

# A Time for Thanksgiving

Dear AWL Friends,

Never has there been a better time to express our sincere and deepest appreciation than now. 2014 has been an amazing year for AWL with the opening of our new facility in Vienna, providing comfort, security, and hope to so many animals and people. Thank you to our building fund donors who have given so generously and continue to honor their pledge promises to pay for the new facility. Every day, it is a joy to watch the cats interact in our amazing multi-level cat towers, to see the dogs playing in our indoor exercise room, to see Bark Park members and their dogs enjoying the Bark Park areas and watch the look of amazement on everyone's face as they tour this incredible facility. And, there is no greater joy than to see one of our shelter residents leaving with a new adopting family. We celebrate that momentarily empty cage knowing another needy animal will quickly fill the spot in search of their new loving home. With the increased capacity to help those animals in need, combined with a pleasant environment, our adoption successes have more than tripled. All is possible because of our generous volunteers, donors, employees, and board members. Thank You!

As we continue in our daily operations, I am humbled by how generously our donors continue to support this mission with monthly contributions that help cover our daily operating costs. I am continually amazed at the amount of physical donations of blankets, food, toys and so much more, donated by not only the community but businesses as well to help care for the animals. I am especially grateful

for our Menagerie patrons, donors and supporters. The Menagerie's proceeds are a critical factor in funding our shelter operation expenses. The Have A Hart Pet Store features quality products and provides adopters and patrons a one-stop shop experience to obtain food, toys, and other supplies needed for their newly adopted or existing furry friends, with all proceeds benefiting our shelter pets.

To the volunteers who donate thousands of hours a year by helping exercise dogs, socialize cats, answer phones, assist in our fundraisers, or staff the Menagerie and Have A Hart Pet Store, your kindness and generous donation of your time and skills are so appreciated. As we move forward with the Holiday Season and have so much to be grateful and appreciative of, our deepest and sincerest thanks for everything YOU have done to make this year a success for AWL and most importantly the homeless and abused animals that count on the Animal Welfare League.

Our work is far from done. We ask you to look to your heart and ask you to continue your generous and loving support through our annual appeal. We need your help to continue this important work. The animals need your help!

Wishing all of you and your furry friends, a Blessed Holiday Season,

**Kerry Pettit**  
*Executive Director*





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**AWL Adoption Center & Have A Hart Pet Store Hours:**

Open Tuesday through Saturday noon to 6pm

Closed Sunday & Monday

**Bark Park is open from dawn to dusk every day.**

## AWL Board of Directors

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## THE MENAGERIE THRIFT & GIFT SHOP

*All proceeds benefit the operations and services of the Animal Welfare League. Shop here and help the animals at the same time!*

### FABULOUS FINDS AT BARGAIN PRICES!

Visiting the Menagerie is like shopping in a catalog and taking a trip down memory lane at the same time. You will find everything from the usual to the unusual, including items from your childhood. We have a large variety of new and used items, with new merchandise coming in daily!



Household Goods  
Books  
Records  
Toys & Games  
Crafts

Pictures  
Decorative Items  
Clothing  
Cards  
Lighting Fixtures

Lamps  
Jewelry & Accessories  
Furniture  
Antiques & Collectibles

### DONATE YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS!

Good, clean, usable items that are in working order are cheerfully and gratefully accepted. All items donated are tax deductible; just let us know if you need a receipt. Have a large donation? We ask that you call ahead and schedule a drop-off date, or you can call us and schedule a time to pick up a large furniture donation.

Location: 6037 East Market Street, Warren, Ohio 44484  
(Old Route 82- across from Leo's Ristorante in Howland)

**PHONE: 330.856.5174**

**HOURS: TUESDAY - SATURDAY 10A.M. - 6P.M.**

*Volunteers are Always Needed*

We welcome the assistance from anyone interested in becoming a volunteer with the Animal Welfare League in roles that include:

- greeters to welcome and direct visitors to the proper department
- retail assistants to keep shelves stocked; the area neat, clean and organized; as well as assisting customers
- canine and feline socializers to provide exercise and socialization to animals awaiting adoption to keep them healthy and happy
- caretaker assistants to help with laundry, dishes, cleaning and sanitizing cages and dog runs and more
- help at fundraising events

Please contact the AWL at 330.539.5300. Please come help us with our many dogs and cats awaiting their forever homes!

