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# 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

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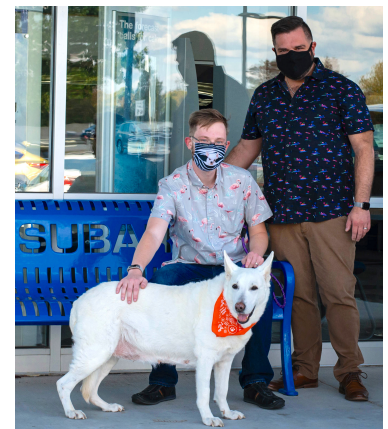
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## SUBARU MAKE A DOGS DAY

Betty Pearl was the recipient of Make a Dogs Day by Adventure Subaru in October. We rescued Betty from the Washington County Animal Shelter. She was positive for heart worm disease and also had mammary gland tumors. We placed Betty in a foster home, while undergoing her treatment. Adventure Subaru sponsored Betty's vet bills and employees also donated towards her care. More great news, at the event Betty Pearl's foster family finalized her adoption! Thank you Adventure Subaru for selecting Betty Pearl for Make a Dog's Day. This truly was a great day for Betty Pearl!





# Horse Rescue & Rehab



This was a busy year for horse rescue. We rescued a total of 15 horses this year, with one being born in our care. We had a large case seizure of 9 horses from a neglect case in Greenland, AR. This is still an open case, so we cannot go into detail. What we can tell you is that the horses that survived are fully rehabbed and all but one have been adopted, and she will be ready for adoption once her training is complete.

The other horses we rescued this year came from neglect cases, underweight and living in deplorable conditions.

What happens when we rescue horses? We are notified by law enforcement of the situation, and a plan is put in place immediately. We arrange transportation of them to a vet where they receive an exam, vaccines, coggins and worming. They are then transported to one of our foster homes and rehabilitation begins. A diet is established under our veterinarians' recommendation. Next is a visit from an Equine Dentist, Farrier and Osteopath. Once rehab is complete, a trainer works with them and prepares them for adoption.

This work would not be possible without our dedicated rehab foster homes and our Rescue Team Volunteers.





# Medical Rehabilitation Program

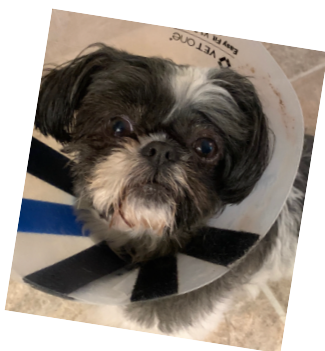


Our Medical Rehab Program helps animals that are in need of life saving surgeries or medical treatment. Here are just a few of the dogs we have helped this year.

We have saved dogs by providing heart worm treatment, surgery for broken legs, tumor removal, eye surgery, ear repair, and fluids for a severe anemic dog sick from ehrlichia and worm infestation.

These dogs are now all adopted and living full lives!

Thank you to all that have donated to our Medical Rehab Fund, these positive outcomes would not be possible without your generosity.



## Tucker's Story

Tucker a senior black lab came to us in February. His owner Mike was terminally ill with cancer and was being moved to the Veterans Hospital. Mike's daughter, who lives in Colorado, reached out to see if we could take care of Tucker. Tucker was in our care for a couple of months, we took Tucker to the hospital for visits with Mike. When Mike passed, we were then searching for a new home for Tucker. Our friends at J.B. Hunt Transport invited Tucker to the headquarters for a visit. Tucker loved all the attention he received, but best of all, he found a Forever Home! Tucker now has a wonderful family and a sweet boy to share his love with.

