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### Return of the AWLMC Newsletter!

Dear Volunteers and Friends,

Finally, the newsletter is back! The format has changed, but the AWLMC Newsletter still contains important information about our shelter. This is a work in progress, so please bear with me.

Please send story contributions, photos, and ideas to Heidi Weber at [heidaweber1@gmail.com](mailto:heidaweber1@gmail.com).

Special thanks to Nancy Winchester for assisting with proofreading the newsletter.

Thank you,  
*Heidi*

## Message from the President

I hope that all of you had the opportunity to come to our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual American Feline Idol household cat show. This event gets bigger each year and provides the AWLMC with great community exposure and much needed funds. Putting the show on each year is, as you can imagine, a lot of work and requires a team effort. Our volunteers came together to get the job done—it was amazing to see! The cat show always seems to energize the organization. For everyone who worked the show, thank you so much. Of course, a big thank you has to go to Nona Silver and Janet Culp. They work tirelessly on this event each year.

Up next is the annual Board election. We will have a "meet the candidates" session on Sunday May 18, 2008, at Leisure World. The election will be on Sunday June 8, 2008, at 1:00 pm at Leisure World.

As my position is ending, and I have decided not to run for re-election, this is a bittersweet message. It is time for me to step aside as President. I am so proud of all that the organization has accomplished, and I want to thank all of you for your dedication, hard work, and friendship. It seems like just yesterday that we sat down to start the AWLMC.

Now, we have adopted out over 370 cats, and we have our own no-kill shelter. Our reputation in the community for quality service continues to grow. I know that I am leaving the future President and Board an organization that has limitless potential. It has been my great pleasure and honor to be the first elected President of the AWLMC; it has been an experience that I will always cherish. Thank you for giving me the opportunity. I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Graham  
President, AWLMC

## Adoption Profile: Dino

Heidi Weber

Many volunteers have either met Dino, aka the Big D, or know his story. The poor boy has had three name changes, a few different families, and one major surgery. After fostering him for a few months, I decided to adopt him. My other AWLMC-adopted cat, Tippy, needed a little brother to boss around and Dino was the man for the job.

Dino is a joy to have around my small condo. He greets me at the door, sleeps with me at night, and also has convinced me to assist with his favorite hobby--licking water from the tub. It's rather funny to watch, and he's all business when doing this.

As for being Tippy's little brother, I am truly relieved that they get along. They are affectionate and playful with one another. I think he keeps her a young 12-year-old girl.

Dino's next big adventure is to take walks within my condo building while wearing a cat harness. His vet, from Montgomery Animal Hospital, recommended this because he's a bit overweight. I'll try to take pictures to share. So far we've taken walks down just my hall, and he's fearless.

For the next issue, please send me your AWLMC adoption stories. Pictures are welcome. We need to share our successes.



## April Treasurer's Report

Amy Jaslow, AWLMC Treasurer

Here are the balances, as of April 14, 2008, for our three accounts:

Main Checking Account	\$6,548.81
Shelter Account	\$ 210.20
Adela Bar/Special Needs Account	\$2,249.78
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$9,008.79</b>

### Main fundraising events for the time period

- ☛ Shelter Anniversary mailing (final count) = \$3,685.91 (net)

### Cat Show

- ☛ Our net so far (before the actual show) = \$2,492. We have taken in \$4,711.80, with the bulk being the sponsorship money from Sandy Spring Bank.

### Adoptions

- ☛ So far in April, we have done 10 adoptions! Money = \$1,271

### Important notes

- ☛ Money to cover shelter expenses will be allocated from the main checking account. Please do not worry about the low amount in the shelter account. I usually allocate the funds the week I pay the bills.
- ☛ Reminder: all our money is in **one** account. This one account has been divided into three sub-accounts for bookkeeping purposes only. When necessary, funds are allocated to another account for tracking purposes. In reality, all money is coming from the same pot.

## A special plea for kitten (and adult) fosters.....

*Lee Briggs*

As most of you know, kitten season is heating up, and we are getting calls from several sources looking to place their kittens in a rescue group. At the moment, we only have 4-5 active kitten fosters and several of them have other obligations and won't be ready for several weeks. So, as you might have guessed, the purpose of this message is to see if we have any volunteers who would be interested in fostering kittens over the next several months. Actually, if you are interested in any kind of fostering, I'd love to hear from you.

There are several kitten fostering "situations": Pregnant female; mom cat + very small kittens; very small kittens without a mom who require special care such as feeding, cleaning, etc. (foster should be retired or work from/at home); kittens who are 8 weeks or older who no longer need mom. The fostering time frame can be from 1 month to 6 months (occasionally longer), depending on how quickly the kittens are adopted.

Fosters are responsible for food, toys, litter, and transportation to vet appointments as needed (vaccines, spay/neuter, and occasional health issues). They will need a spare bedroom or large bathroom that can be closed off while the kittens are small. As with all fostering, we ask that you bring them to, or make them available for, our weekly adoption events once they are old enough for adoption. And most important, you need a heart that is big enough to let go when a forever home is found.

If you are interested, please go to our website and complete the foster application and we'll be in touch. If you have any questions about what's involved, I'd be happy to talk to you.

Thanks,  
Lee

## May/June Adoption Events

<b>AWLMC Shelter</b>	<b>May 24, 31</b> <b>June 7, 14, 21, 28</b>
<b>Kentlands Petsmart</b>	<b>May 24, 31</b> <b>June 7, 14, 21, 28</b>
<b>Bark!</b>	<b>May 25</b> <b>June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29</b>
<b>Pawlitics</b>	<b>June 15</b>

The AWLMC would like to thank:

**Bark!**  
**Pawlitics**  
**Petsmart**  
**The Pet Pantry**