# ADOPTIONS ARE BRISK!

The new facility has had a positive impact on the community and most importantly the animals! The new shelter has greatly improved the living conditions of the shelter animals in many ways. Cats are now in multi-level units allowing for better exercise and interaction thus reducing stress levels. The new shelter has proper quarantine areas to isolate incoming or sick animals thus protecting the health of the other animals in the shelter. Animals are now better separated by species and age which again attributes to lower stress levels and a healthier environment. Additional dog kennels and cat towers have provided the opportunity to triple the amount of animals AWL can house, assist, and adopt. Bonding suites allow potential

adopters adequate space to spend personal time with the animal they are considering to adopt. The cat towers and showcase rooms allow adopters to see the cats interact and play; this has especially benefited our black cats! Black cats tend to be the most looked over and least likely to be adopted. Within the first 8 weeks of moving into the new shelter, over 75% of our adopted cats were black cats. The new environment and better lighting surely helped bring to "light" these wonderful kitties. Hugely successful has been the adoptions of our trained canines through the prison programs. The adoptions of all our shelter residents has increased dramatically since moving into the new shelter!

Spread the word! Shelter Pets Make Great Pets! Visit the AWL Adoption Center!

## TALES OF ADOPTIONS!

In March of this year, Sky, a 3 year old male Cattle Dog-Shepherd mix, was sadly surrendered by his owner to AWL. The owner had lost his home and had been living for several months out of his car. He had raised Sky from a puppy and tried desperately to keep Sky but the severe winter and circumstances were too much and he wanted to make sure Sky was safe and cared for. Shortly after coming into AWL, Sky's heartworm test results came in and he was Heartworm Positive. Over several months, Sky was successfully treated for his heartworm condition,



thanks to our generous donors. Sky was often overlooked by potential adopters. Sky patiently and quietly waited for

his special person to want him. Sky was selected to attend training through our Caring Companion prison training program. Sky successfully completed the training and was once again back at the shelter waiting

for someone to adopt him. At the end of October, our sweet Sky was adopted. A wonderful couple had been watching him on the shelter website over the months and fell in love. Sky is at last, happy and healthy in a new home. AWL sends a big thank you to Sky's new family for opening their hearts and home to him.

In July of this year, Paisley, an 11 year old female domestic shorthair cat with only one eye was brought into the shelter by our Humane Officers. Paisley was a sweet girl that was often overlooked by adopters because of her



age. In September, a college student volunteer through AWL's partnership with the Kent State veterinary technician program fell in love and adopted Paisley. Paisley now has a loving home to spend her senior years in!



The new shelter has seen several other animals besides dogs and cats get adopted as well. We have adopted out guinea pigs, rabbits, sugar gliders, turtles, a chicken, a pot-bellied pig and even a stray sheep!

**All adopters are required to fill out an application for approval before taking one of our pets home. We encourage you to make sure that your new pet is a good fit in its' forever home.**

- All of our animals are given the first set of vaccinations, worming, heartworm test, feline leukemia/AIDS test, and are treated for fleas. All adopted animals are spayed or neutered.
- All our animals are micro-chipped.
- Our adoption staff will assist you with any information you may need regarding your pets care, feeding, training.
- Stop in and visit the many wonderful animals we have ready for adoption!

## Adoption Fees:

Cats/Kittens- \$120.00

Senior Cats over 8 years of age- \$80.00

Dogs/Puppies- \$150.00

Senior Dogs over 8 years of age- \$120.00

Prison Trained Dogs- \$200.00

Farm Animals (goats/sheep/pigs/horses)- \$50.00 - \$300.00

Pocket Pets (small birds/reptiles/rabbits)- \$5.00 - \$30.00

Parrots (Macaws, large birds)- \$50.00 - \$200.00



# In Memory of Beloved Pets - July to October 2014

When our hearts are broken by the loss of our every day companion... that special pet who enriched our lives...we take comfort in knowing that the pain means something... it means that our beloved pet made a real difference in our lives. Sometimes we ask.... is the pain worth it?.....yes...definitely, yes... pet tributes tell us this is so. These gifts are vital to the operations and services of the AWL. There are so many pets that need your help. Thank you for your gifts in memory of that special pet and in their name giving to help to better the lives of our shelter pets.

