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The Center for Animal Welfare & Education

June News from the FKSPCA!

Have you heard the news?



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FROM OUR DIRECTOR, TAMMY FOX

It's time to Prepare!

It's hurricane preparedness time at the FKSPCA! We are tripling up on supplies and taking steps to make sure we are prepared before and after a storm.

Although we are in a new safe facility, we still have planning and preparations that must be done. While the FKSPCA is fortunate to have a new safe facility in Key West, we will still need to depend on our network of hurricane foster families when a storm is headed our way. This is due in large part for the need to move animals from our Marathon Campus to the Key West Campus and to also make room for pets that enter the facility during a storm due to being abandoned or surrendered.

Another challenge is the FKSPCA will have limited staff to care for the animals during the storm and after the storm as many of our staff evacuate.



The FKSPCA will be preparing for the 2020 hurricane season by training a select group of experienced volunteers and staff to act as the task force assigned to sheltering in place at the Key West campus to care for the animals housed in the facility. We will also be contacting our list of hurricane foster families to determine their interest in fostering during an evacuation. If you are interested in becoming a foster family for either the Key West or Marathon Campus please contact Lindsey at lindsey@fkspca.org in Key West and Tara in Marathon at tara@fkspca.org. If you are not able to foster an animal but would like to help us prepare please consider making a gift to our emergency fund at www.fkspca.org/donate. These funds will be used in the event of a storm to purchase needed emergency supplies and pay for medical treatments for animals that come to us ill or injured.

Please make sure you are prepared in the event of any disaster by including your pet in all your preparation plans. For Category 1 and 2 hurricanes, Monroe County offers four shelters. They are located at Key West High School, Sugarloaf School, Marathon High School and Coral Shores High School. They are all pet-friendly, however there are requirements. You can find all the information you need including how to register your pet here: <https://www.monroecounty-fl.gov/938/Pet-Sheltering>.

Most importantly, please remember, if it's not safe for you; it's not safe for your pet. Be proactive, Be prepared and Be ready to take your pet with you in the event of an evacuation.

Yours in animal welfare,

Tammy



Marathon Catio is Finished!

We are so excited to announce that our Catio remodel is now completed in Marathon! Our hardworking staff and volunteers have spent the last several months working hard to improve our space for our shelter cats. We've painted, sealed, washed, sanitized, poured concrete floors, polished and even added sparkles to make our Catio a newer, better, cleaner, safer place for future visitors and cats alike!

This couldn't have been possible without a generous donation from Monroe Concrete and JRC Pro Builders. Our cats are absolutely loving the wide open space and our staff love the ease of cleaning. Please check out our video on Facebook of our first official walk through and see our cats enjoying their new Catio!



Catio Before

Catio After

[Click Here to Watch the Catio Reveal Video!](#)

Florida Keys SPCA



Love is
BLIND

Let our trained adoption matchmakers find your purrrfect match from the safety of your own home



Fill out an Adoption Questionnaire at www.fkspca.org/adopt and a matchmaker will call you to discuss possible matches.



Once your match has been identified, we will schedule a curbside pick up so you can enjoy the big reveal of your new pet at home!



All adoption fees are **WAIVED** at both the Marathon and Key West locations.

Our **Love Is Blind Adoption Campaign** is going on NOW! Are you interested in adopting an animal from the shelter? Follow the steps below to find your new furbaby:

1) Visit our website at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/>, click on the pet's photo you are interested in and fill out the questionnaire via the application link.

2) Once our adoption counselors look over your questionnaire, they will contact you for a counseling session on the pet(s) you may be

interested in to create a match between you and an animal.

3) Once your match has been made, your counselor will schedule a curbside pick up so you can enjoy the big reveal at home! Questions? Call 305-294-4857 in Key West or 305-743-4800 in Marathon.

June is Adopt-A-Shelter Cat Month!

Here are your **Top 10 reasons why you should adopt a cat today!**

10) Low Maintenance- Whether it's snoozing by the window, sleeping on a



pile of laundry or napping near the fireplace, cats tend to be a little more relaxed on the day to day activities.

9) Treat Savvy- They know how to paw at your food, meow for meals and do tricks for treats to get what they want.

8) Bathroom Bliss- Once they are litter box trained, that part of their care stays simple.

7) Head Butts and Tail Rubs- Need we say more?

6) Self Care- Cats spend 1/3 of their time grooming themselves, staying clean on their own.

5) Smarty Pants- Cats are extremely intelligent, learn quickly and stay curious.

4) Purrs Are Addicting- Having a purring cat sit on your lap is the most calming joy ever. Hands down.

3) Saving a Life- Approximately 3.2 million cats are surrendered each year to shelters across the United States. By adopting a cat, you can save a life!

2) Waived Adoption Fees!- Right now both of our campuses are waiving all adoption fees through our Love Is Blind program. You can also receive additional benefits by adopting a Senior Cat through our Golden Paw Program!

1) Best Companions!- Cats are amazing, loving and fun lifetime companions who will change your life as you change theirs by adopting today!





