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FOSTERING SAVES LIVES AND YOU CAN TOO!

As it does every year, kitten season arrived with a deafening roar. We had numerous calls to rescue pregnant cats off the streets, so we had to turn to our limited foster network to help. It is too hazardous in our open-concept shelter for pregnant cats and their newborn kittens, so we rely on foster parents to take them in and give them a good start to life. While kitten season is when we have the most pressing demand for cat fosters, at any given time throughout the year we also have 5-10 dogs in foster care as well.

On the feline front, fostering requires a clean and safe environment, but it doesn't have to be big. In fact, tiny kittens are best kept in a smaller space to keep them from wandering away and hurting themselves! Sometimes, foster parents are also responsible for bottle-feeding kittens that have been rejected by their mothers or orphaned. This often involves getting up every 3-4 hours to feed the little ones; it is not an easy job, but, as the saying goes, someone has to do it! We typically have at *least* 2 moms and their litters in foster care during kitten season. We also often have "bottle babies" in foster care throughout the year that have been found abandoned.

The job of the canine foster parents is to keep them happy and healthy (which sometimes requires treating heartworm), but also to help with crate training and socialization. Our foster coordinators can help select the right dog for your home, so already having pets is perfectly fine!

Fostering is a critical aspect of our organization for both cats and dogs. All food and medicine is provided by the HSWA to our foster parents. There is no cost associated with fostering, so it is a great way to contribute to our charity. If you're interested in fostering, please fill out our volunteer application on our website: humanesocietyofwa.org



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ON THE COVER

Georgie is an adorable bobtail cat who was adopted from us as a kitten. He is back in our care and loving all the opportunities to climb the cat trees and watch the birds on the patio. Look at him stretch to get a closer look at a nearby bee!





This terrier mix sure knows how to ham it up for the camera.

ANNABEL IS YOUR NEW BFF

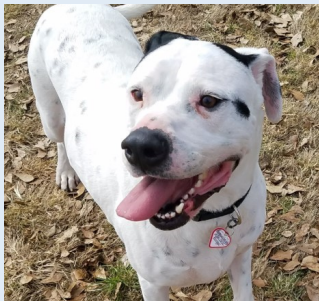
Look at that little tongue sticking out! How sweet is 1-year old Annabel?! At only 27 lbs. and fully-grown, this darling girl is very friendly, playful and energetic. She loves people and wants to be with you.

She may be okay in an apartment but will need daily walks to get that youthful energy out. She will require a fenced-in yard if left outside and unattended. Annabel tends to be the dominant dog, especially with male dogs so she will

do better if there is a submissive female as the other dog in the household. She should be fine with children 8 and up, but maybe not younger because she is still a bit jumpy.

She has been started on crate training, is heartworm negative, and up-to-date on all her vaccines. If you're interested in adding a new bestie to your life, fill out our application online: humanesocietyofwa.org

*“Animals are such agreeable friends - they ask no questions; they pass no criticisms.”
- George Eliot*



RINGO IS A STAR

Long-time HSWA resident Ringo was finally recognized as the star that he is and found his forever home in April. Former foster-Mom Nicole reports that Ringo was the “absolute best foster.” While in her care, he was coaxed out of his shell and came to love his time at the dog park.

His new owners tell us that he is doing well, loving his sibling, and still rolling over for belly rubs whenever he can! Congrats, Ringo!

NEED A JOGGING BUDDY? LOOK NO FURTHER!

Shirley is a 1-2 year old retriever mix with the cutest little face. Shirley is one of the sweetest dogs you will meet, even after all she's been through. She was returned to Metro because her humans had unrealistic expectations regarding her needs and then she spent months at Metro begging to be let out. Now at the HSWA, she has blossomed into a very friendly and social dog. Shirley has some playful energy and would make a nice walking/jogging buddy. She could live in an apartment but only if she gets plenty of daily exercise. If left outside and unattended, Shirley would like a fenced-in yard to help keep her safe.

She seems to get along with most dogs but a trial would be advised if other pets are in the household. Shirley should be good with children aged 8 and older. We have started on her crate training, she is heartworm negative, and she is up-to-date on her vet care.

All HSWA dogs are either at our Dog Adoption Facility or in foster homes. **All dogs require an appointment to meet.**

To request an appointment, please call or email us:

- (205) 554-0011
- humaneswa@yahoo.com



How could you possibly resist that pout?



Tux on the Cat Adoption Center's "catio" enjoying some fresh air and bird-watching.

