



Rescue & News Report

October 1, 2024

Dedicated to rescue, vet, & find homes for all adoptable cats & dogs, and prevent the overpopulation of unwanted animals.

2024 Girls Gotta Howl Most successful AWL fundraiser ever!



Thanks to our many sponsors, donors, and the 500+ members, volunteers, and guests who attended our two Girls Gotta Howl “Bow Wow Meow Luau” sold out events, we netted an unprecedented \$28,000 to support the HSV Animal Welfare League.

GGH Co-chairs Barbara Roberts (left) and Dorothy Polston welcome all the gals who were definitely ready to party!



Aloha to our guests who dressed for the occasion, and to our adorable canines who participated in our doggie parade!





This year's Hawaiian themed event featured a free flowing wine fountain, a plentiful, tropical buffet catered by Melinda's Café, several tables full of silent auction items and gift certificates, raffle drawings, a doggie parade with some of our adoptable canines -who relished all the lovable attention- a fashion display from Renee's Bear Necessities, and plenty of free style and line dancing for all the ladies! Last, but certainly not least, there was an encore performance by the GGH favorite and very entertaining Cheapendales, (the AWL's version of the Chippendales!) Making all the right moves were Justin Ruttley, Craig Rickerman, Mitch Taylor, Gary Vogt and Jamie Cooke. From the welcoming call of the conch shell by Keith Polston, through the descriptive narrative and tribal dance routines by choreographer Linda Broome and assisted by Sandie Rickerman, it was a "Day-O" to remember. As AWL President Beverly Fitzpatrick humorously noted, "What happens at GGH stays at GGH."





With his conch shell, Keith Polston channels the CheapenDales -Justin Ruttle, Craig Rickerman, Mitch Taylor, Gary Vogt and Jamie Cooke.

Special Guests! K9 Officer Nala & Officer Elvis Caple

We were also very fortunate to receive a special appearance by HSV K9 Officer Nala and her partner/trainer Officer Elvis Caple. Nala, a 2-year-old Belgian Malinois who joined the HSV Police Department in July, 2023, has been trained in search and rescue, article recovery, and drug detection. As there were 95 "walkaways" in HSV over the past 3 years, Nala's keen sense of smell is a valuable asset in quickly locating missing persons. The AWL is also proud to contribute to Nala's veterinary care.



A very special thank you to GGH Co-Chairs Dorothy Polston and Barbara Roberts, choreographers Linda Broome and Sandie Rickerman, (pictured left) Presenting Sponsor Relyance Bank, and sponsors Bob Sweeten of Trademark Realtors, Janae Cook of Taylor Realty, Renaissance Homes, Brookshires, Clara Nicolosi and Re/Max Realtors, and the numerous silent auction donors.

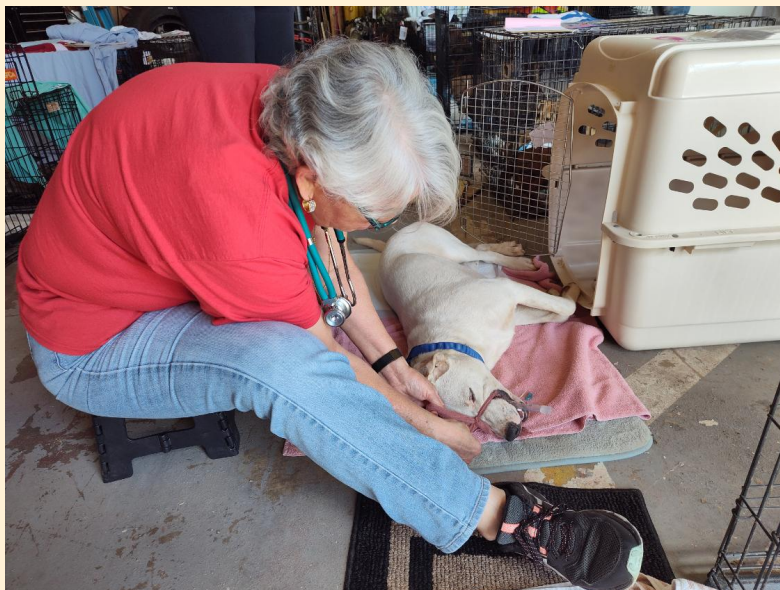
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9,650 animals spayed/neutered to date since 2007 - 66 cats & dogs s/n at Mountain Pine Clinic



