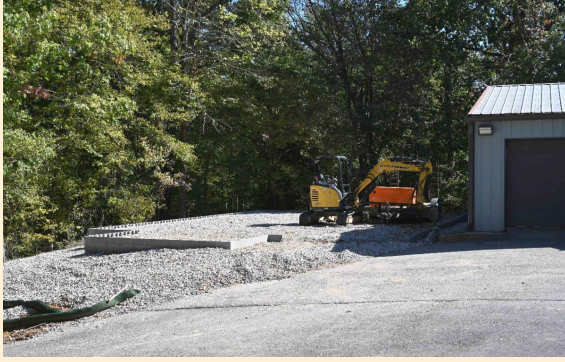
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Shelter Expansion Construction Begins!

What was once considered a pipedream for the AWL became a reality on October 6th when Renaissance Homes broke ground for the new 1500 square foot expansion to our Adoption Shelter. Years in the making, this critical expansion will enable all cats and kittens to be placed together within the shelter for optimum care, health and safety. In the past, all our kittens, nursing moms, or ailing cats were housed in foster homes, which has proved unsustainable. The new building will feature three kitten rooms - a primary room, an intake space, and an isolation suite. There will also be a dedicated room for the adult felines, a medication and utility room, restroom, and a feline adoption office. Existing shelter spaces for our canines will also be reconfigured and refined for their benefit as well. Construction is expected to be completed early in 2026.



From left: Gene Holder, Brandon Tedder, Andrew Overton and Jonathan Overton are joined by AWL Board of Directors members Beverly Fitzpatrick, Shelley Shepherd, Susan Senogles, Jill Jones, Michelle Alford, Jennifer Hurd and Laura Allworth.





It's an exciting but busy time at the Adoption Shelter!

There are multiple construction vehicles and materials blocking the side of the building facing Cloaca Lane. Please proceed with caution when visiting the shelter and note that vehicles can no longer drive behind the Adoption Center. Parking is still available in front of the entrance to the shelter.

Pictured below, dog walker Maria Aguglia keeps tabs on the dogs so they don't enter the construction area; while Shelly Hill pauses for a picture while walking with Petra.





Halloween Trunk or Treat!



In what has become an annual HSV tradition, AWL participated in the HSV Halloween Trunk or Treat Event on Halloween Eve. Special thanks to (from left) Todd Hurd, Susan Senogles, Jennifer Hurd and student volunteers Serenity Bendix and Easton Haug from Jessieville High School, who helped set up the festive display and pass out the donated treats to the children. AWL President Beverly Fitzpatrick (right) also joined in the festivities. Thank you to everyone who donated candy and treats. Beverly took the leftovers to the Boys and Girls Club, as many of the children there were unable to go trick or treating.

Perhaps even more popular than the sweets were the many AWL adoptable dogs that visited with the crowd. Our volunteer dog walkers brought several adoptable

dogs who were "treated" to lots of attention and Halloween hugs!



The "Bewitching" Real Housewives of HSV

We are very grateful to the members of the Real Housewives of HSV who know how to cast a great spell. They conjured up nearly \$1,500 in support of the AWL - proof that these witches are certainly not wicked!



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church donates \$2,200



The Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church donated \$2,200 in proceeds from their mystery dinner production of *"Drive for Show, Putt for Dough, and Mama's Got to Go"* to the HSV Animal Welfare League on October 21st. The play, written and produced by Sacred Heart parishioner Gil Duran, was presented in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus Council # 10208 and the Sacred Heart Men's Club.

Gil is pictured with his wife Mary (right) and accepting the donation is AVL Board Member Sandie Rickerman.



Every year, pet parents and Petco Love helps more pets get adopted by sharing Love Stories that celebrate the big and small ways pets change our lives for the better. Their goal is to inspire others to adopt pets, so more homeless animals have a chance of getting adopted into a loving family. Petco also awards grants to animal welfare organizations mentioned in selected Love Stories, so they can create even more adoption matches!

Below are three heartwarming stories as told by AWL adopters Joanne Chambers, Pam Galuska, and Judy Parker. While the AWL may or may not receive a grant, these truly are inspiring tales and the AWL is proud to have played a role in changing not only their lives, but also the lives of their beloved animals...
and that's priceless.

A Great Life with Sasha & Mocha *as told by Joanne Chambers*



My mom and I always had dogs in our home, and we were both grieving the loss of our dog Daisy. Since my mom was suffering from dementia, and ultimately became bedridden, I decided not to get another dog. But then I came across Mocha and Sasha at the Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League. They were surrendered to the AWL when their owners could no longer take care of them, and they both needed a lot of medical attention. Mocha required a cystotomy, dental extractions, the removal of large bladder stones and treatment for acute gingivitis. I was so impressed with all the care, attention, health and socialization the AWL provides, I wanted to give back and decided they would make great companions for my mom and myself.

And oh my gosh! We felt that they belonged with us right away. They had wonderful personalities and ran right to mom's bed when I brought them to our home. Mom thought Mocha was her beloved Daisy and was thrilled when she ran and jumped on her lap. When mother was in her hospice bed in the sunroom, Mocha often laid on her, and she always said, "This is a great life." Sadly, mom is no longer with us, but Sasha and Mocha continue to be great companions for me, and we enjoy a great life together!

