



# A.W.A. Spring Newsletter

## News!

We are extremely proud of our new website, [www.animalwelfareassociation.org](http://www.animalwelfareassociation.org), and hope you will visit us soon. Our dedicated volunteer, Wanda Thomas has spent countless hours creating a user friendly website full of must have information on adopting, volunteering, pet care, emergency contacts, humor, etc. Wanda's dedication to improving accessibility to the A.W.A., and bringing us into the new millennium is commendable and we will be forever grateful for her effort(s) to help save the stray animals of Warren County.



Blitzen has been neutered, heartworm checked (negative), microchipped, received shots as appropriate for age, fecal checked (and treatment if needed as prescribed by our vet) and is on routine meds for flea and tick prevention.

To meet this playful guy, all you have to do is call AWA's main phone line 636-297-0486 or you can also email AWA at [startingover@centurytel.net](mailto:startingover@centurytel.net). Don't forget to include your name and contact info and Blitzen's name in your message.

## Pet of the Month

Blitzen, and most other black shelter dogs, mostly black Labrador retrievers and black lab mixes, suffer the consequences of having done nothing more than being born all or mostly black in color. As adults, they are doomed to be euthanized at an alarming rate at many pounds and shelters because there isn't enough room to care for what are considered to be 'unadoptable' dogs. Why, because people feel they look too plain, look mean, don't stand out in a crowd, don't have that 'designer dog' look, etc. So, they pass them over in favor of their lighter, more distinctively marked counterparts.

In truth, black dogs are just as deserving, just as loyal and lovable, and just as smart and funny as dogs of any color. They make wonderful family companions, are talented in obedience and agility training, used as service dogs, therapy dogs, K9 law enforcement officers, and the list goes on and on. Are you beginning to get an idea of what you've been missing? Don't let Blitzen become just another victim of the Black Dog Syndrome. Come see for yourself how smart, loving and beautiful this 'plain black dog really is'.

Blitzen's story begins when he was found as a stray and brought to AWA to find his forever home. He is a large, strikingly handsome dog, mostly black Labrador retriever, about two years old, and all puppy fun and energy. Blitzen is a very friendly, playful sort of guy, and has yet to meet another critter he doesn't like. He's always ready for a romp in the yard, and loves to entertain his foster mom as he plays with his toys, and sometimes she joins in with a good game of tug of war. Sounds just like any other dog, doesn't he?

With his loving personality, Blitzen will make a wonderful family companion. Since he's a large dog, and still full of puppy energy, a basic obedience course may be a good idea for both you and Blitzen. It will help him understand what you expect of him, and since he is such a smart dog and always tries so hard to please, it will also help to strengthen the bond between you. A fenced yard is a must, as he'll need somewhere to run off some of that energy, and will help as he learns his house manners at his new home.

## More News

With summertime quickly approaching, we are looking to supplement our volunteer schedule at the Love A Pet Center to make sure we have enough volunteers to cover during vacations. We're looking for a few substitutes – sound interesting? ☺ Give us a call at 636-297-0486 or drop an email to [startingover@centurytel.net](mailto:startingover@centurytel.net)

Do you buy Purina One dog/cat food? Send us those weight circles! We are collecting them to send in for coupons. Please mail to A.W.A., PO Box 122, Warrenton MO 63383

## We Need You!

We are looking for dedicated volunteers interested in:

- Helping at the Love-A-Pet Center at PetsMart/Wentzville
- Fostering dogs and/or cats
- Adoption day volunteers

Please call us at 636-297-0486 or email at: [startingover@centurytel.net](mailto:startingover@centurytel.net)



Hi! My name is Kahlua! I'm about 1 year old, I love attention & love to play!



## Wish List

**Purina Dog Chow & Purina Puppy Chow**

**Kong dog toys**

**Purina One cat/kitten food**

**Tidy Cat or Fresh Step Cat Litter**

**Paper towels**

**Trash bags**

**Dog Collars & Leashes**

## Upcoming Events

**PetsMart National Adoption Event**

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am – 4pm

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 11am – 2pm

**Garage Sale**

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 7am – 3pm



Hi! I'm Juliet; I'm about 3 years old; I'm very sweet & loving!

For more information on these two pets, and others, please contact us at 636-297-0486 or email: [startingover@centurytel.net](mailto:startingover@centurytel.net)

**Thanks to all our  
dedicated volunteers!**