At the September 13 & 14 Spay Neuter Clinic at the Mountain Pine Fire Station, Angela Nickols, Director of the S/N program, reports that a total of 66 animals were spayed or neutered and they also received their rabies shots and vaccines. Special thanks to the Bissell Pet Foundation for their continuing support, our wonderful vet, Dr. Paula, and vet techs Hailey and Abby. A shout out to Lester O'Dell and his daughter Jenny who graciously enabled us to sterilize instruments at the Baptist church fellowship hall, the Mountain Pine fire fighters and to all of our hard-working AWL volunteers. It really does take a village to help with this lifesaving work!

Note: the next S/N Clinics are scheduled at Crows on October 18 & 19 but are currently filled to capacity.



WOOFSTOCK

Rescue Dog Show

10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 12, 2024 - Balboa Pavilion

Deadline to submit entries
6 pm Wednesday, October 9!

You don't want to miss this fun and wildly entertaining dog show! Get ready to show off your rescue dog's amazing talents in more than 15 prize winning categories!



Mail entry forms with your payment to:
Jackie Paul, 12 Loyola Circle, HSV 71909
Questions? Email Jackie at pointermother@yahoo.com

All proceeds benefit the HSV Animal Welfare League. Click below to download the Entry and Info Form.

WOOFSTOCK ENTRY FORM



Just a reminder that the AWL needs bakers to bring their

goodies to the Rock Porch session at Grove Park on Saturday, October 5th at 7pm. The free concert features HSV favorite Eastbound & Down with Jackie B.

Thanks to our members' great baking skills and bringing so many tempting offerings to satisfy even the most discriminating sweet tooth, the AWL raised nearly \$575 at the first Rock Porch session on May 25th. Once again, the POA has given us free space to display our wares, and we can keep all the proceeds. The process is very simple:

- Please drop off your baked goods by 5:30 pm. If you are not staying for the show, use the first driveway on your right and tell the guard you are just dropping off.
- Individually wrap the items in baggies so people can grab and eat during the show, and please price the bags or label with a sharpie (ie - cupcakes \$1.00 each, cookies 3 for \$1.00)
- Our tables are near the Clampit's food truck with the teal tablecloths

Not a baker? Bring your lawn chairs, coolers and come to the free concert and make a purchase. Gluten free options will be available. All proceeds benefit the AWL!

If you would like to be a baker, please contact:

Michelle Alford at 501-226-8818 or email Malford1516@gmail.com.

October 15 - Deadline to make a contribution to the Animal Control Fund on the annual Saline / Garland County Personal Property Tax Bills.

Saline County

If you are a Saline County resident, please consider donating the \$5 amount listed on the form to the Animal Control Fund. The AWL receives money from the fund, in addition to the Saline County Humane Society and the City of Benton Animal Control.

Nancy Jones, one of our Cat Adoption Coordinators, shares a story about one of our spay/neuter clinics held in Paron, which is in Saline County.

"When the Paron spay/neuter clinic was advertised, AWL received a phone call from a young woman explaining that she had moved back to Arkansas recently and found around 30 cats at her mom's farm that needed to be sterilized. She was signed up for (and showed up for) 4 spaces at the Paron spay/neuter clinic and, with trapping assistance from an AWL volunteer using AWL traps, another 24 cats have been sterilized at Waggin' Wheel on the spay neuter voucher program. In addition, Jill has taken in 17 kittens from that location for the adoption program. Since all of the cats and kittens are from Saline County, the Saline County grant funds have been used for these cats. You will see from the summary schedule that Saline County is collecting much less in 2023 than they have in previous years. While collections in 2023 were around \$65,000, many of the past year collections were in excess of \$100,000."

