



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

The Center for Animal Welfare & Education

February News from the FKSPCA!

Have you heard the news?



February 2021

FROM OUR DIRECTOR, TAMMY FOX

Safety Net Programs Save Lives

When a hurricane blows over the Florida Keys, we expect that our families and their animals are hunkered down safely from the storm. However, many do not realize that the Florida Keys SPCA is often relied upon to provide care and sometimes shelter for animals and their families from an economic or other emergent storm. This could be due to domestic abuse, job loss, medical emergencies or COVID-19. The FKSPCA is often the only safety net for animals in urgent need.



The FKSPCA is the largest animal welfare organization in the Florida Keys serving over 2,000 animals each year through animal control, adoption, cruelty investigation, shelter, lost and found and clinic programs. It serves communities from MM0 to MM70 and provides care for families in emergency situations through the Safe Haven Program and the FKSPCA Dogwood Clinic wellness services.

Over the last 12 months the FKSPCA has provided safe haven shelter for 70 animals that without these programs would have been separated from their families. One example is that of Coco. When Coco stopped eating, was vomiting and lethargic, Coco's owner quickly took her to her local Veterinarian. After her initial physical exam, the veterinarian requested more extensive diagnostics to find the cause of Coco's illness. Her owner was on a limited budget and had already exhausted all the funds she had. She felt she had no choice but to surrender her to the shelter so Coco would no longer suffer. Once Coco made her way up to the clinic, the staff worked hard to find a diagnosis. One thing was evident, Coco desperately missed her mom and her mom missed her. We called her owner to ask if we could treat Coco, would she take her back? Through the tears we heard a "please, please, I just miss her so much!" The FKSPCA veterinarian worked to discover that Coco was suffering from an intestinal block. She underwent surgery and made a full recovery. Coco had a tearful reunion with her mom and is happily living her best life.

This is just one story of an animal the FKSPCA has helped through safety net programs made possible by the FKSPCA Dogwood Clinic and the Safe Haven Program. This February as we all celebrate the month of love, we wish to express our gratitude to you for your support. Your dedication makes saving the lives of animals like Coco possible. If you would like to support the services of the FKSPCA Dogwood Clinic or the Safe Haven Program, please make a donation by going to www.fkspca.org/donate and consider making a monthly recurring gift that will work to save animal lives throughout the year.

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 to our extremely valued members of our Heroes of Hope program. At the Florida Keys SPCA, we are grateful to call our most dedicated supporters "Heroes of Hope." These members help us continue our mission of protecting pets in paradise, launch new programs and continue to provide our community with much needed services.

If you would like to learn more on how you can become a Hero of Hope, click the button below!

[Click Here to Become a Hero of Hope](#)

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choice as the non profit to support, each time you make a purchase through 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 the purrrfect Valentine's Day gift?
Check out our Online Store!**

We have sweatshirts, hats, shirts, tanks, baby & youth apparel, mugs, tote bags and masks! Buy a loving gift all while helping save a life!

Check out our Online Store Today!



Celebrate Valentine's Day with the new love of your life!

"Be my Valentine?"

February is Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month

Thousands of abandoned rabbits are looking for their forever home.



Churro could choose you!

Meet Churro! This sweet and energetic boy was found as a stray in July 2019 and is now looking for a family to call his own! Churro is silly, loves attention, affection, greens and a lot of space to run around in. He has endearing floppy-tipped ears, closes his eyes with contentment when being petted with the preferred bunny technique and jumps for joy when you enter his exercise pen. He rearranges the "furniture" in his house daily and is a



curious boy always looking for something new to discover! If you have never owned a rabbit before, we can give you all the ins and outs of owning a rabbit like what they should eat, their housing and some helpful rabbit tips! To find out more about Churro, go to <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-small-animals/>, click on Churro's photo and fill out the online adoption questionnaire!



Poppy could pop into your heart next!

"Able to leap tall boxes in a single bound..."

Superman has nothing over Poppy when it comes to leaping abilities. February is Adopt A Rabbit Month, and we think Poppy could be the next rabbit to find her home!

Poppy is just one of the wonderful rabbits we have available for adoption at our Key West shelter. Poppy was found in a dirty wire outdoor hutch at an abandoned house

with nothing but rotting vegetables for food! Fortunately someone noticed her and called the shelter. Now her daily menu consists of fresh greens, pellets, and lots of high quality hay. Of course, her favorite food group is Oxbow bunny treats! Poppy is spayed and microchipped, and her litter box skills are above average and improving all the time

She's hoping her next "leap" will be into a loving home as a house rabbit! We hope you will consider adopting her and learn about the enjoyment of indoor rabbits. Go to

<https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-small-animals/>, click on her photo and fill out the adoption questionnaire to talk to a counselor about bringing Poppy home!



Lady could be the lucky girl for you!

