

## COMMUNITY SHOUT OUT

Kitten Season, as always, has been difficult for those of us working in animal rescue, but this year we have truly felt the support of our community. We had new volunteers step up to foster kittens who were too young for the shelter and we had a great group of individuals who donated kitten milk replacement, milk bottles, and high-quality kitten food whenever we asked for it on social media. Our Amazon Wish List has made it easier for individuals to help us out with a click of a button. We could not be more grateful for all the added assistance this year with both supplies and foster homes, so thank YOU!!!

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(or by appointment)

**Dog Adoption Center**  
By Appointment Only



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Canine Classic 5K : September 14, 2019

The 17th 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 14th 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!

### 2020 Calendars: Coming Soon!

We are getting ready for our 2020 Pet Calendars. Anyone interested in having their cat or dog featured is asked to contact us at (205) 554-0011. Leave a message and we will get back to you with an entry form. Each entry is \$100 and includes a photoshoot with a professional photographer.



This year we will also be having a page devoted to our precious companions who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Again, contact us at the number above and we'll get back to you with an entry form. Each pet will be featured in the memorial for \$10. You can either mail the picture with the form (the picture will not be returned) or email it to us after you have submitted your entry form. Please note: digitally-received pictures are preferred for their higher quality.

The deadline to contact us is July 25, 2019. Keep an eye on our website's EVENTS tab for more information and a digital version of the entry forms. Calendars should be available for purchase mid-to-late August at our events, adoption centers, and select area vet clinics. Stay tuned to social media for more information!

### More to come...

We will have more fundraising events over the next few months, so make sure to keep an eye on our social media and our webpage for more details! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and watch the "Events" tab on our webpage to make sure you stay "in the know."

If you, or your business, is interested in holding an event in support of the HSWA, reach out to us at humaneswa@yahoo.com. We're always looking for new collaborations within the community!



**Follow us on social media!**

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Instagram: @humanesocietyofwacats & @humanesocietyofwadogs



## Wag Rag & Cat's Meow

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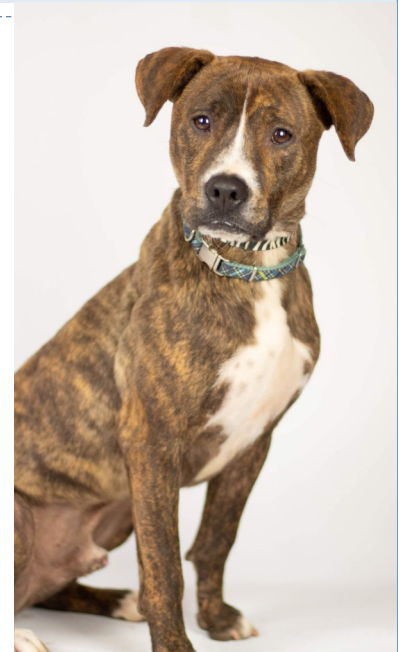
### BEST FRIENDS PARTNER NETWORK

The Humane Society of West Alabama is proud to announce we have joined the Best Friends Partner Network! Best Friends is a nationwide organization that is "committed to saving the lives of homeless pets through collaboration and implementation of effective adoption, spay/neuter and intake prevention programs." By joining the Best Friends Partner Network, we are helping with their mission to make America "no kill" by 2025.

The benefits of being within the Network are endless. Best Friends provides training on how to use our current resources more effectively, how to recruit/retain new volunteers and donors, as well as helping establish "best practices" that fit our shelter's needs. They operate with the understanding that there is not one solution for every rescue organization, so we are able to adapt their teachings to meet our challenges. In addition to training, the Best Friends Partner Network puts us in contact with other shelters both in the Alabama area, as well as across the United States. We are able to partner with other shelters to help with challenging intake requests (such as hoarding situations), as well as transferring animals to shelters in the North that are better suited to having those animals adopted. Large dogs, for example, are hard to find homes for in our region, whereas they are in demand in the North East.

While they offer endless support and resources, it is important to note that Best Friends, like the Humane Society of the United States, does not offer financial support to their partners on a local level. As an organization run entirely off of private donations, we still need YOUR support! The only difference is that we now have the training and know-how to better use those donations in a more efficient and effective manner.

To learn more about Best Friends and their mission, visit BestFriends.org. "Together, we will save them all!"



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### ON THE COVER

*Danny is a 1 year old hound/terrier/lab mix with the saddest puppy dog eyes. How could you possibly say "no" to that face?*

*Photo credit:  
Wags to Riches  
Photography*





Baxter just wants to love and be loved.

## CALM, COOL, AND COLLECTED

Baxter is a 1-2 year old German Shepherd/terrier mix who was brought to our county-intake shelter as a stray. But, after waiting over 2 months for his humans to reclaim him, we have taken him under our wing at the HSWA to find him new adopters who are deserving of his sweetness.

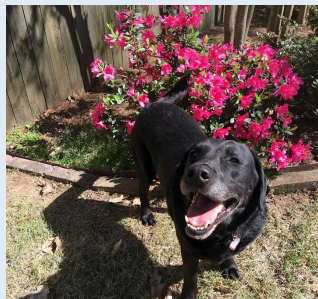
He is such a nice dog with an even temperament. He is friendly and social with a rather calm personality. He would make a great walking/jogging partner but also enjoys his quiet time in the house with his person. Baxter is too big for an apartment and needs a fenced-in yard to run around in and

have plenty of room to exercise. He seems to get along well with other dogs and walks well on the leash and rides nicely in the car. Baxter should be fine with children 8 and up, maybe not younger ones due to his size.

