



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

The Center for Animal Welfare & Education

September News from the FKSPCA!

Have you heard the news?



September 2021

FROM OUR DIRECTOR, TAMMY FOX

**Double Your Donation to
Save Animal Lives with our
\$50,000 Match**

Dear Friends!

With your help we impact the lives of more than 2,000 local animals each year. As a nonprofit, we rely on private donations to provide second chances to the helpless, homeless animals of our community.

Our Dogwood Wellness Clinic relies 100% on private donations to operate, receiving no government funding. Through a lead match gift of \$50,000 your donation to the Dogwood



Wellness Clinic will be doubled for the month of September! That's right, the Dogwood Foundation is offering to match up to \$50,000 in order to help as many animals as we can. This means your generosity will assist us in providing lifesaving and wellness services as well as spay neuter for twice as many animals. Animals like Missy, a 10-year-old Schnauzer mix who came to us with a urinary tract infection and many bladder stones that needed urgent surgical extraction. Along with the bladder stones, a coin needed to be extracted from her GI tract as soon as possible.

Her owner was not aware that her medical condition was so severe; he could not afford the lifesaving procedures on his own and needed our help.

Missy underwent both a gastrotomy and cystotomy. The coin able to be extracted along with thirteen bladder stones. She made a quick recovery from her procedures and was reunited with her owner. Thanks to the generosity and support of friends like you, Missy now enjoys her days with her owner free from pain and feeling spry.

Please consider making a charitable gift to the Dogwood Wellness Clinic match campaign today so we can help animals just like Missy.

Thank you for being a hero and partner in our lifesaving mission!

With gratitude,

Tammy



New Volunteer Orientations at our Key West Campus!

If you're interested in joining the volunteer force at our Key West campus, email Amina@fkspca.org for the Zoom link to our **Virtual Volunteer Orientations** on September 1st and 3rd, times listed below.

(You only have to attend one session). In-person training sessions will take place the week after orientation.

We have several areas available for volunteers depending on your skills and interests, including working directly with the dogs, cats, and small animals. You can also assist with events and fundraisers, work as a Critter Camp and Youth Club Assistant, or be a front office helper and tour guide.

We require a background check from all volunteers 18 years and up to ensure the safety of our animals, staff, and other volunteers. There is a one-time \$30 administrative fee due at your first in-person training date for all volunteers. This fee covers the cost of the Volunteer T-Shirt, Handbook, and other materials necessary to the volunteer program. We can't wait for you to join our team!

VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

Email Amina@fkspca.org for the Zoom Meeting Link.

Orientations give an overview of the shelter and volunteer opportunities available.

In-person training sessions will take place after Orientation.

ADULTS & HIGH SCHOOL (AGES 16+)

September 1st at 6 pm
September 3rd at 5:30 pm

YOUTH CLUB (AGES 10-15)

MUST HAVE A PARENT PRESENT
Postponed until further notice

Key West Campus

5711 College Rd
Key West, FL 33040
305 294-4857

For more info, contact
Amina@fkspca.org



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[To Learn More About Volunteering Click Here](#)

Clear the Shelters is happening now through September 19th!

All adoption fees are waived thanks to our amazing sponsors: Old Town Manor, Island Tire, and Sea, Key West. Come meet the love of your life at one of our shelters today!



Looking for some amazing swag?

We have shirts, tanks, baby & youth apparel, mugs, tote bags and masks! Keep cool and help save a life!

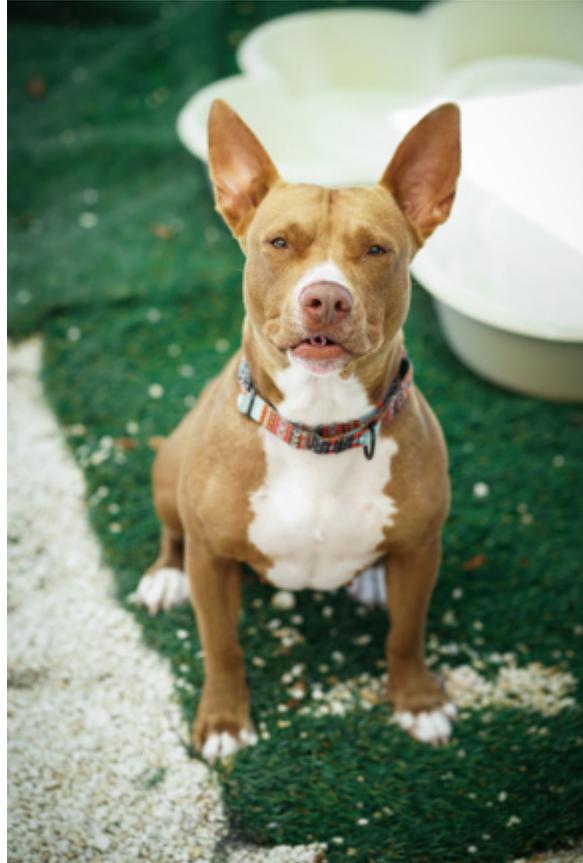
Check out our Online Store Today!