Garland County

While AWL does not get any money directly from Garland County, it is probable that AWL would get even more stray animals if Garland County was not providing \$50 spay/neuter vouchers to their residents. It is important for Garland County residents to make the \$10 voluntary contribution as well.

November 7 - AWL Annual Meeting & Election

The AWL will hold its annual meeting and election on November 7, 2024, from 10 am to 12 noon at the Coronado Center, Room 6. All AWL members are welcome to attend.

About the Election: 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 will start their two-year terms on January 1, 2025.

The following candidates scheduled for re-election this year:

Place 1 – Beverly Fitzpatrick, President

Place 2 – Shelley Shepherd, 1st Vice President

Place 3 – Debe Jolliff, Treasurer

Place 4 – Laura Allworth, At-Large

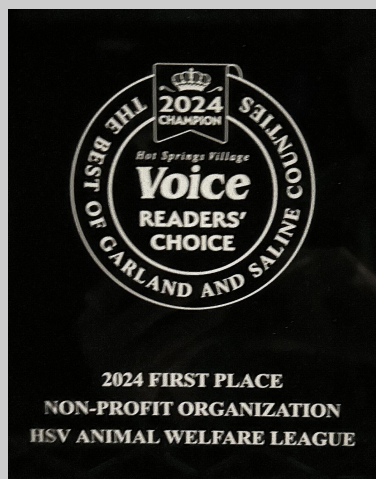
Place 5 – Michelle Alford, At-Large

Members who wish to be considered as a nominee for any of these positions are asked to contact Beverly Fitzpatrick at 214-632-5314 or email: fitzpatrick44@att.net and she will explain the nomination process.

Continuing their terms for another year on January 1st, 2025 are Jill Jones, 2nd Vice President; Jennifer Hurd, Secretary; Susan Senogles, Rose Johnson, and Barbara Roberts, all Directors at Large.

All members will be receiving more information as we get closer to the date.

The Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League was honored to be voted the 1st place non-profit organization in the HSV Voice Readers' Choice Awards. Our Girls Gotta Howl fundraiser was also voted as one of the top 3 charity events. We are proud to serve Garland and Saline Counties and our neighboring communities.



New! Ladies V Neck T Shirts \$20



Show your support of the AWL and sport one of these stylish, comfy cotton poly blend t shirts. They are available in sizes S-2XL, and are \$20. Pick yours up now at the adoption center Mon - Sat from 12-3, and don't forget to visit our adoptable pets!

Check out these adoptable pets! They're just a few of the more than 70 felines and canines the AWL is caring for as they wait for their forever homes!



SPOT

We can't understand why big handsome 2 year Spot hasn't been adopted. Not only is he handsome, but he is also strong and athletic so he will need someone that is willing to train him and give him plenty of exercise. A home with a high fenced



Henry

A quick learner and very smart, according to his foster mom, sweet Henry is thriving in his foster home. He loves his walks in the neighborhood and is good on a leash. He is crate trained and is house trained. He is very loving and

yard, or some land, and maybe a friend to play with, would be perfect. He loves to play in the exercise pen with the big Jolly ball. He loves kids and he is excited to go for walks. Spot is possibly a Catahoula mix weighing about 81 pounds. Spot has been at the shelter since March, and would love to go to his forever home!

has a blast playing with his foster brother. He adapts well to whatever his situation and makes friends wherever he goes. Henry is a delightful boy and will bring his new family lots of love and plenty of laughs. Henry is a 7-month-old (9/26/24) terrier mix and weigh about 36 pounds but will probably be a medium size dog when full grown.



