July News from the FKSPCA!

Have you heard the news?
Dear Friends,

We share a common bond in our love and concern for the animals. The team at the FKSPCA are grateful for friends like you who care for the animals here in the Keys. Your support enables our team to be there for the animals when they need us the most. Since January 1st, 2020 our animal control officers have responded to 256 calls for help regarding animals. Of these calls 28% percent were animals in distress as a result of injury or cruelty. Your support has ensured the FKSPCA has the resources it needs to save these
animal lives through providing medical treatment and emergency care. You assist us in giving these animals the second chance they deserve. The FKSPCA is proud to do the work to save animal lives and we are proud to have you supporting our mission. In order to recognize you and your support the FKSPCA has established the Heroes of Hope membership program. Heroes of Hope acknowledges our supporters who contribute $500 or more each year through an annual gift, a monthly gift of $42 or more, or any combination of gifts. To learn more and to become a Hero of Hope please visit https://fkspca.org/donate/heroes-of-hope/. And if you would like to sign up to foster an animal in need please contact Lindsey in Key West at lindsey@fkspca.org or Tara in Marathon at tara@fkspca.org. Thank you for being a hero and partner in our lifesaving mission!
With gratitude,
Tammy

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SHELTER LIFE

Become a Hero of Hope!
Heroes of Hope is our NEW donor program dedicated to helping the 2000+ animals that come through our shelters in the Middle and Lower Florida Keys. At the Florida Keys SPCA, we are grateful to call our most dedicated supporters “Heroes of Hope.” By becoming a Hero of Hope you will be supporting future programs the Florida Keys SPCA plan to implement for the benefit of our community such as dog behavior classes, a Spay/Neuter Clinic at our Marathon Campus and more!
There are benefits for becoming a Hero of Hope for both individuals and businesses such as recognition in print & social media outlets, invitation to our Annual Donor Gala, opportunities to name public areas at the Key West Campus and more! To learn more about how to become a Hero of Hope, click below!

Click Here to Become a Hero of Hope!

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.
Dreaming of a Home by Coco, FKSPCA resident

My dream home would be shared with kind people who understand and accept who I am. I have boundless love and loyalty to offer anyone willing to respect my boundaries and to give me space when I ask. My family would enjoy working with me; I'm focused, eager to learn, and treats are my favorite.

In the home of my dreams, I would be Queen without other animals sharing my throne. My perfect life would be away from the city in a quiet neighborhood without the stress of strangers, traffic, and other animals to deal with. A fenced yard to protect from intruders would be high on my wish list. And lastly, My dream home would include a soft bed, coconuts to shred, and the loving companionship of good people by my side.

Coco is approx. 5 years old and has been a shelter dog for 7 months. If interested in making her dream come true, please contact the FKSPCA at 305-294-4857.
Is Daisy your next Family Member?
Meet Daisy! Daisy was found as a stray 3 ½ years ago, and has been looking for a family ever since. She is a timid cat that will need a patient home to let her build trust at her own pace. While Daisy most likely won’t ever be a lap cat or a snuggler, she does enjoy affection once she knows she is with someone safe. She loves treats, playing with her toys and the company of other felines if you have another cat at home. If you’re looking for a cat that truly needs a second chance at a new life, contact the Key West Campus about adopting Daisy today!

Urgent adopter needed for Cloudy at our Marathon Campus!
Cloudy has been with us for nearly four long years and the toll of long term shelter life is causing some behavioral issues that can only be helped in a home environment. Cloudy has Feline Idiopathic Cystitis caused by stress, which is causing litter box issues. Our local Veterinarians have ruled out any medical cause and have recommended an immediate adoption situation to help relieve her symptoms. FIC cats are very sensitive and she will require a calm and relaxing home environment. Stress can be minimized in a home environment that allows choices for the cat in terms of
areas for playing, resting, eating, and eliminating. Cloudy is also a Golden Paw recipient meaning her adoption is free, her adopter will receive a complimentary follow up exam at our Key West Dogwood Clinic and 10% of all future services at the clinic. In the right home, our Veterinarians think her symptoms can resolve and she can live a long and healthy life. Please consider giving Cloudy a chance, and giving her the home she's waited 1,427 days for! For questions or more information call our **Marathon Campus at 305-743-4800.**

**We have kittens to adopt at our Key West and Marathon Campus!**

Kitten season is here and there are a few kittens available now for adoption! Currently these adorable little ones are around two months old, spayed or neutered, microchipped and have had their first kitten vaccines. They have come from a couple of different litters and most are sibling or sibling pairs. Kittens need plenty of playtime, exercise and socialization, so if you're adopting for the first time, you may want to consider bringing a pair of kittens into your home and heart! To view our adoptable cats and kittens visit us at [fkspca.org/adopt-a-cat](http://fkspca.org/adopt-a-cat) and click on the photo of a cat or kitten you're interested in. From there you'll see the link to our online application. Once your
application is reviewed and approved an adoption counselor will call you to discuss the next steps!

