



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

The Center for Animal Welfare & Education

January News from the FKSPCA!

Have you heard the news?



January 2021

FROM OUR DIRECTOR, TAMMY FOX

Reflecting on the Good of 2020

Happy New Year! We at the FKSPCA are hopeful that 2021 will bring all of us peace, joy and good health. We are happy to put 2020 in the past and move on toward a better year. Although we are ready to say goodbye to 2020 it is important to acknowledge some accomplishments that took place in spite of the challenges brought by the pandemic.

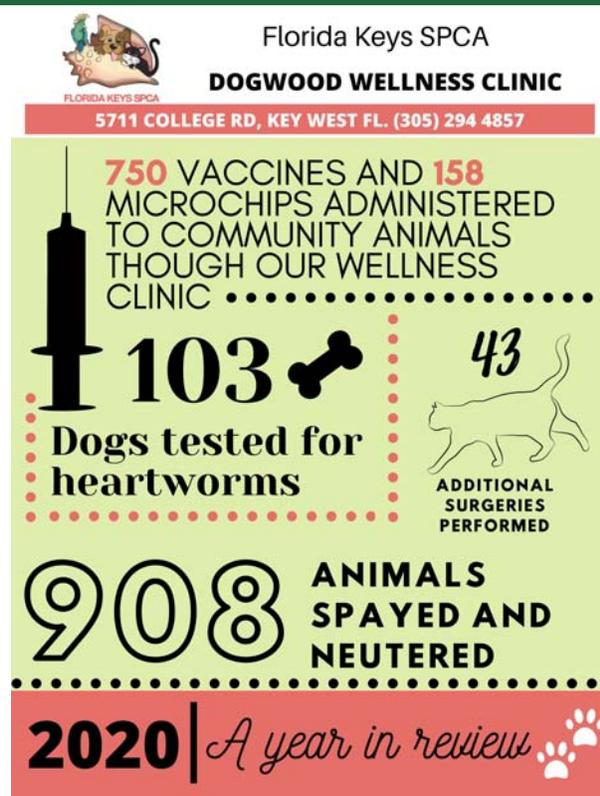
In 2020 the FKSPCA served 2,028 animals through shelter, adoption, lost and found and clinic programs. A new program, The Golden Paw Project which provides incentives for adoption of senior pets,

assisted in the adoption of 29 long term senior pets at the shelter. We sheltered 62 animals through our safe haven program which provides safe shelter for animals belonging to victims of domestic abuse or other emergent situations until they can be returned to their family. Animal control officers responded to 633 calls for help including 62 investigations of cruelty. The FKSPCA Clinic team tested 103 dogs for heartworms, and administered 751 vaccines and microchips as part of our affordable wellness clinic. They also spayed or neutered 915 animals and provided 46 additional surgeries to keep our community pets healthy. Our Community Outreach Coordinator provided virtual camps for our community children to engage them in responsible pet ownership and educate them on the importance of compassion for animals.

I am proud to say that our team were steadfast in their dedication to the animals and our mission and it shows in our ability to accomplish so much in spite of the pandemic. It must not go without saying that we could not have done this without your support.

We look forward to 2021 and accomplishing so much more for the animals with your partnership. Thank you for being a hero and partner in our lifesaving mission.

With gratitude,



Tammy



Monthly Donors Save Lives!

Becoming a Monthly Donor to the animals of the Florida Keys SPCA help us to support the medical care and everyday needs of all **2000** animals that come through our shelters annually. To make a difference and become a monthly donor, even at only **\$10** a month, click the button below!



[Become a Monthly Donor](#)



Thank you for all of your wonderful donations this Holiday Season! Our dogs, cats and small animals at our Key West and Marathon Campuses had the best Christmas morning opening gifts, choosing toys and playing with all of their new gifts! We sincerely appreciate each and every gift that was sent and are extremely grateful to all of our

supporters. Thank you!!



Choose the FKSPCA as your charity for AmazonSmile!

When shopping this year, consider choosing the Florida Keys SPCA as your nonprofit 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/> or go under the settings in the Amazon app and when choosing which charity to support, choose the Florida Keys Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Thank you!

Need some new Swag? Check out our Online Store!

We have sweatshirts, hats, shirts, tanks, baby & youth apparel, mugs, tote bags and masks! Treat yourself while helping save a life!

Check out our Online Store Today!



Give an Animal a Home Today!

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 by clicking on the
pet's picture you are interested in adopting!



A matchmaker will call you to discuss possible
matches for your family and home!



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!

Artie is an Absolute Dream!

Meet Artie! Artie is a 1 ½ year old love bug that would make a great addition to any family! Artie was originally found as a stray as a baby kitten, adopted and then recently returned due to the owner no longer able to own him where he lives. Artie is quite a cat! He loves attention, cuddling other cats and affection wherever he can get it. When you walk into his room, he is the first to greet you, ask for pets and then sticks to you like glue for scratches. If you want a snuggler or a friend for another feline friendly cat in the home, Artie is your boy! His adoption fee is only \$25 and you can adopt him by going to <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-cat/>, clicking on his photo and filling out the adoption questionnaire online!





John Henry could join your family!

Looking for the perfect couch potato to lounge with? Meet John Henry! This lovable lunk is available at our Key West campus. John Henry loves people, and he's looking for a perfect partner to nap with. As much as he loves nap time though, he could stand to lose a few lbs and may do well with a doggy friend to play with and be his fitness coach. Walks and outdoor time are always good too.

If you're interested in learning

more about John Henry, and maybe giving him a spot on your own couch, visit fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-dog/ or email info@fkspca.org.



Hamsters in need of Homes!

