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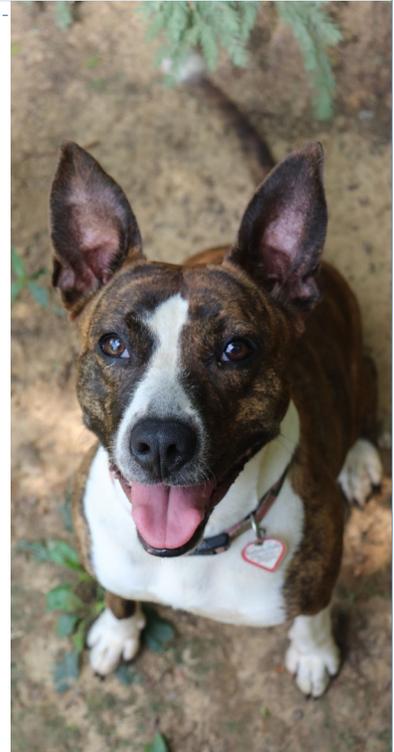
For a long time, our supporters have been asking why we don't have an Amazon Wish List to help facilitate the donations of goods to our shelters (such as food, toys, and cleaning supplies). We are happy to announce that just in time for the holiday season we are up and running! Here's how to find us:

Visit [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), then select the "Accounts and Lists" menu, then "Find a List or Registry." Once you're there, type in "Humane Society of West Alabama" to find our Wish List. You'll know it is us because our logo will pop up too!

The beauty of the Amazon Wish List (that so many charities like ours use) is that items ship directly to us. While we would love to meet each and every person who donates to our organization, we know y'all are busy and finding time to come to our shelter isn't always easy. With the Amazon Wish List, you can see exactly what we have a specific need (or crazy wish!) for, then you can add that item to your cart, and have it sent on its way directly to our shelter where it will be received and put to good (and often immediate) use.

As an added bonus, did you know that even if you aren't selecting something for the HSWA while shopping on Amazon, your orders can still help us out? Instead of shopping on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), find your items by visiting [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). Once there, you will be prompted to select a charity to receive a portion of the proceeds from your purchase. If you select "Humane Society of West Alabama Inc." then the AmazonSmile Foundation will give us 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases. That might not seem like a lot, but every little bit adds up.

If you're like most people, you'll be shopping for some last minute Christmas gifts on Amazon anyway, so you might as well help us at the same time. There is no additional cost to you, whatsoever! So what are you waiting for? Go shop!



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ON THE COVER

Despite tipping the scales at 42lbs, Mona is a lap dog and she won't have anyone tell her otherwise. If you try, she'll just flash you her beautiful smile! How could you possibly resist that face? We sure can't!

BELLA IS A SENIOR SWEETIE!



"Age ain't nothing but a number!"

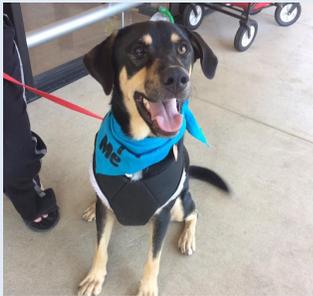
Talk about someone who doesn't act their age! Miss Bella is a sweet and loving 9-year-old golden retriever/Labrador who loves to run and play. Bella was an owner-surrendered dog because they could not keep her and her buddy in the fenced-in yard. They think it was the other dog doing the digging but Bella liked to venture off when given the chance. They had been in a fenced-in yard for years and never escaped, but once a privacy fence was installed and they could no longer see what was going on outside their yard, things changed.

She loves people and children and will

tolerate anything. She has nice energy and loves to go trail walking and running. Bella would NOT do well in an apartment. Alas, she has always been an outside dog and likes that. She was in some type of accident as a very young puppy and her bladder has given her problems since (she will "leak" some urine every now and then). She would make a great family dog for someone who wants a yard buddy. Bella is used to having a companion dog with her outside and does get along well with other dogs.

To learn more about Bella, visit our website: humansocietyofwa.org

"Money can buy you a fine dog, but only love can make him wag his tail."
- Kinky Friedman



DAWSON GOES NORTH

Thanks to some promotion by No Greater Love Animal Rescue in the New England area, Dawson found a new home all the way up in Vermont! On nice days, he has one acre all to himself to explore and chase squirrels. Now named Rocky, this sweet pup loves to swim and hike with his human brother. It sounds like this Southern sweetie has made himself right at home on the opposite end of the country. Happy tails to you, Dawson!

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AIR BUD IS READY TO JUMP INTO YOUR HEART

Chevy is a 2 year-old shepherd/lap mix, but we think she must have a tiny bit of kangaroo in her blood because this beauty is an active lady that can jump up and over a four-foot fence!

Chevy was originally pulled from our local animal shelter where she was surrendered for being "too active." She was adopted in 2017, however, the fence her owners had was just not tall enough to keep her contained to the yard. She is a friendly and playful dog who would make an excellent running or walking partner. She's too big for an apartment and will require a fence over five feet in her new home. Chevy is social with both people and dogs, but because she seems to think she's the next great NBA superstar, we would not recommend her for a home with little children. She is spayed, heart-worm negative, and up-to-date on her vet care.

All HSWA dogs are either at our Dog Adoption Facility or in foster homes. **All dogs require an appointment to meet.**

To request an appointment, please call or email us:

- (205) 554-0011
- humaneswa@yahoo.com



"Hey, throw the ball already, will ya!?"



Twins Chloe and Zoe are just two of our tiny tabbies available for adoption.

KITTENS ON KITTENS ON KITTENS!

