



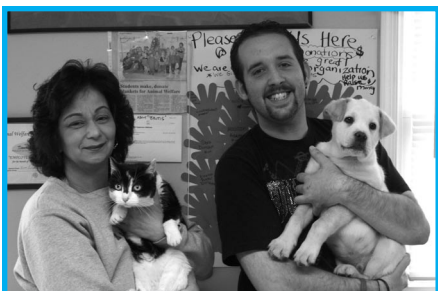
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## SERVING ANIMALS AND THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 55 YEARS

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### Meet AWS' New Shelter Manager and Animal Care Coordinator

Lisa Kirkland - Shelter Manager



Lisa holding Prissy and Steven with Neece

My connection with the Animal Welfare Society began after being laid off from my job as an administrative assistant/receptionist for an electrical contractor in VA. I wanted to be around animals so decided to volunteer at the shelter. I adopted a cat from AWS two years ago and thought it would be a great opportunity. My husband, grandson and I went to the "Bark-in-the-Park" in 2010 and we met two ladies from AWS. I told them I volunteered at the shelter a couple hours a week and asked if they had any job openings. Little did I know I was talking to two Board members, one being the SHELTER PRESIDENT. After meeting the two board members at Bark-in-the-Park and finding out there may be an opening, I kept my eyes on the classifieds for an ad for a job. I wanted a hands-on job where I was "helping animals and people." The position seemed like the perfect opportunity.

There are many challenges in this position. The biggest challenge in the beginning was making the change from "volunteer to shelter manager". It is difficult to not get "too attached" to the animals at the shelter. Seeing them get adopted to great "forever homes" is sometimes a "bittersweet" moment. Another challenge is making sure an adoption is going to be a lasting one to prevent returns of animals to the shelter. It is very sad to place an animal back in a cage after it has enjoyed a short life in a home.

I find it very rewarding being able to find "forever homes" for these wonderful cats and dogs. Finding families that are willing to work with them in their homes and do whatever it takes to help them adjust to their new homes is very rewarding. It really makes my "heart" happy when adoptees show these animals "UNCONDITIONAL LOVE & ATTENTION" that they deserve and need. It is also rewarding to see the love and care that all of our staff, volunteers and Board members give these wonderful animals at the shelter on a daily basis.

In the future, I would love to see a brand new shelter built or, in reality, an addition to the existing building with plenty of "DONATIONS" in order to keep it running every day. It would be great to be able to take in more animals so we can get them out of unstable situations and find new, great loving homes. I would also like to see more help with fundraising activities and more volunteers to help with the care of our animals.

### Steven Rogers- Animal Care Coordinator

My story with AWS started in March of 2008. I was employed as a Chef at a restaurant and was looking for something to fill my free time. So I answered an ad on volunteermatch.com for a Cat Cage Cleaner at Petco in Ranson for the Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County. I had always had a love for animals and wanted to do something to make a difference. I didn't know much about the AWS, but I wanted to devote my time to a no-kill facility. I began learning more about the AWS, who they were and what they did. So I started volunteering more of my time in helping with fundraising events and in helping clean and take care of the animals at the shelter. I discovered how rewarding it was to help and how much I enjoyed making a difference in the lives of homeless animals.

In August of 2008 I joined the Board of Directors and then became the Liaison for the Shelter Oversight Committee. In so doing, I began to work very closely with the staff as well as other individuals in the animal profession. I quickly learned a lot about how to draw blood from animals, how to medicate, and how to administer vaccines. I discovered that this is what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I wanted a career where I could do this and be close to the animals that I loved so much. A position for the Animal Care Coordinator became available at the shelter so I quickly applied. It was a far jump from the work I was doing as a chef but I was ready for the change.

I was welcomed with opened arms as a staff member and wouldn't change it for the world!! I have learned so much through my work with the AWS, not only about animals and the medical side of things but also about myself! My position at the shelter is to make sure all the animals are healthy, spayed and neutered, and up-to-date with all their routine shots. It is a job I take very seriously! Who would have thought that, three years ago, I would be where I am now?? I thank you all for your continued support and faith in me and I will continue to help all the homeless pets of Jefferson County!



