



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

The Center for Animal Welfare & Education

March News from the FKSPCA!

Have you heard the news?



March 2023

FROM OUR DIRECTOR, TAMMY FOX



SHELTER LIFE



This Month, Join Us in Getting Piggy With It

March is Adopt a Rescued Guinea Pig month so if you are thinking about bringing a pet in to your family now may be the time to consider a Guinea Pig. The Florida Keys SPCA has several Guinea Pigs available for adoption and they are waiting to join your family. If you are asking yourself if Guinea Pigs make good pets the answer is with the right care, attention, enrichment and habitat they make wonderful pets. They are sensitive, funny, smart and affectionate. And they live for around 8 years with the appropriate care and attention.



It is important to note that because guinea pigs are so social and affectionate they do not do well as a single Guinea Pig. They should be adopted in pairs or if you have a single Guinea Pig you should consider adopting another to keep them company. A single guinea pig can become depressed easily, which can affect their health. Switzerland has made it illegal to keep a lone guinea pig for this reason.

Another great trait about Guinea Pigs is they are awake during the daytime. This means that because they keep the same sleep schedule as you they won't be keeping you awake at night and they are ready to play during the day. Having the same sleep schedule means you can enjoy the companionship of your Guinea Pigs without worrying about disrupting their

sleep schedule. They do however enjoy routine so feeding, cleaning, and playtime should keep to a schedule.

It is important that Guinea Pigs do have enough space to play, and although they have little legs they do like to run. And they show joy by popcorning, or jumping up so keep this in mind. The cage size requirement will be determined by the number of Guinea pigs you have. Please see this link for cage space requirements and ideas: Kaveecage.net In addition to their cage it would be ideal to have a play space set up for enrichment and fun outside of the cage but indoors for climate control.

In conclusion, if you are looking for a furry companion that is fun, affectionate, cuddly, and matches your daily schedule a Guinea Pig may be just for you!

Please see these links for more information on why Guinea Pigs make great pets:

[Kaveecage.net guinea pigs make good pets](http://Kaveecage.net/guinea-pigs-make-good-pets) and humanesociety.org/resources/guinea-pig-right-pet-you

And, if you still are undecided please come out to the FKSPCA and speak to one of our team members who can introduce you to these wonderful animals.

With gratitude,

Tammy

Executive Director



March is Adopt a Rescued Guinea Pig Month!

Here in the Keys the March weather is known to come in like a Lion and go out like... a Guinea Pig! These mellow herbivores are sociable animals who take short naps so they can eat, play, and frolic for 20 hours each day. We currently have 4 Guineas - Speckles, Cheddar, Ralph, and Felix - available for

adoption at our Key West Campus. All they are waiting for is a visit from you! Scurry on down and meet your fuzzy new friend today!



Key West and Marathon Campus Wishlists on Amazon!

At different times throughout the year, each of our shelter locations has individual demands that are based on the number and kind of animals we are housing. We are fortunate to be a recipient of the Science Diet food program, so food donations are normally not needed.

For example, we can run low on litter (regular and clumping), and need cooling beds and outdoor play pools during warmer

summer months; we must regularly replenish rawhide and grain-free treats for dogs, catnip & cat treats, grooming and cleansing products, detergents, and of course TOYS are a hit all year!

Many of our supporters ask, "What Do You Need Right Now?" To answer, we developed an easy Amazon Wish List for each of our [Key West](#) and [Marathon](#) locations.

No-fuss shopping that could earn YOU Amazon Rewards and benefit the animals of FKSPCA!

Every Month is Wellness Month at FKSPCA!

We are excited to be able to offer a Wellness Clinic to the public that can help care for the pets in our community! Please see our upcoming dates and times below, along with the services we offer and the prices for those services.

All of our Wellness Clinics do not require appointments, but we do ask that your dogs are leashed and other animals are in a carrier when you arrive.

for questions please email the medical team at clinic@fkspca.org.

Upcoming Clinic Dates:

All Wellness Clinics are from 10am-2pm

Key West Campus-

Every Friday

Marathon Campus-

Every Wednesday

CANCELLED for Wednesday, 3/15/23



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DOGWOOD WELLNESS CLINIC



At the FKSPCA, our goal is to provide pet owners in the lower keys with affordable preventative care options for their pets.

