



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

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## Greetings!

It's been a busy summer here at the Florida Keys SPCA. We are getting to know the Middle Keys communities with the help of board member Julie Botteri, who is well known in Marathon. Tara Vickrey, shelter director at the Marathon campus, is planning some exciting events and will give us more opportunities to meet the people we serve in the Middle Keys.

At the same time, we have all been working hard to build the new, safe shelter in Key West that our animals, staff and volunteers desperately need and deserve. Since we began fundraising in earnest three years ago, construction costs have risen considerably, so that our best estimate then was short of the actual cost today. Recognizing that the FKSPCA had already raised over \$6 million by itself, Monroe County generously approved a \$1.5 million grant payable over two years, and the City of Key West approved \$148,000, representing the city's own fees for which the FKSPCA was liable. Their generosity and trust in our organization meant that the shortfall in construction costs was now covered and, finally, we will be able to break ground, hopefully in early December.

Getting us to this point has taken a lot of work and has been a team effort throughout. We are fortunate that our board comprises people with diverse talents and strengths, all of which have been used extensively during this long process.

Now that the costs for construction are secured, we must turn to raising money to outfit and equip the new shelter. Seeing the new shelter take shape will reenergize us all for this final step to build a new, safe shelter we can all be proud of.

Enjoy this latest issue including tidbits from both our Key West & Marathon Campuses!

*Jane Dawkins, President*

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## A Donation Makes a Difference

The Florida Keys SPCA is proud of the work we do for the less fortunate animals in our community. We are here to speak for those without a voice. So we are asking for your help - for them. The high quality of care we provide for the animals is only possible with your **tax-deductible donation**. On behalf of the animals, we thank you for your support. FKSPCA accepts donations of cash, check, or credit card.

## [Adopt a Black Kitten Event Oct. 22](#)

Stop in Marathon Pet Center in Marathon

Join the Marathon Campus at the Marathon Pet Center located at 10692 Overseas Highway (next to Subway at traffic light) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will be featuring black kitties available for adoption through the FKSPCA Marathon Campus. Plus, lots of great information, giveaways and specials at the store.



### *"Georgia"*

Ready to Be Adopted at [Marathon Campus](#)

Georgia was rescued from life on a chain and it's clear this young girl didn't get much love in her life at first. It takes some time for her to warm up to new people but once you get to know her she's all tongue and ears! Georgia needs an experienced adopter, preferably in a home where she is the only dog. With continued training, socializing and patience Georgia will be a wonderful dog! At only a year old she's smart and eager to learn. Meet Georgia today at 10550 Aviation Blvd in Marathon

behind the airport!

## [Our Official Fantasy Fest Event Oct. 25](#)

What to expect.

It's an "All You Can Drink" Animal Party for \$35 at Rick's 8 Famous Bars at 202 Duval Street, from 7-10 p.m. Each bar has been transformed into a different Animal Kingdom Around the World where you can enjoy an All-You-Can-Drink experience of the entire Rick's Complex. Enter our Animal Costume Contest for a chance to win the grand prize of \$500! Look for posters around town!

### *"Trapper"*

Ready to Be Adopted at [Key West Campus](#)

Trapper is a 6-month-old Domestic Shorthair ready for a forever home. He can be shy at first, but once you give him some attention and love he will open right up to you. He



is very calm for his age, likes to be petted and get lots of treats.

## Howl-oween Pet Party, Oct. 27

Happy Halloween at Boondocks Grille & Draft House

Join a costume celebration, bring your dogs in their spookiest duds. Costume contest, treats, bobbing for toys. FKSPCA is also accepting donations of dog beds, crates, toys, canned or dry food. Starts at 6 p.m., mile marker 27.5 Ramrod Key.



## "Bueford"

Ready to Be Adopted at [Marathon Campus](#)

Bueford, a handsome Black and Tan Coonhound was confiscated from his owner on allegations of abuse. FKSPCA was granted custody recently. This goofy guy has left his past behind him and is looking forward to a bright future! His breed come from a long line of hunting dogs, appreciate good walks and exercise, and "sing" a distinct Hound dog sound. Stubborn yet smart, they make perfect companions and family members.

## Halloween Pet Parade, Oct. 29

Dress up your four-legged friends in costume!

Non-perishable food donations are to be accepted for the FKSPCA. FREE to attend, prizes for best costumes! Starts at 9 a.m. at Marathon Community Park, 36th Street, oceanside.



## Are You Going to Prom? It's Nov. 12!

An adult-themed evening under the stars in Marathon

Dress to impress at our inaugural Prom in Paradise, Saturday, Nov. 12 from 6-10 p.m., at Faro Blanco Resort & Yacht Club! Dance beneath the stars, enjoy a three course meal at Lighthouse Grill. Grab a few locally crafted brewed beers during the complimentary

Cocktail Hour by Florida Keys Brewing Co. Don't forget a corsage or boutonniere from Flowers by JJ (who are donating \$5 back to the Marathon Campus!). A huge silent auction includes art, jewelry, designer bags, gift certificates and more! Tickets: [fkspca.ticketleap.com](http://fkspca.ticketleap.com)

## "Tiger"

Ready to Be Adopted at Key West Campus

Tiger is 3 years old and a big sweetheart! Friendly, happy and goofy, he loves to speak his mind to all the iguanas in the yard. He loves to bounce around in the play yards, gets excited for walks, treats and everyday fun. He gets along well with other dogs and would love nothing more than a family that can give him the love that he will surely give them.



## *Be Prepared This Hurricane Season!*

Reminder, we are in hurricane season until Nov. 30.

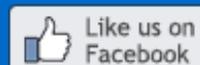
The latest storm developments are a reminder to be prepared both for ourselves and for our animals. Our recommendation is to take precautions now so you are ready in the case of a disaster. Most importantly make sure your pets have proper ID on their collars and, if possible, get them microchipped, have food & water ready, the proper amount of medications in case you have to evacuate along with their vet records. Also, know where your pet-friendly emergency shelter is nearby where you live. Don't wait until it's too late!

**Forward to a Friend!**



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