Each year the League staff nominates several volunteers who have made outstanding contributions to our mission. The Board of Directors has the difficult job of selecting one of these outstanding people as our Volunteer of the Year. This year’s winner is Juliet Hranicky, who has been volunteering at the League since 1985. Over these many years, Juliet has seen many changes: to our building, the League’s policies, changes to the adoption process, and changes to the volunteer program. Through all of this Juliet has been a constant at the League.

She is at the shelter regularly on weekends cleaning kennels, showing cats to potential adopters, and guiding them through the adoption process. She cheerfully and patienty answers the many cat care questions from the public.

For the past 10 years, Juliet has also been a mainstay of our low-cost rabies clinics. She prepares rabies certificates and answers people’s questions about everything from low-cost spay/neuter assistance to pet care and licensing requirements. Juliet also attends our special events and fundraisers and is always willing to lend a hand. She is extremely reliable in whatever volunteer role she plays, and we are very thankful to have her ongoing support! Please join our staff and Board of Directors in congratulating Juliet on her well-deserved award.
Long-time Animal Control Assistant Retires

After 25 years, one of our most dedicated staff members has decided to retire. Ann Beam began her career at the shelter in 1987 like many staff, as a volunteer. She started in the Pet Therapy program, work that she has continued to this day. When a job opened up in Animal Control, Ann filled the position. Since then she has become the League’s most experienced person on wildlife issues and is the main point of communication with wildlife rehabilitators. Among her many other responsibilities, Ann processes the numerous bite reports we receive each year, coordinating with our County Health Department and the state’s health office in Richmond. She is deeply knowledgeable and involved in public health issues such as rabies and the West Nile Virus. Yet throughout all the pressure and stressful situations, Ann maintains her composure and good humor.

We had a retirement part for Ann on May 24. Not only current shelter staff, but former staff, and many volunteers came to wish Ann well and express their appreciation for her years of service to animal welfare. We will greatly miss Ann’s expertise, but we will miss even more her friendship. Happy retirement, Ann!

League Services

Emergencies in Arlington
We respond to animal emergencies 24 hours a day.

Adoptions
We always have animals who need good homes. If you live in Virginia, DC, or Maryland call us about adopting a companion.

Animal Control & Cruelty Investigation
Animal control officers pick up stray dogs and respond to citizen complaints about animals in Arlington.

Community Services
The League sponsors community services that help people and animals. Visit our Web site at www.awla.org or call (703) 931-9241 x 200 for information.

Lost & Found
Call (703) 931-9241 x 200 or visit our Web site at www.awla.org to report all lost and found animals. We can help find animals’ owners and return lost pets home again.

Wildlife Rescue & Problems
We’ll help get injured or abandoned wildlife to a licensed rehabilitator whenever possible. We’ll also help you discourage wildlife from moving into your home.

Rabies Control
See the calendar on the back cover for clinic dates and times.

Speakers & Humane Education
If your neighborhood is having animal problems or problems with irresponsible animal owners, you might want a League representative to address your civic association. We also present educational programs on many topics to schools and clubs. Visit our website at www.awla.org or call (703) 931-9241 x 213 for information.

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Keep Pets Safe in Summer Heat

Never leave your pet in a car when you travel or do errands. During warm weather, the inside of your car can reach 120 degrees in a matter of minutes, even if you’re parked in the shade. Dogs and cats can’t perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. Pets left in hot cars even briefly can suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke, brain damage, and can even die. To avoid any chance that your pet will succumb to the heat of a car this summer, leave your pets cool at home while you’re on the road. And if you do happen to see a pet in a car alone during the hot summer months, alert the management of the store where the car is parked. If the owner does not return promptly, call local animal control (703-931-9241 in Arlington) or the police department immediately.

Pawpourri is Changing

This year Pawpourri will be published three times (Summer, Fall, Spring) instead of four. And in the following year, we plan to publish only the Fall and Spring issues. Instead of the quarterly print newsletter, we will print two issues per year and we will begin producing a monthly e-newsletter. The change will help the League save money on printing and postage and will enable us to provide more timely information. If you are not on our e-mail list, please go to our Web site at www.awla.org and scroll down to “Join Our E-mail List” and enter your e-mail address. Sign up today so you don’t miss any news from our furry friends.

