



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

The Center for Animal Welfare & Education

March News from the FKSPCA!

Have you heard the news?



March 2024

FROM OUR DIRECTOR, TAMMY FOX

**25 Years of Protecting
Pets in Paradise!**

Celebrate the Florida Keys SPCA's 25th anniversary with us at the 16th annual Spring Social Presented by Hank's Hair of the Dog Saloon! The FKSPCA staff, board and volunteers are all excited to spend an evening under the stars with you in the name of the animals we serve. If you have not purchased your tickets, please



click to [Get Your Tickets Here!](#)

Our 16th annual Spring Social will take place this year on March 15th at 6:30PM at the Coffee Butler Amphitheater. VIP tickets include a Champagne Reception starting at 5:30pm before the main event, passed appetizers, a sneak peek at the silent auctions, and reserved seating. This year we have a lot to celebrate and cannot wait to share it with you.

It is sure to be a fun night with delicious food, music, silent and live auction and most of all friends and smiling faces. We will have two guest appearances from FKSPCA animals who will be

telling their story as true representations of how your support saves lives.

The Spring Social supports the lifesaving mission of the FKSPCA by raising funds to provide emergency life saving treatments and surgeries for animals that come to us injured. It also supports food, enrichment and medical supplies for the homeless animals we shelter each day, and program support for safety net programs such as the Safe Haven program which enables us to shelter animals belonging to victims of domestic abuse or pet owners in emergent situations.

In the last 12 months the FKSPCA has had over 2,000 animals come through its doors. With your help we have served them through adoption, return to owner, clinic, cruelty investigation, and lifesaving animal control programs. We have given them shelter, warm full bellies, dry comfy places to sleep, vaccinations, medical treatments, grooming, lab work, training, toys, treats, and most of all love until with our help they find their way to second chance homes.

Thank you for making it possible and I hope to see you this year at the Truman Little White House to celebrate our 25th anniversary at the 16th annual Spring Social in support of all we do for the animals now and in the future.

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

With gratitude,

Tammy

Tammy Fox
Executive Director
Florida Keys SPCA



Congratulations to Bob!

Recently we told you about Bob, our sweet boy who was adopted from our Marathon Campus back in 2017 who sadly ended up at a shelter on the mainland in danger due to overcrowding.

Thanks to a rescue hold by our friend Karen Thomas of Payton's Promise Sanctuary, and three incredible volunteers who transported Bob back, he was returned back to our Marathon Campus. He was treated by our medical team, showered with so much love and attention and fostered by Karen until he was ready to be adopted.

We're excited to announce his adoption didn't take long, and we think this adoption was just as special as Bob.

You see his new family actually wanted to adopt him back in 2017, but at the time they didn't have the space or availability due to their housing and current pet. Although it was heartbreaking to lose their dog, fate truly had a hand in bringing Bob back to them so many years later. This time, Bob has his true forever home and our hearts couldn't be more full.

Congratulations Bob, we love you!



Meet Our Staff!

With so many new faces at our Key West and Marathon Shelters we'd like to take a moment each month to introduce you to some of our newest staff members!

This month, meet Crystal Ruffo!

Crystal Ruffo is our new
Volunteer & Humane Education

Coordinator. As an old hippie, Crystal comes to us with a deep love of animals and decades of turning her empathy into activism.

Her experience as a disaster specialist, training director, instructor and business owner brings a different perspective to the position.

Crystal came to the Florida Keys in the late 90's and opened a successful employment agency which she ran for 12 years. She has taught at CFK in computer science and later launched an online store to sell her artisan-crafted all-natural bath products.

With expertise in developing training courses for both private and public colleges, she is eager to concept and implement new curriculum for the Youth Club and Critter Camp.

Crystal lives with her ever-patient husband Mike, senior dog Maurius Gene, 21-year-old cat Raven and two recently adopted youngsters: Mayhem, a one-eyed orange kitty, and calico baby Kali Maa.



Have Your Campers Meet Our Critters!

Critter Camp is a Day Camp program designed for children ages 7-12 years old who love animals. Our next Camp will be held March 18th through the 22nd in the Education Room of the Key West SPCA Shelter and there are still a few spots available!



