Fun Dog Show 2020

Saturday, March 7th at 11am

Join the AWLA and the Ballyshaners for our annual canine costume contest, leading up to the Old Town St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Photo courtesy of Dirty Paw Photography

Register Today
Summer camp experiences for students aged 6 through 13, beginning **July 6**

* Space is limited, so sign up today!

Registration for the AWLA's popular summer camp is open now!*

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for the Whole Family!

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Painting, Bingo and More

Check Out Our Adult Nights Out at the AWLA!

Find specific events and register today:

Adult Night Out?
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Adopt
Visit with our pets ready for adoption. Come meet your
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Fostering is an important part of the adoption process.
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You can help animals that we would otherwise not be able to facilitate.

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Are you looking for a new companion?

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

Onyx

Did you know that many consider black Onyx to transform energy from negative to positive, aid overall well being, and...
Sadie Kay

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

Doll is ready to meet her new best friend! Could it be you?
Leo

Self-care guru Leo is ready to teach you all about how he keeps his stress down, even during the busiest...

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1. Pet Loss Grief Support Group

March 4 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
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Animal Welfare League of Alexandria shared a post.Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 at 9:46pm

We’re happy to share that thanks to the fast thinking of Alexandria Animal Services Officer Boyd, foster dog Suzy is back with Project Second Chance. Very shy and fearful, Suzy was spooked and ended up loose in Old Town, too scared to get close enough to people to be brought back to the safety of her home. Our officers were alerted, but Ofc. Boyd was still unable to bring Suzy closer with treats because she was so frightened. Thinking quickly, Ofc. Boyd enlisted the help of a dog-social pup Buddy, and his owner, who were walking nearby. Dog-social herself, seeing a fellow pup gave Suzy the courage to get close enough to be leashed and then carried back to the safety of a local veterinarian, who could make sure she wasn't hurt from being out on her own all night. Thank you to everyone who helped Suzy return safely!
2019 Alexandria Animal of the Year

Crandon was voted the 2019 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, keep an eye out for our calendar contest this summer.
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 2019 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; Robert & Maureen Rehg; Ann Reid; and the Estates of Reid & Molly Adler; William George Barrick; Norman F. & Katherine Carlene Garrigus; Amy Sui Ling Lee; and Donald & Rosemary Werner, along with
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