



# Animal League of Washington County

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## Mission Statement

*A non-profit 501(c) 3 organization dedicated to supporting welfare of animals in Washington County.*

## Programs

Medical Rehab Fund

Rescue/Transport

Cruelty/Neglect Cases

Low Cost Spay/Neuter

Animal Care Education

Hungry Hearts Pet Food Bank

Capital Improvement & Equipment Fund

## Board of Directors

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## SUBARU SHARE THE LOVE EVENT

The Subaru Share the Love Event was held November 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 thru January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019. Subaru donated \$250 from every car sale to national charities or hometown charities of the clients' request. Animal League was one of two hometown charities selected to be a part of the Subaru Share the Love Event! We were presented with a check for \$25,697 in April. This donation went directly to our Medical Rehab Fund that supports animals in need of medical care and animals we rescue from cruelty and neglect cases. Thank you Adventure Subaru, it was an honor to be selected as a hometown charity!



*Dancer Before*



*After & Adopted*



## Medical Rehabilitation Program Dancer

We first learned of Dancer's horrible condition in December 2018. It took several months until the owner would relinquish her to the Animal League, but we were finally able to rescue, and her rehab began!

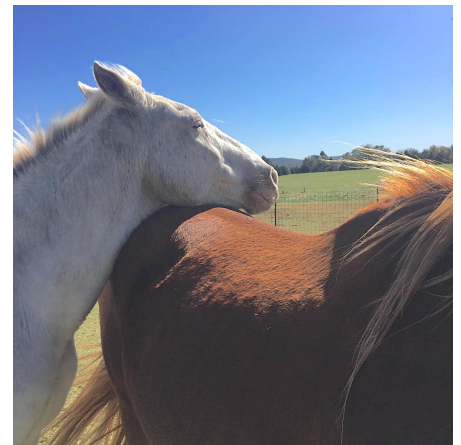
After 3 months of rehab Dancer was already looking better! She needed proper feed and hay, deworming and her teeth floated, to get on her way to recovery. She was covered in ticks and was anemic.

When we rescued Dancer, we were told she was 20 plus years old, and that was why she was in poor condition. When we took her to the vet the first day of rescuing her, the vet aged her at 12 years old. Fast forward 7 months...Dancer is at full weight and is a beauty!

We are happy to report that Dancer was adopted in October 2019!

## Other Equines Rescued This Year

This year Animal League has rescued six equines from cruelty/neglect cases. Finn and Romeo were abandoned by their owner when they moved. Peach was rescued along with Dancer from a neglect situation. Rocky and Spirit are currently in rehab and making progress daily.



*Romeo*



*Peach*



*Finn*

*Rocky & Spirit*







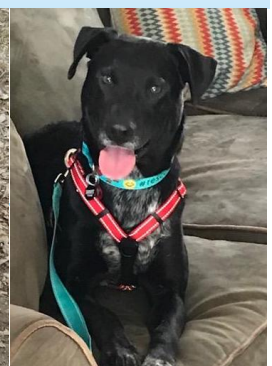
## Hoarding Case Elkins, AR

In February we were notified by the Washington County Sheriff's Office of a hoarding case in Elkins, AR. The property was on the county line of Madison and Washington counties. Ultimately, the property did fall in Madison County, which has limited resources for large-scale seizures. Our Animal Rescue Team stepped into action.

This case has taken us many months to rescue 50 plus dogs from the property. The dogs were well fed, but living in deplorable conditions, diseased and unaltered. We removed the dogs in small groups of 10-14, focusing on removing all the females and puppies first. Most of the adult dogs tested positive for heart worm disease and were Ehrlichia positive (a tick-borne disease). Hoarding case dogs are difficult to rehabilitate, as they have had little to no socialization. This has been a very difficult and costly case, but we are happy for the dogs that did turn around and that are now living full lives in wonderful homes.

Thank you to Washington County Animal Control, Madison County Sheriff's Office, our rescue partners; Wedington Animal Hospital and Best Friends Animal Hospital. Together, we saved these sweet dogs from dying a slow death of neglect and disease.

