



As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, it is a good time to pause and reflect on the many things we are thankful for at the Florida Keys SPCA. Despite the many challenges we all faced during and after Hurricane Irma, it was heartening to see how communities came together to help each other. Compassion and kindness abounded. Even though people were busy restoring order in their lives, many found time to come and help make both campuses habitable so that we could open our doors again as quickly as possible.

I never tire of saying that we couldn't do what we do without our amazing **VOLUNTEERS**. They come in many varieties: grooming and socializing cats, walking dogs, doing laundry, helping with clerical work, manning booths at events - it's a long, long list.

Our wonderful **FOSTER PARENTS** come in different flavours, also. Some are **HURRICANE FOSTERS**, who stand ready to take in our animals whenever a dangerous storm like Irma means we must close both campuses. Our Key West hurricane foster parents are old hands at this, given the parlous state of the current buildings over the years. They won't be kept quite as busy in the new shelter!

Then there are **KITTEN FOSTERS**, who take litters of tiny kittens, some just one day old, into their homes, bottle feed them around the clock and nurture them until they are big enough to return to the shelter for adoption.

Other foster parents take in animals that are recovering from illness or surgery, providing a quiet, restful environment away from the daily bustle of the shelter.

Seeing the much-needed **NEW SHELTER TAKING SHAPE** in Key West after so many years of dreams, disappointments, and almost-but-not-quite moments, is something else to be truly thankful for. What we are seeing now is the result of years of hard work by many people, people who steadfastly believed in our dream and offered help, advice, time, and yes, money to make it happen. The result will be something we can all take pride in.

None of the work we do would be possible without the dedication of our wonderful **STAFF**. Their work is never easy. As president of the Florida Keys SPCA, I stand in awe of the professionalism, compassion and kindness they bring to the often difficult and emotional situations they face each day. We can never thank them enough!

At the same time, the Florida Keys SPCA couldn't exist without **YOU** and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support and help and generosity, allowing us to provide the very best of care to the animals and the community we serve.

On behalf of everyone at the Florida Keys SPCA, thank you for all you do! Very best wishes to you for a happy Thanksgiving!

Jane Dawkins
President
Florida Keys SPCA

November is Adopt a Senior Month!

Consider some of our sweet animals in their Golden Years that are looking for a home! While small kittens and puppies may be adorable, older pets are just as loving and loyal as their younger counterparts.

Adopting a senior animal companion comes with some cool advantages:

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- **Grown-up pets don't require the constant monitoring and training that puppies and kittens do.**
- **Many are already house trained.**
- **Because senior pets are fully grown, you'll be immediately aware of important information like personality type and grooming requirements, making it easier to choose the perfect pet for your family.**

It is a sad fact that senior pets are often the last to be adopted from shelters. When you adopt a senior pet, you're not only welcoming a lifetime of love into your home, you're also saving a precious life.

Meet "Whiskers"

Whiskers is sweet senior looking for a home! She was found as a stray on Duval Street and her owner could not be found. Extremely affectionate, she loves attention and will meow when she wants some belly rubs.

Whiskers is diabetic, a special-needs cat that requires insulin shots twice daily and has specific food to eat, but she is worth the extra effort!

She is playful, cuddly and could be friends with another cat. She has lived at our shelter for 1 ½ years and is ready for a family!



Stop by the [Key West campus](#) to meet this lovely girl.



Meet "Digz" and "Pepper"

Digz and Pepper came to our shelter originally under our Faith Program for a Hurricane Irma victim. Their owner was no longer able to take them back once they found a place to live and surrendered them to our shelter.

Digz and Pepper are 2 sweet senior females who have been long time friends and we would like to keep them together when they are adopted. They would both like a calm, quiet environment where they get the perfect amount of exercise and couch potato time.

They are cuddly & friendly, but sometimes need a couple visits to make sure they get to know you well. Digz is happy for head scratches and even though Pepper is a little more timid, she's happy to be your friend after a little trust building and treats! Stop by our [Key West shelter](#) to meet these ladies today!

