

Facts about Puppies & Kittens

- Each year AWA takes in hundreds of unwanted or unexpected kittens and puppies from our community.
- If a kitten or puppy is under 8 weeks or 2 pounds, it cannot be put up for adoption yet.
- Kittens and puppies require the help of foster families to care for them because these young animals fail to thrive in a shelter. They need extra care that foster families are able to provide to live.
- Foster families are limited, especially in the birthing season, March - September.

*This means we need to ask for you to help us!
Ask about our Foster Program or visit us online
for more information about becoming a
life saver!*

Thank You!



About AWA

Our Mission

AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering and promoting the importance of the human-animal bond and improving the role of the animals in the well-being of people.

We serve our community by:

- Saving thousands of homeless and abandoned animals each year. We adopted out 2,661 animals in 2014.
- Humane Education activities for schools and youth groups, including our Summer Camp program.
- Providing low-cost spay/neuter surgery and veterinary care through our Pet Clinic and our Vets on Wheels program.

Hours of Operation

Adoption Center

Tuesday—Friday 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Wellness exams are available M-F by appt. Walk-in Vaccine Clinics are available Monday mornings, plus several Saturdays a month (check website.) Spay/neuter surgeries are M-F by appointment, which can be made online.

Caring for Litters

Surrender and Spay Information including **Fix Your Mommy**

Caring for Young Kittens

Caring for Young Puppies



Surrendering/Neutering at AWA

Can I surrender my litter to AWA?

If the kittens are under 2 pounds and/or 8 weeks and the puppies are under 8 weeks, we ask you to foster them until they are old/big enough to be placed for adoption. We will supply you with information on how to care for the kittens or puppies.

When fostering the babies, they will need to come back to the shelter every two weeks to get their necessary vaccinations.

When the kittens/puppies are ready to come back to the shelter, they will be placed up for adoption. We have a surrender fee of \$50 for the litter to help cover some of the care costs.*

Can AWA provide foster care?

Sometimes we can take half of a litter of puppies/kittens for placement with other foster families (as they are available.) This solution allows for success, because we know that caring for large litters is hard.

Does AWA offer spaying specials?

AWA's **Fix Your Mommy** promotion for cats offers spaying at a reduced rate: \$50 spay fee plus \$50 surrender fee. Entire litter of kittens must be accepted for intake and surrendered to the shelter.

Kitten surrenders must be scheduled in advance through the shelter, and are dependent on space as well as health and temperament of the kittens. Not all mother cats and litters will qualify for this program. E-mail adoptions@awanj.org for more details.

Caring for Young Kittens



Here is what you will need:

- Box or Carrier: You will need a box or carrier to house the kittens. A bigger box may be more desirable, as it will allow you to see in as well as provide plenty of room for the mother and the new, growing litter of kittens.
- Newspapers: Keep several layers on the bottom of the box.
- Small Litter Box for Kittens: An oblong cake pan is perfect.
- Cat Litter: Any non-clumping variety of litter will be fine.
- Water Bowls: Heavy and impossible to tip over.
- Heating: Unless the nursery is at least 85° and your kittens are 2 weeks or older, you need to supply extra heat. Be sure that the kittens have room to move away from the heat. Electric heat sources are not advisable.

For more information, visit our website
awanj.org or
call **856-424-2288**.

Caring for Young Puppies

Here is what you will need:

- Large box: You will need a space that restricts their movement but still provides plenty of room for the growing litter of puppies.
- Newspapers: Keep several layers in the bottom of the box. They will come in handy when the puppies start to roam around the room.
- Water Bowls: Heavy and impossible to tip over.
- Food Bowls (at least 2): One is for the eat-at-will dry food, the other for canned food.
- Warmth: Unless the nursery is at least 85° and your puppies are 2 weeks or older, you need to supply extra heat. Be sure that the puppies have room to move away from the heat. Electric heat sources are not advisable.