## Rescued Photos

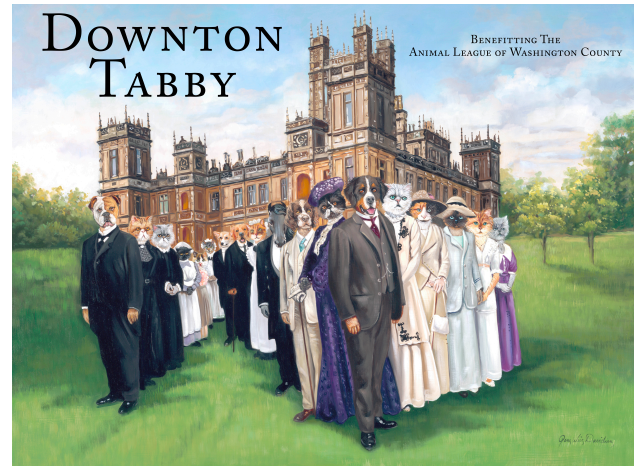




## FUNDRAISERS 2019

### Downton Tabby Charity Event

Our “Downton Tabby” charity event was held on October 10<sup>th</sup> at Stone Chapel, Matt Lane Farm, in Fayetteville. 230 guests joined us for a fun evening that included dinner, silent auction and live music by Red Ambition. \$34,000 was raised to help support our vital programs. Thank you to our sponsors: David & Pam Parks, Dog Party USA, C & C Services, Olsen Clinic, Nelms Family, Welsco, HSUS, Second Nature Landscaping, Wood Floor Gallery, Bank of Fayetteville, and Nelson Foundation. Thank you to the talented Jane Davidian for the custom oil painting for this year’s theme!



### JOG with a DOG

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual “Jog with a Dog” 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk was held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Lake Fayetteville. Participants enjoyed a fun morning, running/walking around beautiful Lake Fayetteville, all the while raising money for animals in need. Thank you to our sponsors and booth vendors for making this a great event. \$16,500 was raised for animals in need in Northwest Arkansas!





## PET WELLNESS EXPO 2019

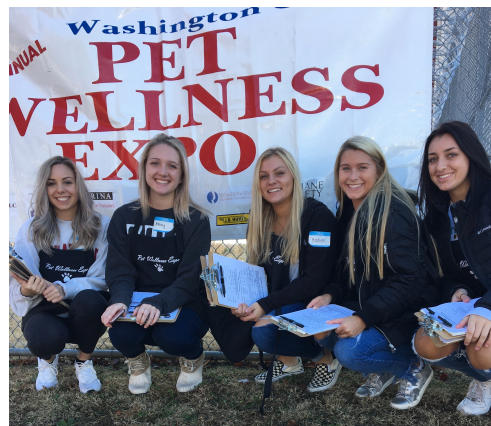
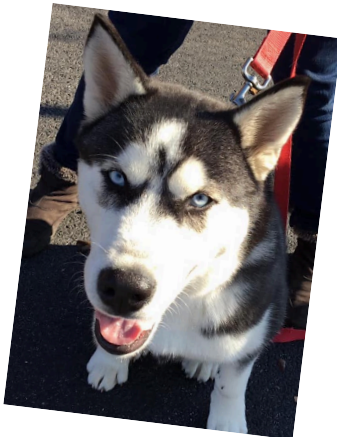
The Pet Wellness Expo was held on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Washington County Sheriff's Office. 772 vaccines were administered and 113 animals were microchipped. The Expo was open to all residents in NWA. The vaccines were \$5 each, and the microchips were \$10 each.

A special thanks to the veterinarians who volunteered their time for this event: Dr. Robb Jones, Dr. Susan Connelly, Dr. Taylor Rolland and Dr. Amie Stuke.

Thank you to the U of A Pre-Vet Club who assisted with vaccines and microchipping, and to Shelley Wright and Amanda Mann for implanting microchips. Also, thank you to the vet techs and assistants, Susan, Callie and Stephanie, for volunteering your time again this year!

Thank you Best Friends Animal Society for a Project Grant for this year's event!

This was another successful community outreach event helping pets stay healthy and safe!





## BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY NATIONAL CONFERENCE



The Best Friends National Conference was held July 25-28<sup>th</sup> in Dallas, TX. Representing the Animal League were Carmen Nelson, *Director*, JoAnn Traw, *Assistant Director*, and Kathy Short, *President*.

