October News from the FKSPCA!

Have you heard the news?
October 2020

FROM OUR DIRECTOR, TAMMY FOX
Keeping your pets safe on Halloween doesn’t have to be tricky!

Although COVID-19 may be putting a damper on this year’s festivities it is good to be prepared.

If the constant ringing of the doorbell sends your pet into barking fits you will want to make adjustments to make sure your pet stays calm and safe.

If you’re wondering about how to keep calm at your house, here are some tips from Jen Kasner, a dog expert and co-founder of Goldn, a web site that dispenses advice via texts on living your best life with your dog.

Preparing for the night

Disable the doorbell for the night or simply man the open door so you’re aware when visitors are present.

Consider enlisting a friend or family member to distract your dog with playtime, treats or frequent walks.

In addition, have a buddy — someone your pup is comfortable with — give treats to your dog when someone comes to the door. Have your buddy, at a fair distance from the door, give treats and verbal praise to your pup. (If you live in a neighborhood with lots of visitors, consider other options so you don’t end up giving your dog too many treats. — Joan)

If your pup becomes too stressed, refusing the treats, take him or her to their safe place far away from the front door.
Trick out your pet’s favorite safe-haven in your home by adding chew toys, blankets or bedding. Try to isolate this area as much as possible from the front door noise and check on your pet frequently to make sure they’re doing OK and let them know you’re fine, too.

**Walking your dog**

Walk before it gets dark to avoid encountering trick-or-treaters.

Keep the dog on a short leash, and cross the street to avoid costumed groups or individuals.

Keep plenty of dog treats on hand. If you come upon some costumed strangers, get your pup to focus on you by giving plenty of treats. If they seem stressed or scared, cross the street and put as much distance between them and your dog right away. Stop the treats once the individuals have walked away. Resume the treat fest only in the presence of other trick-or-treaters.

Halloween can be a stressful time for our dogs, who see their role in life as protecting the household from strangers encroaching on their territory. Please be mindful of that.

Also, if you have decorated the outside of your home with fake cobwebs, please remove them. They can trap and injure birds and other critters.

**Remember to keep chocolate and sweet treats out of reach of your pet! You don’t want an unintended emergency room visit to darken your door.**

With gratitude,

*Tammy*
Behavior Helpline Information

Florida Keys SPCA Animal Behavior Helpline

DOG PROBLEMS? CAT CONCERNS? BUNNY BURDENS?

WE’RE HERE TO HELP!

CALL
305-294-4857

EMAIL
behaviorhelpline@fkspca.org

Sharing your life with a companion animal can be incredibly rewarding but it also comes with a unique set of challenges. Even the most experienced pet parents need a helping hand at times.

The Florida Keys SPCA has a team of animal experts who are ready to help. Simply leave a voicemail or email about your pet’s behavioral concern and one of our Behavior Helpline team members will reach out to help within 24-48 hours.

(Please note: This is a helpline, not a hotline. For Animal Control Emergencies, please contact our After Hours Emergency number.)

Click Here for More Behavior Helpline Info!
Choose the FKSPCA as your charity for AmazonSmile!

With the holiday season approaching, more and more people will be using online shopping to purchase gifts this year. Consider choosing the Florida Keys SPCA as your non profit to support and shop through AmazonSmile. If we are your choice as the non profit to support, each time you make a purchase though Amazon you will also be donating to the homeless animals of the Lower and Middle Keys! Amazon will automatically donate 0.5% of your total purchases to our shelter if you choose us!

Go to https://smile.amazon.com/, and when choosing which charity to support, choose the Florida Keys Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Thank you!

Our online store is now open!

For your Holiday Shopping consider giving a gift from our Online Store! We have hats, shirts, baby & youth apparel, mugs, tote bags and masks! Give a fun gift all while helping save a life!

Check out our Online Store Today!
October is adopt a shelter dog month!

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

Love is BLIND

Fill out an Adoption Questionnaire at www.fkspca.org/adopt

A Matchmaker will call you to discuss possible matches for your family!

Once you have your match we will schedule a curbside pick up of your new pet!
**Just Jack!**

Meet Jack! Jack is a 2 year old Hound Dog Mix at the Key West Campus looking for his furever home. He is a very happy boy looking for an active home that will have plenty of time for play! He loves treats and is very food motivated. He can sit and will be easy to train through positive reinforcement. Jack is affectionate, cuddly and loves quality time with his humans. He likes to play outside, runaround all the dog yards but would also be content with some tug of war inside. If you think this dog is for you, you will want to have plenty of toys in the house because Jack is a toy hog! He will even try to carry 2 in his mouth at a time. If you are interested in Jack, go to fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-dog/, click on Jack’s photo and fill out the adoption questionnaire today!
Searching for Shadow?

Meet Shadow! This charismatic cutie is awaiting her furever home at the Key West Campus. Shadow is 5 year old, female, German Shepherd mix who could be your next best friend! She's the perfect age for an easy transition into your home: old enough to be house-trained and young enough to still love adventures. Shadow loves walks, treats, affection and socializing with her doggy friends. Her adoption fee is only $75. If you'd like to make Shadow a part of your family, visit fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-dog/ to fill out an application by clicking on her photo. Thank you for adopting!
Miley may be for you!

Miley is still available to adopt at our Marathon Campus! Don't let her age fool you, she's 7 years young! Miley loves the pool, playing with toys, going for walks but mostly, chasing Iguana's. She's sure to keep your yard Iguana free! She is incredibly charming and always has a smile on her face. During inside time, she's quiet as a mouse in her kennel and plays well with her toys. Because of her prey drive we don't recommend a house with small animals, but she may be able to make a canine companion if it was the right fit! Fill out an application for Miley online at [fkspca.org/adopt-a-dog](http://fkspca.org/adopt-a-dog) today!