For the year 2010, AWS cared for 205 cats and kittens,  
91 were adopted from the Shelter and 77 adopted from our cages at Petco.  
155 dogs and puppies resided at the shelter with at total of 147 adopted.



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## NEWSLETTER

Jane Turner, Editor

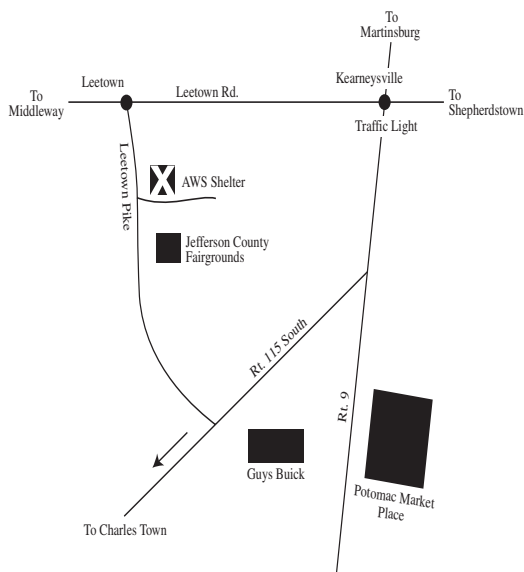
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**Wednesday through  
Saturday 11am - 4pm**



Visit our Website [www.awsjc.org](http://www.awsjc.org)

## AWS Keeps Active in the Fall

Board members and volunteers kept busy this fall with a number of fundraising events and adoption events. Volunteers enjoyed the activities at the Charles Town Festival in September followed by an adoption event at Ridgefield Farms. It was a sunny day for a half dozen lucky dogs to laze in the sun and meet and greet potential adopters. Thanks to Scott Beard and Alan Gibson for inviting AWS to this annual event.

The following Saturday was the third annual Paws and Claws Ball at the Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races. This year's event was, however, the first "Howl O Ween" Dinner and Auction. Over half of the 200 attendees dressed up in fantastic costumes and participated in the Costume Contest. The dinner/auction generated close to \$20,000 to help keep the shelter doors open. Many thanks to those who attended, our sponsors and all those who donated over 100 auction items. Next year's event will held on Oct. 29th at the same venue.

The second weekend in November was AWS' annual Pet Photos with Santa and Rabies Clinic. AWS Santa of 20 years, Eric Ewalt, was ill so his big shoes were filled by volunteer, Kevin Murphy. Over 60 dogs and cats had their holiday memories captured with Santa. Thanks to Kevin and all who attended. In the afternoon, 180 cats and dogs were vaccinated against the rabies virus. Many thanks to Dr. Norman Wilt and his staff of the newly established Ranson Animal Hospital for volunteering to administer the vaccines.

More volunteers came out on December 4th to brave the cold while participating in the Charles Town Christmas Parade. Eight happy shelter dogs trotted in the cold in hopes of catching the eye of a potential new owner. Thanks to all who helped make a memorable day for each loving dog.



**Paws and Claws Fun**

## What's to Come in 2011

There is no "down time" for the board or volunteers. As soon as one event is finished, there are more right on their heels. On February 12th, the Second Annual Purrfect Dinner and Auction at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races was held to benefit the Shelter Renovations and Capital Campaign Fund. Many thanks to Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races for again sponsoring this annual event.

Mark your calendars for the annual flower sales at Dominos in Shepherdstown. Dates for the Easter sale are April 22nd and 23rd and the Mother's Day sale is at the same location on May 6th and 7th. Also in May is the 5th Annual Bark in the Park on May 21st at Sam Michaels Park. (See article for more information). A summer Rabies Clinic is scheduled for June 4th at Gowers Feed in Ranson. Look for a summer yard sale at the Lions Center in Ranson and start saving those items you would like to donate to the sale.

## If I Didn't Have Dogs...



I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.  
My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.  
All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of hair.  
When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like a kennel.  
When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies who beat me there.

I could sit on the couch and my bed the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.  
I would have money ....and no guilt to go on a real vacation.  
I would not be on a first-name basis with 6 veterinarians, as I put their yet unborn grand kids through college.

The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: out, sit, down, come, no, stay, and leave him/her/it **ALONE**.  
My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.  
My house would not look like a day care center, toys everywhere.  
My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats and an extra leash.

