



**FLORIDA KEYS SPCA**



## **Our lifesaving mission begins with you.**

Your support through adoption, donations and volunteering enables the FKSPCA to achieve our lifesaving mission.

The FKSPCA operates the largest animal shelter and pet

adoption center in the Florida Keys and is the southernmost animal shelter in the continental U.S.

We are an open-admission shelter providing relief to every abandoned, neglected, abused, lost or surrendered animal that comes through our door -- over 200 animals each day -- and provides adoption, return to owner, cruelty investigation, and spay/neuter programs with two locations from MM0 to MM70. The FKSPCA strives to be a model open-admission shelter that does not turn away an animal that has no place to go, and a true resource for the people and animals for the Lower and Middle Keys.

The FKSPCA is proud of our accomplishments over the past few years, however as we embark on a new chapter in a new facility in Key West we recognize there is significant growth we would like to achieve. If you are interested in supporting any one of our programs to benefit the animals, please contact me at [tammy@fkspca.org](mailto:tammy@fkspca.org) or 305-294-4857.

With gratitude,  
*Tammy Fox*  
Executive Director

# the Real Housecats OF MONROE COUNTY



Tune in for non-stop drama (and the occasional cat-fight)  
Florida Keys SPCA Marathon Campus  
10550 Aviation Blvd

Tuesday-Friday 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Saturday and Sunday 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM

## The Cast

**Fat Cat**



"Does this mirror make me look fat? No? Just beautiful? I thought so"

**Bagheera**



"I think some of my grays are still showing. The hair salon here is terrible"

**Galaxy**



"I would like a forever family...everyone here is so catty."

**Daisy**



"I believe the way to end world hunger is...oooh....fly on the wall...fly on the wall...fly on the wall..."

**Kit Kat**



"It's just a cat nip hangover. Don't judge me."

**Tyra**



"It's true I sleep around. Around the Catio, around the A/C room, around the scratching post, around the food bowl..."

**Adopt a cat in June and receive a free copy of Jackson Galaxy's new book "Total Cat Mojo"**

## Upcoming Events:

# BINGO

Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>

5:30-7:30pm



409 Caroline Street, Key West

Win people & pet prizes!

**\$1 per card**

Bring your pups! It's Dog friendly!

**Hot Dog Bar!**



**Jello Shots!**

**Happy Hour Specials until 6pm!**

All proceeds directly benefit the animals of the



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For additional questions contact the FKSPCA at 305-294-4857



**Tuesdays 6:30-8pm**

**May 15th - July 17th**

**Come in and 'Vote' for your  
favorite contestants!**



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**AQUA** 

K E Y W E S T

711 Duval Street

Contact Tiffany at 305-294-4857 or [tiffany@fkspca.org](mailto:tiffany@fkspca.org) for details.

## **Animal Spotlight: Available for Adoption**

### **Meet "Gypsy"**

Left behind during Irma, sweet Gypsy suffered a traumatic injury, possibly from debris, during the storm.



We nursed her back to health and tried to save her injured leg but ultimately the doctors at Keys Animal Hospital decided that amputation was in her best interest.

Once the injured front leg was removed Gypsy started feeling much better and has learned to get around great on three legs! She's a sweet adult tabby cat that loves to be petted and brushed.

She's quiet and keeps to herself and will make a wonderful companion in a home. She's also one of our Cat Pawsitive kitties and knows how to high

five for treats! For more information, visit our [Marathon Campus "Catio"](#) and ask staff and volunteers about Gypsy. You'll be sure to love her!

## Learn More

### Meet "Boscoe"

Three months ago Boscoe was rescued by Monroe County Police after being locked in a hot car for days.

His owner was arrested, relinquishing ownership of Boscoe to our Marathon Campus. This handsome five-year-old black Labrador mix has all the personality and good looks of a Labrador packed into a medium-sized body!

He gets along great with other dogs, doesn't seem to mind the cats and adores everyone he meets. If you're looking for a well-behaved gentleman be sure to meet Boscoe at our Marathon Campus, 10550 Aviation Blvd, behind the airport or call 305-734-4800.



[Find out more](#)



## "Whiskers"

Whiskers is sweet senior STILL looking for a home! She was found as a stray on Duval Street 2 1/2 years ago and her owner could not be located.

She has been patiently waiting for a family to call her their own, but thinks the time is NOW! She is extremely affectionate, loves attention and will meow when she wants some belly rubs.

Whiskers is a special-needs, diabetic 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. If you truly want to save a life, stop by the Key West campus to meet this lovely girl today!

[Learn More](#)

## Meet "Deebo"

Deebo was found as a stray and nobody ever claimed him. He is on the lookout for his new home!

A staff favorite for his friendly demeanor, loving cuddles and readiness for fun, Deebo loves walks, play in the yards and getting one on one time where he gets all the attention.