Beat The Heat: A Virtual 5K
Help raise funds for the Dogwood Wellness Clinic of the Florida Keys SPCA! Create your own Fundraiser page that your friends, family and coworkers can donate to! Then run, walk or skip your 5K this month! Prizes for most money raised and best dressed/costumes! All donations will benefit the Spay/Neuter and Wellness Clinic!
To create your own page or donate to our cause, click the button below! Questions? Contact Tiffany at Tiffany@fkspca.org or (305) 294-4857.

Virtual 5K Event Sign Up & Donations
BEAT THE HEAT
VIRTUAL

- Fundraise for the FKSPCA'S Spay/Neuter Clinic
- Dress up (or don't, this is the Keys)
- Practice social distancing
- Prizes for the best dressed and most money raised!

Run, walk, skip or hop at any location and anytime between 1-31 July 2020

www.fkspca.org
www.justgiving.com/campaign/fkspca-virtual5k

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS ONLINE USING #FKSPCABEATTHEHEAT
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!
Virtual Summer Critter Camp Registration is OPEN!

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the FKSPCA has decided to offer Virtual Critter Camp programming this summer. While we would have loved to host in-person camp sessions, we plan to make Virtual Camp as insightful, educational & entertaining as possible so that campers can still experience all of the excitement and joy of working at the shelter with our animals daily.

Camp will consist of a variety of interactive experiences such as daily live Zoom meetings, behind-the-scenes videos of shelter life and virtual field trips. We can’t wait until we can reopen our doors to in-person camps once again for Fall and Winter Break. Until then, we hope to provide a valuable and memorable experience through our Virtual Critter Camp program. Virtual Camp will be
offered for the reduced price of $50 beginning the week of July 6th and registration is now open online. To register or for more information, click the button below!

Virtual Critter Camp Registration & Info

More Pets go missing on the 4th of July than any other day of the year. Check out some tips below on how you can keep your pets safe:
**Be Prepared for Storm Season!**

In the event of a Tropical Storm or Hurricane it is important all pet owners take the necessary steps to prepare for their pet's safety. Below are the FKSPCA's Dogwood Clinic Preparedness Guide. To download this, our Pet Information Form and additional information on how you can be ready for disaster, click below!

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**July 4th**

**PET SAFETY TIPS**

**DON’T FREAK OUT**
Fireworks explosions are loud and frightening to pets. Keep them secured in a quiet room during the displays.

**TAKE A CHILL PILL**
Some pets need help to ease the stress of fireworks. Talk to your vet about products and medications that can help.

**PARTY ANIMAL**
BBQs and gatherings are fun for us, but pose problems for pets. Keep alcohol and foods out of paw’s reach.

**STAY COOL**
It can get hot outside and the festivities can be distracting. Make sure your pet has plenty of water and shade.

**MICROCHIP**
More pets get lost on 7/4 than any other day of the year. Microchip your pet and avoid the stress of a lost pet.
Hurricane Preparedness Info

Be prepared!

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
- 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.monroe county-fl.gov/938/Pet-Sheltering](https://www.monroe county-fl.gov/938/Pet-Sheltering)

Hurricane Preparedness Guide

Provided by the Professionals at The Dogwood Clinic

FOOD, WATER AND MEDICATIONS

- 2-4 Week supply of food and water stored in a waterproof container.
- Food and water bowls.
- 2-4 week supply of medications as well as flea, tick and heartworm prevention.
- Can opener.

DOCUMENTS

- The Dogwood Clinic’s Pet Information Form.
- Printed copies of veterinary records including all vaccine records and a [veterinarian signed rabies certificate](https://www.monroe county-fl.gov/938/Pet-Sheltering).
- Recent photographs of your pet.
- Waterproof container for documents.
- Microchip information. (Make sure your information is updated with the microchip company).

OTHER SUPPLIES

- Cleaning supplies. (Paper towels, disinfectant, wet wipes, ‘pee-pee pads’, plastic bags)
- Collar, harness, leash and ID tags.
- Carrier or crate.
- Bedding or towels.
- Litter box and litter.
- ThunderShirt, Feliway or anything comforting to your pet during stressful times.
- Basic pet first aid kit.
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!

It's Summer and HOT! Please make sure to take all the precautions to make sure your animal does not overheat this summer by reading the tips below.
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](http://www.fkspca.org) to see what our kitties are up to LIVE!

Connect with us on Facebook!  
Follow us on Instagram!
Oma has been adopted! Oma was found as a stray kitten in April of 2016 and stayed at our shelter until she caught the eye of Jackie. Oma was not the most outgoing cat to people, which means she didn’t get a lot of interested adopters. She simply preferred the company of other cats. Jackie had experience with cats that were scared and required time to adjust. She knew she could give Oma the home she not only needed but deserved. After speaking with our Adoption Counselors, it was clear Jackie had the total package to give this sweet kitty the home she had been waiting so long for. After getting her home Jackie said it was going so well. She had Oma in her own transition room, and after about 2 hours, Oma came out of the crate on her own, left a few exploratory paw prints in her litter box and found her new bed on top of the file cabinet! Since her adoption she's been coming out of her shell more and more! We are so very happy for Oma and that her search for her family is finally over!