GINO

Gino is one of eight kittens, along with two momma cats, who were brought to the shelter in a box, and we're confident we were their last hope. That certainly is not the start you'd wish for this sweet thing, but look at him now! Born around May 22nd, Gino doesn't remember how he got here; all he knows is that he's now a happy, healthy boy who wants to make someone else happy too.



NESTA

Gentle Nesta gives head bumps for "hello". She enjoys brushing, oh yes brushing! That's when lap time becomes our time. Found after the tornado, Nesta was never claimed. Playtime with stuffed mice and a window would keep Nesta happy, too. Three year old Nesta is looking for a family, and a future, with brushing and playtime. If you can give both , please contact us.

For dog adoptions, call Shelley Shepherd at 314-520-8674; for cat adoptions call Jill Jones at 901-570-1430 or Nancy Jones at 501-922-6444

Welcome New AWL Members!

Thank you to the following members who have recently joined the AWL. Memberships are vital to support the programs that help our homeless cats and dogs find homes. We are grateful for your support!

Sharon Beck
Lynne Border-Koon

Vicki Brakefield
Deanna & Nick Chaney
Patricia Cook
Crystal Dunn
Karen Feckler
Frankie Gaugler
Suzanne Rodgers
Marianne Strauch
Barbara and Richard Zavrel

September Statistics

5 Dog Adoptions 18 Cat Adoptions

9,650 Animals Spayed/Neutered since 2007

675 AWL Memberships

92 Champions*

Carol Monk is the September Champions Drawing Winner.
Carol is generously donating \$230 of her \$460 winnings to the AWL.

**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

As caring and concerned members of the HSVAWL, we would like to share with you excerpts from an article written by Julie Castle, the CEO of Best Friends Animal Society.

Hope for Shelter Pets - Small Actions, Big Impact
If just 6% more people adopted, we could end the killing of pets in shelters.

If you're like most Americans, at some point in your life, you have donated to

a nonprofit. Whether you give to find a cure for a disease, save a species on the brink of extinction, lift children out of poverty, or solve another societal challenge, you have donated because you want to enact change. Much of the changes that many nonprofits are valiantly working toward are long-term efforts whose solutions are still far out. But there is one cause where the finish line is in sight—and you have more power to solve it than you likely realize.

Today, a dog or cat is killed in a U.S. animal shelter every 90 seconds simply because they don't have a safe place to call home. In 2023 alone, approximately 415,000 dogs and cats were killed in our nation's shelters.

WHY ADOPTING FROM SHELTERS MATTERS

This year, seven million Americans will add a pet to their family. If just 6% more of those people chose to adopt from a shelter instead of buying from a breeder or pet store, we could end the killing of pets in shelters.

Ending the killing of shelter pets requires a concerted effort on the part of shelters, advocates, and animal lovers to socialize and address the needs of homeless pets in their community. Animal welfare at the shelter level is a grassroots cause powered by kindness, compassion, and community pride.

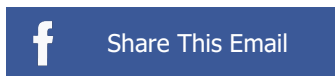
There are many easy ways to make a big difference beyond the simple choice to adopt rather than shop. Volunteer with a shelter or rescue; join or start a Friend of the Shelter group to raise funds for lifesaving programs; foster a shelter pet to help keep a dog or cat thriving until it is adopted; advocate with city leaders to support your local shelter and animal welfare programs; spread the word.

But ultimately, if you are thinking about adding a pet to your family, I urge you to visit or your local shelter or rescue. By choosing to adopt, you're not just saving a life—you're making a powerful statement that animals deserve our compassion, our love, and our commitment.

Together, we can end the killing of pets in shelters. It's not just a dream. It's a goal within our reach. But it will take each and every one of us to make it a reality. Will you be a part of the solution?

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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 note 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're required to remove them.



The Adoption Center is open
Monday-Saturday 12-3
(501) 915.9337



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

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