He is especially adorable when his 'happy feet' start going with his anticipation of something exciting! Unfortunately we have found that Deebo is heart worm positive and in need of several treatments until he fully recovers. While he is undergoing treatments, Deebo requires a calm & quiet place he can heal and relax. If you think Deebo is the dog for you and

MORE FKSPCA ANIMALS  
AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

## More News From FKSPCA:

### Hurricane Preparedness for Your Pets



June is National **#PetPreparedness**  
Month

**A basic Pet Owners Emergency Preparedness Pet Kit List  
will keep you and your pet be ready!**

**Food:**

At least a three day supply in an airtight, waterproof container.

**Water:**

At least three days of water specifically for your pets.

**Medicines & Medical Records**

**Important Documents:**

Registration information, adoption papers and vaccination documents. Talk to your veterinarian about microchipping and enrolling your pet in a recovery database.

**First Aid Kit:**

Cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors; antibiotic ointment; flea and tick prevention; latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol and saline solution. Including a pet first aid reference book is a good idea too.

**Collar or Harness with ID Tag, Rabies Tag & Leash**

Crate or pet carrier: Have a sturdy, safe crate or carrier in case you need to evacuate. The carrier should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn around and lie down.

**Sanitation:**

Pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach.

**A Picture of You & Your Pet Together:**

If you become separated, a picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you. Add species, breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.

**Familiar Items:**

Treats, toys and bedding can help reduce stress for your pet.

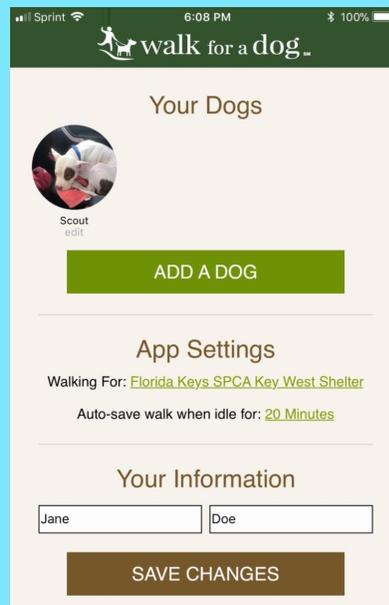
**Do You Take Walks?**

Your walks can translate into a donation to the FKSPCA, and are great motivation to keep your pet and yourself healthy! IT'S FREE & EASY:

**1. DOWNLOAD THE FREE "Walk for a Dog" APP**

**2. DESIGNATE "Florida Keys SPCA Key West Shelter" AS WHO YOU ARE WALKING FOR**

**3. START WALKING!**



# Adoption Update:

## Rocko's Story



Rocko found a forever home!

Sometimes a happy ending begins with a tragedy. Rocko was brought to us after his owner was found deceased. At 12 years of age, this old dog's world turned upside down. When he arrived, he looked dazed, lost, and confused.

During the early days with us, he would just stand at the door of his kennel and cry. When we would take him outside, he'd desperately drag us to the gate in an effort to go somewhere. We could only assume it was back to his home and the life he'd known. His emotional grief could be seen, heard, and almost felt by our staff and volunteers. It was heartbreaking to witness. His anxiety was severe enough for the vet to prescribe medication to give him relief.

Eventually he adapted to shelter life and settled in enough to be "ok". He seemed to find comfort on his big bed and his walks were less desperate. But we never saw a spark of joy or a glint of happiness in those eyes. He was with us but he wasn't! He was alive but without a life.

Rocko was big (106 lbs) AND a senior, a losing combination in the world of adoptability in this country. Typically no one wants dogs like him. But we were encouraged when his Facebook post got 277 Likes and 303 shares. There was hope! We believed with all that coverage, Rocko would surely find a home. But nothing happened. He went to events and met lots of people, but nothing. Months passed.

Sometimes the world seems cruel and unfair. It's easy to get discouraged and lose faith, but then you meet someone who reminds you of all the good that's out there. Diana was one of those people. She didn't come to the shelter looking for an animal to make HER life better; she came to the shelter looking to make an animal's life better! She wanted to know who needed a home the most. She hadn't intended on adopting a big dog like Rocko and she had concerns about the safety of her beloved cats, but her heart won out.

Together we came up with a management plan for her cats' safety during the transition and Rocko's life turned a very big corner. This time when he walked out the gate, he was heading home. Diana reports that Rocko is a different dog. He has a spark in his eye, a spring in his step, and a smile on his face! He now plays and enjoys finding sticks to carry around. He likes socializing with the neighbors he meets out walking and then enjoys relaxing in A/C in front of the TV. The family cats are becoming curious rather than cautious, and the new inter-species dynamic is working. Rocko is home to stay and thanks to Diana's kindness, he has a new lease on life.

Wouldn't it be something if all homeless senior dogs (and cats!) could find their own 'Diana'? Maybe Rocko's happy ending will be an inspiration to others. That's our dream, our hope and what keeps us coming back to work every day.

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