I would no longer have to Spell the words B-A-L-L, F-R-I-S-B-E-E, W-A-L-K, T-R-E-A-T, B-I-K-E, G-O, R-I-D-E  
I would not have as many leaves **INSIDE** my house as outside.  
I would not look strangely at people who think having **ONE** dog/cat ties them down too much.

I'd look forward to spring and the rainy season instead of dreading "mud" season.  
I would not have to answer the question "Why do you have so many animals?" from people who will never have the joy in their lives of knowing they are loved unconditionally by someone as close to an angel as they will ever get.

## How **EMPTY** my life would be!

### Bark in the Park Set for May 21st, 2011

The 5th Annual Bark in the Park will be held at Sam Michaels Park near Harpers Ferry on May 21st. Last year's event was the best attended due to great weather and more exposure. The event consists of a Blessing of the Animals, an interactive pledge walk (that is how we make our money), dog contests, canine demonstrations, raffles and games. Lunch is available (hot dogs, of course) and snacks. Another fun part of the day includes the various vendors that set up to show their wares and services. Please mark your calendar for you and your dog(s) to enjoy the day together at the Bark in the Park. Check the website in April for the "walkathon" pledge and registration forms.



Winners of Various 2010 Pet Contests

## How You Can Help!!!

Did you know that Applebee's in Charles Town sponsors a Dining to Donate fundraiser for AWS on the first Thursday of every month? AWS receives 20% of the proceeds for the day's sales. Support AWS once a month by enjoying a great meal at Applebee's on the first Thursday of each month. Spread the word and bring a friend.

Still Hungry? Go to Panera Bread Company in Ranson, order your meal and have the chance to put a donation in their AWS donation jar. Panera has been supporting AWS since they arrived in Ranson. This year alone, the donation jars exceeded over \$1,000!!

Are you a Google or Yahoo searcher? Next time, go to Goodsearch.com and use it as your search engine. All you have to do is type in Animal Welfare Society in the "Who do you Goodsearch for?" box. AWS gets a penny for each search and they do add up. Tell your friends to do the same. Search and Support as much as you like.



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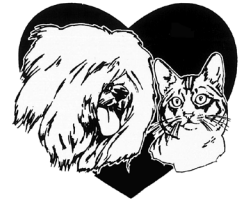
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Donations received during the Blessing of the Animals at St. James Lutheran Church in Uvilla - organized by Vicki Johnston and Minister Fred Soltow from Pastor's Discretionary Fund Shepherdstown Lutheran Parish, Jack & Gretchen Weigel, Gail & Allyn Kohlhorst, and many shelter supplies

All pets present were rescue dogs except for the rescue goat.



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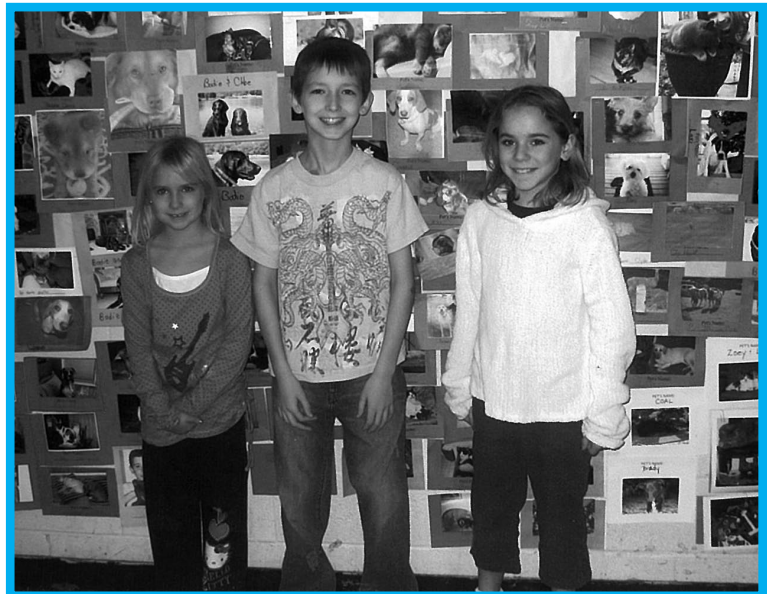
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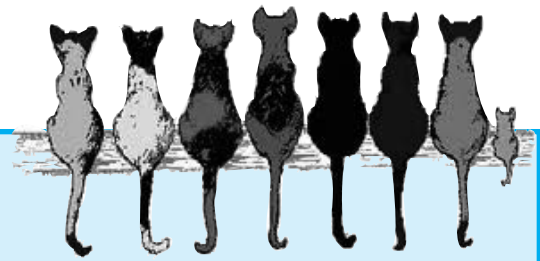