Sponsor A Pet Program is Here!

Our Sponsor A Pet program gives 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, a specific diet, an animal that needs time to adjust from their previous home, like Coco pictured here, 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 sponsored 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 hopes that you will find a special bond with them. For additional questions please email Tiffany@fkspca.org.



[Meet Your Sponsor Pet Here](#)



Squirrel is searching for a family!

Meet Squirrel! This sweet little half-cyclops is available for adoption at our Key West campus. Squirrel first came to us as a feral kitten. Unlike a lot of feral cats, Squirrel was friendly with people and entered our adoption program after his neuter surgery. Unfortunately, a scratch on his eye from his time as a feral wasn't healing properly and Squirrel entered medical treatment in our clinic. After a lengthy recovery, Squirrel has recently reentered the adoption program and is ready to find his purrfect forever home.



Squirrel can come off as skittish when you first meet him, but once he's comfortable he becomes very loving and affectionate. He also loves playtime and will chase anything that moves. Squirrel is a big talker too; he loves to make happy noises to show you how much he's enjoying your company. If you're ready to bring this sweet special boy home, come by our Key West campus to meet Squirrel or fill out an adoption questionnaire online at fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-cat/



Andy is ready for a new life!

Meet Andy! He's a bit of a goofball and a total ham, but that's pretty common at his young age. Andy is a 2 year old Shepherd Mix available at our Key West campus. He loves to run and play! And if you take him for walks, he'll be your best friend. One of his favorite things to do is

explore and sniff on a long walk. If you bring him home, he'll definitely keep you entertained with his silly antics.

Andy is very particular about his human friends and would probably be best as the only animal in the home. So a little patience will go a long way with him. He would especially love a yard with a good fence to play in. He's also pretty smart and has a lot of good potential for training. To learn more about Andy and apply to bring him home, visit fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-dog/, click on his picture, and fill out the adoption questionnaire or stop in to meet him today at our Key West Campus!



Hammie snuggles could be just what you need!

Hester and Estelle are our two Syrian Hamsters waiting for adoption at our Marathon Campus. Syrian Hamsters are one of the most solitary animals in the wild and are incredibly territorial; because of that, Syrian Hamsters are one of the few species that must be kept alone. They are also considered to be the friendliest to humans, and are

typically easier for children to handle due to their larger size making them excellent companions for youth. Hamsters, just like our other companion animals at the shelter, want a loving family to call their own. Adopt a hamster today by visiting us at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-small-animals/> or stop by our Marathon Campus behind the airport and meet a hamster today!

Big Red has Big Love to share!

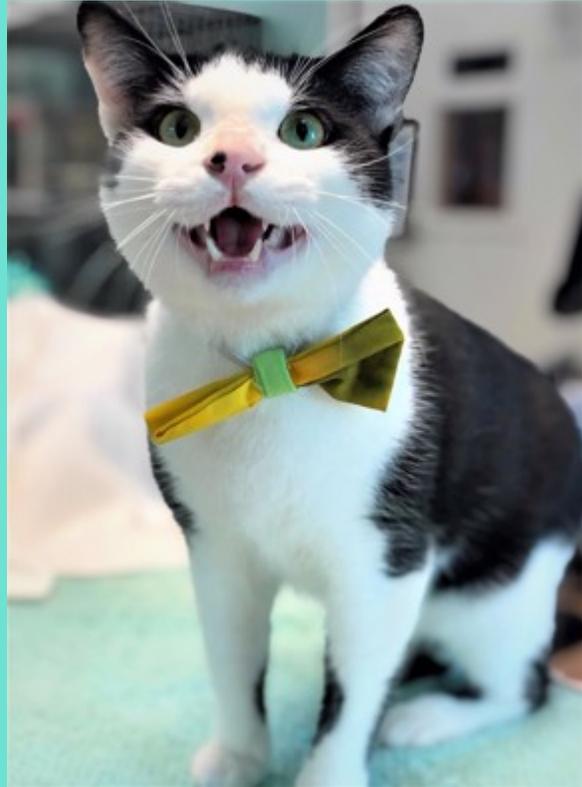
Meet Big Red! Big Red is a handsome ham at our Marathon Campus. At over 80 pounds, Big Red earned his name, but he's truly a gentle giant. He absolutely adores attention, especially from the ladies, and wants nothing more than to be your lap dog. Big Red's favorite things are belly rubs and snuggles. He is six years old and on the lazy side, with the occasional zoomie and play time. He wants nothing more than to be the center of