From 9am to 3pm each day, Critter Camp provides a fun, educational experience for campers and will add variety and enrichment to the lives of our shelter animals. During camp, children will learn how to safely interact with animals, make fun craft projects such as toys and treats, and receive behind-the-scenes lessons in pet care from our Animal Care, Clinic, and Animal Control teams.

In addition, campers will learn from Guest Speakers and take field trips to local animal-focused organizations throughout Key West.

For questions and additional information contact Crystal@fkspca.org or 305-294-4857, or click on the button below to reserve your space now!

Sign up for Critter Camp NOW!

Wellness Clinic

We would like to take a moment to remind everyone of our Dogwood Vaccine and Wellness Clinic Schedule for 2024.

The Key West Campus Clinics will take place on the SECOND and FOURTH THURSDAY of every month, while our Marathon Campus Clinic will take place on the LAST WEDNESDAY of each month.

Please note that the Clinic is now by appointment only - all appointments must be made by phone through the Clinic @ (305) 294 - 4857.

Should you have any questions please contact the Clinic directly. Their email address is Clinic@fkspca.org.

We look forward to seeing you and your pet soon!



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DOGWOOD VACCINE CLINIC



SERVICES

- Vaccines - \$10 per vaccine
- Heartworm Test - \$20.00
- FIV/FelV Test - \$20.00
- Microchip & Registration- \$25.00
- Nail trims- \$15
- Heartworm & Flea/Tick Prevention - Varies

A \$35 exam is required to receive vaccinations, any testing (heartworm/FIV/FelV) and to purchase any flea/tick prevention.

ALL DOGS NEED TO BE ON A NON-RETRACTABLE LEASH AND CATS IN A SECURE CARRIER.

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

2024 VACCINE CLINIC SCHEDULE

KEY WEST CAMPUS WILL HAVE VACCINE CLINICS THE 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

MARATHON CAMPUS WILL HAVE VACCINE CLINICS THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

5711 COLLEGE RD, KEY WEST FL 33040 P:305-294-4857

10550 AVIATION BLVD, MARATHON FL 33050 P:305-743-4800

PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR HOLIDAY CLOSURES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES

Be a Hurricane Helper - Foster One of Our Animals!

Hurricane season requires a very special foster need for all of our animals. Because our Marathon Campus is unsafe to house animals during a storm, we place all our animals into foster home whenever a hurricane threatens the Florida Keys. We also need to evacuate as many animals as possible to make room for those animals coming into our Key West facility.

When fostering an animal for a storm we ask that you keep the animal safe with you until the storm has passed. Should you decide to evacuate, you must be willing and able to evacuate with the foster animal and return the animal to the Florida Keys SPCA after the storm has passed.

If you are interested in fostering an animal during a hurricane please download the [Hurricane Foster Application](#) or stop by one of our campuses to pick one up directly!

BE A FOSTER SAVE A LIFE



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA



Foster kitten PJ

The Florida Keys SPCA Volunteer Foster Care Program provides temporary housing and care for dogs, cats, puppies and kittens who aren't quite ready for adoption. In 2023, our network of foster volunteers helped to save the lives of over 300 animals! We need loving homes like yours to continue helping these animals in need of a little extra time and care.

Foster Volunteer FAQs

What kind of animals need foster care?

- Puppies and kittens under two months old
- Mothers with nursing litters
- Dogs and cats with medical conditions or injuries
- In Hurricane evacuations and for Special needs fosters

Can I become a foster volunteer if I have pets of my own?

Yes, we welcome pet owners as foster volunteers. Please keep in mind that there is always a health risk when exposing your pets to other animals, in any setting. However, the risk is minimal if your pets are vaccinated and in good health.

How long do animals need to stay in foster care?

The typical foster stay is two weeks to two months, depending on the needs of the individual animal(s) in your care. The timeframe of each foster situation will be discussed with you ahead of time.

What expenses are involved with foster care?

Foster families provide housing, food, bedding and toys for the animals in their care. They also provide exercise, socialization and lots of love! The Florida Keys SPCA provides all medical care for animals in foster homes, including vaccination, medications and spay/neuter surgery.



