

Humane Society of West Alabama



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Message from the board of directors

by Anita Smelley, president

I would like to share a little about the HSWA with you. We are an all-volunteer, no-kill, non-profit 501(c)3 organization. We do not receive any government or national funding. That means we are continuously working on fund-raising events.

Through efficient use of our funds and dedicated volunteers we have been able to provide animal welfare since 1971 (44 years) to the Tuscaloosa community.

We usually have about 100 dogs and cats in our care at the dog and cat shelters. We also rescue,

adopt and list available pets on our website.

Our mission is to find homes for as many dogs and cats as possible. That being said we are not a sanctuary and while we are not able to offer assistance to every animal we get a call about, we do offer alternatives in the way of spay/neuter options, assistance with feral animals and courtesy listings through our website on petfinder.com.

The end of the year is almost here and I hope you'll consider making a charitable donation to

help us continue our efforts. Please visit us at Humanesocietyofwa.org and like us on Face book.



Thank you for your generous support of HSWA!



Fund-raising events

We have two major fund-raising events yearly and would love for you to participate. Betty Freeman is the fund-raising coordinator and she works tirelessly to make these events successful.

The first is the Hush Puppy Silent Auction held in May. We have donated items for you to bid on along with hors d'oeuvres and entertainment at Wilhagen's Green Bar.

The second event is the Canine Classic 5K Run in September at Kentuck Park. We had 150+ participants this year. Winners receive trophies and door prizes.

We also have a meet

and greet at Pet Supplies Plus the 2nd Saturday of each month. In addition to pet items for sale there are adoptable dogs on site.

In addition we work with local businesses on fund-raisers throughout the year.

I hope you will remember us this time of year!

Please mail donations to :

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

Thank you!



Tuck, an everlasting survival story

The skinny, black and white tuxedo cat was trapped as part of a feral colony by TSNIP, a local trap/spay/neuter/incentive program. Once at the vet it was discovered that he was already neutered and declawed.

Obviously he'd been owned and was a lost cat. With no information about his owner, his ear was snipped and he was released. Later he was viciously attacked either

by a dog or coyote. He was defenseless and had life-threatening injuries.

Some local artists near Kentuck Park found him and took him to the vet where he had several medical procedures. Christened Tuck, his injuries healed and he came to the cat shelter where he became available for adoption.

This handsome boy was friendly and loving despite his ordeal of living

on the streets and suffering such a horrible attack.

We are happy to report that Tuck was adopted in September and now has a loving home!



Kid & Wendy love hanging out on the "catio"

The cat shelter, fondly referred to as the cat house, has a one-of-a-kind feature. It is a screened-in deck on the back of the house designed especially for cats. Many of our feline residents spend a great deal of time there daily.

Kid is a tall, handsome gray cat with chartreuse eyes who loves lounging on the top of the cat tree. He is a talker and will let you know exactly what's on his mind. Kid runs to the catio first thing each morning and only comes in when it is time for

treats!

Wendy is one of our senior cats at eleven years old. She is a solid white lady who absolutely loves attention and bird watching. Wendy is very active and does not act her age. Come hang out with them on the catio soon!



A very special cat indeed, Felinda

Felinda is a young adult who suffered an eye injury that left her blind on the left side. She was a very shy cat at first, but has learned to trust us and loves being petted now.

along well with other cats. You have to be careful to approach her on her good side so she isn't startled.

for someone who wants a quiet, laid back companion.

She is indeed a special cat. Her partial blindness in no way hinders her from her daily routine nor detracts from her beautiful face. It takes a special person to care for a special needs pet.



*"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals."
Immanuel Kant*

Felinda gets

Felinda would make a great pet

Persistence paid off for Priscilla

Cute, scruffy Priscilla was pulled out of our local animal shelter over a year and a half ago. She was loaded with personality, but a little nippy since she was still a young dog. We couldn't understand why she had not been adopted. She was on our website and Petfinder.com, on our Facebook page, taken to adoption events- all



our usual ways of finding a home for the animals in our care. But still no luck. Finally, in

early summer the perfect family came along, instantly fell in love with Priscilla and adopted her. In the animal rescue world, persistence truly does pay off! We just love success stories. Don't you?

If you'd like to adopt an animal from the HSWA complete the adoption application on our website.

Miss Dixie is a pretty Southern Belle

Laborador Retrievers are known for their high energy and Miss Dixie is no exception. She is a very friendly dog and would make a great family pet. Due to her large size (54 pounds) she would do best with older children.

Dixie will require a fenced-in yard so she can run and play to get that energy out of her. Just remember that a tired dog is a good dog!

We don't know what happened to Dixie's

short tail, but she sure knows how to wag it! Labs are such wonderful dogs, loyal to their owner for life. How can you go wrong with that type of devotion?



Gypsy will keep you on your toes

This striking dog is Gypsy, a two year old Dalmation/Terrier mix. She has a smooth white coat with black spots.



Gypsy is a medium size, weighing 33

pounds, and is full grown. She is a wonderful dog, very sweet, social, fun-loving and good tempered. She does

have some energy, but calms down very nicely.

She would make a great walking/hiking/running companion! Gypsy loves to run and play with other dogs too. She should be fine with children ages 8 and up.

Pet Photo with Santa Claus

December 1st & 3rd
4:30 until 7:30 p.m.

& December 6th

1:00-5:00 at

Pet Supplies Plus

\$10.00

(one 4"X6" photo)

**Call 210-5528 for an
appointment.**



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Donation Suggestions

OdoBan products
Paper towels
Baking soda
Pill Pockets (dogs & cats)
Wee Wee pads

Dog items

Pedigree dry dog food
Purina Puppy food
Ruffies med. Bags
Small (poop scoop) bags
Milk Bone dog biscuits
Solid or spray air fresheners
Collars and leashes

pet carriers & crates
metal feeding dishes-large
large garbage bags
copy paper/pens
long envelopes

Cat items

Purina Indoor cat food
Purina kitten food
Tidy Cat scoopable litter
Cardboard scratch posts
Cat treats- soft or crunch
Cat condos/trees/beds
Friskies canned food

Monetary donations are also welcome!

Christmas Critter Craft Bazaar

Handcrafted items,
t-shirts, magnets,
Gourmet treats,
Christmas decorations

Sat. Dec. 12th
10:00 until 4:00 &
Sun. Dec. 13th
12:00 until 4:00

Pet Supplies Plus

Come shop for your
four-legged friends and
support the HSWA!

Want to make your pet a star? Here's how...

The cat shelter, located at 2430 36th Street, Northport has beautiful cat murals painted on our front room walls. You can have your pet's picture there too. For a donation of \$100 or more Emily Mitchell will paint a picture of your pet (dog or cat) on the wall. Contact her at 205-750-0648. She also does special commissions for pet portraits.

Another way your pet can become a star is by appearing in our yearly pet calendar. There is one for dogs and one for cats. For a \$100 donation professional photographer Bar-

bara Goodwin will photograph your pet for the

The 2016 calendars will be available at many local



calendar. Contact her at bjgoodwin42@gmail.com to make an appointment.

veterinary offices for \$10.00, contact us on line to order yours now!