



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

The Center for Animal Welfare & Education

November News from the FKSPCA!

Have you heard the news?



November 2020

FROM OUR DIRECTOR, TAMMY FOX

Helping those in need during the Holidays

As the holiday season approaches, I am reminded of the blessings in my life and my thoughts go to those who are in a time of need. Many are struggling with finding a balance between taking care of themselves and with keeping their pets safe. No one should have to stay in a dangerous situation for fear of losing their beloved pet and companion.



The FKSPCA Safe Haven Program is one of our most cherished programs that we provide for the

communities of the lower and middle keys. This program is in place to help people in times of need. We offer temporary housing at no cost for pets belonging to individuals trying to escape domestic abuse, or who require emergency hospitalization and have no one to care for their pets.

Many people do not realize that we are here for the citizens of our community just as much as the animals. We consider the nurturing of the human-animal bond to be one of the most important aspects of our mission. As quoted by The Center for the Human Animal Bond Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine:

"The Human-Animal Bond is the dynamic relationship between people and animals in that each influences the psychological and physiological state of the other. Human-animal interaction has profound physiological consequences. People, in their contact with animals experience a decrease in blood pressure, reduced anxiety, and a general feeling of well-being. By observing the behavior of animals, children learn to be more nurturing and perhaps better parents to their own children. The therapeutic value of animals for socially isolated individuals in nursing homes, hospitals, hospices, and prisons has been documented. People in the presence of animals are often perceived to be happier and healthier".

Our ability to keep safe the cherished animals belonging to victims of domestic abuse, or those in an emergency situation, is our way of maintaining the human animal bond for those involved. Once these individuals get back on their feet; their precious companions are there to help them the rest of the way.

The Safe Haven program is free to those who need it. If you'd like to learn more about this program please call 305-294-4857 in Key West or 305-743-4800 in Marathon. All information pertaining to the individual and this program is confidential.

If you would like to donate to the FKSPCA to support this program and our lifesaving mission please go to www.fkspca.org/donate

With gratitude,

Tammy





The FKSPCA Celebrates 5 Years in Marathon!

Happy 5 year anniversary to our Marathon Campus! On November 1st, 2015 the FKSPCA assumed the Animal Control contract from mm16.7-mm70 adding the Marathon Campus to our family. The transition was seamless and all 6 employees remained on. Since then, 3 employees are still

part of our team in Marathon!

During the last 5 years we have provided adoption, lost and found, temporary boarding for people in domestic abuse situations, trap/neuter/return for feral cats and animal control services to our Middle and Lower Keys Community. Our Marathon Campus survived Hurricane Irma and the outdoor dog yards were completely rebuilt with the help of Greatergood and Rescue Rebuild. We constructed, and updated our indoor/outdoor free roaming "Catio" for our adoptable cats, and have relocated and renovated the old spay/neuter trailer from Key West to Marathon with the goal of providing low cost and free spay/neuter and wellness services to our community in 2021.

We even took home the honor of best non-profit in the 2019 Best of Marathon Awards! We are exceptionally proud of all the progress at our Marathon Campus and to have served, and continue serving the Middle and Lower Keys.

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!










November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month! Consider adopting a Senior Pet through our Golden Paw Project!

THE FLORIDA KEYS SPCA'S ANIMALS OVER 8
YEARS OLD NOW QUALIFY TO BE MEMBERS OF

THE GOLDEN PAW PROJECT

THIS EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

-  Fee waived adoption
-  Senior bloodwork panel prior to adoption
-  One annual exam, including vaccines at the Dogwood Clinic
-  10% off all future services at the Dogwood Clinic
-  12 months of flea, tick and heartworm prevention



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Marble May Be Right for You!

Meet Marble! This sweet 13 year young beauty is looking for a home just like yours! She was found as a stray this past June and nobody came to claim her. Because we don't know a lot about her history, we are learning daily her likes and dislikes. We know she loves her food as she is tipping the scales a bit, but isn't a big fan of other cats. Marble would like a nice quiet home to relax on a soft bed to watch the world go by. If you think Marble is for you, go to <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-cat/>, click on her photo, fill out the adoption questionnaire and an adoption counselor will contact you. Thank you for adopting!



Is Libby looking for you?

Libby could be your next best friend! Libby is a sweet curious 8 year old girl looking for a home full of comfort, cuddles and care. She likes walks, toys and treats. Although she is particular about which treats, once she finds the ones she likes, she won't leave your side! Due to her over-curiosity for small animals, she would be best in a home without cats or other small animals. Libby is affectionate and will need a

home that can be a stable place for her to relax in her golden oldies. If you think Libby is for you, go to <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-dog/>, click on her photo, fill out the adoption questionnaire and an adoption counselor will contact you!



Small Animals Need a Big Heart!

Small animals need homes too! Recently our Marathon Campus had two Guinea Pigs and a senior Rabbit surrendered that are now in need of a loving forever home. Our two Guinea Pigs Sebastian and Stella are a sweet 3 year old pair of piggies who are friendly, social and full of adorable squeaks and squeals.

Thumper, our senior Rabbit, is a 9 year old blind bundle of love who was neglected for most of her life, and needs a safe place to live her happiest days. Rabbits and Guinea Pigs are wonderful, intelligent, social companions that need homes just like their canine and feline friends! With the right habitat, appropriate diet and plenty of love and exercise a small animal can make a wonderful addition to a family! If you're ready for a Guinea Pig, or have room in your heart for a Rabbit in need, give our Marathon Campus a call at 305-743-4800 for more information!

Violet could be your new hue!

Meet Violet at our Marathon Campus! Violet was found as a stray and brought to our Marathon Campus. It took a few days for Violet to get comfortable and open up, but now that she has, she's the sweetest dog! Violet is scared of the cats, and has met some smaller dogs at the shelter. She's a people person and loves having a human around to give her love and attention. She's estimated to be around three years old, and a 45lb mutt. Violet just needs a loving home that will shower her with affection. To adopt Violet visit us online at fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-dog and fill out an application today!



UPCOMING EVENTS





**OUR
BIG
13TH
ANNUAL
PARTY!**

FLORIDA KEYS SPCA
SPRING SOCIAL

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 event LIVE at <https://fkspca2020.ggo.bid> hosted by the talented Rude Girl this **Friday November 6th from 6-9pm**. We will showcase local talent, adoptable animals and more!

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! To Pre-Register for the silent auction and get notifications about the items go to: <https://fkspca2020.ggo.bid>, click on 'Get Started' to follow the instructions.

To view our schedule of events, to buy your raffle tickets NOW to get your pet's face on the side of our FKSPCA van or to learn how to double your donation through our Paws Up segment, go to our event website at:

<https://fkspca.ejoinme.org/SpringSocial>

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 to Pre Register for the Silent Auction!](#)

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!

Giving Tuesday is December 1st!

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. So 'Save the Date' for a day of giving through different ways you can help our homeless animals.



Thank you SO much for voting the Florida Keys SPCA the BEST Non Profit 7 years in a row! We are so grateful for the support from our community!

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!



HAPPY TAILS



Tank has been adopted! Yana and family are so excited to bring Tank into their home for a second chance at a new life! His transition once at the shelter took some time as we needed to learn about Tank's strong personality, decide what home would be best for him, and we found it! He is settling in great, enjoys swimming and he's even learned how to hold his breath and go under water already. We are so happy for Tank!



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