Is Gingerbread the girl for you?

Gingerbread is a 4 1/2 year old Domestic Shorthair looking for her furever home. She is affectionate and playful, but on her own terms. She will need a patient home that is willing to give her the time to adjust, feel safe and trust. If you think this sweet girl is the cat for you, contact our **Key**

West Campus at 305-294-4857.

Tiger is looking for a lap to purrr on!

Tiger is 9 1/2 years young and a member of our Golden Paw Project! He is sweet, cuddly and ready to claim a home of his own. As a Golden Paw Project member his adopter will receive 12 months of flea, tick and heart worm preventative, a complimentary annual exam including vaccinations, 10% off future Dogwood Clinic



services and a senior bloodwork panel prior to adoption. If Tiger seems like the purrrfect pal for your family, contact the **Key West Campus** today at 305-294-4857.



June is adopt a cat month and we would love for some of our long term kitty residents at our Marathon Campus to find their furrever home this month!

Patch, a beautiful senior black and white cat and Cloudy, a petite grey and white cat, are two of our longest residents in Marathon. Patch has been with us two long years, and Cloudy has waited four very long years for a family to call her own. Both cats are quiet and shy and are simply looking for a cozy place to call their own. If you're thinking of adopting a cat please consider adopting one that's been patiently waiting for you! For more information on Patch or Cloudy and our Golden Paw Project contact our **Marathon Campus** at 305-743-4800.





Virtual Kitten Shower

Kitten Season is here! We are kicking off our **Virtual Kitten Shower** to help kittens in need!

Each year between May and September our shelters receive an overwhelming number of litters due to the rising temperatures and momma cats in heat. Once those kittens and/or their moms are brought into our shelter, we look for foster homes to give them a safe place to grow up until they can be adopted and provide those foster homes with the food, bottles, litter, heating pads, play pens and more to make sure these kittens get everything they need. If you would like to help the homeless kitties at our shelter, we have several ways you can make a difference!

- **Become a Kitten Sponsor!** We have different levels of sponsorship which have perks of naming an adoption kitten cage at the shelter, naming a litter, getting updates on our kittens and updates on momma cats.
- **Donate Supplies!** Both of our campuses' Amazon Wish Lists have all the supplies listed that we will need for the season that you can send directly to our shelter.

- **Become a Foster!** We are always in need of foster homes to safely house our kittens until they are ready for adoption.

If you are interested in helping, click below and check out how you can support today!

[Click Here for Virtual Kitten Shower Info!](#)



Thank you to everyone who ordered a T-Shirt or Tank Top during our online fundraiser with Promotions Guy! Thanks to your generous orders we raised almost \$1,500 for our shelter animals!



June is National Pet Preparedness Month!

There is no better time to start preparing in the event of a major storm. Now that hurricane season has begun, please consider putting a plan in place for the safety of your pet today!

PET SAFETY HURRICANE CHECKLIST

BEFORE THE STORM: Remain Calm, Stay Informed and Be Prepared.
The calmer you are, the less stressed your pet will be.

To do LIST:

- Get pet emergency stickers
- Microchip your pets
- Choose an alternate caregiver
- Download ASPCA mobile APP
- Keep up heartworm prevention
- Store vet info in your phone
- Be prepared to evacuate
- Gather hurricane supplies



Photos of your pets
(printed and on your phone)

Copies of pet medical records (printed and online or stored in an app)



EXTRA SUPPLIES FOR EVACUATING:

- Disposable litter box
- Food dishes and water bowls
- Travel dog crate



HURRICANE KIT SUPPLIES

5-7 days' worth of nonperishable pet food in sealed container

Pet first aid kit

2-week supply of prescription pet meds

Comfort items: treats, toys, beds, blankets

Dog and cat collars, leashes

Pet ID tags filled out with contact info

7+ days' worth of bottled water for each pet

Pet kennels (for evacuating or transporting to vet)

Potty pads, indoor dog potty system, cat litter



AFTER THE STORM: Don't lose hope if you become separated from your pet.
Remain calm if your pet is injured. Use your first aid kit and call a vet.

Are You Interested in Becoming a Foster?

The FKSPCA is in need of Fosters for many reasons including Hurricane Season, Kitten Season and Emergency Fosters for situations like the COVID-19 outbreak. While we do not need fosters in this exact moment, we need to prepare for all the reasons listed above.

We are continuing to accept applications for Hurricane, Emergency and Kitten Fosters, which we highly depend on throughout the year. If you're interested in learning about our Foster program please email Lindsey@fkspca.org in Key West or Tara@fkspca.org in Marathon. Thank you!



Learn More About the Foster Program Here!

Do you need some feel good moments in your life right now? Check out and Like our Facebook page or become one of our Instagram followers today! We are posting happy, silly and fun animal content daily just like below!