All dogs need to be on a NON-retractable leash and cats in a secure carrier.

Puppy and Kitten Packages - \$55

- Exam
 - All age appropriate vaccines
 - Deworming
 - Single dose of heartworm prevention
- *Kittens will be tested for Feline leukemia and FIV

Additional Services

- Vaccines - \$10 per vaccine
 - A \$35 exam fee is required for all vaccines
- Heartworm Test - \$20.00
 - A \$35 exam fee is required for all heartworm tests
- FeLV/FIV Test - \$20.00
 - A \$35 exam fee is required for all FeLV/FIV tests
- Microchip & Registration- \$25.00
- Nail Trim-\$15
- Anal Gland Expression- \$15
- Dewormer- \$10
- Heartworm & Flea/Tick Prevention - Varies
 - A heartworm test is required to purchase heartworm prevention



Wellness Clinics are offered every Wednesday at our Marathon Campus and every Friday at our Key West Campus from 10AM - 2PM.



Key West - 5711 College Rd, Key West, FL 33040
Marathon - 10550 Aviation Blvd., Marathon, FL 33050



Please refer to our website for holiday closures.

Senior Animals are Golden; our Golden Paw Project helps treat them that way

Meet Titus! Titus is a "grumpy old man" with lots of personality!

Titus came in as a stray with a microchip so he has had a home of his own in the past. As he is a "gentleman of a certain age," he is a bit set in his ways. He isn't fond of other cats, so he would do well being the only pet.



Titus is also very vocal; and while he won't yell at those darned kids to get off his lawn, he does like to cry for wet food. And oh the stories he can tell! He tolerates being picked up although he doesn't seem to like it very much, because he is a gentleman.

Titus is 17 years old, and will be a great cat for someone who is looking for a mature companion. While we aren't sure of his past, we do know that his future would be far less grumpy if a he could live out the rest of his life with someone that will let him be himself, and shower him with the love he deserves because of it!

Titus is a Golden Paw Project Cat. This means that thanks to a generous grant from Community Foundation of the Florida Keys with support from Nola's Fund, we were able to begin a brand new program in 2020 to help promote senior pet adoptions through of our exclusive Golden Paw Project candidates! The adopter of senior pets, aged 6 years or older, will receive all of the following benefits for giving these sweet cats their fur-ever home:

- All adoption fees are WAIVED!
- Senior bloodwork panel prior to adoption.
- Complimentary Wellness Exam including vaccines at our Dogwood Clinic 1 year after adoption!
- 10% off future services at our Wellness Clinic!

Stop by our Key West Campus and meet Titus today, or learn about all of our cats for adoption by clicking here:

<https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-cat/>

**The first day of Spring is almost here!
Check out our SPCA swag and get your
perfect beat the heat t-shirt today!**

**We have t-shirts and tanks to keep you cool,
sweatshirts for those a/ c chills, baby & youth
apparel, mugs and tote bags, and so much
more! Spruce up your wardrobe and help save a
life!**

Check out our Online Store Today!





If you love sweet things, here's loveable Brownie!

Meet Brownie! Brownie is the young, enthusiastic love bug available for adoption at our Marathon Campus. Brownie is a one year old, 55 pound mutt with the heart and manners of a puppy.

Everything is so exciting and Brownie is interested in being involved in everything you're doing. Walks? Yes! Toys? Heck yes! Pool time? Of course!

With so much energy and the need for interaction, we've recently introduced Brownie

to another shelter dog, Bingo, and the two of them have quickly become the best buds. Bingo is helping teach Brownie how to be a big boy, and to play more gently. Because of this, we think Brownie would make an excellent companion for another dog in the home, as long as it's a good fit. We describe Brownie as a full grown puppy who needs the same love, patience and guidance that you would give to a 12 week old puppy, but instead to a one year old dog. Luckily Brownie loves treats and is willingly to learn and grow in a furrever home where he gets plenty of physical and mental exercise. Learn more about Brownie by calling 305-743-4800 or visit us online and click his photo today to complete an online adoption application.

[View Our Adoptable Dogs HERE!](#)

This sweet Senior has plenty of love to give!