**Peanut & Rascal**  
Dionisio, Neva

**Cindy, Tosha & Penny**  
Pollock, Norman & Barbara

**Happy, Sparky & Tipper**  
Villareal, Domingo & Mary

**Bailey, Beloved St Bernard of  
the Shelton Family**  
Pavone, Robert & Deborah

**Kita, Beloved dog of the  
Tominey Family**  
Pavone, Robert & Deborah

**St. Clair Family Pets**  
St. Clair, Albert & Janet

**Abbey, Beloved dog of  
Ruth & Mike Sassano**  
Lindsay, Gary & Linda

**Funny Face, dear companion  
of 15 years**  
Abbott, Esther

**Eric, a beloved cat**  
Lacy, Jay & Marlene

**Nikita, beloved dog of  
Pete & Mary Jean Barnovsky**  
Barnovsky, Janet

**Okami, beloved dog of  
Judy & Ted Kovalan**  
Price, Carolyn

**Sammy HSCC, my beloved dog**  
Serbel, Jerome W.

**Rosie, our beloved six year  
old Sheltie**  
Paul & Margie McCummins

**Puff, beloved cat of  
Shirley Weston**  
Ervin, John & Cheryl

**Sarge & Barney, beloved  
dogs of Peggy Scott**  
Ruggieri, Nancy

**Tigger, beloved furry friend of  
"Grammy" & Kathy Carr**  
Carmichael, Bonnie

**Winston, 21 year old cat of  
Christine & Ardyn Maffitt**  
Davison, Joyce

**My Golden Retriever, my beloved dog**  
Mancini, Anna Marie

## HAVE YOU HEARD?



ANIMAL WELFARE HAS A PET SUPPLY STORE:  
HAVE A HART♥PET STORE LOCATED IN THE MAIN  
ENTRANCE OF THE SHELTER.  
ALL OF THE CAT AND DOG FOOD IS MADE IN AMERICA:  
PURINA ♥ FROMMS ♥ HILLS SCIENCE DIET

We have dog coats, organic treats, and  
treats made locally. We also have bowls,  
carriers, leashes, harnesses, health, and grooming products.  
We sell all kinds of toys to play with, litter, photo frames, jewelry,  
and much more.

We will be carrying wild bird seed, feeders, and bird houses too!

The Animal Welfare League proudly presents...

## *An Evening of Wine & Chocolate*

A Fun Night of Wine & Chocolates, Music, Silent Auction & much more

\$50 per person includes... Flight of Wine  
Chocolates for everyone's taste | Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Friday, January 23, 2015 6:00-9:00pm

Leo's Ristorante 7042 E. Market St. Warren OH

Contact Cindy D'Amico 330-856-4271

## SAVE THE DATE

Join us for our **31st Annual** Fashions for Compassion  
Sunday, April 19, 2015

**PLEASE GO TO [WWW.AWLRESCUEME.COM](http://WWW.AWLRESCUEME.COM) OR CALL 330.539.5300 FOR  
INFORMATION ON ALL EVENTS**



Braydich Dental Group of Hubbard, Ohio named Animal Welfare League as the 2014 recipient of "Smiles for Charity".

We send a big thank you to Dr. Braydich, his dental group and staff. Not only are so many more human smiles bright and white for those who participated in Smiles for Charity, but thanks to their hard work and generosity, many more shelter animals have something to smile about!

# July to October 2014 Tributes to a loved one, a friend...

Tributes to a loved one or a friend say something special about them. The Animal Welfare League is always deeply honored to be named by someone as their charity of choice. And, when tribute gifts are given, the families also receive that feeling that that person mattered. A legacy of caring is one that we all take pride in and can feel good about. Tribute gifts are so important to providing the operations and services of the AWL. So, to those special people, we take a moment to remember them and to say thank you for caring. May the wonderful tributes and memories of those special people live on in our hearts and in the lives of the many pets that they have helped.

## In Honor & Celebration of

Happy Birthday  
**Lucille Bayman,**  
Dr. Theodore & Patricia Opalka  
Caryn & Josephine Covelli

Happy Birthday  
**Dr. Kevin Bott,**  
Patrick & Linda DeToro

Happy Birthday  
**Barb & Mary Busko,**  
Kathy Levy Weinberg

In Honor of  
**Joy DeYarmen,**  
Timee, Tamee, Delyle & James  
Chester  
Delyte DeLong

In Honor of  
**Joyce Hamilton,**  
Bev Horton

In Honor of  
**Sandy Irish,**  
Youngstown All-Breed Training  
Club, Inc.