AWLA’s Summer Fair

The Animal Welfare League of Arlington’s 2nd Summer Fair will be held Saturday, August 25 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm in the parking lot of the League. Everyone in the community will be invited to enjoy games, food, face painting, and to meet the adoptable animals we have here at the shelter. Local organizations will be on-hand to answer questions about their businesses, and AWLA staff will be here to explain the adoption process or answer other questions about the shelter. It will be a fun day for everyone! If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Sally Harte at sharte@awla.org or 703-931-9241 ext. 216. See you at the fair!

Gaston a Winner

Gaston was a winner in the first Best in Shelter competition sponsored by mystery writer Martha Grimes. His video won first place and $50,000 for the League’s programs. Thanks to all who voted!
For two days on Saturday, March 31, 2012, and Sunday, April 1, 2012, the ASPCA teamed up with dozens of animal shelters across the country for the first-ever ASPCA Mega Match-a-thon! More than 50 animal organizations across the country co-hosted some epic adoption events. The League participated in the event at the Washington Animal Rescue League (WARL) in Washington, DC.

Dogs and cats were available for adoption at WARL from six local animal shelters: The Washington Humane Society, the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, the Prince George’s County Animal Shelter, the Montgomery County Humane Society, and WARL. All the participating groups offered reduced adoption fees and on-site adoptions both at the event and at their shelters.

Our adoptions team spent several days preparing for the event: scheduling volunteers, selecting animals and making sure they were all spayed/neutered and microchipped, having all paperwork ready including medical histories and adoption contracts, gathering crates for transportation and showing at the event. Volunteers helped transport animals, showed them to prospective adopters, and answered many questions about the League. We adopted seven dogs and four cats at the event and adopted eight cats at AWLA during the two days. Overall the event resulted in more than 200 local adoptions. It was a great opportunity to work cooperatively with other shelters in our community and to promote the League to many new people.
What a beautiful morning to hold our event! Animal lovers throughout the region came together on Saturday morning, May 12 for a fantastic 17th Annual Walk for the Animals. More than 600 people and several hundred dogs walked, volunteered, sponsored, and collectively raised almost $90,000 for the Animal Welfare League of Arlington. This money will help the League feed, shelter, and care for 3,000 homeless animals and wildlife and continue to provide low-cost and free spay/neuter programs and community outreach and education.

The Walk kicked off at 9:00am at Bluemont Park, where walkers enjoyed coffee and food provided by Java Shack. The morning was filled with excitement as WOOFS! Dog Training Center entertained everyone with their agility skills. Dogs enjoyed bobbing for biscuits and treats at the sponsors’ booths. Exercise, doggie friends, and treats made for a lot of happy dogs!

Enthusiastic participants included dogs of all sizes and breeds. Even a few dogs that were up for adoption at the League joined in on the three-mile and one-mile trails. Volunteers provided water and assistance along the trail, and County officials helped direct walkers across Wilson Boulevard.

After walking, participants enjoyed music provided by Washington Talent and more demonstrations by WOOFS! Dog Training Center. Those dogs had some incredible moves!

The League would like to extend a very big thank you to all the walkers, volunteers, donors and sponsors who participated in this year’s Walk. We are especially grateful to Caring Hands Animal Hospital, Segue Technologies and Time for a Walk, our Top Cat sponsors. This support enables us to help thousands of dogs, cats, and small companion animals every year.

*Jim Moran, Jay Fisette, and Libby Garvey cut the ribbon to begin the Walk.*
Walk for the Animals

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Noon – 4:00 p.m.  Sat. - Sun.

Receiving Incoming Animals:
8:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. daily
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Upcoming Events

AWLA Summer Fair
Saturday, August 25, 2012
12:00 - 3:00 PM
Join Us for a Fun Event at the League

Catsino Night
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