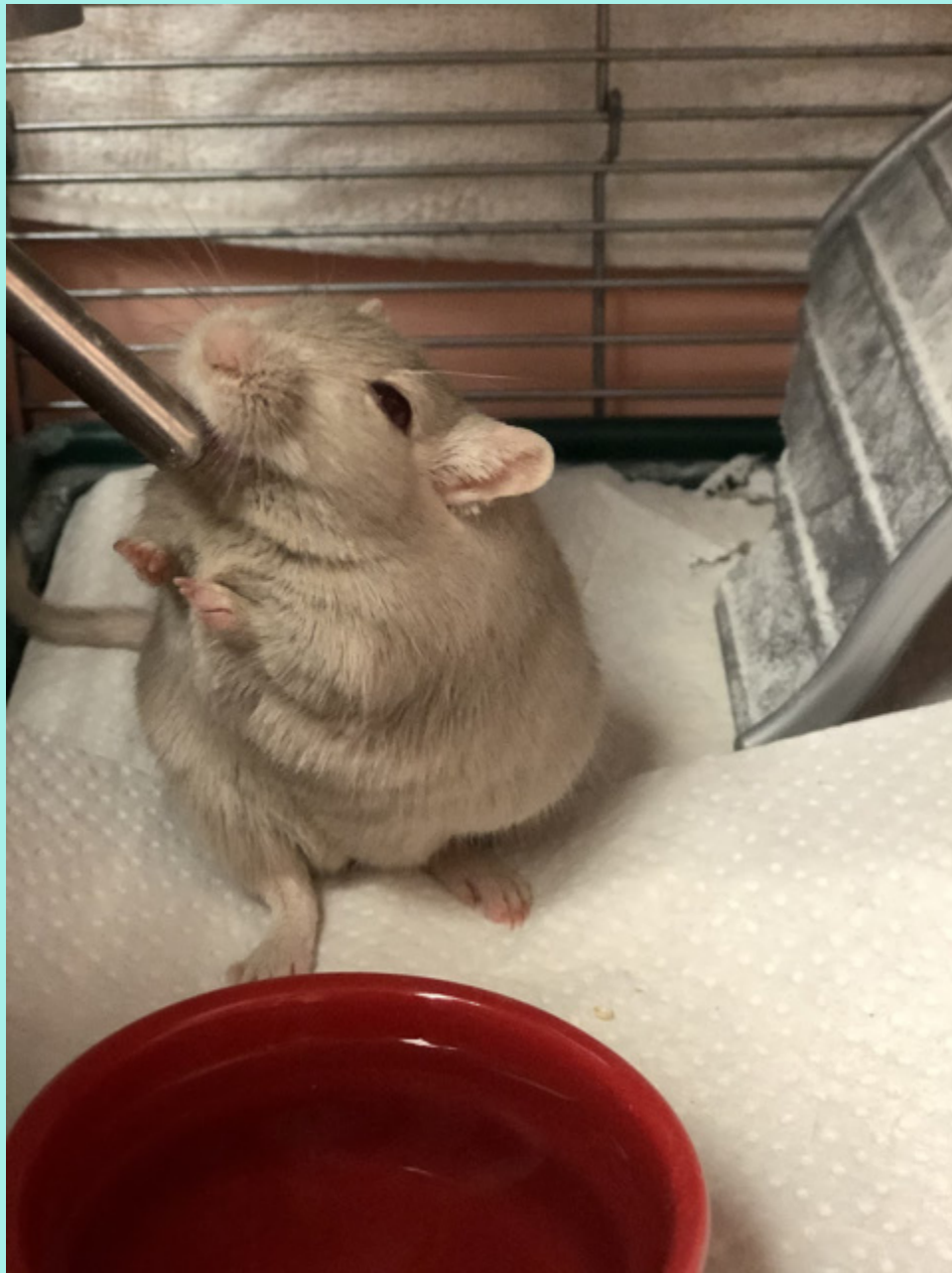
Be sure to check out our *NEW Cat Cam* on our website at www.fkspca.org to see what our kitties are up to LIVE!



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HAPPY TAILS



Katniss has been adopted!!! After being at our shelter for 814 days, 2 years, 2 months and 22 days, it looks like her 2nd home is the perfect one for her!

When COVID-19 happened and we were looking to foster out our animals, we weren't sure we would find a place for Katniss to go temporarily, but we did! Sadly, we knew that it wouldn't be her furever home. After 2 months in her foster home, she had to come back to the shelter due to a prearranged trip by her foster.



But as luck would have it, the foster's neighbor, Hannah, decided she could give her 2 more weeks of time out of the shelter until she too would have to leave town. This was the turning point for Katniss's fate!

Hannah fell in love with our sweet, yet challenging girl. Katniss didn't show well at the shelter, but once out and in a home, she was able to show her goofy, fun side that everyone who loved her knew was there. Even though Hannah was unable to keep her, her parents had experience with dogs like Katniss as well as have 2 acres of land in Virginia to give Katniss the space she needs for her big personality!

We were sad to say goodbye to Katniss as we will miss her dearly but we are so excited she can say hello to a new life!

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Wishlist for our
greatest needs!

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