Candi could be yours!

Single cat home needed for Candi! Candi is a gorgeous Calico cat at our Marathon Campus. Unfortunately the other cats in the Catio were picking on her, so for her safety and comfort she's been moved inside into "Candi's Castle" where she is doing so much better with her own peace and privacy. Candi doesn't mind dogs, but would do best
in a home without other cats. This girl loves treats, and used to "beg" in the window for special treats by pawing at the glass! She also loves perching high and would love some shelves of her own to lay on. Although she seriously loves her castle, this beautiful cat needs a home of her own. Adopt Candi by filling out an application online at fkspca.org/adopt-a-cat.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Last (Gingerbread) House on the Left Contest!

Now - October 30th

For a fun Halloween-themed fundraiser for the whole family we invite you to build and decorate the spookiest, most creative, Haunted Gingerbread House throughout the month of October for a chance to win great prizes and raise money for the animals of the FKSPCA!

To begin, simply follow this link: https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/last-gingerbread-house and select “Start Fundraising” to create your page that you can have your friends, family and coworkers donate to and help raise you the most funds for your spookily decorated Gingerbread House.

Purchase your gingerbread house materials from smile.amazon.com and selecting Florida Keys SPCA as your designated beneficiary organization.

If you want to make a truly DIY gingerbread house, you can find some easy gingerbread recipes here:
For questions, please contact Amina directly at amina@fkspca.org or 305-294-4857. Happy building!

To Begin Your Fundraising Page Click Here!
Spring Social LIVE!

We are making our biggest event of the year virtual! While we wish we could gather to celebrate the animals, we are going to bring the best of our event to you right in your homes.

We will stream our LIVE event hosted by the talented Rude Girl on the same date, Friday November 6th, from 6-9pm to showcase local talent, adoptable animals and more!

Check out our NEW event website at:
https://fkspca.ejoinme.org/SpringSocial

We will also have our infamous silent auction of 500+ items available to bid and win online! All the same amazing items that are donated annually to our event can be yours! As well, we will host a live auction for those luxury and must have items during the streamed event.
To Pre-Register for the silent auction and get notifications about the items go to: [https://fkspca2020.ggo.bid](https://fkspca2020.ggo.bid), click on 'Start Bidding' and follow the instructions.

As we get closer, there will be more details to come of the schedule of events.

Questions about our event, how to register to bid on our online auction or watch the LIVE stream? Contact Tiffany at tiffany@fkspca.org or (305) 294-4857.

All proceeds from our event will directly benefit the animals of the Florida Keys SPCA! We thank you for supporting our lifesaving mission!

Click Here for New Event Website!

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**COMMUNITY & OUTREACH**

**Donate Food to Help those in Need!**

Food insecurity is a problem faced by approximately 40 million people in the United States, according to the USDA. These numbers are only expected to rise as the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continue.
In partnership with the SOS Foundation and the generous donations of community supporters, the Florida Keys SPCA provides meals to local pets in need through our Community Pet Food Pantry.

This food pantry is made possible by the donations that we receive from our supporters. If you are in a position to help, we have dog and cat food donation bins located in front of our shelter building at 5711 College Rd on Stock Island where we can accept unopened bags of food. We also have a donation bin inside of Pet Supermarket in Key West. If you prefer to donate virtually, you can have your donations shipped to our Key West location.

The food donated to our Community Pet Food Pantry will be distributed through our partnership with the SOS Foundation at their food distribution drive through events.

Thank you so much for your continued support in these tough times; every little bit helps!

Virtual Painting Party Success!

A huge thank you to everyone that watched, bid and donated to our Painting Paws for a Cause event! Thanks to your generosity we raised over $2000 to benefit the animals! We are truly grateful for our wonderful supporters!
Slice of Paradise Pizza wanted to start helping the animals this past March and have since been putting flyers of adoptable animals from both our Key West and Marathon Campuses on their boxes they deliver in the community! If you order a pizza from Slice of Paradise Pizza located at 24458 Overseas Hwy in Summerland Key, you may end up finding the love of your life! Thank you for being a wonderful community partner!

The Bubbas are back! We are so grateful for our community supporting the Florida Keys SPCA in being nominated and voted as the Best Non Profit for 6 years in a row! Due to the impact of Covid-19, the Keys Weekly decided to alter this year’s competition and list the last
six years of Bubbas winners in each category to be voted on. Because we have had the support of the community each year, we are the only selection to vote for in the category Best Non Profit, but we encourage everyone to vote to support our community businesses in all the other categories at https://keysweekly.com/bubbas/#/. Thank you!

Thank you to all of our Virtual Kitten Shower sponsors: Fran Sessa, Jeff Johnson, Dawn Bowles and Fred Slack who donated directly to our kitten season needs.

Through these donations we were able to provide our kittens and their fosters with the necessary supplies, food and enrichment they needed while they grew up into adoptable cats. If you would like to donate to the needs of our kittens that come in our shelter throughout the year consider going to our Amazon Wish list. All of our kitten needs are listed! Thank you!

Click Here for our Amazon Wish List!

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!

Connect with us on Facebook! Follow us on Instagram!
Tater went from being a runaway to a stay at home boy! He was initially left in our overnight pen but made an escape before we could take him in. Once we were able to capture him, we discovered he was a pretty fearful little guy, but with a sweet and fun side to his personality. Shelly was looking for a dog of his type and came to meet him. He did well with her so we all decided to try it and he was adopted. He's still in transition but reports have been encouraging. He's sweet, affectionate, and makes her smile everyday. Sounds like he's happy too! His new name is Bolt but hopefully those days are behind him!