When your Heart has more Love to Give *as told by Pam Galuska*



After many years of volunteering and fostering, my cat count at home was up to six, and my husband and I were not in the market to add another member to our household. But everything changed when I received a text message from the AWL about a beautiful white kitten found with a severely damaged tail. I cried when I saw the gruesome photo, and then my tears turned into deep concern and I decided to foster him. The kind vet at the clinic performed surgery to repair his

damaged tail, which involved amputating most of it.



I named him Bruce, and for two weeks Bruce had to endure wearing a cone so that he wouldn't lick his healing tail, and it never bothered him one bit.

When you own cats for as long as I have you must deal with inevitable loss, and every cat you own is precious and important to you, so you don't want to play favorites. But Bruce tugged at my heart in a way that makes me love even more. Sometimes there's just a special animal that needs your help and not only are you helping him but he's filling a hole in your heart that you really didn't realize you had until it was healed.

Was Bruce lucky to end up with me or am I the lucky one? I guess both, and seven is the addition that makes my household and heart complete, so I think I'm the lucky one. We can't imagine life without sweet Bruce, and we're pretty sure he feels the same.

Sweetie - A Super Senior *as told by Judy Parker*



Both of my dogs tragically passed within a few weeks of each other, and I felt totally lost without a canine companion. It was the first time since I moved to HSV in 2008 that I didn't own or foster at least one dog. I went to the AWL for a possible match, and the folks there made it their mission to find a senior dog for me. I've always had special affection for



senior dogs and always loved helping them with their various needs. The AWL soon found Sweetie, a senior dachshund, and she immediately took to me. There was no way of predicting how appropriate Sweetie's name was! She makes me melt with joy! Sweetie's almost 12 yrs old but she doesn't act like a senior. She's playful and spends most of her day trying to move her bed around. It's soooo funny to watch her. When she finally gets her bed where she thinks it should be, I get up and put it back in place, and then she starts all over.

She truly brings me such happiness and fills a big hole that was in my heart. She puts her front paws on my chest, sits up and looks me

straight in the eyes. I have no idea what she expects from doing that, but it makes me laugh.

I'm so very grateful to the HSV Animal Welfare League and their effort to find this special senior dog. She couldn't be a better fit.

Animal Control begins Microchipping HSV Pets



No matter how well trained our pets may be, sometimes a door left open or a squirrel darting across the lawn is just too



much of a temptation to sit idly by. Most pets have tags with owner information, but microchipping has become a valuable tool in locating and returning wayward pets. On Sept. 12, Hot Springs Village Animal Control began a microchipping program for Village pets. The process is simple: a tiny chip is inserted under the skin at the base of the pet's neck, between the shoulder blades, via a needle. It is a relatively quick process, and the animals experience minimal discomfort.

Before a chip is implanted, the Animal Control officer scans to see if a chip already exists. Animal Control officer Jim

Kull enters data on the owner and the pet into an international database program called PetLink. The owner can then use the program to enter additional information (identifying marks, medications, emergency contact information, etc.). If a pet is lost, owners can contact Animal Control, in addition to reporting the lost pet on PetLink. Any time a pet is picked up and taken to the Hot Springs Village animal shelter, the first thing the staff will do is scan for a microchip. All the information is then available, and the pet can be quickly reunited with its owner. Animal Control is offering this valuable service for just \$20. Owners are provided with a booklet with instructions on how to register a pet, as well as a handy card with the chip number and instructions on how to report a lost (or found) pet. **Chipping is done by appointment only, and only on Fridays. Pet owners can call Animal Control at 501-922-6547 to schedule.**

Reported by Mary Eliades, HSV Voice correspondent

Help Us Go (HUG) - Road Trip for Dogs!



Our HUG program ensures that some of our larger dogs, especially if they are young and energetic, find their forever families. We have built great relationships with partner rescues (usually in the northern part of the country) that in many cases have adopters waiting for our HUG dogs to arrive. On transport days, the AWL team often leaves with the dogs by 4 am to meet the partner rescues' vehicle in North Little Rock, where they begin their northern journey.

Pictured left is Skye, a surrendered Catahoula Leopard mix pup, who was at our shelter for 10 weeks before she moved with the HUG program.



The beautiful, playful pup is pictured with two of her biggest fans - Team Skye members Belinda Baechele (left) and Janice Dean.

Puppy Love - Below are three of eight stray pups that came to us within a few days of each other! At the same time, we were caring for more than a dozen adoptable dogs. It was a very hectic time for our dog walkers and animal care workers! Fortunately, seven of the eight pups were recently transported to their forever

homes through HUG, and one was adopted locally.



Happy Tails Double the Pleasure!



Cliff & Clyde

These handsome gray tabbies were found in the village and brought to animal control. When no one claimed them, they were transferred to the AWL. After a few weeks they were put up for adoption on our website and found the perfect home with Justin and Jennifer!

