March News from the FKSPCA!

Have you heard the news?
March 2021
FROM OUR DIRECTOR, TAMMY FOX
How to Prevent Deadly Poisonous Accidents

The month of March highlights National Poison Prevention Week, March 21st-27th.

There are many hidden dangers in your household that could be harmful to your pets. Being exposed to toxins is one of the main reasons many pets are taken to the emergency veterinarian and now is a good time to do what you can to prevent it.

Top 10 most common toxins:

- Over the counter medications such as pain relievers, herbal supplements, vitamins, coconut oil, etc. Pain relievers can be especially deadly.
- Prescription drugs
- Insecticides
- Human Foods - xylitol (found in sugar free items), grapes or raisins, onions, greasy foods, alcohol and garlic.
- Household Items - cleaning supplies, paint, potpourri, glow sticks, etc.
- Veterinary Medications - incorrectly used off label
- Chocolate - baking chocolate and dark chocolate have a higher toxicity
- Plants - Lilies, Azaleas, Daffodils, Tulips, and Hyacinths, etc.
- Rodenticides - rat poison
- Garden Products - herbicides and fungicides

How to Stay Safe

Make sure all medications are kept in child proof bottles and kept in cabinets that are not accessible. Don’t ever give your pet over the counter or prescription medication without first consulting your veterinarian. Use veterinary prescription drugs and flea medications as directed on the label. Do not apply dog flea medication to cats. Dog-specific insecticides containing pyrethrins are highly toxic to cats. Keep cleaning products in cabinets enclosed in their containers. Wipe up all
residue or extra liquid when finished. Allow cleaning products to dry before allowing pets access to the area.

Make sure that candy is kept out of reach of your pets. Chocolate and xylitol (found commonly in sugar free gum) can be deadly. Avoid giving pets table food as some things, such as greasy foods, can cause pancreatitis. Feeding coconut oil has also been linked to causing pancreatitis and diarrhea. Keep plants outside or in a room where cats are not allowed. Even ingestion of a few leaves or petals can cause serious issues. Don’t put insecticides or rodenticides in areas where other animals have free access to them.

What to Do

If your pet should accidentally come into contact with any of these items, please contact your local veterinarian or the Animal Poison Control Hotline (888)-426-4435 as soon as possible.

The faster you get your pet help, the more favorable the outcome! Also make sure to have the package or bottle of the toxin available as it will help with treatment. Never try to treat your pet yourself as different toxins are treated differently. Many of these products are also hazardous to children as well. So, as you start your spring cleaning make sure to create a safe environment for you, your family, and your pets!

With gratitude,

Tammy

Sponsor A Pet Program is Here!

Our new exciting Sponsor A Pet program will give you the chance to help change the life of one of our pets in need. Your monthly $25 donation will directly benefit
that pet's needs whether it's medical, like Sadie who was hit by a car (pictured), a specific diet or a special needs animal. You can find each pet available for sponsorship and their stories by clicking the button below.

Each sponsor will receive a welcome letter, a picture of their pet, certificate of sponsorship and updates on their sponsor pet. You can also give the gift of saving a life in honor of someone special. We have so many animals with stories to tell and we want to share their needs with you in hope you will find a special bond with them. For additional questions please email Tiffany@fkspca.org.

Meet Your Sponsor Pet Here

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 nonprofit 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!

Looking to spruce up your Spring outfits?
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!
MARCH is

Adopt a Rescued Guinea Pig Month

2 Pigs dressed in their best looking for a new home!

March is Adopt a Guinea Pig Month! Simon and Garfunkel are adorable Guinea Pig brothers who were sadly abandoned when their owner moved and left them behind. These young boys were hungry and a little frightened when they first came into our care. With lots of love, the right diet and a happy environment they are doing great and ready for a furever home of their own. They have also been neutered, so a home with another Guinea Pig might be a possibility too! Simon and Garfunkel are available to adopt at our Marathon Campus and the adoption questionnaire is available online at https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-small-animals/.
Jewel is looking for an adventure with her new family!

Jewel is a friendly and happy Labrador Retriever mix up for adoption at our Marathon Campus! Jewel is an active five year old girl who absolutely loves playing ball and splashing in her pool. She would love to have a family to play with and take her to the beach. If you're looking for an outdoorsy dog who can be your adventurous companion, then Jewel is certainly the dog for you! Fill out a questionnaire online at https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-dog/.

Ace could win over your heart!

Meet Ace! Ace is a handsome young cat who was found as a stray on Big Pine Key. Ace was super friendly and shy. He may not have ever lived in a house before as he seemed quite confused by his new surroundings! Ace was neutered, vaccinated and now this young man is ready for a home of his own! He is quiet, a little shy and observant. He's curious but not rambunctious. He prefers a quiet place of his own to just watch and learn! He has soft meows for when he wants attention, or wet food! If you're
looking for a laid back, younger cat Ace might be the cat for you! Check out Ace at our Marathon Campus online at fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-cat/ and click on his picture to fill out our online adoption questionnaire!

Harriet is hoping for a home!