Winners of C.W. Shipley's Pet Photo Contest, left to right,  
1st 2nd 3rd place- Shelby Harris, Jimmy Garrard, Jillian Andrews

## Bow Wows of Thanks to our Business Partners and Organizations

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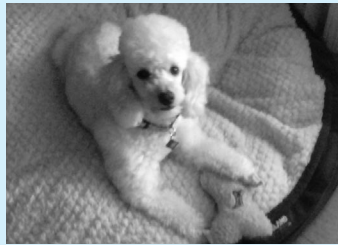
# HAPPY TAILS



## “Charmed” by Anne Marie Kohlhepp, Board Member

A lady walked in the shelter with two white pedigree poodles, saying she was going back to Mexico and couldn't keep them. The lady said the female was pregnant from a pedigree down the street. She took the dog to the vet and was told that she probably was impregnated by her brother and the pedigree was destroyed. She didn't want the non-pedigree pups and had all 9 aborted. The female was full of fleas and dirty. The male was dirty, matted, sick, very thin and smelled terrible. He couldn't be bathed until he was shaved due to the tight matting. Both went to the groomer and were transformed into amazing dogs.

They both went into foster homes and their personalities came alive. The little girl got her strength back and was adopted by a wonderful family who really treasures her. The little boy became healthy after several vet visits and medications, gained weight, learned how to run in the yard, play with the other dogs, eat treats and carry toys around. He is a wonderful, beautiful pet and won my heart. He is now my Charmin.



Hello,

My name is Polly Root and I adopted a cat from the Jeff. Co Animal Welfare Society at the Petco in Ranson in July 2010. A few weeks ago, I received a call from the adoption woman, who asked how Julie (now named Hermione) was doing. The woman asked if I could email her some pictures of the cat. She has become a wonderful addition to our family and I'm happy we could give her a home. Attached are a few pictures...I wish I had some of her in-action, playing with her toys! Thank you again for all you do!!



Sincerely,  
Polly Root

Hi Everyone, It's Bruno! Remember me? I was adopted last Saturday by Pete and Tish Appignani after they met me at Petco. From there it was all a blur. They filled out the papers, Lisa did a home visit and now THIS IS MY HOME! I have learned so much in the last few days you would think I am Einstein. I am savoring new sights, sounds and tastes. I can run up and down stairs faster than a speeding bullet and jump on the big bed in a single bound. WOW, I am awesome.

I have two new siblings. Annie is a 7 year old rescue mutt with some Australian Shepherd in her and Tucker is a full blooded mini-Aussi (Age 5). So far so good with them and I think they really like me. Tucker growled at me once when I stole his chew but now I have my own. Annie lets me cuddle up with her in bed so all is good. Tucker has taught me to run circles in the yard and has introduced me to the three puppies on the other side of the fence. We have two daily meetings where we sniff and bark at each other through the slats. We also patrol the fence and bark a lot when someone walks down the hiker trail next to our house. I have not mastered the puppy door yet but that will come in time.

Speaking of tastes, there are some really tasty foods here. I love milk, cheese and hard boiled eggs. Sometimes Dad gives me a taste of a cookie. Dad, "the big guy", is kind of my favorite. We take naps together in the big recliner, play with the toys, (I love the squeaky ones) and sneak treats. I miss him when he is at work so I lay in the chair just to keep it warm. Mom says I am a guy puppy so I lay in her lap during the day so she won't feel left out. Next week I am going to see Dr. Norma for a check-up and the Groomer to make me handsome. I need to get ready to meet my human sister, Alix, when she comes for Christmas.

Well, that's all the news that's fit to print. I'll try to keep you up-dated on my progress and any gossip from the home front. Thanks so much for finding me my new home. I just love my new family and hope all my friends at the shelter find a gig like this.