attention, and to be loved and cuddled everyday. Stop by our Marathon Campus to meet this sweet boy today!

Ace is ready to be your feline friend!

Meet Ace! Ace is just about the most handsome cat you could ever meet. With his enormous green eyes and proper black and white attire, he surely is a stunner! Ace is a young year and a half old cat available to adopt at our Marathon Campus. He prefers to hang back and watch the world go by, but with some time (and a few treats) Ace will gladly grace you with his presence and is happy to have your attention after the other cats have had theirs.



Ace is a dream, who gets along with everyone and has a laid back cat-a-tude. Adopt Ace today by visiting us at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-cat/> or stop by our Catio in Marathon. You may have to see him in person to realize what a dreamboat he really is! For more on Ace give us a call in Marathon at 305-743-4800.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday September 22nd

Spayghetti & No Balls Dinner ~ 6-9:30pm

La Trattoria Oceanside, 3593 S. Roosevelt Blvd, Key West

We are happy to announce our 6th Annual Spayghetti & No Balls event at La Trattoria Oceanside is back! Join us for a night of delicious Italian cuisine, complimentary welcome drink and wonderful entertainment.

There will be a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and an amazing multi-course dinner you won't want to miss! Buy a couple tickets or bring all your friends and grab a whole table to benefit the animals!

For tickets and event details click the button below!

[**Click HERE for Tickets & Event Info!**](#)

6th
Annual

Spayghetti & No Balls Dinner

Benefitting the Spay & Neuter Clinic of the:



Wednesday September 22nd, 6:00-9:30pm

LA TRATTORIA
Oceanside

\$75 Per Ticket Includes:

Delicious Multi Course Italian Dinner!
(Vegetarian Option)

*Welcome Drink *Silent Auction *50/50 Raffle
*Entertainment

Tickets Available at:

*Florida Keys SPCA, 5711 College Rd, Key West

*Online go to:

<https://fkspca.org/event/spayghetti-no-balls-dinner/>

For more information contact:

Tiffany at tiffany@fkspca.org or 305-294-4857



Friday September 24th

Yappy Hour ~ 5-8pm

Rum Row Bar, Gates Hotel, 3820 N. Roosevelt Blvd, Key West

Yappy Hours are back! Come out for the best kind of Happy Hour, Yappy Hour! Bring your well-behaved, four-legged friends and join us for some fun at the Gates Hotel's Rum Row Bar to kick off your weekend with our adoptable pets.

Drink specials will benefit the animals, we will have raffle prizes you can win and a nice relaxing night full of puppy love. We will see you there!

[**Click HERE for Event Info!**](#)

YAPPY HOUR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

THE GATES HOTEL

5-8 PM AT RUM ROW

KICK OFF THE WEEKEND WITH SOME

ADOPTABLE ANIMALS!

**PETS & THEIR HUMANS
WELCOME!**

PROCEEDS FROM THE DRINK
SPECIAL GOES TO THE ANIMALS
IN NEED AT THE SPCA

ADOPTABLE
ANIMAL
MEET N' GREET

RAFFLES!
A CASE OF WINE
& OTHER GREAT
PRIZES



THE
GATES
HOTEL | KEY WEST

Pool • Bar • Lounge
RUM ROW



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Virtual Kitten Season Shower



It's the last month of kitten season, but we still need your support! We will take in an overwhelming number of kittens between March and September as the cooler weather ends and cats go into heat. If you want to help our kittens by becoming a 2021 Kitten Season Sponsor, a Kitten Foster or by donating much needed supplies from our Amazon Wishlist, click on the button below to learn more about how you can

help! Or, if you are interested in adopting, continue to watch our adoption page at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-cat/> to see when they become available! Thank you for your support for these itty, bitty kitties!

