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"A house without a cat is like a garden without flowers."

Author unknown



## Humane Society



# Wag Rag & Cat's Meow

## *Spring is breeding season for pets*

It is very important that you spay or neuter your dogs and cats to help control the population of unwanted pets. Although the HSWA is a no-kill shelter, many animals are euthanized yearly simply because they are unwanted and have no place to call home.

Did you know that dogs can come have two litters a year? The average number of puppies in a litter is six to ten. Dogs can go into heat by five

months of age.

Cats can have up to three litters yearly and the average number of kittens is four to six. Cats as young as four months can be mature enough to get pregnant.

The best time to fix your pet is by four months to prevent accidental litters. More pets are killed by euthanasia each year than from any disease. Spayed/neutered pets are calmer, stay closer to home and are better



pets. Call your vet for an appointment today! There will always be puppies and kittens to adopt at shelters, so don't contribute to the overpopulation issue.

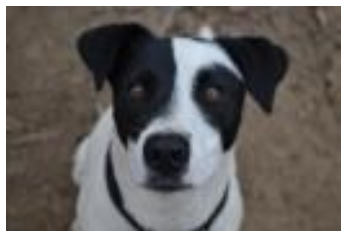
## *Tuscaloosa Spay & Neuter Incentive Program*

A local organization making a difference is TSNIP. They are a non-profit group, founded with the mission of reducing the unwanted pet population in the Tuscaloosa area through a vari-

ety of programs.

Some programs include education for elementary students and the general public, a feral cat colony program that focuses on trap-neuter-return and a

reduced cost spay and neuter program developed in cooperation with the veterinary community. Contact them at [tsniphelps@gmail.com](mailto:tsniphelps@gmail.com) or call 205-349-8111 for more information.



## This energetic, sweet pup is Grizzle

Say hi to Grizzle, a one and a half year old, male retriever/setter mix. Grizzle has a smooth white coat and black markings that look like those of a setter. He weighs about 35 pounds and may get a little bit bigger, to around 40 pounds when full grown.

Grizzle is very sweet, friendly and a great all

around dog! He loves to play, loves to run around and loves to be with you. He has some puppy energy but settles down very nicely to be a couch potato.

Grizzle seems to get along well with other dogs and should be fine around children. He will need some training and structure since he is still a

young dog but he is very smart and wants to please you.

Grizzle is up to date on his vet care, neutered, heartworm negative and is micro-chipped. He is on heartworm and flea/tick prevention. This darling dog really needs a permanent home to call his own!



## Girls just wanna have fun, just ask Sadie

Sadie is a 3 year old, female terrier/beagle mix. She has a smooth white coat with reddish tan markings and some dramatic black eyeliner on her face. Sadie is a large dog even though she thinks she is a lap dog,

weighing 42 pounds and this is full grown.

Sadie is very friendly, curious and playful. She does have some energy but it is all fun energy so she will require a fenced-in yard where she can run

and play. She seems to get along well with other dogs and should be fine with older children, 10 and up. She tends to jump when she gets excited.

## *The one and only MISS DOT'S food and drink supports HSWA*

Miss Dots, located at 1715 University Blvd., Tuscaloosa will be hosting a fund raiser event, ***Dogs at Dots*** on **April 29th** from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM to benefit the HSWA. During the event 15% of proceeds will go

back to the HSWA.

This family-friendly event will have face painting and pet merchandise for sale. Adoptable dogs will be present along with volunteers to answer questions guests may have about adoptions.



## *Single black female looking for love*

This beautiful lady is Boots, a short-haired tuxedo cat with cute white whiskers! She has a stunning charcoal coat with a white under-coat and turquoise eyes. She is an adult around 5 years old. Boots is a very intelligent girl. She'd love to have a quiet home where she can relax and bond with peo-

ple. She would prefer to be the only cat in the home.

Boots is negative for FIV and FeLK, current on vaccinations, and spayed.

Our adoption fee is \$75, to help defray a fraction of veterinary costs and general care expenses. Vet

records are provided to adopters. All of our cats are also given medications for fleas and internal parasites.

Please visit the cat shelter located at 2430 36th Street, Northport any Saturday between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

Boots is looking forward to meeting you!



**Boots can have a cat-attitude, but she can be very sweet if you show her some respect and patience. Can you charm her?**

## *Simba hopes his lucky day is coming soon*

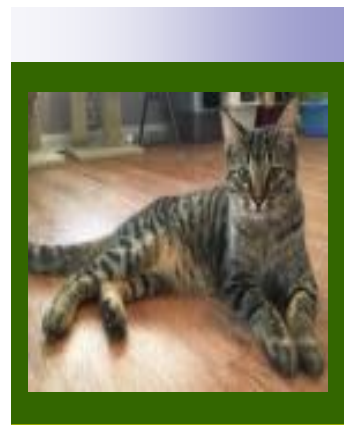
Simba is one exceptionally playful kitten. He just had his first birthday on Saint Patrick's Day and "graduated" to the young adult room. He is very affectionate and is quite the escape artist.