Happy Birthday  
**Verna Flack,**  
Paul & Margie McCummins  
Molly & Wayne Rush  
Joan Wilkinson

Happy Birthday Dear Niece  
**Georgeann,**  
Adeline Tavorario

In Celebration of Graduation  
**Anna Marie Mancini,**

Happy 50th Anniversary  
**Bernice & Don Marino,**  
Richard & Susan King

Happy Birthday  
**Shirley Price,**  
Carolyn Price

In Honor of  
**Janet Russell,**  
Bev Horton

Happy Birthday  
**Alex Sanford,**  
Rosemary Jennings

Happy Birthday  
**Jeanne Deibel-Tyler,**  
Bruce & Susan Epstein  
Carole McDonough

Happy 50th Anniversary  
**Martin & Mary Waite,**  
Lester & Maureen Altman  
Kim R. Garland  
Frank & Shirley Petrek  
Barbara C. Regis  
Duane & Deborah Sackett  
Florence E. Sauline  
Stephen & Melissa Smith  
Steve K. Smith  
William & Diane Vargo  
Martin & Mary Waite

In Honor of  
**Ron & Cathy Zapka &  
little dog Dingo,**  
Judy & Marc Minto

## In Memory of

**Michael Albanese**  
Nites, Emanuel  
Riddle, Debora  
Crawford, Lawrence & Marge  
Rintala, Pamela

**Harold J. "Bud" Anderson**  
Baltes & Associates  
Tyburski, David & Victoria  
Hunter-Stevens Land Title  
Agency  
Lancaster, Lisa L.  
Klein, Marsha  
Dollar Bank  
DiFrischia, Donald & Dorothy

Orlo, John & Verna  
David's Heating & Cooling  
Yendrek, Joseph & Monica

**Gertrude Arbogast**  
McConahy, Lori  
Krolopp, Thomas & Karen

**Stephen Augusta**  
Maiese, C. Ronald & Shirley

**Patricia Bailly**  
Williams, Jean Ann  
Lieberman, Jayne A.  
Milcinovic, Julie  
Sheha, David P.  
Pavlock, Louise & Darlene  
Pavlock, Louise  
Marino, Donald  
Carnahan, Mark & Rosann

**Leonard Baroff**  
Grinstein, Jeffrey & Deborah

**Verleigh M. Bloom**  
Duda, Bill & Bobbie

**Alan Borowski**  
Rock, Kathleen

**Elvina Casagrande**  
Zolciak, Dennis & Cathy  
Canzonetta, Helen E.

**Martha Conroy**  
Delost, James & Karen  
Filipowicz, James & Paula  
Banfield, Melanie

**John "Jack" Conway**  
Allilo, Arthur & Carol  
Carlson, Paul & Lois  
Conway, Nan  
Cornicelli, Mildred  
Hane, Angela  
Hrobak, Mary  
Hulan, John & Ruth  
Hull, William & Virginia  
Jarrett, Dave & Darlene  
Jones, Annette  
Kepner, George & Kathy  
Powell  
Schroeder, Victoria

TCAP  
Yokley, Gloria J

**Albert M. Covelli**  
Shroder, Robert & Kathryn  
Busko, Barbara & Mary  
Catholic Healthcare Partners  
Halkias, George & Anna  
Lone Wolf Brokerage, Inc.  
Spence, Don & Linda  
Dewey, Bruce & Teri

**Marion Darby**  
Cortland Community Concert  
Band

**Rochelle Ruman Ensor**  
Palumbo, Richard & Debra  
Lavelle, Thomas & Beverly  
Wilson, Sean  
Nuzzo, Joseph & Jo Ann  
John Garland Family  
Mike Cavotta Family  
Jim Kramer Family  
Fred Cario Family  
Perfette, Marie  
Gary Baker Family  
Byers, Robert & Linda  
Raub, Leo & Patricia  
Ironics Inc.  
Georgalis, Denise A.  
Keating, Daniel G  
Youngstown Hard Chrome  
Plating  
Valley Referral Network  
Scala, Catherine  
Jacobs, Susan  
Rabatin, Jean  
Boehlke, Rose  
Beck, Phil & Andrea

