Operating Status

The AWLA is currently open BY APPOINTMENT ONLY for virtual and in-person adoption meetings, found animals, surrenders and Pet Pantry pick-ups. For more information, click HERE.
The AWLA is open for adoptions in person as well as virtually **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**.

How Can We Help You? Pet supplies, vaccinations and more.

**MEET MOLLY**
AWLA Summer Camp registration
OPEN NOW!

MEET BOOTS

Searching for a snuggle buddy
Boots

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Your Safety is Our Priority!

MEET PEACH
Adopt

Visit with our pets ready for adoption. Come meet your perfect match today!

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Donate
Every little bit counts!
Your generous donation helps animals most in need.

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Volunteer

You can help animals that we would otherwise not be able to facilitate.

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Assistance
Learn more about accessing pet supplies, vaccinations and more.

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Are you looking for a new companion?

View our featured pets and all our animals ready for adoption!
Robin

Robin doesn’t need a Batman. She’s her own superhero thank you very much! Want to see her take down the...
Maya

Maya is all smiles, all the time, and she can’t wait to show you!
Doll

Doll is a curious, friendly bunny who is happy hanging out on your lap and enjoys pets!
Sadie Kay

Sadie Kay is a sweet dog that can relax and also be playful. She has bursts of energy when she...

View all our adorable pets >>

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March 3, 2021

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Few people complain that they don’t have enough mosquitoes, mice, rats, ticks or lice in their backyards. Fewer still complain...

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Short-term Animal Guests Bring Joy to Those Who Foster Them

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A Partner for Animals and People

Some know the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) as the place where they adopted their best friend. Others know...

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Next Event

1. **Paw-some Paint Pours for All Ages**
   March 14 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
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Animal of the Month

March: Nanny | View Calendar Contest

New on Facebook

Animal Welfare League of Alexandria

The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria is an independent, local, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Operating the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, an open-admission
facility and Alexandria’s only animal shelter, the League touches the lives of more than 6000 animals every year, including strays, lost pets, local wildlife, rescue animals, and animals surrendered by their owners. The AWLA is committed to addressing animal homelessness, promoting animal welfare, and serving as an educational resource for the community. More information is at www.AlexandriaAnimals.org

Guidelines for Use of This Facebook Page

Thank you so much for your interest in and support of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria! We’re so excited to share the stories of Alexandria’s animals, as well as our staff, volunteers and community. Commenting Policy: AWLA reserves the right to delete all comments that contain
- Offensive language;
- Personal attacks;
- Inappropriate comments or posts about race, nationality, gender, orientation or religion;
- Spam or certain links to other sites, including content of a sales-oriented nature. Repeats offenders may be banned or posts may be blocked from the AWLA Facebook page.

Animal Welfare League of Alexandria Saturday, March 6th, 2021 at 8:22pm

A fun game with your best friend is just a few treats away! Before McMillan headed home with his family, he showed us how Find It can be a fun way to get your best friend off the couch and put their brain to work, all while earning tasty treats!

The Find It Game

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2021 Alexandria Animal of the Year

Chewy was voted the 2021 Alexandria Animal of the Year through our AWLA photo calendar contest.

If your pet would like to become our next Alexandria Animal of the Year, our annual photo calendar contest will kick off in June. Stay tuned for more information.
Animal Champions and Guardians

Vola Lawson Animal Advocates are recognized individuals and businesses who give support at the highest levels. This program includes several levels of recognition for monetary donations and volunteer hours as well as in-kind donations made fiscally. Our 2020 Champions and Guardians contributed $10,000 or more of financial or in-kind support, or 1,000 volunteer hours. These generous contributors include The Anne Cabaniss Trust; Kirk Fedder; Rosemary Harris; H.N. (Jay) Hoffman III & Arline Hoffman; Rosemary Hayes Jones & Stan Jones; the Dr. Maurice Lapierre Trust; Robert & Maureen Rehg; Ann Reid; and the Estates of Daniel T. Chapman; Mary Jean Crowley; Gail Davidson; Miriam Enders; Carlene Garrigus; Charlotte Rynerson; and Vincent & Constance Travaglini, along with
Protecting Our Community During COVID-19!

Adoption Information

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Our History

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