We've had Simba since

he was a kitten, so he has grown up with us at the cat shelter. One of our dedicated volunteers, Dana, fostered him and his siblings until they were eight weeks old and ready to join us at the shelter. All of his siblings have

been adopted. He plays well with other cats and has become a greeter in the main room.

All adopters must be pre-approved, so go on line and complete an application today! Simba hopes to see you soon.



## *Toyko and Erin are a purr-fect match*

Toyko is one of the sweetest cats you'll ever meet. She is purring constantly and wants to be in your lap! We do not know Toyko's story, but she came to us from another shelter.

This little lady is a senior at 15 years old. Don't let that fool you, she loves to be petted and to play.

Erin's father, John Hisey is a volunteer at the cat shelter. When he told her about Toyko she wanted to

meet her. It was love at first sight! Erin says, "you can learn a lot from senior pets about how to relax and take life as it comes, to enjoy some play time and the warmth of a good windowsill."





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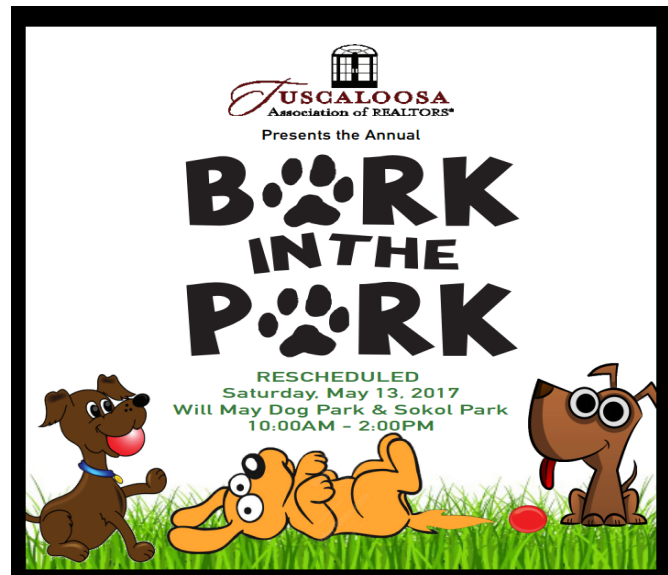
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We're on the web!

[Www.humanesocietyofwa.org](http://www.humanesocietyofwa.org)

### Johnson's Garden Tour

This year the Johnson's Garden Center (formerly the Plant Lady Nursery) will donate the proceeds to the HSWA. The tour is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 AM until 5 PM. For more information call 205-553-2695 or visit their website at [www.johnsonal.com](http://www.johnsonal.com).



Come enjoy the vendors, food trucks and band!

Schedule of events:

Doors open at 10:00 AM, Pet Parade at 11:00,

Contests at 11:45 and 12:00 band performance

***First 500 dogs get a FREE swag bag!***

### Why Black Cats Rock

1. Least likely to be adopted, so you are an instant hero.

2. They match your black pants.

3. Black is the purr-fect color.

4. They don't judge your hair color, either!

5. Can't see their little hairs on your clothes.

6. Black is slimming "fur" sure!

7. The English believe spotting a black cat is good luck (YAY!)

8. A forever friend!

## Black Cat Masquerade Ball

The HSWA is planning our first masquerade ball at the historic Drish Mansion in Tuscaloosa on October 27th, 2017. There will be hors'd'oeuvres, a live band, cash bar and silent auction. We will not have our Hush Puppy Silent Auction this year, so you don't want to miss this!

The ball is a new fundraiser and we hope you will help make it a huge success! Individual tickets are \$50.00 or \$85.00 per couple. Dress is semi

-formal or dressy.

Please consider becoming a sponsor in this one-



of-a-kind event. Companies that wish to become a sponsor will have their company logo and/or name on the event T-shirt and a banner at the event., plus varying num-

ber of tickets with each level of sponsorship. If you would like to purchase tickets or become a sponsor, please contact us at 205-554-0011 or 205-292-0591.

Sponsors should contact us by June 1st. If you'd like a hard copy sponsor form mailed to you, please let us know a.s.a.p. We can also email you the information. Are you ready to party? Save the date! Who knows... you just might run into a ghost or two!