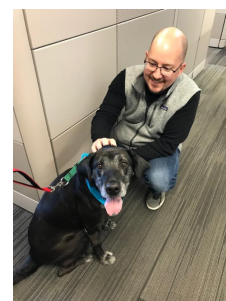
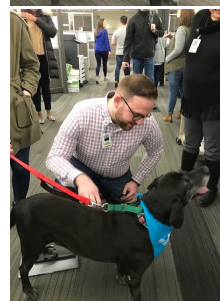
Mike &  
Tucker  
at the  
V.A.  
Hospital



Tucker's  
visit to  
J.B. Hunt



*Tucker Adopted*





## RESCUE/TRANSPORTS

### *On the Road Again...*

We work with many receiving rescues in Colorado. The dogs we send are from local shelters or from neglect cases. The rescue groups already have foster homes and/or forever homes waiting to receive them. It is so great to see the arrival photos of the dogs with their new people!

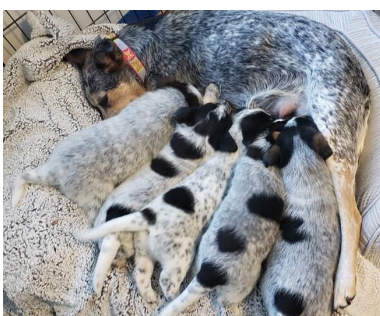
We drive the dogs to Kansas City to meet the transport group Hope For Paws Colorado, a non-profit organization.

This is such a collaborative effort to help dogs in need. From homeless dogs in AR, to Forever Homes in CO!



## PILOT N PAWS

Daisy Lu a Red Heeler mix and Ladybug a Blue Heeler, both found as strays got a special lift to Colorado to New Hope Cattle Dog Rescue. Ladybug was pregnant and needed to be transported quickly, before she gave birth. She gave birth to a litter of five just a week after her arrival. Pilot N Paws is an all-volunteer program. Pilots fly their own planes and there is no cost to the rescues, sending or receiving. Thank you PNP!



Ladybug flew from OKC to Denver with pilot David Beattie. More dogs joined the flight from Tulsa area.



Daisy Lu got a lift from Drake Field to Denver with pilots Greg & Sharon Gempler. Daisy was adopted soon after her arrival.



## Cruelty/Neglect Cases

### Hoarding Case Searcy, AR

In August, The Humane Society of the United States asked if we could help with a hoarding case in Searcy, AR. They were unable to deploy their Rescue Team due to the pandemic. We enlisted the help of two other organizations, Humane Society of Independence County and Rescue Road of Little Rock. Together we rescued 33 dogs from the property. The dogs were living in an abandoned house with no water or electricity. They all had severe hair loss due to flea infestation and dehydration. All the dogs survived, received medical care and were fully rehabbed. They have all been adopted and are living full lives. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with this case and to HSUS for the financial assistance.



After  
Photos  
Trooper  
Birdie  
&  
Shelly



### Neglect Case in Boone County



*Vans lined up ready to go!*

Medical Exams

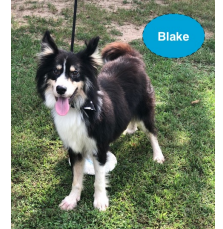
In September, we were notified of a case in Omaha, AR. Thirty-five dogs were living in deplorable conditions. The dogs were starving, flea/tick infested, and anemic from malnutrition. Some dogs were living in cages, others on chains, and many running loose in the woods. Boone County Sheriff's Office discovered the dogs while serving a warrant on the owner. Good Shepherd Humane Society organized the rescue operation. Other rescues involved were Spay Arkansas, Ozark Humane Society, Best Friends Animal Society of NWA, and Wilson Zoo. Animal League took 14 of the dogs. They all received medical care, spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations. The dogs were all rehabbed and adopted! This was a collaborative effort, rescues working together!