Lady Peppercorn, or Lady for short, is a one year old Shepherd/Husky mix available to adopt at our Marathon Campus! Lady was found as a stray, and unfortunately nobody came to claim this gorgeous gal. Lady was a little wild at first, until we realized she was just young and needed a little help adjusting to life at the shelter. With LOTS of exercise and routine she's doing great and learning quickly how to be a good girl. Both Shepherds and Husky's have big personalities and this girl is no exception.

Her dream family would be an active one with lots of long walks (or runs!), playtime, pool time and structure. If you can be her activity coordinator, adopt Lady today by going online to <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-dog/> today and fill out an application!

Hamsters still looking for homes!

We still have several Syrian Hamsters available to adopt at our Marathon Campus! These adorable cuties are turning two months old and in need of furrever homes! Syrian Hamsters are considered the friendliest hamsters to people and are good for beginners who have never had a hamster before.

Although they enjoy interacting with humans,

Syrian hamsters are territorial and can not be housed together as adults. If you've been considering adding a hamster to your family fill out an application online at

<https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-small-animals/> to add one of these wonderful furry friends to your family!



Choose Cheeto this Valentine's Day!

Cheeto is a sweet senior available to adopt at our Marathon Campus! Cheeto spent his life well loved until his owner entered a care facility and had to surrender her beloved cats. Cheeto is well socialized with other cats and a sweet and affectionate older gentleman. At 14 years old Cheeto was chosen to be part of our Golden Paw Program. To help encourage adoption of senior pets

Cheeto's adoption fee is waived, and his adoption includes a

complimentary wellness visit at our Key West Dogwood Clinic, a year's worth of flea medications and discounts on services at our Clinic for life! Senior cats have so much love to give and want nothing more than a happy home and a family of their own! If you think Cheeto is the right fit for your family visit us at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-cat/>, click on Cheetos photo and fill out an application today!

 **UPCOMING EVENTS** 

Spring Social is Moving to November!



**OUR
BIG
14TH
ANNUAL
PARTY!**

FLORIDA KEYS SPCA
SPRING SOCIAL
FRIDAY, NOV. 5, 2021

Spring Social is moving from its original date this March to the rescheduled date of Friday November 5th, 2021. As much as we were looking forward to hosting our event this Spring, there is still too much uncertainty at this time. We truly hope to be able to gather for the animals in person in the Fall. For ticket information click the button below!

[Spring Social Tickets and Info Here](#)

A HUGE thank you to Mary Ellen's Bar for raising over \$6000 for us in the month of January to benefit all the animals of the Florida Keys SPCA! We could not be more grateful for this community partner!



Mary Ellen's

420 Appelnouth Lane ♦ Key West



FEBRUARY IS RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS MONTH!

Things you can do this month to be a responsible pet owner:

01 Provide mental stimulation!



02 License your pet!

A license identifies your cat or dog and allows you to be quickly reunited with them in case they ever get lost. Complete your pet's license at either our Marathon or Key West Campus!

03 Address behavioral problems!

Reach out to our behavioral helpline to find solutions to your pet's behavior!
Call [305-294-4857](tel:305-294-4857)
or Email
behaviorhelpline@fkspca.org
for assistance.



04 Provide ample physical exercise!



05 Provide lots of Love!

06 Take your pet for a check up!

When it is safe to re-open,
Our Key West Wellness Clinic offers low cost vaccines, heartworm and FIV/FelV testing, and more!



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Key West Campus : 305-295-4857 Marathon Campus: 305-743-4800

FKSPCA Receives Grant from PetSmart Charities to Increase Access to Affordable Veterinary Care from Key West to Marathon!



We're so excited to become a PetSmartCharities grantee! Grant funds will go directly toward helping more pets through discounted preventative wellness services and the ability to bring these services into areas in need in the Middle and Lower Keys! Thanks to donations at PetSmart stores, we're able to make an even bigger difference for pets in our community. We look forward to sharing additional information on this grant soon!

Spring Break Virtual Critter Camp Coming Soon!

Looking for a fun, virtual learning experience for the young animal lover in your life? Virtual Critter Camp will return for Spring Break March 22-26 with a variety of educational, interactive lessons to choose from. Lessons will cover a broad range of topics such as Dog Behavior and Training, Caring for Pocket Pets, and How to Become a Veterinarian. Each camp session will be one hour long with multiple sessions offered throughout the day; your child can choose to attend just one or all sessions based on their interests and availability.



Registration will open soon under the Humane Education tab on our website at fkspca.org.

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!

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



Coco finally enjoying a home of her own!

Update from one of our senior cats from Marathon who waited more than a year for a family of her own! "Coco has made her way to the great white North! She adjusted very well to her life in Duck Key and is now living her best life in Michigan. She is one amazing girl! A little bit of patience, a lot of love and letting her just be "her" has helped in making this transition a great one. She is thriving! We love this girl!" Way to go Coco. We are so happy for you and your new family!



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