We have started on his crate training, he is neutered, microchipped, heartworm negative, and fully vaccinated.

All adopters must be pre-approved and we do offer trial adoptions as well. To learn more about Baxter and our other adoptable animals, visit us at: **humanesocietyofwa.org**

*“The world would be a nicer place if everyone had the ability to love as unconditionally as dogs.” - M.K. Clinton*



## SENIOR PUP FINDS LOVE TOO

Fisher made one brief appearance on WVUA 23's Pet of the Week feature and became an instant sensation. His big smile and greying muzzle won over a lot of TV viewers. Lucky for him, his new adopters know how to treat senior dogs just right! He gets to go to doggy day care, play with his new doggy sibling, and he's gets to watch DogTV whenever he wants. He is spoiled rotten and we couldn't be any happier for him!

## SUDDENLY SEEKING NEW HUMANS

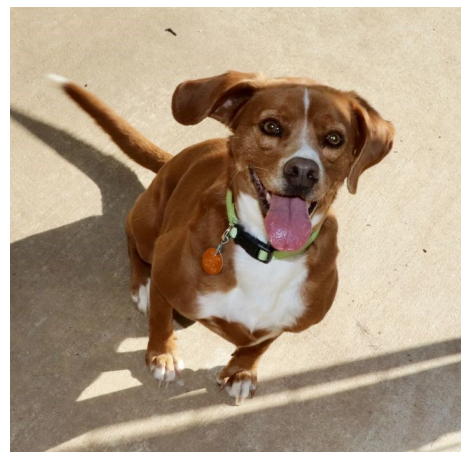
Zoey is a 6 year old springer spaniel/pointer mix who was originally adopted from us as a puppy. She was recently returned to the HSWA, but we are determined to find her the best home for her fantastic personality.

She is an exceptionally smart watchdog who happily loves her humans and sees it as her mission in life to protect them. She was raised in a household with children and a cat without any issues. She loves to play with dogs that she knows more than anything else in the world. Zoey will require a fenced-in yard as she has a “good nose” and will take off if she catches a good scent. She may be too energetic for an apartment unless she gets good daily exercise.

Zoey has been spayed, is on heartworm prevention, is fully vaccinated, and does well both indoors (including in a crate) and outside (provided she has a fence too high for her to climb).

You can read her full biography, provided by her previous adopters, by clicking on “Adoptable Dogs” at [humanesocietyofwa.org](http://humanesocietyofwa.org).

**To make an appointment to meet Zoey, please contact us: [humaneswa@yahoo.com](mailto:humaneswa@yahoo.com) (205) 554-0011**



*“I'll protect you with kisses! Lots of kisses!”*



*She's still got it! BeeGee meowdels her white whiskers and feather boa.*

## SWEET GRANDMA JUST WANTS TO SNUGGLE

BeeGee is known here for two things: 1) Being a lap cat; 2) Letting you know that you need to put your phone down and pay attention to her with her quirky meow. This sweet grandma cat is looking for a human to call her own for her golden years. She has a little bit of arthritis in her hips (which is easily managed with a tiny bit of pain medication) and her kidneys could use your help because they aren't in tip-top shape anymore. She requires a special diet which we cannot provide at our shelter because we free-feed everyone the same food. BeeGee would love to be adopted, but the HSWA is happy to offer a permanent foster for her, in which we would help with her food/medical costs. She is truly one of the most affectionate cats in the shelter; your lap would never be cold again if you were to bring BeeGee into your heart and home. Read her full profile on our website under “Adoptable Cats” at **humanesocietyofwa.org**.



## INTROVERTS UNITE

Bella is a stunning introverted kitty who just wants to find an introverted human to spend the rest of her life with. She is shy around new people, but once she knows you she makes you feel like the most special person on the planet! She would likely become very snuggly given a calm, quiet environment.

She loves to be pet, but don't be surprised if she gives you a bit of a bath first because she is a very clean cat. Much like human introverts, once she finds her friends she becomes very outgoing. She absolutely loves to play with wand toys and makes a game out of “accidentally” dropping them so you have to pick them up and play with her! She does great with younger and laidback cats, but has become the target of some bullying because she's too gentle to push back against the alphas.

If you're interested in meeting Bella, **our Cat Adoption Center is open Saturday 10am-2pm, or email us to set up a weekday appointment.**

## SEVEN YEARS LATER...

After waiting for her home for SEVEN YEARS at our Cat Adoption Shelter, Sandra has finally found her forever home!

Sandra was one of our original “Flea Market” cats after she was rescued off the street as a kitten with sunburned paws in 2012. Through no fault of her own, she was constantly overlooked at the shelter. She was a little shy, but would show her true personality when presented with a feather toy.

In March 2019, a fantastic couple decided to take a chance on Sandra and bring her into their home. She has blossomed into a lap cat and spends her days curled up in the sun or watching the birds. It was a truly bitter-sweet moment when she left, but thanks to her very own Instagram account (@sandrahegingercat), we get to keep up with her as she enjoys the perks of (finally) having a home to call her own!