At twelve years old, Doodle, a sweet senior, recently joined our Marathon Campus when her owner sadly passed away. This affectionate older lady captured our hearts with her snowy white fur, dilute calico spots and striking blue eyes. Every animal that enters our care is examined by our Veterinary team and our older pets have senior bloodwork sent out to the lab to ensure that everyone in our care is healthy, and any medical issues are being addressed. Through this bloodwork, we found out that Doodle has a very common diagnosis in senior cats, kidney disease. 30% of all cats over the age of 10 have kidney disease, and cats with the diagnosis can still live long, happy lives.



Doodle will need a special kidney diet, and supplemental fluids for the remainder of her life. Doodle is a beautiful, affectionate kitty with plenty of love to give to a family who can provide her the medical support she needs. To assist her forever family, Doodle is part of our Golden Paw Project, meaning her adoption fee is waived and her adoptive family will receive a complimentary wellness exam at our Key West Dogwood Clinic and discounted services for life. Learn more about Doodle by calling our Marathon Campus at 305-743-4800 or stop by to meet Doodle today. We just know you'll love her!

[View Our Adoptable Cats HERE:](#)

Our Rabbits are ready for a family!

We still have four friendly, social, fluffy rabbits to adopt at our Marathon Campus! Pinky, Freckles, Dot and Grey were part of a litter of six rabbits surrendered to our Marathon Campus back in September as newborn



pinkies. They were lovingly raised in a foster home until they were old enough to be adopted. Now, 7 months later, these four friendly rabbits are still searching for a forever family of their own.

Rabbits are wonderful family companions and thrive off of companionship and social interaction. They enjoy spending time hopping about a yard together, and interacting with our staff and volunteers. With a special diet, and plenty of hay, a house rabbit can live a healthy, happy family life just like a cat or a dog. If you've ever considered bringing a rabbit into your home and heart, be sure to meet our wonderful rabbits available for adoption at our Marathon Campus!

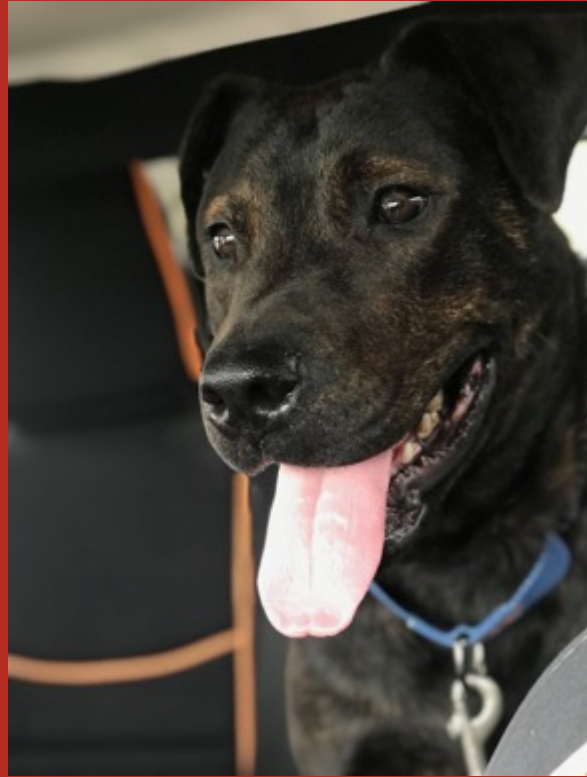
[View Our Adoptable Small Animals HERE!](#)

This just in from the newsroom - Karl is a Good Boy!

Meet Good Boy Karl! Karl has been with us since the New Year, and, in case you didn't pick up on it, he's a very good boy! In his short time with us Karl has been on a 75 foot yacht with other dogs and has spent time in a car travelling from Marathon to Key West.

Karl is still quite young - barely over a year - and is learning to work on his manners; but he'd love to learn these lessons with YOU! We know he loves to sail, that he loves the water, and is happiest on the passenger side of his best friend's ride, but what he really needs to learn is that there is a safe and constant place for him when he grows weary of the excitement and newness of the great outdoors: in other words, a home.

Go to <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-dog> to visit all of our adoptable dogs here, and think about giving Karl a chance; he's a very good boy.





Meet Garfield - he's looking for more than lasagna to love!

Weighing a solid 13 pounds, this big guy has been with us since the beginning of February 2023. Found as a stray you know Garfield has stories to tell, but so far he's keeping quiet.