This summer the HSWA led a large-scale rescue operation in a nearby town. As a result of our efforts, we helped spay/neuter approximately fifty cats at one site (we lovingly refer to them as the “fab fifty”). Of the fifty, some we trapped, fixed, and released back to the area since they were used to living outdoors. However, the majority of them were kittens, so, true to our mission of helping as many animals as possible, we have taken in over 30 kittens into our care!

While some are still in foster homes awaiting space at the shelter, the vast majority have arrived and are awaiting their “fur” ever homes. There are kittens of all shapes, sizes and colors. Never has our need been so great for donations of kitten food, litter, and money to help with vet expenses. **To find out more about how to help, visit our website: humanesocietyofwa.org.**

BOOTS HAD HER BOOTY FIXED



Boots has STUNNING emerald eyes.

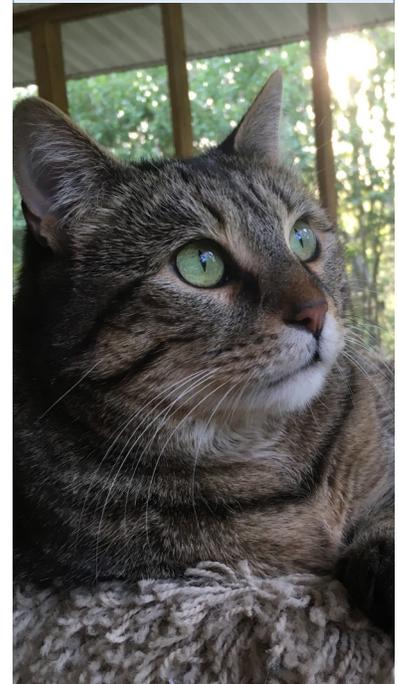
Boots has long been a kitty known for being a total grumperpuss. As it turns out, there was a reason! The poor thing was diagnosed with an especially bad case of Irritable Bowel Disorder. Her tummy troubles were causing her to be in near-constant pain. Try as we might with various medications, we couldn't figure out a way to regulate her digestive system. But thanks to our Cat Specialist Veterinarian, we were able to try something total new: a fecal transplant!

That is exactly what it sounds like. After a short fasting period, she had healthy feces inserted to help replace the bad bacteria with good bacteria and, my goodness, did it work! She is no longer growling and hissing at her bum. She has since transformed into a sweet, sassy, and social kitty! Come meet her on Saturdays from 10am until 2pm at the Cat Adoption Center in Northport.

SALLY FINDS HER HUMAN

Sally was an absolute fixture at the Cat Shelter. Due to a shortage of available rooms, this sassy girl had to take up residence in our kitchen. While it wasn't ideal for her, she was a great source of joy for our volunteers who would pass by her numerous times a day. She would either shower you with affection or make it clear who was boss! Regardless of her mood, she was immensely loved. So loved, in fact, that after *years* of waiting, she finally found her human in one of our volunteers.

We get frequent updates on our girl and we are thrilled to hear that while she's still saucy, she has revealed herself to be a total snuggler!



*Follow Sally's new adventures on Instagram:
[@sallythedivinegoddess](https://www.instagram.com/sallythedivinegoddess)*

Coming Soon: 2019 Calendars

Our meowdels and purrfect pups have had their photoshoots and the results are in: the **2019 HSWA Dog and Cat Calendars** are going to **pawsitively adorable!** Keep an eye on our website and social media for their release date. Calendars will be available for purchase at the Cat Adoption Center and local area vets. All proceeds go to the cats and dogs in our care!

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PAST EVENTS

CANINE CLASSIC 5K AT KENTUCK PARK

The 16th Annual Canine Classic 5K Race was held on September 15th in Kentuck Park. Despite it being a scorching hot morning, we had a great turnout! Runners and walkers of all ages arrived bright and early to show their support for



the Humane Society of West Alabama. Before and after the event, participants were even able to meet some of the dogs available for adoption through the HSWA. We are so very grateful to all our race sponsors and the local businesses that provided items for our door prizes. We could not do what we do without the support of our community. Thank you, Tuscaloosa!

PARS 4 PAWS AT OL' COLONY GOLF



The 1st Annual Pars 4 Paws Golf Tournament was a BIG success. On a hot but beautiful day, over 70 golfers participated at Ol' Colony Golf. A huge thank you to Tournament Director Mark Hughes whose incredible efforts netted almost \$6,000 for The Humane Society of West Alabama.

Thank you also to our main sponsors: ProKleen, Sobcon Concrete, Turnipseed Construction, Shirley Fabrication and Corporate Images. Awards were given to the top teams in the two flights, along with many wonderful door prizes. A swag bag full of goodies and a nice baseball cap was included for each golfer, along with lunch! Thank you to the many hole sponsors for their donations. Sad you missed out this year? Don't worry—we'll be back next year! What a great start to a new annual fundraiser!

UPCOMING EVENTS

BLACK CAT MASQUERADE: OCTOBER 27, 2018

The Second Annual Black Cat Masquerade will be happening this year at Bear Creek Manor from 6pm to 10pm. Building on last year's event, this year promises to be even bigger and better! Celebrated local band GrAystone will be performing so make sure you bring your dancing shoes! We will have delicious hors d'oeuvres, flowing drinks (cash bar), and a silent auction with prizes that are not to be missed. Gothic-themed costumes or semi-formal dress is encouraged. Tickets are \$35/each or \$50/couple. Tickets can be purchased at the door, in advance at the Cat Adoption Center (by cash or check), and are also available to be purchased in advance online. Visit our website and keep an eye on our social media for more details.



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