Your friend,  
Bruno Appignani



# HAPPY TAILS

Lisa,

Good afternoon. Happy New Year! I just wanted to check in and let you know that Brutus is doing fantastic! He has adjusted really well to the family and Justice and he are getting along perfectly. He is a very good dog and Olivia loves him, thank you for letting us adopt him and make him part of our family. I will send you a picture soon.



Thank you,  
Mona M. Aguilar

“Leo”

Leo the Rottie was found as a stray by the staff of Jefferson County Animal Control. He came to us and was adopted to several different homes but none of them worked out for very long. He was returned numerous times due to various behavioral issues. Fortunately, we were able to find a rescue for him based in Virginia. This placement would allow for him to there to receive the training and where he would be able to be around people who specialized in his breed. Leo is currently still living in Virginia and doing very well. His future now is bright!



Lisa ,

Jess is such a joy to watch with Bruschi and she loves to cuddle. She listens very well and we couldn't be happier. All the neighbors love to watch them play in the front yard and even join them. She is such a sweetheart that it's difficult to get mad at her when she chews something. Thanks for taking good care of her and the love you show all your dogs, they are all blessed.

Mike And Beth Tebeau



“We would love to hear your Happy Tails”

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## We Need Homes



Cricket



Cesar



Crystin



Jack

## Memorials

- \*In Memory of Bill & Dixie's beloved Beacon and her Sweet Girl, Holly – Jane Turner
- \*In memory of Russ Hobson and his devoted friend, Puppy the Bulldog - Faye & Henry Davenport
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- \*In Memory of Jeffrey Pierce - Ginger Bordier
- \*In Memory of Misty, from AWS '95 - Nancy Nylander
- \*In Memory of Jimmy Meehan - Howard McGowan
- \*In Loving Memory of their dear little Abbey – Janet Bailey and Rem Onyshack
- \*In Memory of Tabitha (cat adopted at 8 yrs following being hit by a car; survived to the age of 22 yrs, 4 months) - Eleanora Worth
- \*In Memory of their mother, Carleen Kelican Mort - Laurel & Randy Neffln
- \*In Memory of her mother, Eloise Clem - Lisa Johnson
- \*In Memory of Colleen Janney - Kim Cain
- \*In Honor of Squeaker & BooBoo - Nancy & John Streeter
- \*In Memory of Bernie, beloved St. Bernard of Ron Grubb- Gary and Anna Mary
- \*In Memory of BuBu, precious cat of Marcella Townsend and Marshe Townsend – Gary and Anna Mary Walsh
- \*In Honor of Charlotte, the Wonder Dog - Carol Gallant
- \*In Memory of her tiger cat, Miss Bobbi - Cora Roush
- \*In Memory of Barkly & Jack, beloved pets of Deb & Shawn, Minnie, beloved pet of Diana & Camille Riley and Newbie, beloved pet of David & Lissa Fox - Deborah Hill
- \*In Memory of Preppy Dillow – pet of Suzanne Dillow -members of AM exercise class
- \*In Memory of Preppy Dillow - Rebecca Briggs
- \*In Honor of Mina Goodrich - Paul & Lisa Welch
- \*In Memory of Sam, their black beauty rescued feline - Anna Mary & Gary Walsh
- \*In Memory of Robert Washington - Employees at Lovettsville Post Office
- \*In Honor of our 14 year old nephew, Jarred Knight - Carolyn & Roger Knight
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- \*In Honor of co-worker, James Manion - Rebecca Knox
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- \*In Memory of Dixie Knighten - Ginger Stanley
- \*In Memory of Dixie Knighten - Peter & Jody Chaney
- \*In Memory of Dixie Knighten - Patricia Potter
- \*In Memory of our 5 kitties & several friends - Bobby Bales & Wallace Fauble
- \*In Memory of their Shiba Inu, Barley, from AWS, 2001 - Mike & Janette Collins
- \*In Memory of James Edwards - Carol Dillow
- \*In Memory of Daniel Myers - James & Sandra Myers/Singleton
- \*In Honor of their lovable but untrained dog, Wreatha (AWS adoptee)- Karen, Scott McQuaid, Chance & Cora



### In Memory of J. Blackwell Davis, Jr.



Loving husband of Eileen, father of Mary & Tommy  
and a protector of all animals and nature-  
North Jefferson Elementary Staff