At only 1.5 years old, Garfield was diagnosed with FIV+ by our Medical Team. While this condition certainly hasn't affected his appetite, it may affect his chances at

adoption.

Garfield is available for adoption, as well as for Sponsorship. If you aren't able to adopt right now, why not consider Sponsoring one of our animals? Your Sponsorship will help provide Garfield with all of the necessary food, medical care, and time he needs while he waits for the right adopter to come along.

If you have room in your home for Garfield, or if you wish to Sponsor him, please visit fkspca.org/donate/sponsor-a-pet/. And don't let him convince you Lasagna is an acceptable form of payment - no matter how convincing he may be!



Meet Ashe - she's ready to hop into a new home!

Ashe has been with us since St. Patrick's Day 2022. After a year of waiting, she is ready to find that gold at the end of the rainbow - a new family. Beautiful, small, and beyond fluffy, Ashe is everything you are looking for in a Rabbit...and more!

If Ashe looks like she could be your best pal, stop by the Key West Campus today and let's work together for a hoppy ending to Ashe's adoption tail!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday March 10th

Yappy Hour ~ 6pm - 8pm

Sloppy Joes Dockside at The Perry Hotel, 7001 Shrimp Road, Key West

Join us at Sloppy Joes Dockside at The Perry Hotel as we shake off the work week and greet the weekend with big sloppy kisses at our March Yappy Hour! Get your drink on - be it a water bowl or cocktail glass - and enjoy raffles, live music, adoptable dogs and more! Grab your partner, leash the dog, and meet us there!



Yappy Hour

Saturday and Sunday March 11th & 12th

Marathon Seafood Festival ~

Saturday: 10am - 9pm / Sunday 11am - 5pm

Marathon Community Park, Marathon

This weekend is Marathon's biggest event of the year, the Original Marathon Seafood Festival on Saturday March 11th and Sunday March 12th. Stop by our booth for fun T-Shirts and tank tops, FKSPCA swag, rummage our "Barken Bin" or drop a donation in support of the animals at our Marathon Campus. We look forward to seeing you at this fun filled family friendly event!



Sunday March 12th

Artisan Market ~ 10am-2pm

Gone to the Dogs Edition

Higgs Beach

Join us Sunday March 12th from 10am to 2pm at the Artisan Market as we all go to the dogs! Join us for the purrfect Sunday (take that, dogs!) filled with art, food, full bar, shopping and entertainment...and us!

The fun all happens across from the White Street Pier with tons of vendors, food, drinks and fun! The event is pet friendly, so we look forward to seeing everyone celebrate a day for our furbabies. We hope to see you there!



Thursday March 16th

Estate Sale Of The Late Jane Dawkins

2026 Staples Avenue, Key West

Save the Date! A special estate sale to benefit the animals of the Florida Keys SPCA, in partnership with the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys will be taking place on Thursday March 16th from 6-8pm.

Items from the estate of Jane Dawkins will be available for sale at 2026 Staples Ave to benefit the homeless animals of the Middle and Lower Keys. As former FKSPCA Board President and animal advocate, Jane wanted her estate to benefit her most passionate cause. Items in the sale will include furniture, art, home décor, jewelry, housewares and much more.

For questions, please contact [Tiffany](#)



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BENEFITING THE ANIMALS OF THE FKSPCA



*2026 Staples Ave
Key West*



Saturday March 25th

**Argo Navis Brunch Doggy Day Sail ~
11am-1pm**

Argo Navis, 0 Margaret Street, Key West

Join us for our Doggie Day Sail and lunch aboard the only 75 foot luxury sailing yacht in Key West. Happening the last

Saturday of every month, January through April, 11am - 1pm.
All well-behaved pups welcome!

Menu includes pork or brisket sliders from Smoked on the Water in KW, cucumber salad, pasta salad, various sides and dessert for the human types. Hot Dogs, dog treats and "burnt ends" for our canine friends. There will be treats, toys and give-aways for all! Limited to just 24 guests and 12 well behaved pups. \$100 per person with or without a pup. \$30 from each reservation will be donated to the Florida Keys SPCA. Reserve your spot today by clicking the link below!

[Click Here to Reserve Your Spot!](#)





Our Marathon Campus will be closed for tenting

March 11th -March 15th

Our Marathon Campus will be closed for normal operations on Saturday March 11th - Wednesday March 15th while we are being tented for termites. There will be no clinic this week due to tenting. We will be returning to the Marathon Campus on Thursday, March 16th to welcome our shelter animals placed in foster for the event back, and resuming normal operations.

