

Humane Society of West Alabama



Wag Rag & Cat's Meow

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Winter weather is on its way! Are your pets ready?

Pretty soon old man winter will settle in West Alabama and there are some things you need to do to get your pets ready. Make sure their water bowls are not frozen. It is very important for pets to have clean, liquid water during freezing temperatures to stay hydrated. Also if your pets stay outside even part of the day they need extra nutrition. Shivering actually generates heat and helps them stay warm.

For outside pets shelter is a must. For dogs do not use towels or

bedding because if they get wet they stay wet and will not keep them warm. Imagine lying on a wet towel! Instead use cedar shavings or pine straw, plus these help keep fleas away.

Keep in mind that cats may climb under the hood of your car trying to keep warm, so be very careful that you check before cranking the motor. Also do not leave any anti-freeze where they can get it. It is deadly

to pets.

The best solution is to keep pets inside during



freezing cold or rainy weather to make sure they stay warm and healthy. No one likes a cold, not even pets!

Looking for the “purr-fect” holiday present?

Don't forget to stop by the Humane Society booth at makers market in downtown Tuscaloosa. There you will find HSWA tee shirts, handmade dog and cat

toys as well as other items made by our volunteers or donated by our supporters.

For a one-of-a-kind gift for a pet lover,

check out our shopping bags made from repurposed blue jeans and dog toys braided from tee shirts. If unique is what you seek, come to **makers market!**

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Please remember the HSWA this time of year and don't forget your donation is a tax deduction.

Please mail donations to:

**Humane Society of
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P.O. Box 70054
Tuscaloosa, AL 35407**

**Thank you for your
continued support!**



Todd's story is what it's all about for HSWA

This is a special "happy tale" of a sweet, shy dog that had been in a shelter environment for almost a year.

First picked up by Animal Control and taken to Metro with a broken leg, Todd had his leg repaired and began his rehab treatment.

Although he made a lot of progress, he was still very timid. HSWA pulled him in early May and gave him love and

lots of exercise. Todd was adopted out twice, but returned because he n e v e r w a r m e d up to his adopters.

Then at an adoption event he caught the eye of a couple who already had a French bulldog. Heather and Jose took him home for a trial

and Todd bonded with their dog and started warming up to the family too.

Next he started running and playing and even seeking attention. Heather and Jose let him

adjust on his own terms and pace, which made all the difference. Todd is happy and at peace.



So handsome, so noble... This is Albert

Albert is a 4 year old German Shepherd mix. He has a thick black and tan coat and weighs 50 pounds.

Albert is a fabulous dog! He is very smart, social and playful. He

plays well with other dogs, but tends to be the dominant one. He would make a great jogging partner.

This dog will require a fenced-in yard, but he is not to be an outside

only dog; he wants to be with his human pack.

Albert is up-to-date on vaccinations, neutered, heartworm negative and micro-chipped. German Shepherds are such loyal companions.

Caretaker position

Please email a resume and data sheet plus three references to:

humaneswa@yahoo.com

A credit/background check will be mandatory

Serious inquires only!

Caretakers needed for dog adoption facility

Wanted: Dog lovers to take on the daily care of 15 to 20 animals as well the grounds of the facility. This includes: daily feeding, cleaning of kennels/trailer/crates, yard maintenance (have riding lawnmower), driving to

and from vet as needed, administering medicines as needed, leading orientation sessions for new volunteers, supervising community group service visits and playing/loving the dogs.

Must be dog savvy and able to understand

dog body language. Training will be provided. Vacation time and monthly 2 days off included.

Caretakers must live on property. Paid utilities for water, electric and gas. Caretakers supply internet/phone.

Nala had quite a journey from stray to adopted

One afternoon we got a call from the Gordo Senior Living facility. Someone had abandoned a pregnant cat. We made arrangements for her to be vetted and a foster was scheduled to pick her up and keep her until her kittens were born and then we'd



take them all at the cat shelter.

Nala, a beautiful torti/tabby, went into labor on the way to the vet. She peacefully gave birth to five little male kittens at the vet clinic on 9/7/17.

As soon as they were eight weeks old they were all vetted and Nala was spayed.

Now all the kittens are available for adoption and Nala was adopted



by the Burch family who fostered her.

Come meet these boys: Bailey, Crookshanks, Carlos, Dennis and Jack.

Autumn is still gorgeous no matter the season



This sweet girl was rescued from a hording situation where an untreated eye infection led to the loss of her left eye. That doesn't stop her from being one of the sweetest, most affectionate kittens ever!

Autumn is a calico with orange and gray tabby stripes. She is six months old, spayed and fully vetted. This special kitty needs a special home! Autumn is ready no matter the season!

It's a brother thing with Rif Raf and Ratchet

Yes, these two look-alikes are brothers. They were adopted together as young kittens and returned when the owner moved and was not able to take them.

Although they're practically twins, they have

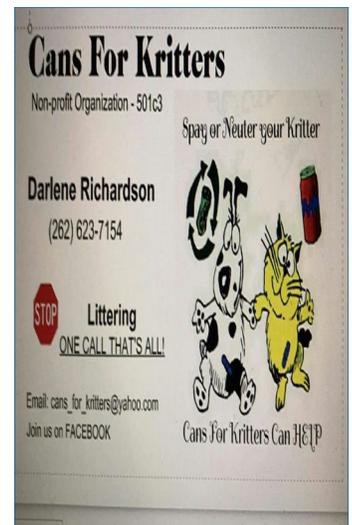


different personalities.

Rif Raf is more outgoing while Ratchet is a little on the shy side. They both are sweet and have incredibly intense purrs. Also they both go BONKERS for treats. Drop by and see for yourself.



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Bring your aluminum pet food and drink cans to us!
Make sure they're clean and bagged. Thank you!*





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Pet Portraits with Santa

Cost: \$15

includes one 4" x 6" color photo to go.



Additional photo packages available for purchase. Small quantities of Christmas cards can be printed while you wait.

Photos by Keith Davis,
Professional Photographer.

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Sunday December 3 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tuesday December 5 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Thursday December 7 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

*Please call 210-5528 to make your appointment
All Portraits Must Include A Pet*

Experience the magic of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* at the Bama Theatre

Christmas Wish List

Dog House-

- Milk Bones
- Metal crate trays
- 75' garden hose
- Poop scoop
- Bleach

Cat House-

- Treats
- Friskies pate- cans
- Scratching pads
- Cat beds/throws
- Laundry detergent

This December, there is a special way to enjoy magical holiday entertainment AND support the HSWA. The Actor's Charitable Theatre (ACT) will present *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* on December 15-18 at the Bama Theatre downtown.

Based on the first book in C.S. Lewis' *The Chronicles of Narnia* series, it tells the story of four children who discover an enchanted wardrobe with a magi-



cal land inside.

As part of its mission, the non-profit ACT is partnering with the HSWA for this production. This show has many important themes, including creat-

ing safe homes for animals and families.

When purchasing tickets online, use the promotional code HSWA and the ACT will donate \$1.00 per ticket to the Humane Society of West Alabama.

The HSWA will be on hand in the theatre's lobby at each performance with information about the organizations' mission and profiles of its dogs and cats ready to be adopted!