Happy Tails Bristol - Over the Moon!



Bristol is the sweetest girl and would like you to know she's over the moon with love for her new mom. Her mom Stephanie also loves her very much. With a gentle spirit and loving personality, Bristol likes to show affection by giving hugs. Bristol was at the shelter for 12 weeks.



Happy Tails Bennett gets a Bosom Buddy!



Bennett

After 98 days at the shelter, this fuzzy tailed wonder called Bennett finally found his forever home with Ryan. This five year old, long haired orange tabby is very affectionate and doesn't have to worry about being a stray cat any longer!



Membership Chair Volunteer Opportunity Work from home!

The AWL needs a volunteer to process our membership applications. Membership information is input into the Constant Contact program for our email applications.

Basic Excel spreadsheet skills are required to download reports. The tasks for the position have been well documented, and training will be provided. The position requires a time commitment of approximately 3-4 hours a month (or 1-2 hours per week.)

Please contact Beverly at 214-632-5314 or fitzpatrick44@att.net for more information.

Election Reminder Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League Voting for the Board of Directors

The AWL will hold its annual meeting and election on November 20, 2025, from 2:00-3:00 p.m., in Room 2 at the **Village Church of Christ** (*210 Balboa Road-between Desoto & Balearic*).

Each year AWL has several places on the Board of Directors that are scheduled for election since we stagger the terms of office of the directors. The elected BOD candidates (Places 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12) will start their two-year terms on January 1, 2026.

The candidates this year are the following:
(4 running for re-election; 2 new candidates - Place 10 & Place 12)

Prior to the meeting, a brief bio will be sent to you on each of the BOD candidates.

Place 6 – Jill Jones, 2nd Vice President

Place 7 – Jennifer Hurd, Secretary

Place 8 – Sandie Rickerman, At-Large

Place 9 – Susan Senogles, At-Large

Place 10 – Kim Warren, At-Large

Place 12 – Tori Varriale, At-Large

Proxy Form for Those Who Cannot Attend:

If you are unable to attend the meeting to vote in person, you may sign the attached proxy form and designate another member to receive and cast your ballot(s) for you. You simply choose a friend and tell him/her which directors you support and trust that friend to vote as you request. Your friend brings that signed proxy form to the meeting to receive your ballot(s) and cast your votes for you.

[Download the Proxy Form](#)

Holiday Gifts for your Pets

When shopping for your pets (or yourselves) this holiday season, we ask that you support the many companies that generously support us throughout the year. They include:

Petco - regularly gives us grants, provides vaccines, and the AWL adopts out kittens and cats every Saturday at their Benton store

Bissell - The AWL is just one of the thousands of shelters and rescues across the US that the Bissell Pet Foundation supports, and our Spay Neuter Clinics receive support from their Fix the Future Program.

Nylabone - Regularly donates dog chew toys and other items

Max & Neo - Regularly donates leashes, collars and other items (see photo below)



We wish all of you a very
Happy and Blessed
Thanksgiving.

We are so grateful to all
of you -our friends,
members, and volunteers
who care for our animals
every day of the year.



October Statistics

8 Dog Adoptions

11 Kitten Adoptions

4 Cat Adoptions

9 HUG (Help Us Go) transfers to other
rescue, no-kill animal shelters

6 Angel Fund requests

10,303 Animals Spayed/Neutered since 2007
(including 70 at the Mountain Pine Clinic in September)

12 Vouchers used at Lucky Pets in September
3 Vouchers used at Your Pets in September
9 Vouchers used at Waggin' Wheel in September

683 AWL Memberships
96 Champions

Welcome New Members in October

Kristi Carlson
Dee Glenn
Stacey Pinkerton
Cheryl Spires
Michael Walz

November (as of 11-11)

Jane Wallace & John Saunders
Victor & Jeanne Villano
Charmane Walden

Champions*

Congratulations to Sue Strayer -
October's Champion Winner

Sue won \$480

**Join AWL's Champions Program! Make a \$10 monthly pledge and become eligible to win a 50/50 raffle with a \$500 cap payout. Email contactus@hsvawl.org for more information or click the link to join:*

Click to Join Champions

PETFINDER

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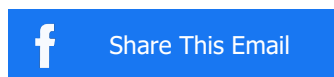
Considering a new pet?

Click the above links to see our adoptable cats and dogs.

For dog adoptions, call Shelley Shepherd at 314-520-8674

For cat adoptions call Jill Jones at 901-570-1430

An important message about unsubscribing to Constant Contact emails: We hope you enjoy receiving these newsletters, announcements, and our Lily Alerts about missing pets. Please contact us if you wish to remove your name from an individual mailing list, since if you unsubscribe to any of these Constant Contacts, you will automatically be removed from all the Constant Contact email lists from the AWL. We were informed by Constant Contact that when requested, they are required to remove them.



The Adoption Center is currently open
Mon - Tues - Thurs
Fri - Sat from 12 -3 pm.
We are closed Wed & Sun.
(501) 915.9337

To report a lost or found pet, call POA Animal Control at (501) 922-6547



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