Harriet is a born leader, ready to take charge in her new home. She was brought to our Key West Campus originally as a Trap-Neuter-Release litter, but we found they were friendly and adoptable! Harriet is the most adventurous of her siblings, ready to brave new surroundings, toys and treats. If you are interested in adopting this 4 month old sweet girl, go to https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-cat/, click on Harriet's photo and fill out an adoption questionnaire today!

Emci is eager to meet you!

Emci could be the next love for you! March is Adopt a Guinea Pig month, and this sweet girl is looking for some stability. She was left in our overnight pen at our Key West Campus with no owner information. So while we don't know a lot about her, she is a
happy pig, always loving her greens and squeaking when she sees someone familiar. To adopt Emci or any of our Guinea Pigs available go to https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-small-animals/, click on their photo and fill out the online adoption questionnaire!

Sugar is looking for her second chance!

Meet Sugar! This 5 year old hound mix is available at our Key West campus. Her personality is as sweet as her name. She absolutely love cuddles!

Sugar already graduated from the SPCA once before and went to a great home for a while. Sadly, she had to come back to the shelter when her person passed away a little while ago. But she still has so much love to give as soon as her new furever person shows up to find her.

Sugar has great manners and is very well potty trained. She loves walks and treats very much, and she does great on a leash-she's a dream to walk. She's a little timid around the other dogs but she might do well with a compatible calm doggy sibling in the house. To learn more about Sugar, and fill out an adoption questionnaire, visit fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-dog/ and click on her picture!
Virtual Kitten Season Shower

Kitten season has already begun and we have several kittens already between our two Campuses! This is just the beginning and we will be expecting many more kittens throughout the upcoming months. You can help our kittens by becoming a 2021 Kitten Season Sponsor, a Kitten Foster or by donating much needed supplies from our Amazon Wishlist. Learn more about how you can help this kitten season by clicking the button below!

Thank you for your support for these itty, bitty kitties!

Kitten Season Shower Info Here!
Registration is Now Open for Virtual Critter Camp for Spring Break March 22-26th

Does your child love animals? Enroll them in the Florida Keys SPCA’s Virtual Critter Camp. With 20 fun, pet-centric lessons to choose from, there’s something for everyone! Each camp session is one hour long and there are four sessions per day. Your child can choose to participate in just one or several sessions based on their interests and availability.

Lessons cover a broad range of topics such as Dog Behavior and Training, Caring for Pocket Pets, How to Become a Veterinarian, and more. Each session is composed of an educational exploration of the topic and a hands-on activity and animal interaction. Some courses are tailored to specific age groups, Elementary (ages 5-10) and Teen/Tween (ages 11-17) with some courses designed for All Ages. Explore the full list of lesson titles and descriptions on our website by clicking the button below. We look forward to seeing you and your child (virtually) for Spring Break!

Sign Up for Critter Camp Here!

Leaving your pets in the car is dangerous and deadly!
how long does it take for a car to get hot?

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Even in the shade, the temperature in the car can still soar quickly to dangerous levels.

Leaving the windows open has little effect on how hot it is inside the car.

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!
Did you know that the Florida Keys SPCA accepts gifts of Stock? Not only can a gift of stock give you a charitable income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock, you will also avoid paying capital gains tax on any increase in the value of stock. We make it easy for you to donate while helping you at tax time!

For details on how to donate a gift of stock to benefit animals like Cruella (pictured), click the button below or contact us directly at Tiffany@fkspca.org!

Learn how to give the gift of Stock here!

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 follow our Small Animal Facebook Page, Bunnies & Buddies, for regular content featuring small animals like rabbits, guinea pigs and hamsters!

Connect with us on Facebook!

Follow us on Instagram!
Sage finally found the home she had been waiting for!

It was Sadie's luxurious coat and beautiful face that caught everyone's attention. But beauty only gets you so far in life. For this young Shepherd mix, her striking good looks took her on a long journey before she arrived where she needed to be.
One of our jobs is helping animals find lifelong homes. We are fairly successful at matchmaking and have a low return rate but sometimes things don't go as planned. Before she reached her first birthday, Sadie's story was already filled with many chapters such as coming in as a stray but no owner coming forward, adopted, rehomed without our knowledge, returned, adopted and returned again.

We humans have so much control over the lives of animals. In the animal sheltering world, we have the responsibility to choose for them where they will live and who they will live with. Even the most wonderful and loving home is right for one animal but not right for another. Most of the time, the animal cannot tell us what they need and want, but in some cases, they do!

When Steven and Kasia came to meet Sadie, something special happened. Their calm, kind demeanor was apparent, but there was something else that Sadie responded to; their way of communicating with her worked in a way we hadn't seen before. She seemed to connect with them and was quickly engaging with their very sweet and well-mannered dog. This was her best chance and off she went to her 6th home. She was just over a year old! We had to share this update we just received!

"Today marks a year since we adopted Sage, former Sadie, from you guys. Just wanted to let you know she is doing great, she grew even more, and finally became the dog we knew she would eventually be; very loving, loyal and happy."
Best,
Kasia and Sage