



# Wag Rag & Cat's Meow



## Humane Society of West Alabama

### Message from the board of directors

By Anita Smelley, president

The Humane Society of West Alabama has two facilities for housing animals. One is the cat house where we have four rooms specifically for kittens, young adults, adults and seniors. We are the only cage-free cat adoption facility in Alabama.

The other is the dog house where we have 17 runs housing dogs plus we have dogs in foster care making a total of 25-30 dogs at any given time in our care.

Each dog has a private run with a dog house and hammock for relaxing. There is a large fenced area for playtime and exercise where volunteers take them out several times a day. There is also a separate trailer where the dogs are crated at night.

The problem is that this trailer has seen better days and has in fact become unsafe with the floor giving way and the roof leaking.

We are trying to raise approximately \$50,000.00 to build a new, safer building for the dogs at night. This building would include an isolation room, laundry area and small office.

I hope you will help us in this effort by making a donation. You can also help with in-kind services of building materials and/or labor. Every little bit helps! We will post a groundbreaking date later.

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*Please mail donations to:*  
*Humane Society of West Alabama*  
*P.O. Box 70054*  
*Tuscaloosa, AL 35407*

*Call 205-554-0011 if you can donate materials or labor.*

### Have you considered a pet trust?

Who will care for your pet after you're gone? Sometimes we are contacted about helping when a loved one passes and no one in the family can care for the pet. If we have space and our

budget allows we take the pet if possible, but that is not always the case.

Consider a pet trust where you designate the HSWA as care-giver of

your pet along with a specific amount of money for its expenses. Your attorney can draft such a document and you can trust that your pet will be care for.

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## A name change and a home for this lucky lady

This pretty dog is Vanna, a 3 year old female hound/terrier mix. She was pulled from our city shelter where she had been picked up by Animal Control. After several weeks no one claimed this poor lady.

It took three years, but Vanna was finally adopted this January and her name was changed to

Callie. Lauren, her new owner says that coming home to her is her favorite part of the day. She loves going on hikes, exploring, or just sniffing around!

Lauren says that Callie is a sweet girl and she cannot imagine not having her. She thanks the HSWA for giving these love bugs a second chance in life.



## If unique is what you seek, Hannah is your girl

Meet Hannah, a most unique-looking dog with her short legs and golden eyes. Hannah is a three year old female Shepherd/Corgi mix. She has the softest white coat and weighs 33 pounds.

Hannah loves attention. She will require a fenced yard, but enjoys being inside too. She tends to be the dominant dog. So



a trial adoption is recommended

if you have other dogs to make sure they will get along. Hannah should be fine with children ages 12 and up.

Hannah is spayed and up-to-date on vaccinations. This sweet girl is full of fun and energy! Visit our website at [www.humanesocietyofwa.org](http://www.humanesocietyofwa.org) for more information.

## Dominic is ready to play! Are you?

This handsome guy is Dominic, a one year old Whippet/Terrier mix. He has a lean, leggy body with a beautiful brindle and white coat. He is a neutered male and weighs just 28 pounds.

Dominic is a very loving, friendly, fun-loving dog. He has

lots of energy since he is a young dog. He loves to play and can be a bit rough, so he needs guidance with his behavior.

If you want an energetic playmate, Dominic is your boy. Visit our website to complete an adoption application.





## Bates and Doger, a tale of two kitties

The Johnsons applied to adopt a cat named Dodger, the artful Dodger so named because he loved to escape into the kitchen anytime the door was cracked. Dodger was a three year old, sleek, black male with lots of personality. He loved being held, hugs



and laps. He did have an irregular heartbeat that required medication, but the Johnsons didn't mind.



Then they decided to adopt TWO cats and asked which one had been with us the longest. That was Bates, also

a beautiful, black male. He was actually born at the HSWA nine years ago! Bates was a little shy and always overlooked.

What a happy ending for these two sweet boys! And that is the wonderful tale of two kitties!

## Did someone say "lap cat?" Here's Jimmie

Jimmie is a very handsome gentleman. He is a senior at 13 years old. He was turned out when his owner, who used to be a volunteer with the HSWA, suffered a stroke. Jimmie had never been outside in his life. He was rescued by a kind neighbor who called the cat house for help. Fortunately we were able to take

him and now he is quite content. He is definitely a lap cat and loves going out on the "catio!"

Jimmie is mostly white with an orange splash on his face and his tail is orange too. He is very gentle and sweet. He would be the purr-fect companion. Come meet him any Saturday at 2430 36th Street, Northport.



## Sally wants to be your one and only...

This beautiful lady is Sally, a domestic short-haired female tabby. She is a four year old cat with "catitude!" She is a sweetie with people, but does not like other cats at all!



Because she will attack other cats, we have to put her in a crate when we are not there. We allow her to roam the house and hang out on the catio daily.

Sally would be a wonderful pet for a single cat household. She is spayed and up-to-date on vaccinations. She used to make a mess playing in her water bowl, but now she has learned to drink water from a hanging water bottle like rabbits do! She is one smart girl.





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## ***Claws for Paws***

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**Galettes— April 23rd**

**1:00 until 4:00**

**Food, music and HSWA dogs**

**Tickets \$5.00**

## **Flea Market Sale Event**

*Last year we had to close our HSWA Flea Market on Main Avenue. We were fortunate to have TD Estate Sales conduct the closing two day sale. During the months since we've been collecting items for a yearly sale event.*

*The event will be on **April 29th and 30th** at the old Sticks & Stuff building at McFarland Mall (thanks to Stan Pate). The sale will begin at 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Friday and from 8:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday. Items will be discounted on the second day.*

*There will be a variety of items like furniture, kitchen items, tools, antiques, clothes, books and toys, plus much more!*

*If you'd like to donate items prior to the event, we will post drop-off dates and times on our website or visit TD Estate Sales website for more information. Thank you!*



## **Hush Puppy silent auction event**

We will have our Hush Puppy silent auction at Wilhagan's/Green Bar in downtown Tuscaloosa on **May 21st**. There will be a cash bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Entertainment during "yappy hour" will include Brandon Woolley with guest appearance by Dr. Tim Hammond.

The silent auction will begin at 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Cash or checks only please. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and are available at the door. For advanced ticket information call 205-554-0011.



If you'd like to donate a service or item please call and let us

know. Some items for auction will include salon services for hair/nails and massage; veterinary services and doggie gift baskets; many restaurant certificates; theatre tickets; pet items; framed prints; University of Alabama items and much more!

I hope you will join us for this fun event and show your support for the HSWA, a non-profit, all volunteer, no-kill shelter since 1971. This is one of our biggest fund-raisers. You don't want to miss this event!

