



# AWLMC Newsletter

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## December/ January Adoption Events Calendar

Sat. December 22:  
Shelter  
Kentlands

Wed. December 26:  
Shelter

Sat. December 29:  
Shelter  
Kentlands

Wed. January 2:  
Shelter

Sat. January 5:  
Shelter  
Kentlands

Sun. January 6:  
Bark

Wed. January 9:  
Shelter

Sat. January 12:  
Shelter  
Kentlands

Sun. January 13:  
Bark

Wed. January 16:  
Shelter

Sat. January 19:  
Shelter  
Kentlands

Sun. January 20:  
Pawlitics

Wed. January 23:  
Shelter

## Message from the President

Dear volunteers and friends,

The holiday season is once again upon us. I just want to give you a quick update on some AWLMC happenings:

- We have resigned the lease on the shelter! It is ours for another year.
- WARL's Scotlund Haisley spoke at our last General Meeting. The talk was just fantastic. I think that Scotlund inspired a lot of us. As a follow up to the general meeting, the Board of the AWLMC visited the WARL shelter on November 9. We are all very enthusiastic about building a relationship with WARL.
- O'Shea Watson will continue on as Vice-President until the spring '08 election. The Board of the AWLMC decided to create an Executive Director position that would focus on the business aspects of the organization. Fred Silver will fill this position until the spring '08 election.
- In early November, the AWLMC participated in the cat show at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. We had 4 adoptions at the show.
- The adoption program, in addition to the regularly scheduled events, will now be having adoption events at Bark in Olney and at Pawlitics in King Farm.
- The adoption fees will change, effective January 1, 2008. There will now be a flat fee for all adoptions of \$125.
- In December, the AWLMC has been conducting several fundraisers including gift wrapping at Barnes and Nobles and Photos with Santa at Petsmart.
- We will be having another General Meeting in January and a shelter anniversary party in February. Please stay tuned for more information.

The Third Annual AWLMC American Feline Idol Cat Show is scheduled for Saturday April 26, 2008 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

As you can see, the AWLMC is hard at work and moving forward. We are continually striving to improve ourselves and save even more cats and kittens in need. This time of year naturally makes us reflect and look at the gifts in our lives. I know that everything that we have accomplished and will accomplish is thanks to volunteers like you. I want to thank you for being part of the AWLMC family. I hope that you and yours have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Laurie Graham

President, AWLMC

Happy Holidays from the AWLMC



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**Merry Christmas from Ben and Mocha!**



## Treasurer's Report

(covers 10/1 thru 12/15, 2007)

Account Name	October Balance	November Balance	December Balance
Main Account	\$1,493.50	(\$858.37)	(\$345.12)
Adela Bar Memorial	\$3,237.31	\$1,719.44	\$2,004.78
Shelter Account	\$5,675.62	\$4,961.61	\$3,640.44
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$10,406.43</b>	<b>\$5,822.68</b>	<b>\$5,300.10</b>

The three main reasons for the decreasing amount of money in the bank are as follows:

Adoptions have not kept up with number of cats in system (medical expenses) = \$4,388 (includes PetSmart Kentlands, BARK (donation only), Shelter, and PetSmart donation program based on number of adoptions)

Wrapping up kitten season (series of shots, exams, spay/neuter) = \$5,541.34. FYI – all the vets we use provide us with discounts. If they did not, our bills would be at least doubled.

Emergency Medical bills = \$2,577.87 (this includes Wasabi's visit)

### **Recent Fund Raiser Events gross totals:**

Kentlands Oktoberfest = \$153 (net = \$133)

King Farm Oktoberfest = \$108 (net = \$51.84)

Cat Show November at Fairgrounds = \$392.17 (net = \$262.68)

Fall 2007 Mailing = \$2,559

Wasabi Appeal = \$1,221

### **How can you help? Please consider either, or both, of the following ways:**

Wasabi Appeal still needs \$1,014 to recoup the cost.

Go to our web site = [www.awlmc.org](http://www.awlmc.org), and sign up for monthly donations via PayPal (it is painless). If you'd rather not use PayPal, then send in a monthly check. This money will go to our basic operating expenses such as rent (\$990 a month), utilities (~260 a month) and basic shelter supplies (~\$120 a month). If just half of the volunteers, (recent count is ~140 volunteers), donated \$20 a month, these expenses will be completely covered!

# **A WARL Visit to the AWLMC Shelter**

By Roger Gagne

Washington Animal Rescue League (WARL) Executive Director Scotlund Haisley and Director of Operations, Sara Varsa, visited the AWLMC shelter on Thursday, December 13, 2007. Board Members Fred Silver, Amy Jaslow, O'Shea Watson, and Roger Gagne along with Nona Silver represented AWLMC.

Scotlund and Sara clearly are very interested in our organization, operation and facility and asked many questions. They are very willing to help us and have graciously offered their support, experience and advice. They gave us solid advice on fundraising and indicated the potential availability of some of their excess inventory; for example, cages (like those at the Kentlands PetsMart) cat food.

We also discussed participating in WARL's ShARE (Shelter Animal Relief Effort) program, which the AWLMC has applied to recently. Once we are accepted, the potential benefits, including free spay/neuter and reduced veterinary care costs, are substantial. This program will greatly assist with our plans for future growth.

WARL is also in the process of sending the AWLMC their shelter software. This will also help our group streamline operations.

In addition to thanking Scotlund and Sara for visiting the shelter, special thanks are extended to Nona Silver, Fred Silver, Pat Gagne, Deb Sampson, Amy Carey, O'Shea Watson and the Thursday am cat crew (Reed deMoss and Betty Jo Leckey) for their extra effort to clean and spruce up the shelter for the visit.



From Left to right – Nona, Sara, Fred, Roger, Scotlund

Photo credit, Amy Jaslow

## For your information:

- Please contact Candice Kramer ([candice.kramer@verizon.net](mailto:candice.kramer@verizon.net)) if you are not currently on the listserv but would like to be included. It's a great way to get the latest AWLMC information.
- Wasabi was adopted at Pawlitics on Sunday, December 16. Please stay tuned for a more in-depth story on the adoption. Congratulations to Jenny Morris for seeing Wasabi through her tough surgery and now a new home.
- Heidi Weber is looking to start a newsletter committee. If interested, please contact her directly ([heideweber1@gmail.com](mailto:heideweber1@gmail.com)). The time commitment is minimal and submissions are welcome anytime.
- If you missed the Gazette story on the Girl Scout Troop 2499's donation to the AWLMC, you can read it here: [http://www.gazette.net/stories/121907/germnew203144\\_32380.shtml](http://www.gazette.net/stories/121907/germnew203144_32380.shtml)
- Because of Bill Bonato's wonderful efforts, you can view our cats in action. Visit [awlmc.org](http://awlmc.org) for links to the videos.

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