**Karen Filkorn**  
Miller, Mary Ann

**Fred Forte**  
Bork, Richard G.

**Shirley Geuy**  
Patrone, Thomas & Eileen  
Buehrle, Boberta  
Overholt, Marcia



**Robert & Mary Ellen Groner**

Groner, Thomas & Janet

**Donald “Buzzy” Guarnieri**

Chiarella, Guy J.  
Tisone, Raymond & Jo Ann  
Gold, Ned  
Heilman, David & Mary Ann  
Covelli, Josephine  
Horton, Bev  
Rigel, William & Virginia  
Natale, Anthony & Barbara  
Trumbull County Bar  
Association  
Dragash, Mickey R.  
Cahill, Valerie

**Francis H. “Fran” Guy**

Seiple, Lee & Rebecca  
Waldegar, Michael & Jessica  
Womens Church  
BowlingLeague  
Lubianetzki, Rosalie  
Pate, Donna  
Ferris, John & Kathleen  
Schuller, Richard & Judith  
Summa, Susan  
Yocum, Janet M.  
persin, Renee  
Scheel, Judith A.  
Fetiro, Paul & Margaret  
Bell, William & Shirley  
Harter, James & Marlene  
Cunningham, Kelly A.  
Poese, Karen  
Baritell, Lawrence & Dolores  
Kassay, Elmer & Margaret  
Seiple, Scott E.  
Meyers, Dave & Bobbie  
Pekkanen, Bob & Karen  
James, Raymond & Shirley  
Carballo, John & Gwen  
Eazor, Mike & Debbie  
Cunningham, Tom & Laura  
Dinger, John & Ruth  
Torek, Larry  
Carl, Linda & Stacy  
Jules, Bob & Barbara  
Hoagland, Beverly  
Jules, Mark D.  
Redmond, Beverly A.  
Henry Schein Animal Health  
Peura, Gail  
Stefano, Thomas & Patricia  
Miller, Patti  
Ostrowski, Darlene, & William  
Leugers, Daniel & Leigh  
Dorma, Paula E.  
Schluchter, Willam Clay  
Gorley, Bruce & Sybil

**Demas, Barbara Jane Lampson Hall**

Zerefos, Steve M.  
Petro, Tom & Mary  
Hall, Randall & Susan D  
Hall, Roger & Judy

**David McKean Harl**

Tastula, Leo & Ulla  
Sescourka, Edward & Deneice  
Shriver, Ila  
Dutt, Mike  
Hazen, Brad & Lynne

**Mary Holko**

Shriver, Ila

**Sandy Irish**

Youngstown All Breed Training

**Joanne C. Jacobs**

Jenkins, Matthew & Joann

**Steve Karchut**

Busko, Barbara & Mary

**Grace Kindelberger**

Bavola DDS, Christine  
Vaughn, Darryl & Jan  
McCaughan, John & Patricia  
Ambrose, David  
Simo, Davina R.  
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Rahrig, Chris & Jana  
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Flack, Kenneth & Carol  
Rice, Charles & Janet  
Gamet, Sue  
Starkey, Jeffrey & Susan  
Mines, Lawrence & Linda  
Burdon, Eric & Carol

**Robert Monti, Sr.**

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Nagy, Stephanie

**Thomas Mullen**

Babcock, Adam & Andrea  
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Northrop

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Yeropoli, Dr Dave & Mari-Lee

**Virginia Oyster**

Nagy, Stephanie

**Heather Price Papayoti**

Price, Merial

**Catherine J. “Jeannie” Perisa**

Welch, Sue

**Barbara Pupillo**

Felton, Margaret  
Warren G Harding Class of 1956

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Puskarich, Joseph & Sharon  
Raub, Leo & Patricia

**Patti Raia**

Zerefos, Nick M.

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BLET Division 757  
Salem, Kamel M.  
Tomsich, Paul  
Falatic, Robert & Kim  
Root, Roger & Pamela  
Ratini, Alfred II  
Grajek, Michael A.  
Pulliam, Morris  
Layshock, Margaret Ann

**Mary Reynolds**

Hirsch Family  
Falatic, Robert & Kim  
McCombs, Barbara  
Heller, Maas, Moro & Magill  
Co. LPA

Maas, Steven  
Yugovich, Mike & Barbara  
Gray, C.L. & M.L.  
Cecil, Charles & Marthie  
Hartzell, Janice