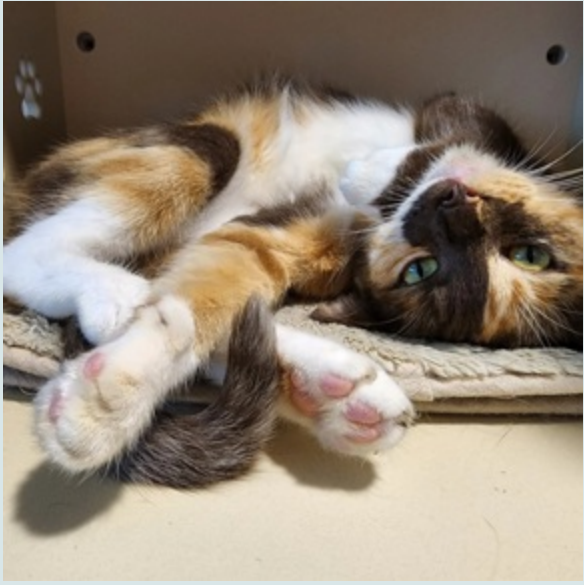
During this time, our Animal Control Officers will still be responding to emergencies, but our staff will not be at the shelter to respond to calls made to the main line. Should you have questions during this time please email our Marathon Campus Director of Operations at Tara@fkspca.org or contact our Key West Campus at 305-294-4857. We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to returning to the shelter on the 16th!

**Congratulations to our
2023 Unsung Hero Kasia O'Neil!**

A huge congratulations to our 2023 Unsung Hero, volunteer Kasia O'Neil! She is one of our most dedicated volunteers to our small animals & cats and we are grateful she is a part of our team!

(Pictured here with our Animal Behavior Manager Cathy and our Volunteer Coordinator Amina)





March 28th is Respect Your Cat Day!

Aretha Franklin isn't the only one to demand respect - your cat wants it too! Celebrate the day by taking a moment to let your cat know how you admire their cleanliness, appreciate their ability to

keep track of feeding time to the nano second, and hold their ability to appear aloof yet cuddly in high regard. In other words, it's just another day with your cat! Enjoy!

Thank you to the Key Colony Beach Association for including our Marathon Campus in this year's Key Colony Beach Days! For the first time ever, we held a Pooch Promenade and Costume Contest to benefit our Marathon Campus. We had 15 dogs and their owners strut their stuff on Sunday March 5th in some fantastic costumes with trophies awarded to "Best Costume" "Best Person/Dog Costume Combo" and "Most Keysie Spirit." Pictured here is FKSPCA alumni Noelle and her mom Kris who won first place in the "Best Costume" category. We had a fantastic day and through the contest and our FKSPCA booth, we raised \$1,300 for our shelter animals.
Thank you!



Donations of Stock Can Provide a Beneficial Payout for All!



Did you know gifts of Stock and Equities can give your family a big tax benefit even in a fluctuating market?

Many donors take advantage of giving stock gifts because you can receive a charitable income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock (up to a max of 30% of your AGI) and avoid paying capital gains tax on any increase in the value of stock.

You can reduce capital gains without changing your portfolio! If you donate appreciated stock to our organization, you can then buy the same stock with cash, reducing the capital gains tax you'll pay when you do sell it.

If you have owned the stock for less than a year, you can still donate it to the FKSPCA, but your deduction will be limited to what you paid for the stock versus its current value.

If it's a stock that has lost its value, but you would still like to donate it, you can sell the stock first, donate the cash, receive a charitable donation as well as be able to take a capital loss when you sell the investment!

To learn more click [HERE](#)

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 Resources & 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!



Connect with us on Facebook!



Follow us on Instagram!





HAPPY TAILS



Aria helped save a Prince!

Former FKSPCA Camper Aria learned a lot while attending our Critter Camp – including how to spot a stray cat in need! Aria found this kitty wandering as a stray and knew just what to do – bring him to us!

Prince has already been adopted and we send our greatest thanks to this young camper who is should be

crowned royalty herself. Great job Aria! We wish Prince a life filled with happy endings!

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

Donate Today! Click here for more info

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