Kitten Season Shower Info Here!



**September
20th begins
National Dog
Week. Give
your pups a
pawsome
hug to
celebrate
them!**



**Want to make a
bigger impact on
our \$50,000 Match
Campaign?**

**If you have appreciated
assets, you can help the
humane treatment of all
animals — while saving
on taxes! Avoid the
capital gains tax and
join our most tax-savvy
donors by using this
online tool to transfer**

your stocks to FKSPCA, so that you can make a

powerful impact for our work this year. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about giving a Gift of Stock!

Or, did you know if you are 70.5 or older, you can use an easy tool to give from your IRA, tax free, in just a few minutes. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about giving the Gift of a QCD!

A big thank you to the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys for supporting our Safe Haven program with a \$10,000 grant to continue to help pets of domestic violence survivors and other unexpected emergencies at the Florida Keys SPCA. To read the full press release, click the button below.



[CFFK Grant Press Release](#)

During National Preparedness Month, make sure to have a plan for your pets in the event of a hurricane or storm. For additional information to help stay prepared, click on the button below.

[Hurricane Prep Info](#)

Petpared

Basic Emergency Kit



- Copy of Rabies and Other Vaccinations
- Two-Week Supply of Pet Food & Water
- Appropriate-Sized Crate or Kennel 
- Non-Spill Food and Water Bowl
- Medications & Prescriptions
- Poop Bags, Litter Box and Litter 
- Disinfectant, Newspaper/Paper Towels
- Familiar Items: Toys, Treats, Blanket 
- Recent Photo of Your Pet
- add species, breed, sex, age and color
- Microchip Information/Proof of Ownership
- Calming Medicine/Thunder Shirt
- Grooming Supplies 
- Manual Can Opener (if needed)
- Flea, Tick and Heartworm Preventive Products
- Pet First Aid Book and Kit
- Leash, Harness and Collar with ID 



IF YOU EVACUATE, TAKE YOUR PETS WITH YOU



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!](#)

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!



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HAPPY TAILS



John Henry found the Family of his Dreams!

"Poor John Henry!" We found ourselves saying this over and over again as the days passed with John Henry in our care. We first met JH in early 2019 when his owner couldn't keep him. We adopted him quickly and he was in that home for the next year and a half until health issues forced the adopter to return him. When he came in, he tested heartworm positive and we began his treatment.

During this extended time with us, we really got to know and appreciate his potential to be a great companion which made his presence with us a little harder to accept. "Poor John Henry" became a common lament among us. We said it when he went on restricted activity as the heartworm treatment began. We said it when he could not remain in a wonderful foster home because he "liked" their cat too much. We said it as we watched him spend the weeks on cage rest as he progressed through his treatment. And then we said it too many times to count as potential adopters failed to fall in love with him the way we had. They would meet him, comment on how sweet he was, but then decide he wasn't what they were looking for and move on to someone else. While we understood, our disappointment each time this happened was apparently much more than John Henry ever felt because he just kept on smiling! Looking back now, we like to think he knew something we didn't....

Most of the people who looked at John Henry were just looking for a friendly dog but Vicky came specifically to meet him after seeing his pictures and video on social media. She thought he might be a good friend for her and her son. When the three of them met, we were impressed by Vicky's common sense, awareness, and respectfulness towards a dog. Her son, Jake, was kind and gentle. John Henry felt it too and their interaction quickly turned into an all around love-fest. So after five months of not finding a home, it happened. Vicky announced they wanted to adopt John Henry!



The very first pictures Vicky shared with us after taking him home told us why John Henry never stopped smiling. Maybe he did know all along that this was what he was waiting for!

Update: John Henry now enjoys walks in his neighborhood and play dates with friends. He has nighttime snuggles with Jake and is appreciated by neighbors who describe him as kind and sweet. One new JH fan said " John Henry is my new neighbor. So gentle. Always polite when his momma walks him!!! We are so happy for this boy and grateful to his family that we don't have to say "Poor John Henry" anymore.

Check out our Key West Amazon Wishlist for our greatest needs!

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