- Julia Stokes
- Paula & Fred Myer
- Faye & Henry Davenport
- Elizabeth Senseney
- Nancy Hilton
- Guy Reynolds, Jr
- Rachel Potts
- Patrick Blanc
- Theresa Chiotos
- Eleanora Worth
- Ken & Barbara Psillas
- Jane Tarner
- Laurie Fiori Hacking
- Stanley & Lawanda Milton
- Pat Fiori & Bill Jackson
- Candy Cain

### In Memory of Douglas Spencer

- VA Lodge # 1 I.O.O.F.
- Renee & Robert Spencer
- Marilyn Davis Prudential Preferred
- Louise Anderson
- Eileen Elicker
- Josephine & Walter Bell
- Jean & Ira Hale
- Edward & Nancy Manuel
- David Simmons
- Peggy Jacobs
- St John's Lutheran Church
- Catherine & Gilbert Smallwood
- Janet McNall
- Mr. & Mrs. David Grosser

### In Memory of Elizabeth Lynn Akers Glass

- Marilyn & Lester Reed
- Elizabeth Senseney
- Barbara Psillas
- Kabletown CEO Service Club
- Helen Burch
- Bill & Ruth Parsons

### In Memory of Marsha Jayne Craun

- Robert & Doris Herr
- Mary & John McKeever
- McCrea-Hale Insurance Agency
- Alan Shachter
- Sandra Kuntzelman
- Gary & Kirsten Joiner



### “Poppy”

Poppy was a 2 year old Saint Bernard Mix Dog that came to AWS from a very difficult situation. His former owners kept him isolated in their home and didn't allow him to receive the normal stimulation that a puppy requires. Because of this, Poppy's behavioral problems from birth progressed. They continued at the shelter to the point of his becoming very territorial.

The enrichment and training that he so needed in his early years quickly became a huge deterrent for anyone wanting to adopting him. We did the best we could for him in the shelter environment, even enlisting training assistance. Unfortunately for Poppy, people began to develop a fear of him. He, himself, began to suffer as he lived in his protective world that he had built.

In the best humane interest of him, the difficult decision was made that he finally find some peace. Poppy may be gone but has definitely left his paw prints on all of us at the AWS. For me, in particular, he has become my driving force in what I do. As the Animal Care Coordinator at the shelter, it has become my mission not to allow this to happen to another small soul. This is a memorial to a beautiful animal. RIP Poppy! You will never be forgotten!

### “JoJo”

JoJo spent two years as a stray outside of our shelter. We were unsuccessful in numerous attempts to catch her to bring her into the shelter. Unfortunately, she was too wild to be caught. Everyone became accustomed to having her around the property and she became one of our mascots at our animal shelter. Everyone who visited the shelter knew JoJo's face. Last winter it was clear that JoJo had fallen ill, so ill that we were able to finally able pick her up and bring her in. We started her quickly on meds but she was too sick to revive and we lost her just a few days later. JoJo- we miss seeing you around and you are forever in our hearts.



Steven Rogers  
AWS Animal Care  
Coordinator



*A possible look for the new addition*

## AWS Updates:

### Shelter Renovations Update

The Shelter Capital Campaign and Shelter Renovations Fund is slowly growing but needs to grow by leaps and bounds to see the AWS dream come true of an addition to the shelter to house more dog kennels, a cat play room and more isolation and adoption rooms. A grooming area is also in the future plans for the shelter, along with office space, and a medical treatment room. The annual Valentine's Dinner proceeds are earmarked for the fund, but more donations and grants are needed to see this vision come true. Donations are needed such as: lumber, dry wall, electric

fixtures, plumbing items, paint, and drywall spackling, to name a few. If you are able to donate or have a building talent, please contact the shelter.

In the meantime, the existing shelter needs much TLC. Kennel fences need to be replaced, new inside and outside doors are needed, and new windows are needed on 50% of the rooms, and much more. All and any help is welcome to allow AWS to make the shelter safer for both pets and people.

### New Website Design



Board member and past president, Bill Dunn, has been working very hard on revamping our AWS website. Soon it will have a whole new and exciting look! You will be able to make donations through our AWS website [www.awsjc.org](http://www.awsjc.org) by using PayPal. You do not need to be a PayPal member to do so. Check it out to keep abreast of all the latest AWS news and pets waiting for adoption.