**Tom Schrader**

McNeil, David & Barbara

**Shirley Silver**

Miller, Kenneth & Wendy  
Joseph, Cynthia  
Ackerman, Lenore C.  
Nan, John & Rebecca  
Barnhart, Raymond A.  
Kline, Louise

**Charlie Sorsby**

Riley, Milburn & Maxine

**Anne Speck**

Abram, Vivian  
Schildcrout, S & A

**Pauline Struble**

Thomas, Rhonda

**Suzanne Weed Summerlin**

Presjak, Faith G

**Janet Thompson**

Follmeyer, Robert & Julianne

**Gloria Warner**

Strock, Don & Patricia  
Bellay, Frank & Diana

**Colleen Watson**

Pretot, Edward & Norma L.

**Dorothy F. Wilson**

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**John I. Zdelar, Jr.**

Zdelar, Joseph



**GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT  
TO THE DOG AND THEIR  
HUMAN PARTNERS!**

## **BARK PARK ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE ON SALE THROUGH DECEMBER!**

**Annual membership regular membership price - \$240**

**On sale as December Holiday Special for 2015 - \$200**

**All proceeds support the AWL Adoption Center.**

**Go to: [www.AWLrescueme.com](http://www.AWLrescueme.com) or call: 330.539.5300  
for more information.**

# **THE BARK PARK! NEWS**

For the comfort of our human companions while their canine friends romp and play in the park, benches have been donated by Boy Scout Quinn Condon and picnic tables and umbrellas for shade by our friends at Covelli Enterprises.

Currently there are three Bark Park enclosures. The Jeanne Tyler Pupp Pupp Play Area is for dogs of all sizes with walking paths and obstacles to intrigue and stimulate a dog's curiosity. The L'il Pup Play Area is for small dogs and restricted to 25 pounds and under. Frisbee Park is a large fenced area for dogs of all sizes with lots of running room for playing Frisbee or retrieving balls and other toys. All areas are open to members from dawn to dusk each day.

Plans are still underway to open the Pond Pup Play Area in 2015. This summer's wet weather did not allow for dredging the pond. There is a huge amount of interest in constructing a regulation dock for competitive dock jumping and retriever training for trial events. If anyone has pond

dredging equipment and can help with this project, please we need your help. Sponsorship with naming opportunities is available!

To volunteer services or materials to help the Bark Park Committee call AWL at 330.539.5300.

For complete membership information, rules & regulations, registration and veterinary forms, please visit the AWL website: [www.AWLrescueme.com](http://www.AWLrescueme.com) or call the AWL for more information.

Membership...What a good feeling! Support of the Bark Park goes directly to helping the dogs at the shelter with medical needs to aid in rehabilitation. Becoming a Bark Park member not only gives enjoyment and quality play time to your dog, but directly helps those "not so lucky" dogs who are still waiting for their forever family.

**AWL received a very generous donation of four handmade park benches for our Bark Park. Quinn Condon made and installed these sturdy park benches for his Eagle Scout project. Quinn is a member of the St. Rose Scout Troop #40 of Girard. The benches are a nice added feature for our Bark Park. Be sure to check them out next time you are at AWL.**

**Thank you so much Quinn for thinking of the animals and our Bark Park patrons.**





# AWL TO THE RESCUE!

On Monday October 27, 2014 Humane Officers responded to a call at a Trumbull County property after a report of concern was received regarding three adult dogs and three puppies. All of the dogs and puppies were in dire condition, emaciated, lacking food, water and proper shelter. The owner signed custody of the dogs over to AWL and Humane Officers are processing criminal charges for severe neglect of the animals. Once at the shelter, the animals were immediately started on an intestinal deworming medication and a proper feeding schedule to begin the delicate re-nourishment of these starved animals. Upon further testing, all three adult dogs were found to be heartworm positive. The puppies were infested with intestinal parasites that were stealing what little nourishment they were receiving. Slowly



all six animals are on the road to recovery. The three adult dogs will be treated for Heartworm disease once they have regained some weight and are strong enough to go through the treatment. The cost to treat each adult dog that has heartworm disease can easily cost \$500. Monetary donations are appreciated to help cover these costs and other medical expenses to help save these animals and give them a second chance on life. Pictured is Bridget, a Boxer mix, and mother of the puppies, along with one of her puppies.



This is just one excerpt from our call log. We have two humane officers on the job providing cruelty and neglect investigations and giving assistance to municipalities. In addition, we have other staff and volunteers who tirelessly work to help animals in need.