Foster dog Broveheart

Foster kitten
Amos



If you are interested in joining the Foster Volunteer Team at FKSPCA, contact the program coordinator at foster@fkspca.org in Key West or tara@fkspca.org in Marathon or

305-294-4857 in Key West or 305-743-4800 in Marathon

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Thank You to All of Our Pup Crawlers!

Thank you to all who participated in our **5th Annual Pup Crawl Presented by Bascom Grooms Real Estate!** The day was a jam packed with over 200 humans and their 100 dogs and we are still not sure who had the better time!



This Crawl would not happen without ya'll - and that includes the following businesses who continuously and generously support our animals:

[Bascom Grooms Real Estate](#) for their generous Sponsorship; [Cayo Hueso Brewing](#) and [Bombora Vodka](#) as our beer and vodka Sponsors respectively; [American Dog Outfitters](#) for the free dog toys; [The Biscuit Guy](#) for free treats for all doodles; and last but not never least, our amazing bar paw-tners [Hank's Hair Of The Dog Saloon](#), [Tattoos & Scars Saloon - Key West](#), [Shots and Giggles - Key West](#), [Island Dogs Bar](#), [General Horseplay](#), [The Retro Room](#) and [Rick's Key West!](#)

Please be sure to support these great local businesses the way they support our community, and our animals!

Be sure to mark your calendars NOW for February 2025 for our 6th Annual Pup Crawl! Until then, may the road to your heart be filled with paw prints!

\$25 FOR ALL ADOPTIONS!
CELEBRATING OUR **25**TH ANNIVERSARY
AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION!

March Comes In Like a Lion to Celebrate 25 Years of the FKSPCA!

If you are looking to adopt a new best friend there's no better time than this month! To celebrate our 25th Anniversary, our animals are now available to adopt for \$25!

Between our Key West and Marathon Campuses we currently have 91 Cats, 25 Dogs, 12 Rabbits, 2 Guinea Pigs and 4 Hamsters who are all waiting for their second chance at a new life!

Visit our website at fkspca.org/adopt/ to view all of these wonderful animals, and then hop on down to either one of our shelters and find yourself somebunny to love!

March Madness!

Things are heating up this March, so be sure to visit our online store to get your T-shirts, tanks, and more! We also have mugs, totes, hats and more to keep you looking fierce on or off the court!

Brighten up your wardrobe and help save a life!

Check out our Online Store Today!



Ms. Teri Is Her

Name and Loving Is Her Game!

Meet Ms. Teri, the new gal at our Marathon Campus. This beautiful senior potato was originally brought into our shelter as a "stray" on Layton. We were hopeful to find the owner when we saw she was spayed, and that she had a microchip.

Unfortunately the microchip was not registered, but the company was able to provide the implantation facility - Miami Dade

Animal Services. Once they returned our call our hearts sank, sadly the person who dropped her off as a stray, was her owner.



Luckily Ms. Teri's spirit wasn't broken, even though she found herself in a shelter again, this time as a senior. She was, however; very anxious and we were very full, so our friend Karen Thomas of Payton's Promise Sanctuary stepped up to foster her and give her all the love and attention she desperately needed while she waits for a family to be her true furrever.

We're still getting to know Ms. Teri but here's what we've learned so far: She loves to smile! She loves belly rubs. She loves going for walks. She loves being cuddled and she loves laying out in the sun.

Since she is not on site, potential adopters must first complete an online adoption application on our website at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-dog/>.

Gingers Rule!

Who loves orange cats? We love orange cats! Well, we love all cats, but right now our Marathon Campus has a plethora of adorable orange kitties ready to be your furrever cat! Meet Torino,



Reed, Ella, Rocky (pictured here), and Scott! These five orange beauties are just as sweet as they are gorgeous.

Did you know? Most orange cats are male due to genetics. Only 1 in 5 orange cats are female as is the case with our five! Ella is the only female. Made popular by famous cats such as Garfield, orange cats hold a special place in the hearts of most cat lovers for being exceptionally outgoing and chatty. They even can hold office! Stubbs, a ginger cat, has been the honorary mayor of a town in Alaska, and held the position for nearly 20 years!

