

WAG RAG & CAT'S MEOW

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James and Lindsey with their dog Ace

Spring is early this year so fleas will be too!

We all look forward to warm weather, sunshine and pretty flowers. Unfortunately spring is when fleas and ticks are on the rise. It is time to protect your pets from those pesky and dangerous parasites.

Did you know that a flea infestation may cause anemia and even death? Anemic pets may die because of sudden loss in red blood cells and oxygen. Also fleas carry tape worms.

Ticks are equally dan-

gerous because they may carry Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Ehrlichiosis to name a few. Humans are also susceptible to these diseases.

Symptoms that your pet may have one of these blood parasites include: tiredness, decreased appetite and pale gums. They may need a blood transfusion to recover.

Topical flea and tick prevention can be purchased from a pet store

or your local veterinary clinic. Make sure to follow directions and pay attention to the weight guidelines. Do not use these products on any animal less than two pounds, instead use Dawn dish detergent.



Introducing new caretakers at the dog shelter

The job of caretakers at the dog shelter is one that requires a lot of dedication and energy! Lindsey Wiederholt and James Hallahan have just what it takes. They are originally from Maryville, Missouri and both are huge dog lov-

ers. They've always dreamed of having a backyard full of dogs!

Lindsey is in law school at U.A. and grew up finding homes for abandoned dogs near her home

James is employed at

Innisfree and previously worked for the humane society in Missouri.

They both train new volunteers as well as feed and exercise the dogs in play groups as well as crate the dogs at night. Welcome Lindsey and James!



Gabriel with Kathy Box, cat shelter coordinator, ready for his television debut on WVUA for Pet of the Week.

Gabriel is an angel with lot of heart!

Last fall we got three precious kittens named Angel, Michael and Gabriel. So named because they were born to a young stray mother who had to have a C-section and was named Miracle.

When they were vetted we discovered that Gabriel had a possibly

life-threatening heart murmur. We scheduled him for a visit with a pet cardiologist in Birmingham where he had an ultrasound done of his heart.

We got the good news that while Gabriel does have a heart murmur, it is not life-threatening at all! He will need a fol-

low-up visit in a year to make sure he is doing well.

At this time Gabriel is a healthy, playful kitten and needs a loving home to call his own. He loves to be held and is constantly purring! He loves other cats and children too. Gabriel is eight months old.



Mister Tux is quite the charmer at the shelter

This lucky guy is Mister Tux, appropriately named and formally dressed. Mister Tux is a very handsome and sophisticated charmer, approximately seven years old and about eleven pounds.

Mister Tux was res-

cued after the 2011 tornado that hit Tuscaloosa. He'd love to be your permanent escort anywhere- to greet you at the front door and be your constant companion.

Mister Tux was diagnosed with inflammato-

ry bowel syndrome and returned to the HSWA, but we now have him on medication and a special diet to alleviate the problem. He deserves another chance for a forever home. Tux is fully vetted and neutered.



This family of parakeets was so happy to be adopted all together. What luck!

Love is in the air for these cute parakeets

The HSWA is not just about dogs and cats. We recently helped find homes for seven parakeets!

We got a call from a lady who offered to foster birds for us. I ex-

plained that we rarely got a call about birds, but wrote down her contact information.

Two days later I got a call from a family who was moving across the country and was not

able to take their parakeets.

We posted them on petfinder. About a week later the foster called and had found homes for all seven together with an experienced bird lover.

This blonde bombshell is a just a little princess

Meet Autumn, a four year old female Chihuahua mix weighing twelve pounds. She is very loving and would make a great companion for someone who wants a lap dog.

Autumn is currently in a foster home with several other dogs. It does take her some time

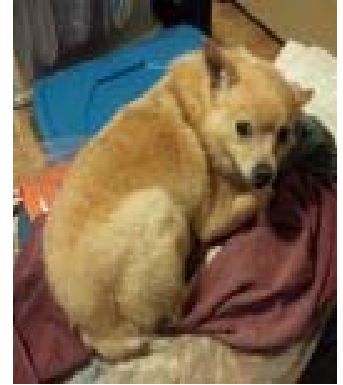
to develop trust with people and other dogs, but she has done it.

She has to be an indoor only dog, but she does walk nicely on a leash, doesn't chew and rides well in the car.

This dog should be fine with older children (12 and up), but not

young children due to her size.

Autumn does have flea allergies, so prevention is important. She is fully vetted, heartworm negative and spayed. This darling dog is ready for a home and a lap to call her own!



Autumn is the perfect size for a lap dog! Is yours available?

Zeus has a cute tail, it curls up and over itself

Zeus is a three year old Labrador/Terrier mix. He has a smooth golden brown coat and weighs forty pounds.

He is a fun, adventure loving dog. He never meets a stranger and loves to travel. He'd be

a great companion for a hiker or nature lover. This sweet boy gets along great with other dogs and kids too.

Zeus is smart and knows several commands such as sit and shake. He is house and

crate trained. Belly rubs are his favorite! This dog loves to please and would make a great family member for an active person or family.

Zeus is UTD on shots, micro-chipped, and neutered.



Let's find Zeus a loving, forever home!

Local dog walking service now available



One of the HSWA board members and vice-president, Tina Miller has started a dog walking business. Tina is one of the people who does adoptions at our dog shelter, so she has lots of experience handling dogs. You might have also seen her on WVUA for a "Pet of the Week" segment. Contact her at 205-886-5702 or email recess4rover1@gmail.com. You can also visit the website at RECESS4ROVER.com.

If you are looking for an experienced, responsible person to walk your dog, this is the one to call!

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Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Kappa Psi fraternities along with sorority Delta Gamma will have an HSWA crawfish fund raiser on March 30th from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. Tickets are just \$5.00! Contact us for more information.



Presents the Annual

BARK IN THE PARK

Saturday April 21, 2018
Will May Dog Park & Sokol Park



This event is free to attend and includes: face painting, a police K-9 demonstration, a Labrador retriever demonstration, free dog washes and even a chance to adopt! Bark in the Park is from 10:00 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 6198 Watermelon Road, Tuscaloosa. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

~ Chipotle Mexican Grill ~

CAUSE AN EFFECT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Humane Society of West Alabama. Come in to any Tuscaloosa Chipotle location on Thursday, March 29th between 10:45am and 10:00pm. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Humane Society of West Alabama.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.