This was a great opportunity and a very informative conference. The workshops covered so many excellent topics that will help us continue our work and to help save more animals!

Best Friends Animal Society granted us a scholarship for our team to attend!

Northwest Arkansas was well represented at the conference! Other rescues and shelters from our area included: Big Paws of the Ozarks, Paws and Claws Pet Shelter, Spay Arkansas, Taysia Blue and Best Friends Animal Society, NWA.

We have a wonderful coalition of rescues and shelters in NWA!



## ADOPTABLE DOGS



*Loki*



*Cade*

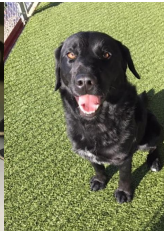
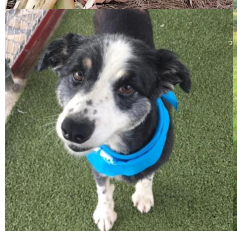
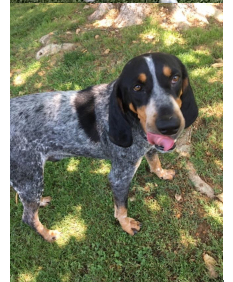
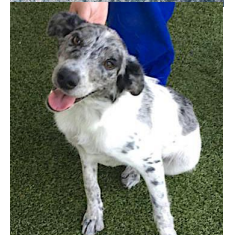
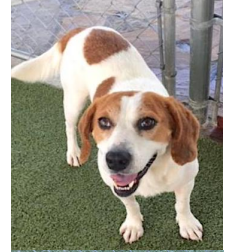
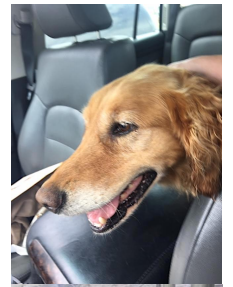
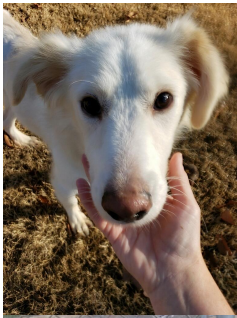


*Hunter*



*Sammy*





*A Letter from the Director  
(Our Mom)*

Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year! With your donations, the League has been able to help many animals in Washington County and surrounding areas. This year the League has rescued over 100 animals from local shelters, cruelty/neglect cases and dogs/horses in need of medical care. Pictured here are just a few of the lucky dogs we have rescued this year.

This has been a very busy year on the rescue front. The hoarding case in Elkins has been by far, one of the most difficult cases we have worked. Not only expensive medical conditions, but also rehabbing some of the un-socialized dogs has been challenging, but worth it.

The horses we have rescued this year have not *all* been in horrible shape, but still in need of vaccinations, teeth floated and hooves trimmed. We currently have two horses in our care that we are putting weight on, and making great progress. Stay tuned!

So, thank you again for your continued support! We could not rescue the animals we do, without your generous donations! The Animal League is truly a life-saving organization, and I am honored to serve as Director, for which I volunteer my time. Your donations go directly to helping animals in need!

From our Rescues to Yours, have a Happy Pawliday Season!

Sincerely,  
*Carmen Nelson*  
Director

# FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

## Pet Memorials

**Archie** – Jimm Garlock & Kaleb Allee

**Arthur** – Brock Gossett

**Ellis** – Jarret & Crystal Sanders

**Max** – Misty McCulley

**Molly** – Richard & Jordan Watkins

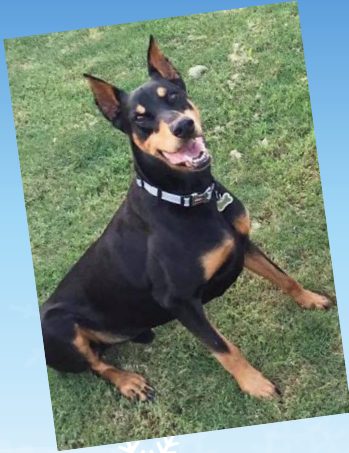
**Natalie** – Amy White

**Noah** – Dr. Jack Herring

**Shadow** – Dawn Stover

**Tex** – Wes & Maryanne Mabry

**Zoe** – Randy & Angie Coughlin



**Arthur**



**Natalie**

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