So if you're looking for an outgoing, playful, chatty ginger cat to bring into your home and heart look no further than our Marathon Campus Catio! Stop by and visit us at 10550 Aviation Blvd., and meet Torino, Reed, Ella, Rocky and Scott today!

Hop To It!

Meet Ohana and Maybelle (pictured here)! These adorable rabbits were adopted from us 2 years ago, and sadly returned when their owner fell critically ill and couldn't take care of herself, or her pets anymore due to her health.

At 2.5 years old they've been together their whole life, and as a bonded pair must be adopted together. Rabbits are incredible companions and make wonderful house pets. Like cats, rabbits can be



litter box trained and both Ohana and Maybelle have perfect potty manners, and are gentle, polite bunnies.

Learn more about rabbits and having rabbits as companions by calling our Marathon Campus at 305-743-4800 or stop by our Marathon Campus and meet Ohana and Maybelle today.



Everyone Loves Mozzarella!

Meet Mozy Mozzarella!

Mozy is a lovely 3-year-old Pit Bull mix. Mozy has won many awards at the shelter such as: "Staff Favorite", and "Most Cuddly".

He's ready to win your heart over with his kisses and affection!

To adopt Mozy or to see all of our other adoptable dogs, visit us in person at the Key West Campus, or online at: <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-dog/>

会う **Ichigo!**

Meet Ichigo!

Ichigo is a purrfect senior tabby looking for her forever home!

At 9 years young, Ichigo may be a bit older, but she's still got plenty of love and affection to give. She's a true gem in every sense of the word, with her gentle purrs and comforting presence.

Ichigo is the newest member of our Golden Paw Program! This

means her adoption fee is waived, simply because she's reached her golden years. There's nothing medically wrong with her – she's just a seasoned pro at being the best furry friend anyone could ask for.

If you're interested in adding Ichigo to your family, please come visit her at our Key West Campus, or online at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-cat/>



Your Furry Valentine 12 Months a Year!

Meet Valentine!

We're not joking when we tell you that this is the most friendly rabbit we've had in the Key West Shelter.

Valentine came to us last month and she's been nothing short of amazing! When people walk by, she comes running up to them craving attention. Also- who knew

that rabbits can give kisses? Certainly not us!- but Valentine LOVES to give kisses.

If you would like to learn more about Valentine, or any one of the rescue Rabbits available for adoption between our Key West and Marathon Shelters, follow this link: <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-small-animals/>





Friday March 15th

16th Annual Spring Social

5:30pm - 9:30pm

Truman Little White House, [111 Front Street, Key West](#)

Tickets are on sale **NOW** for our **16th Annual Spring Social presented by Hank's Hair of the Dog Saloon!** Join us for our biggest celebration of the year at the Truman Little White House on **Friday March 15th.**

VIP tickets include a Champagne Reception starting at 5:30pm before the main event, passed appetizers, a sneak peek at the silent auctions, and reserved seating. The VIP Reception begins at 5:30pm and General Admission entry is at 6:30pm.

2024 marks our 25th Anniversary and we are ready to celebrate! Everyone will receive a four star dining experience with a buffet by Catered Affairs with Vegan and Vegetarian Options! There will be complimentary beer & wine for all and a cash liquor bar is available. Steven Crane will be our amazing MC this year, along with great entertainment by Carmen Rodriguez and Michael Thomas under the stars!

General Admission tickets for \$60, Tables of 8 for \$1,000 and individual VIP tickets for \$125 are available at: <https://keystix.com/allevents/#springsocial> This is sure to be a night you won't want to miss!

We will also be honoring the amazing Sue Turner with our inaugural Champion of Animals Award to recognize her dedication to our animals over the past 25 years! If you would like **to Honor Sue Turner**, but can't make it to the party, please click **HERE** to donate to our animals in her

Honor. Please be sure to leave a comment that you are donating In Honor of Sue!



