

*Humane Society of West Alabama*

## *Wag Rag & Cat's Meow*



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### Frequently asked questions

You might be wondering exactly what services are provided by HSWA. One thing we offer are listings for lost and found pets. If we are unable to accept a pet into our shelter, we can offer a courtesy listing on our website to help find it a home. We also have a financial assistance form for qualifying people who need help with veterinary costs. We document cruelty and neglect cases and route them to the proper law enforcement authorities. We also provide information and referral services and give information about low cost spay/neuter options.

How can you help? Complete a volunteer application on line and specify what area you'd like to par-

ticipate in and the times you are available.

We operate two shelters, one for dogs and another for cats. Volunteers for the dog shelter must attend a scheduled training session. Volunteers for the cat shelter just need to be scheduled. We always need help at adoption events and fund raisers too.

### We are not a drop-off site

All animals that come to our shelters are scheduled and vetted prior to arrival. Cats are tested for feline leukemia and dogs for heart worms. All are given vaccinations, treated for internal and external parasites and spayed/

neutered (unless they are too young). When you adopt from HSWA, they are as healthy and social as possible.

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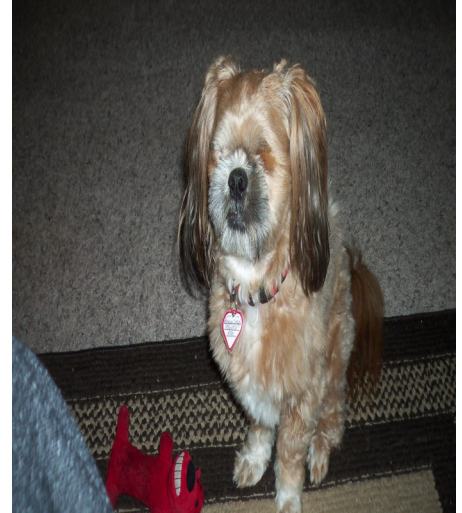
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## Rio lost both eyes, but is loving life in his new home

Rio, an adorable four year old healthy Shih Tzu, already had only one eye and now needed the other one removed. His owner decided to have him euthanized, but the veterinarian did not want to since he was an otherwise healthy dog so she asked the owner to surrender Rio to the clinic. She then called HSWA for our

help.

A foster home was found for him and money was raised to cover the cost of the surgery via Facebook. After a successful surgery we found a wonderful home for him. Rio is now playing fetch, jumping on sofas to nap and going for walks! What a resilient dog, you just forget that he is blind.



## Meet Stella, a playful and smart pup

Stella is a happy one year old female Boxer/Labrador mix and weighs 43 pounds. She is a sweet, loving, friendly dog and does not want to be an outside only dog. Stella loves to be with people.

Stella does well with other dogs and tends to be sub-

missive. She should be fine

with children 8 and up.



Stella does have some energy so will need a fenced-in yard to play or get plenty of walks if in an apartment. She does well on a leash and knows the “sit” command so she is a smart girl. She is being crate trained.

## Check out those ears on Chevy!

Yep, so cute— this is Chevy, a female 10 month old shepherd/lab/terrier mix and weighs 28 pounds but will get up to about 40 pounds. Chevy is very curious and will need training and structure to develop in-

to a well-mannered dog.

She is very smart and would thrive on training. Chevy is sweet



and energetic. She is up-to-date on vet care, spayed and heartworm negative. She is also micro-chipped and on heartworm and flea/tick prevention.

## Eagles' Wings has special project for the cat house

Eagles' Wings Inc. was formed with the specific purpose of building a community serving those with disabilities and providing enrichment opportunities that meet their needs through civic and social situations.

One of their projects is therapeutic horticulture and they chose to grow rye

grass for the cats in the HSWA shelter. As you can see it was a BIG hit!



Haley, Laura & Amy

brought the grass to the shelter and got to interact with our felines. Denise Wolf and Teresa Rigby accompanied them. Thanks!



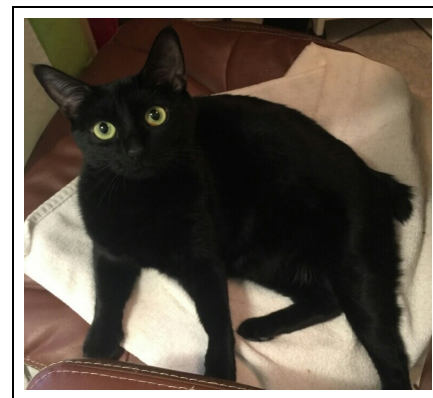
## What about those Bobtailed cats?

Until this spring I'd only seen a couple of bobtailed cats, but we've had 7 this year! The American Bobtail cat is a recognized breed by the International Cat Association.

Bobtail cats, are the result of a natural genetic mutation that causes a shortened tail, have appeared in various places from Japan to the Isle of

Man. They are smart cats that enjoy puzzle toys and learning tricks.

The social and laidback American Bobtail likes to play, so is a good choice for families. We have a whole litter of them, plus several others. This beautiful lady is **Luna** and she is available for adoption. Some kittens are



also pictured above with the rye grass. Come meet them all at the cat shelter!

## Who wants a gorgeous three-legged cat, the Kyzers do!

We got a call about a three-legged cat roaming in a parking lot this summer. The person feeding him was moving and asked us for help.

**Noodles** did indeed only have three legs, but was also a Seal point, Ragdoll mix with



blue eyes that wanted nothing more than to be in a lap!

The Kyzer family thinks he completes their family, and we do too. We just love a good adoption story, don't you? They all look so happy!

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## *Black Cat Masquerade Ball*

*We are working very hard on getting things ready for our Black Cat Masquerade Ball coming up on **October 27th at the Drish House in downtown Tuscaloosa**. Costumes are optional, but should be classic, historically gothic. Otherwise semi-formal or dressy attire is acceptable. There will be hors'd'oeuvres, a live band, cash bar and silent auction during the event.*

*Individual tickets are \$50.00 or \$85.00 for couples. For more information call 205-554-0011 or contact Anita Smelley at 205-292-0591. Tickets are available from any HSWA board member also. **SAVE THE DATE**, you don't want to miss this event!*

## 15th Annual Canine Classic 5K

The Canine Classic 5K Race is directed by the Humane Society of West Alabama in conjunction with the Tuscaloosa Track Club. The first 100 participants will be entered into a drawing for door prizes. Sports drinks, fruit and water will be available for participants.



This race is running and walking friendly and for people only. Dogs are welcome to come to the event, but not to participate. For more information please visit us at [www.humanesocietyofwa.org](http://www.humanesocietyofwa.org) or [www.tuscaloosatrackclub.com](http://www.tuscaloosatrackclub.com).

The date is **September 23rd**, 2017 at Kentuck Park in Northport. Registration

is at 7:00 AM and the race begins at 8:00 AM. It is a flat, fast, certified course #AL15049JD. This is the official race of the 2017 Tuscaloosa Track Club Grand Prix of West Alabama. Please make checks payable to: Humane Society of West Alabama, P.O. Box 70054, Tuscaloosa, AL 35407. Please direct questions to Betty Freeman at 205-737-7442.