FETCHING FELINE SEEKS CAT-SAVVY HUMANS

Tux is a devilishly handsome kitty who is searching for his forever home. His humans will have to be very cat-conscious because Tux is an extra special boy. He's an Alpha Cat, but he loves to nuzzle people, rub their ankles, and he even knows how to sit for treats! But did you know that – like humans – cats can be affected by mental illness? Through no fault of his own, our Tux has some wires crossed in his brain and, as a result, has some anxiety issues. He is being treated with "kitty Prozac" (just a little ointment rubbed in his ears once a day – *very easy!*) to help him stay calm. To live his best life, Tux needs a home without small children and a large screened-in patio to watch the birds. If you fit the bill, fill out our adoption application at humanesocietyofwa.org today!



Curley has a great smile!

CURLEY'S (NOT-SO) FAD DIET

Curley was brought to the Cat Adoption Center when he started having health problems including troubles using the litter box and frequent vomiting. He was losing hair, had sores on his neck, and overall was in pretty rough shape. But wouldn't you know, it's amazing what a new diet can do to turn your health around?

Since starting his hydrolyzed protein diet, Curley is right as rain! The food is available by prescription only, so his adopter will need to be dedicated to providing this sweet boy with the proper nutrition his body needs. He absolutely adores humans, but would probably prefer to be your one-and-only cat. He promises to kiss your face and help you with all your paperwork (he's very fond of nudging your pen just when you need it most). This cutie pie is going to make someone very happy with all the love he has to offer! Stop by the Cat Adoption Center on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm to meet him in person or email humaneswa@yahoo.com to schedule an appointment.

SIMBA'S SUCCESS STORY

Simba has been with the HSWA since he was a baby. Starting off in foster care with one of our amazing volunteers, this striking tabby quickly became a favorite at the Cat Adoption Center. He grew into a gentle giant that got along with everyone. He could often be seen running to and from the catio where he would sit with Tux and watch the wildlife in the backyard.

It is with great happiness we announce that, after patiently waiting his turn for almost two years, Simba finally found his forever home in March - just a week before his second birthday! His family is loving his adventurous spirit and goofy personality.

We miss having this handsome love-bug around the house, but are so glad he's finally found his true home!



Simba trying out one of our new cat trees before going to his forever home.

2019 CALENDARS

We are currently preparing our 2019 calendars and we want YOUR pets to be featured!

For a \$100 donation, Keith Davis Photography will take your pet's portrait!

The deadline to reserve your space is August 15, 2018, so don't delay!

To make an appointment, call
(205) 554-0011 or
(205) 210-5528
and leave a message.

The first 12 cats and 12 dogs to have their Sign Up Form and donation received will be chosen.

Visit humanesocietyofwa.org for more information and to download the Sign Up Form today!

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PAST EVENTS

Keith's Classic Women's Tennis Tournament

In May, **Indian Hills Country Club** announced the HSWA would be the benefactor of the Keith's Classic Women's Tennis Tournament. Director Keith Swindoll and Joyce Gurich put together a wonderful event on a beautiful day and raised **\$16,500** for our cause!!! We could not be more honored or grateful to have been named their charity of choice.

The HSWA has *zero* administrative costs and is funded entirely by events and donations like this, so *every* penny will go toward helping the animals within our care. Thanks so much to all the sponsors and participants! We could not do our work without the support of our community.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Canine Classic 5K : September 15, 2018

The 16th Annual 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 prizes. Sports drinks, fruit, and water will be available for participants. This race is runner and walker-friendly, but it is for people only. Dogs are welcome at the event, but cannot participate for safety reasons. Happening September 15th at Kentuck Park in Northport, registration will begin at 7am for an 8am start time. This is an official race of the 2018 Tuscaloosa Track Club Grand Prix of West Alabama (certified course #AL15049JD). Please visit our website and watch our social media for more information. As always, this is sure to be a fun event!

Black Cat Masquerade: October 27, 2018

The Second Annual Black Cat Masquerade will be happening this year at Bear Creek Manor from 6pm to 10pm. Building on last year's event, this year promises to be even bigger and better! Celebrated local band GrAystone will be performing so make sure you bring your dancing shoes! We will have delicious hors d'oeuvres, flowing drinks (cash bar), and a silent auction with prizes that are not to be missed. Gothic-themed costumes or semi-formal dress is encouraged. Tickets are \$35/each or \$50/couple. Tickets can be purchased at the door, in advance at the Cat Adoption Center (by cash or check), and are also available to be purchased in advance online using PayPal. Visit our website and keep an eye on our social media for more details.



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