Senior Kitties at Marathon Campus

Yes, if you're 60 or older and you adopt a senior cat or dog (6 years or older), all fees are waived!

At the Marathon campus we have four senior cats: 1) Tyra, a friendly and elegant white & grey female; 2) Rascal (pictured here), a quiet female who is white with black splotches; 3) Fred, a dignified orange & white male; and 4) Alvin, a sweet and fluffy smoke-colored male.



[Watch Video of Rascal](#)



"Tiny," the Goofball

Tiny is still looking for a home! This big handsome American Bulldog is all heart and not a mean bone about him. Tiny's been in foster now for 6 months (what??!!), making it impossible to understand why this easy going guy has not yet found a forever home. He has fit in as a pack mate with his foster siblings, is a very proficient swimmer and has developed an aptitude for chasing iguanas and being an active member of his foster home's "yard guard," keeping it safe from imposters.

Lovable, playful and attentive, Tiny loves sunning himself outside, taking short walks (he is approaching 8 years, and he prefers A/C over humidity), catching treats and giving big smooches. His big lips do make for some slippery strings of slobber, but if you want a smart, affectionate, snuggly couch potato stop by the **Marathon Campus** or call them at 305-743-4800 to schedule a meet and greet!



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

Presents our 4th Annual

Parade OF Paws



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DECEMBER 9TH 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Located at Higgs Dog Park at Higgs Beach in Key West

An event to benefit the animals of the FKSPCA

The Parade of Paws is our fourth annual fundraiser to benefit the Animal Care Fund at the Florida Keys SPCA. People from all over secure pledges from their family, friends, neighbors, their friend's friends, their family's neighbors... (You get the idea!). And then they come together to parade their four legged friends to support our lifesaving mission caring for our community's homeless animals.

Top earners will earn the opportunity to win prizes and the bragging rights to the title of the 2017 Parade of Paws King, Queen, Prince, Princess, Duke or Duchess for your most treasured companion!

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10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parade OF Paws

Raise \$\$, Win \$\$

Do you want to win \$750 towards a Royal Caribbean Cruise and make your pet to be the next King or Queen of Parade of Paws all at the same time! Our 4th Annual Parade of Paws will be on Saturday December 9th, but you can start raising money for your pet now!

Each year owners raise money for their

pets to be crowned King, Queen, Prince, Princess, Duke or Duchess and earn great prizes! The overall Top Earner will win the Grand Prize of \$750 towards a Royal Caribbean cruise of their choice!

Follow the link below to create your pet's personalized page. You can tell their story, put up a picture and then share your page with friends, family and coworkers through social media and email!

Soon we will celebrate those who have earned the most money for their pets with a pet parade, holiday bazaar and announce the Royal Court!

Everyone who raises \$100 or more will be eligible to win great prizes like FKSPCA swag, a month of Bark Box or even an Engraved Brick at our new shelter! Are you interested in being a vendor or sponsor? We still have spots left in an event that typically draws 200+ locals to our event!

Contact Tiffany at 305-294-4857 or tiffany@fkspca.org for details!



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WATCH A VIDEO OF THE NEW OUTDOOR YARDS AT MARATHON!

Rescue Rebuild is a part of a parent organization, GreaterGood, an independent 501(c)(3) charitable organization devoted to improving the health and well-being of people, pets, and the planet. After two months in Texas helping animal shelters rebuild after Hurricane Harvey they promised to come straight to Marathon and assist in remodeling, rebuilding and re-constructing our fallen play yards.

As promised, they arrived having raised over \$20,000 to help our Marathon Campus. They brought supplies, volunteers and much needed smiles and support. For two weeks the team at Rescue Rebuild worked in the hot Florida Sun building not one, but 6 new play yards equip with Coyote Roll Bars (for fence jumpers), shade sails and enrichment toys.

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

Rescue Rebuild not only set up holding kennels for stray animals and built a permanent stray yard for our Marathon campus, but also created this beautiful habitat for rabbits, hamsters, hedgehogs and small animals.



Adoption Update!

"Tortuga" was adopted 2 years ago from the Key West shelter and Colleen, his adopter, wanted to share the adventures he's been having!



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