SPRING SOCIAL

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

5:30PM: VIP Champagne Reception & Appetizers

6:30PM: Doors open for General Admission

TRUMAN'S LITTLE WHITE HOUSE

- **MC: STEVEN CRANE • MUSIC BY THE FKSPCA'S FAVORITE DUO: CARMEN RODRIGUEZ & MICHAEL THOMAS**
- **CATERED DINNER BY CATERED AFFAIRS OF KEY WEST (VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE!)**
- **FREE BEER & WINE, CASH LIQUOR BAR**
- **SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS, & 50/50 RAFFLE!**
- **TICKETS:** \$60 General Admission
- \$125 VIP Preferred DINNER SEATING
- \$1,000 VIP Preferred DINNER SEATING for 8

**HONORING
SUE TURNER
WITH OUR
INAUGURAL
CHAMPION OF
ANIMALS AWARD!**



• Purchase Tickets & Tables: [FKSPCA.org/Humane-Education-Events](https://www.fkspca.org/Humane-Education-Events)

Poster design donated by JT Thompson & LUCKY (another great Shelter Puppy) @ Design Group Key West.



Friday March 22nd & March 29th

SoMo Happy Hours

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Southernmost VFW Post, [2200 N. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West](#)

Join us at the VFW Southernmost Post 3911 Friday, March 22nd and March 29th for our Southernmost Happy Hour!

From 4pm – 6pm we'll be at [2200 N. Roosevelt](#) in Key West having fun and raising money for our animals!

There will be drink specials, a raffle, and more! All proceeds, including a portion of Bud Light sales, during this time will directly benefit our animals as they wait for their forever homes!

Well behaved, leashed dogs are welcome to join!

Come on get happy! We'll see you then!

FKSPCA'S

SOUTHERNMOST HAPPY HOUR

RAFFLE!

All proceeds,
including a portion
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directly benefit the
animals!

FRIDAY
MARCH 22ND
4-6PM



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA



2200 N ROSEVELT BLVD
KEY WEST, FL

Wednesday April 3rd & April 17th

Yappy Hour at The Salty Oyster

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Perry Hotel & Marina, 7001 Shrimp Road, Key West

Join us every other Wednesday in April from 4pm – 6pm for Yappy Hour at the Salty Oyster at the Perry Hotel!

There will be drink specials, an adoptable animal meet & greet, raffles, and tons of fun!

The best way to celebrate the middle of the week is to be at The Salty Oyster Dockside Grill & Bar with your friendly, four-legged friends!

We will see you there on April 3rd and the 17th!



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**WEDNESDAY
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4PM - 6PM**

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**THE SALTY OYSTER
@ THE PERRY HOTEL**

Dog Friendly!

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*Drink
Specials!*



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COMMUNITY & OUTREACH

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR PETS:

Department of Defense Approves
Policy to Reimburse Pet
Expenses Due to a Permanent
Change of Station



The Department of Defense has approved a new policy to cover pet travel expenses, like pet shipping or quarantine fees, incurred by Service members during a Permanent Change of Station (PCS).

As of January 1, 2024, military Service members going through a PCS within the continental United States can be reimbursed up to \$550 for one household pet, either cat or dog, and up to \$2,000 for moves to or from a location outside the continental United States to cover costs related to the transportation of a pet.

The Services estimate that this new allowance may be used by an estimated 227,000 Service members. Historically, Service members paid the majority of out-of-pocket expenses to transport pets when assigned to a new duty station. This policy reduces that financial burden while recognizing the important role a pet plays in a military family's household.

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!](#)