We have Hamsters at our Marathon Campus! It's all too common that Hamsters multiply, and quickly. In this case $1 + 1 = 23!$ Our available Hamsters are Syrian which means they will need to be adopted out individually.

Although considered the friendliest and most social pet Hamster for humans, Syrian Hamsters will fight if housed together which means we need to find lots of homes for these

little guys! Thankfully, many have found loving homes but we still have 8 hamsters left for adoption. Can you bring a Hamster into your home and heart? Apply online at fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-small-animals today!

Luna is looking for you!

Meet Luna, a five year old German Shepherd at our Marathon Campus! Luna was adopted last year, and recently returned when her owners were moving and could not find housing to take her with. Luna is loyal to people, but would prefer to be the only animal in her home. Her dream family is just one, or two people, who can dote on her and give her all the attention. She enjoys playing ball, going for walks, playing in the water and spending time outside enjoying the cooler winter days. If you're interested in learning more about Luna call our Marathon Campus at 305-743-4800.



Selena has been searching for a home for almost 5 years!

Thinking of adopting a new cat? Meet Selena, a shy black cat who has been waiting 1,776 days for someone like you! Selena is shy which is probably why she's been overlooked. However; cats that are shy in a shelter may not necessarily be shy at home! Being in a home will help her build confidence and will certainly be a

rewarding journey! With patience, understanding and willingness to accept her as she is now, we just know Selena could become someone's purrrfect companion. Don't let Selena wait another day, she's already waited four and a half years for you! For more on Selena call our Marathon Campus at 305-743-4800 or fill out an application today online at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-cat/>.



UPCOMING EVENTS





A huge Thank You to all our participants in our **7th annual Parade Your Own Paws** this year! Thanks to your efforts we were able to raise over \$11,300 to benefit the animals of the Florida Keys SPCA! This incredible amount raised will provide essential day to day needs for each animal that comes through our shelters and we could not be more grateful.

We want to give a special recognition to Cat the Dog and her furmom RuthAnn Vester who is now the reigning Queen for 4 years in a row, raising a cumulative total of \$25,000 through the generosity of our community!

Here is the Royal Court that made this happen! We hope to celebrate in person with everyone at our 8th annual Parade of Paws in December 2021!

King- Ozzie the Poodle King
Queen- Cat the Dog
Prince- Spanky
Princess- Zoey
Duke- Chester and Co-Duchess Bonnie
Duchess- Cookie

Thank you so much to [Gingerbread Square Gallery](#) at 1207 Duval Street for hosting their annual raffle to benefit the animals of the Florida Keys SPCA! Thanks to their efforts and those that donated they raised over \$600! We are incredibly grateful for this community partner!



Thank You!
This Purrrrr's
for You!



It's Hot Out; Don't Leave Your Pets in the Car!

An 80-degree day in the Florida Keys can feel quite cool for those of us who are familiar with the blazing heat of a sunny afternoon in mid-August. But even on an 80-degree day, the temperature inside your car can reach a sweltering 115 degrees in just 30 minutes!

Unfortunately, even with the window cracked, a dog left in a hot car can quickly become overheated resulting in extensive organ damage or even death.

In Monroe County, law enforcement officers have the authority to enter a vehicle to rescue a pet left inside. If you notice a dog left in a car, immediately contact Animal Control, local law enforcement, or call 911.

Do not leave the animal until help arrives. You can help prevent a tragedy by responding quickly to an animal in distress, and by spreading the word to friends and neighbors.



It's Hot Out!

Don't Leave Your Pet in the Car!

120°

Within 30 minutes, the car's interior can climb from 85° to 120°.

102°

On an 85° day, it only takes **ten minutes** for the inside of your car to reach 102°.

90°

Even if the temperature outside is only 70°, the inside of your car may be as much as **20 degrees hotter!**



Pets most at risk for overheating are young, elderly or overweight animals, those with short muzzles and those with thick or dark-colored coats.

A car may overheat even when the windows have been left open an inch or two.



Shade offers little protection on a hot day and moves with the sun.



Many states and local governments have laws that prohibit leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle under dangerous conditions, which includes hot days. Your car could be damaged or you could be charged with a crime.



If you see an animal in a car on a hot day, try to locate the owner, or call 911! Stay by the car until help arrives.

January is 'Walk Your Dog Month'

What better way to kick start your New Years Resolutions by getting out in the great outdoors and walking off some of that festive food and drink?

With obvious health benefits for both you and your dog(s), this awareness month is a great way to help dust off the January blues, get out and about and improve your own and your dogs well being.



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!



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!

Become a Hero of Hope!

Heroes of Hope is our 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 once it is safe to gather, 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 Hero of Hope!](#)

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 *Cat Cam* on our website at www.fkspca.org to see what our kitties are up to LIVE!



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HAPPY TAILS



Ringo is celebrating the New Year in a new home!

Cautious and anxious when he first came to the shelter, it took Ringo a while to warm up to us. At 10 years of age, he was a senior dog surrendered for adoption and we wanted to take our time with him before eventually putting him up for adoption. During his stay with us, we observed his anxiety when confined behind a closed door. We suspected he was experiencing some isolation distress and/or confinement anxiety which could present a challenge to an adopter.



Fortunately, he found a family with Jessica and Alex! They came to meet him a couple of times until he greeted them with recognition and a smile. They felt he was the dog for them and we felt they were the people for him, so he went home. By creating a slow transition, providing him with appropriate exercise, mental enrichment and fun, along with a predictable routine and other supports he is able to cope with his anxiety. Jessica told us he was the perfect dog for them. They admit they are in love with him, and from the updates and pictures we are getting, the feeling for Ringo is mutual!

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