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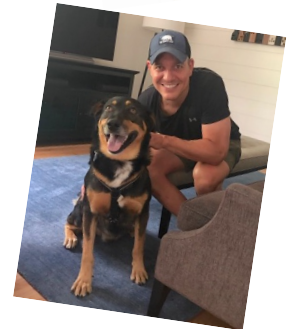
Spa Bath

*Happy rescue After photos*





## Jackson's Journey



Jackson (aka Zion), came to us this summer as an owner-surrender, his owner could no longer care him. We fell in love with this big boy, but he had some issues that we had to work out. He had separation anxiety and also no training or manners. He is a big dog at 80 pounds, so training him not to jump up on us was our first obstacle. The more time we spent with Jackson, we knew he needed a special kind of owner that could spend a lot of time with him. Jackson also needed tons of exercise to take his anxiety edge off. JoAnn and Carmen walked him daily, taking him to different trails and walks around Lake Fayetteville. He also needed more socialization, as he came from a home that didn't socialize him well. After working with Zion for a couple of months, it was time to find him the perfect home.

We reached out to one of our rescue partners in CO, and they helped find the perfect person for our special boy.

We wanted to meet his new owner and deliver him ourselves. So... road trip to Boulder!

Greg Was the Perfect match for Jackson! He gets exercised daily; walks, runs and hikes.

It was bittersweet saying goodbye to "Zion", but he found the most wonderful home with Greg! We get regular updates and that is icing on the cake!

## *In Loving Memory of Candy Clark*

We lost a dear friend and animal advocate on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Candy was a founder of the Animal League, along with her wife Teddy Cardwell. She served as President for many years. Candy was a pillar in our community for animal welfare. Prior to her involvement with the Animal League, Candy helped in the planning and building of the Washington County Animal Shelter, was a Board member and President of the Humane Society of the Ozarks and an advocate for making animal cruelty a felony in Arkansas.

In addition to her work in animal welfare, Candy was a community servant and generous philanthropist. She served as Justice of the Peace and on the Fayetteville Planning commission in 2003. Candy supported many great causes; Fayetteville High School Drama Program, Fayetteville Public Education Foundation, Peace at Home Shelter, Artist's Laboratory Theatre, Washington County Juvenile Detention Center, to name a few.

We will miss her big smile, joyous laugh and wonderful friendship.



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*A Letter from the Director  
(Our Mom)*

Dear Members and Friends,

What a challenging year it has been for so many during this pandemic, animals included. There are so many needs for our friends, family and even strangers who are struggling. Thank you for digging even deeper and giving to the animals that are also in need during this difficult time.

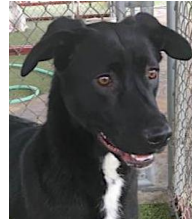
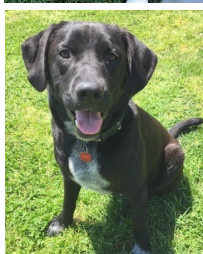
We have had a very busy year in rescue, with new demands on our resources due to the pandemic. When our city and county shelters were required to shut down this Spring, we, along with other rescues, jumped into action and emptied the shelters. Dogs were placed in foster homes, vet offices and doggie daycare boarding facilities, at the expense of each rescue. At the time, we thought this would be a temporary closure of the shelters; however the shelters were not fully operational until several months later.

The summer months were most difficult on us and every other rescue in the area. Animal Control was not able to pick up strays, and there was nowhere for strays to be sheltered. Area rescues stepped up and helped with strays as much as possible. Also, many citizens that found strays during this time fostered them until owners or new homes could be found. Requests for our pet food pantry increased as families lost jobs and struggled to feed their families and pets. On the upside, many people are working from home, and adoptions and foster homes have increased. Also, our area shelters are now fully operational.

Thank you for your generous donations that have helped us continue our work during such a challenging year, especially without our annual fundraisers. We are deeply grateful for your support. Our rescue work would not be possible without you!

Pictured here are a few of the happy faces your donations helped this year!

Sincerely,  
*Carmen Nelson*  
Director





## ADOPTABLE PETS



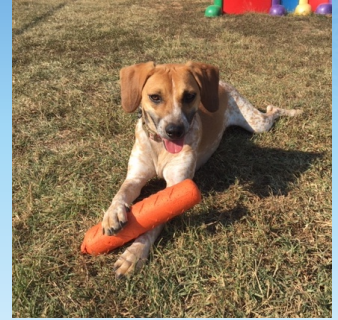
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