### Thanks to Our Many Volunteers

With the help of volunteer coordinator Janet Bailey, Lisa Kirkland and Steven Rogers the volunteer participation at the shelter continues to thrive. These dedicated volunteers help clean kennels and cages, do the laundry, groom the cats and dogs, and walk the dogs. A strong volunteer program helps to keep expenses down by helping with tasks that paid staff complete on a regular basis. Volunteers also give the pets different people to interact with on a daily basis. Regular exercise is important to the health of both dogs and cats. Extra walks and playing time are beneficial to all of the animals at the shelter. Not everyone has direct animal contact as a volunteer. Patricia Elspas has been taking care of entering animal and adoption information into the shelter database, which frees up time of the shelter manager to attend to other needs at the shelter. These dedicated volunteers make a difference each day at the shelter. Thank you!!

Tera Adams, Skye Allen, Erin Brimberg, Mary Jo Carpenter, Alec Davis, Mary Eidukevicius, Gloria Portwood, Patricia Elspas, Denise Everly, Erica King, Tracey Myers, Tracey Rissler, Kyle Satterfield, Amanda Shields, Angela Wesling

Did you ever wonder who takes care of the cats housed at Petco? Volunteers!! The cages at Petco must be cleaned twice a day, seven days a week and on holidays. Besides a few days manned by shelter staff, the rest of the week is taken care of by volunteer "Petco Cleaners". These dedicated volunteers have a set day to take care of the cat cages and, along with cleaning, the Board members will also do adoptions during this time. These volunteers have saved the AWS thousands of dollars in staff expenses. There is still a need for a Sunday night cleaner. Currently, the volunteers are taking care of this time slot, but we would like to have a full time volunteer take this time slot over. If you are interested, visit the website [www.awsjc.org](http://www.awsjc.org) and express your interest in the volunteer section. Thanks to all!!

Joe Adams, Ellen Anderson, Carolyn Bradford, Marie Cipriano, Tina Creller, Kate Johnston, Leslie Johnston, Angela Wesling and Carolyn (Kat) Zawadzski. AWS Board members- Janet Bailey, Candy Cain, Mina Goodrich and Jane Turner



*Kennel Assistant, Timmy, shares a loving moment with 2 year old Mocha*

I WANT YOU



to VOLUNTEER

### Interested in Volunteering?...

AWS is always seeking volunteers who are interested in donating their services to our shelter. Whether you would like to be hands on with our pets, or offer other ways to give back to the organization, with us you are always welcome. We offer a variety of avenues to begin your volunteer venture. To find out how, or to submit your Volunteer Application today, visit: [www.awsjc.org](http://www.awsjc.org), [www.volunteermatch.com](http://www.volunteermatch.com) (and search AWS in Charles Town), or stop in to AWS during the hours of Wed-Sat 11a-4p and speak with our manager, Lisa Kirkland.

**Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.**  
~Elizabeth Andrew

**If your address has changed  
If you are already a member, why don't you invite a friend to join?**

Please enroll me as a member or renew my membership at the level specified below:

- ♡ Golden Leash Member \$1,000 and over
- ♡ Best Friends Member \$250 to \$499
- ♡ Whiskers Club Member \$50 to \$99
- ♡ Regular Member \$30

- ♡ Silver Tag Member \$500 to \$999
- ♡ Barks and Meows Member \$100 to \$249
- ♡ Tailwaggers Member \$31 to \$49

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my additional contribution designated for:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Operating Fund (This fund helps keep our doors open so that we can help the many homeless animals who need us.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Spay/Neuter Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory/Honor of (please circle): \_\_\_\_\_

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**I am interested in volunteering my time:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteering at the shelter

\_\_\_\_\_ Helping with fund raisers

\_\_\_\_\_ Offering professional skills  
(please specify)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)

(West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement.)  
Please return this portion with your remittance envelope. Thank You.