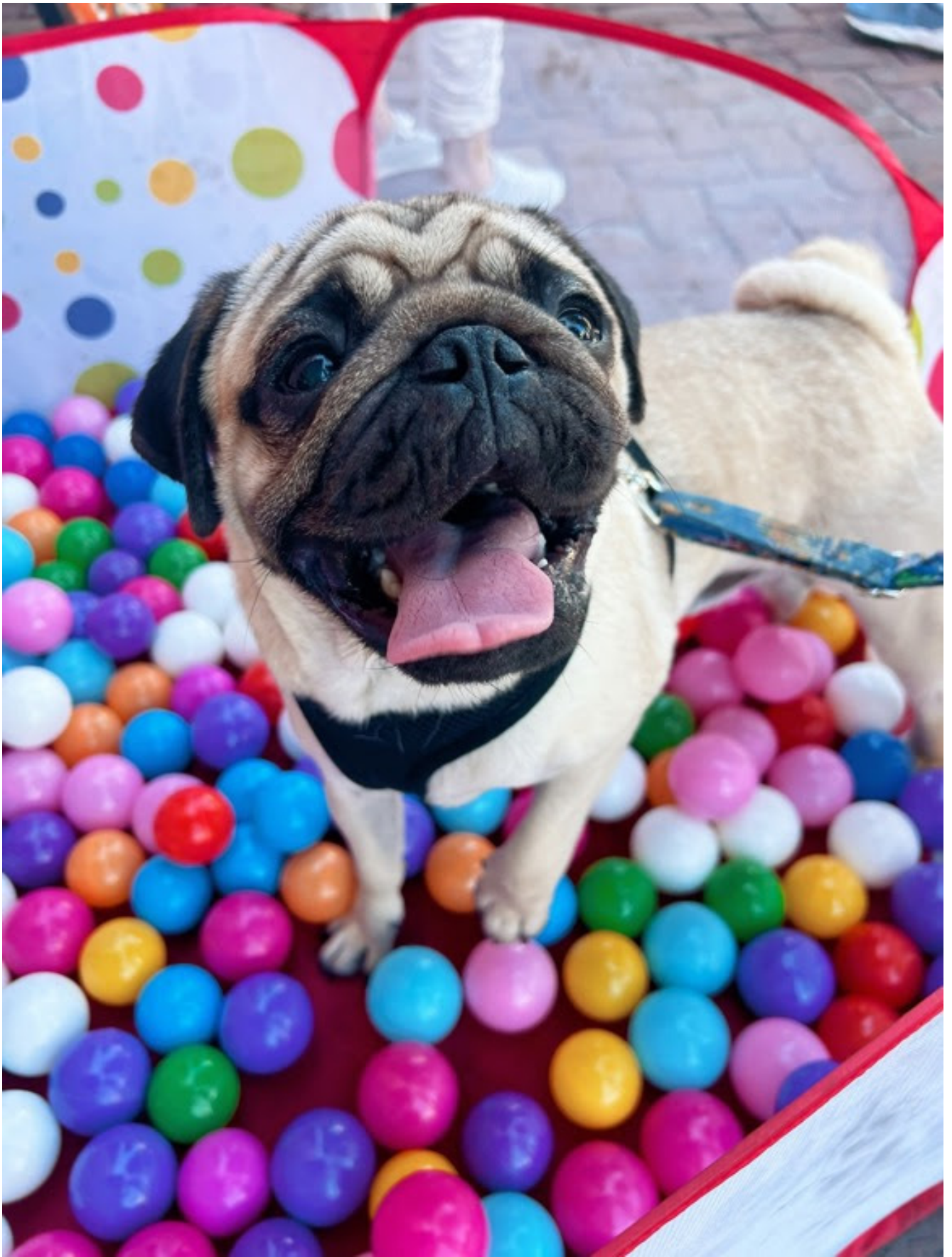
Do you need some feel-good moments in your life right now? Check out and Like our Facebook page or become one of our Instagram followers today! We are posting happy, silly and fun animal content daily just like below!



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on Facebook!



Follow us on
Instagram!



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Good News Update!

Back in February, we received a stray male grey cat with beautiful long hair at our Key West Campus. The individual who found him mentioned he was seen around Poinciana Plaza.

Now, here's the interesting part - upon scanning him for a microchip, we discovered that he hails from Belarus, a European country situated above Ukraine. It appears that this cat likely accompanied his family to the US but somehow got separated.



Thanks to your incredible support and sharing, Dymok (meaning "Smoke" in Russian) has been reunited with his owner!

Over 500 shares and reaching 23k people led to this heartwarming reunion. Dymok's owner's daughter spotted our post in a local group and swiftly connected with her mom. It's moments like these that truly showcase the power of community and compassion. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for being a part of this wonderful reunion! Let's continue to spread love and support within our community.

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

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Check out our Marathon Amazon Wishlist for our greatest needs!



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