## Cruelty & Neglect Investigations

If you see animal abuse, please call our office at **330.539.5300**. Please note that all calls are confidential.

## SHOP THE HAVE A HART PET STORE

♥ Located inside AWL Adoption Center

♥ Hours: Tuesday - Saturday Noon- 6pm

♥ Quality Products & Holiday Gifts

**SHOP & HELP THE SHELTER ANIMALS AT THE SAME TIME!**

## AWL Legacy Society

Remembering the AWL in your estate planning provides for the vital services of the organization to continue.

During your lifetime you helped to make possible the saving of thousands of animals from cruelty, abandonment, starvation, overpopulation and more, through your support of the Animal Welfare League.

### Is the Animal Welfare League in your Estate Plans?

The Animal Welfare League recently established an endowment fund with the Trumbull County Community Foundation. The purpose of the

endowment fund is to ensure ongoing financial support for the AWL. You may have assets to donate that can help ensure AWL's long-term future.

Your Endowment gift can meet your own personal and financial objectives:

- Maintain flexibility by planning now for a revocable gift effective at death:
  - Wills and Living Trusts
  - Retirement Plans & Other Beneficiary Designations
- Make the gift now and get immediate tax benefits:
  - Gifts of Stock or Mutual Funds
  - Gifts of Real Estate
  - Gifts of Cash
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# The Right

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by Kaylee Frost



Choosing the right breed of dog for you and your family is crucial in ensuring the happiness and wellbeing for you and your newly adopted pet. If you are interested in adopting a new canine family member, there are some factors you should look into before making any decisions. If you have a few breeds in mind, you should research their history and common personality traits. Another beneficial factor to consider is what type of exercise and grooming is required for the dog to remain happy and healthy. Some breeds are more difficult to train than others and may not be ideal for a first time dog owner. There are different types of dogs and every type can have good or bad characteristics. Some sporting breed dogs like pointers, spaniels, retrievers and setters can make excellent companions but often need regular, invigorating exercise that may not be possible for all families. There are other breeds like the Akita or the Rottweiler that will not thrive well in an environment without structured training at a young age. These types of dogs are very strong and may become overly protective if not properly socialized.

Having this type of knowledge can help you narrow down what type of dog is a good fit for you and your lifestyle. If you have a quiet, relaxed home or a busy work schedule, you would want to stay away from the breeds that have a high energy level and need plenty of exercise to keep them from becoming bored or destructive. If you or any members of your family have animal allergies, you should look for a dog that is hypoallergenic to ensure that no health problems arise. There are lots of these breeds to choose from. Also, many people prefer to adopt puppies, but adult dogs shouldn't be ruled out. They often need less training and their personalities have already been established so you can get a better idea if they are a good match. The amount of living and yard space is also a factor that should help determine what type of breed will be a great fit for you. Keeping in mind, small dogs don't always make good apartment dogs, just like many larger breed dogs don't require the exercise of a large back yard. A common misconception is the Jack Russell Terrier; a small dog that would seem ideal for a small living space is actually a very high energy dog and requires lots of daily exercise

and training! Even if you are looking to adopt a mixed breed, you should still research and have knowledge of all the breeds that make up your potential new pet. More often than not, you will see many different characteristics from all the breeds your dog is mixed with. Adopting a dog is a big commitment, the duration of a lifetime for that pet, and you want to make sure that you are bringing home the right dog so that your new pet becomes a welcomed addition to your family for many years to come.

Also important to remember is that your dog needs you. A well behaved dog is one that gets lots of people time. The more time that you invest in your dog, the more your dog will grow into your lifestyle and the happier both you and your dog will be. If you work long days and aren't at home in the evenings to spend time with your dog they often make their own entertainment or can become chronically depressed.

All dogs regardless of size or breed have the potential to be truly man's best friend. Many dogs of all breeds get a bad rap because of mistakes made by their human owners. Pit Bulls have a bad name, not because of the breed itself, but because of what man has trained some of them to do...fight for their lives. This reputation is a result of the human monster at the other end of the leash and not from the dog's inherent good nature. All dogs want only to please. The responsibility of pet ownership should be thoughtfully considered. When you choose the right pet for your family and put in the essential time working together, the rewards of a faithful, friendly and loving dog are truly immeasurable.

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