**Sponsor A Dog Kennel Or Cat Cage  
And Make A Lasting Impression**

*Leave your "Paw Print" at the  
Animal Welfare Society Shelter*

With a donation of \$500 or more for a cat cage or a donation of \$1,000 or more for a dog kennel, your name or the name of a friend, or in memory or honor of a loved one or pet, will be permanently engraved on a special plaque or brass plate and placed inside our kennel or cat room. Your corporation or business can be a sponsor, too!

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Donation - Cat Cage
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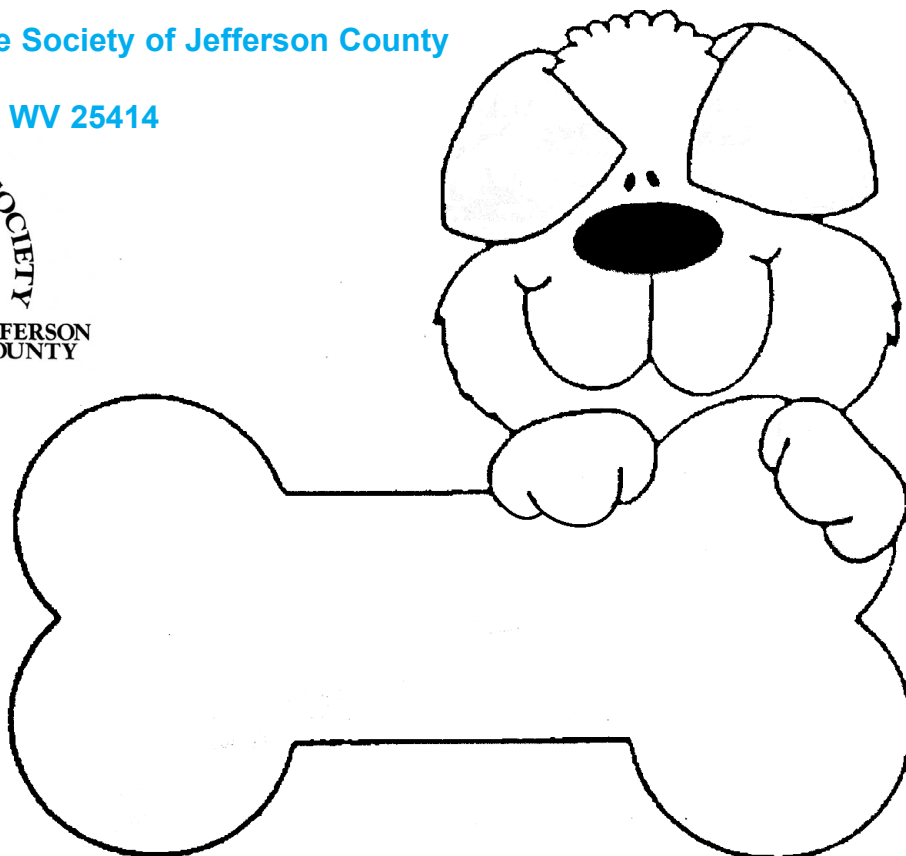
With your support, the Animal Welfare Society has been able to help hundreds of homeless, sick, and injured animals. With your bequest, we can continue to care for these precious animals even after you're gone. By remembering the animals in your will, your gift can live forever for the cats and dogs who need your help most. If you wish to remember the Animal Welfare Society in your will, we recommend the following language:

*To the Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County,  
Post Office Box 147, Charles Town, WV 25414  
I bequeath the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ and/or (specifically  
described property) for the general purposes of the  
Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County.*

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*Agency of the United Way of Jefferson County*

## Wish List

Unscented Clay Cat Litter, 45 Gallon Trash Bags,  
Metal Scoopers, Collars and Leashes, Puppy Food,  
Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Unscented  
Scoopable Cat Litter, Dry and Canned Food,  
File Folders, Dish Detergent, Bleach,  
Printer Paper (8.5 x 11),  
Dry Kitten Food

### Upcoming Events

**Feb. 12th** – Purrfect Valentine's Dinner and Auction  
Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races  
**April 22nd, 23rd** – Easter Flower Sale  
Dominos, Shepherdstown  
**May 6th, 7th** – Mother's Day Flower Sale  
Dominos, Shepherdstown  
**May 21st** - Bark in the Park – Sam Michaels Park  
**June 4th** - Rabies Clinic – Gowers, Ranson  
**July** – Yard Sale



**Relaxation is Healthy**