UPCOMING EVENTS

ADOPTION EVENT: SATURDAY, MARCH 30 (11am - 2pm)
Pet Supplies Plus, 2600 McFarland Blvd. East, Tuscaloosa

If you or someone you know is hoping to welcome a new furry family member this spring, visit us at our convenient upcoming adoption event where you can meet some of our adoptable pets!

BARK IN THE PARK: SATURDAY, APRIL 6 (10am - 2pm)
Will May Dog Park, Sokol Park

Come see us at this annual free event hosted by the Tuscaloosa Association of Realtors. Furry friends (and their humans!) can connect with animal-friendly vendors and enjoy music, kids' activities, a fun photo booth, and more. There's even a pet parade! And, the first 500 visitors will receive a free swag bag.

Are you a business wanting to get involved with HSWA? Do you have an idea for an event or fundraiser you would like to partner with HSWA on? Would you like to host an adoption event for HSWA? We are always looking to add community partners and would love to hear from you. Reach out to us at humaneswa@yahoo.com.

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BECAUSE WE CARE

WAG RAG & CAT'S MEOW

The Impact of Fostering

As an animal lover, you've probably heard the words "fostering saves lives." It's true! Foster programs are a vital part of shelter operations, and they benefit animals tremendously. Fosters care for a pet in their home either for a set period of time or (hopefully!) until the pet finds their forever family. The Humane Society of West Alabama relies on our strong network of fosters; for example, in 2023, 27 dogs were placed in foster homes, and the majority of them have subsequently been adopted. Here are some ways fostering makes such a big impact:

- Fostering allows a cat or dog to experience a calm and healthy environment. While we work hard to make our shelters comfortable, some pets can benefit from a more peaceful environment. This is especially important for puppies and kittens, animals who are healing from an injury or illness, and those who are more easily stressed.
- Being around loving caregivers in a home environment helps socialize pets, increasing their likelihood of being adopted quickly. It also allows us to learn more about each pet's personality, which helps us make a better match with an adopter.
- Providing a foster home helps to ease the burden on our shelters, especially during busy times like summer. The stronger our foster network is, the more animals we can help.

To assist our foster families, the Humane Society of West Alabama provides all the food, supplies, and veterinary treatment a particular pet may need. If you're ready to get started, you can apply in the "Foster" section of our "Get Involved" page at humanesocietyofwa.org. Once your application is approved, we'll get in touch to match you with a pet. Our adoption counselors work carefully with foster applicants to make sure the cat or dog they foster is a great fit for their home and lifestyle.

Fostering is one of the most impactful ways you can help the Humane Society of West Alabama, or any local rescue organization. Not only does the fostered dog or cat get to be part of a family until their forever home is found, but it also frees up space for another dog or cat to be taken in. We couldn't do what we do without our incredible fosters!

More Ways to Give

Want to make a special donation to the Humane Society of West Alabama? Here are some ideas to get you started:

Memorial gifts: Honor a special pet or loved one by making a donation in their memory.

Estate planning: Remember the Humane Society of West Alabama in your will, whether through a monetary gift or a donation of another asset like real estate.

Matching gifts: Some employers will match whatever dollar amount you donate, allowing your gift to have an even bigger impact.

Donations like these can be a meaningful part of your legacy while helping the cats and dogs in our care significantly. We hope you'll consider one of these options!

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"Our perfect companions never have fewer than four feet." - Colette

Xena Finds Her Family

Happy tails to Xena! This energetic young pup found her forever family in September of 2022, and she's been on-the-go ever since. While at our dog shelter, Xena clearly craved the chance to go exploring and the devoted attention that only a loving family could provide. Well, her dream came true! Now Xena gets to go on adventures and enjoy one of her favorite pastimes: splashing. That's right, this gal hasn't met a puddle she doesn't want to romp in. She doesn't mind getting muddy! Xena loves snuggling with her people at night and is recharged and ready to go as soon as the sun comes up. This happy girl is ready to be friends with everyone she meets, and we're so glad she's met her perfect family.

Meet Pepito!

While every dog at the Dog House is special, Pepito is pretty much guaranteed to win your heart. At just under a year old, Pepito is a Golden Retriever mix with a luxurious reddish caramel coat. What's really special about Pepito, though, is his gentle, loving spirit. And what does he love most? People! Pepito craves human interaction, so he'll likely be a close companion with his forever family members. He does enjoy being with other dogs but likes to play fairly gently.

Pepito has a little more growing to do and will probably be a medium to large dog. He would do best in a home without cats and, just due to his size, without very small children. Beyond that, he will make a wonderful addition to any family who's willing to give him the outside exercise time—and the affection—that he loves so much.

If you'd be interested in welcoming this gentle spirit into your home, please email us at humaneswa@yahoo.com or call us at (205) 554-0011 (be sure to leave a message). Odds are, you won't be able to resist his smile!

Sweet Jean

Jean is a striking tortoiseshell beauty who is looking for her purr-fect home. She's best described as quiet and calm, and she certainly deserves a peaceful home after her challenging past. Jean first appeared among the feral cats who reside around our cat shelter, but it quickly became clear that she wasn't feral and was used to being around people. Although she's independent in that classic cat way, she likes to be petted and enjoys "talking" to people, and she has a dainty little meow. She'll even curl up in a lap for a while.

After spending some time in the cat shelter, Jean was adopted but, sadly, returned a few weeks later. Despite her adopter's best intentions, Jean was lonely; she definitely needs a home with a companion kitty. Since then, she's settled back into her routine, and she's recently discovered that she can laze in our special window perch and enjoy a sunbeam while watching the world go by.
Jean has also become friends with our long-time sweetheart Pansy, and the two sometimes twine their tails as they walk together or cuddle up together for a nap in a cat bed. In fact, Jean and Pansy would make a great pair to adopt together!

If you'd like to help this sweet lady have another chance at a happy home, please get in touch with us by emailing us at humaneswa@yahoo.com or calling (205) 554-0011 (be sure to leave a message).

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