



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

The Center for Animal Welfare & Education

August News from the FKSPCA!

Have you heard the news?



August 2024

FROM OUR DIRECTOR, TAMMY FOX



August Brings the Dog, Cat, and Bunny Days of Summer

Dear Friends of the Florida Keys SPCA,

Summertime finds us busy here at the Florida Keys SPCA. While it is the slow season for some, it is the time of year when we receive the most animals surrendered through our doors. Coupled with kitten season and staff shortages, it can be stressful here.

More pets are surrendered at the Florida Keys SPCA due to

moving or financial difficulty than any other reason given. Pets surrendered for this purpose have increased by 126% in the last 24 months. Added to this challenge is that adoptions are down because our residents cannot easily find affordable pet-friendly housing. Combine this with more animals brought to the Florida Keys SPCA from outside the county by well-meaning local rescue groups or local breeders and you can see the crisis our local homeless pets are battling in trying to find families and homes of their own. Additionally, it becomes more complicated when animals brought from outside the county are surrendered to the Florida Keys SPCA because local homeless pets then have more competition when it comes to finding a home. The situation is urgent, and we need your help.

Currently, the FKSPCA is caring for 204 animals. We have 50 dogs, 121 cats, and 15 rabbits waiting in kennels for homes of their own. These include the dog Momo, who has been here for 369 days, and the cat Bob, who has been here for 158 days, along with some other small animals and a snake. Momo is a playful and affectionate dog who loves long walks and cuddling on the couch. Bob is a sweet cat who has a lot to say and enjoys a warm lap. While we work hard to provide enrichment and daily care for each animal, the increasing number of animals during this time of year presents a significant challenge.

Your actions can make a significant difference. The Florida Keys SPCA is dedicated to continuing to provide programs to reduce the number of animals surrendered to the shelter and keep them with their families,

including affordable routine and wellness care, spay-neuter, safe haven, behavior support, and training programs. We are an open-admission shelter and will continue to provide safe refuge for all pets needing a home; however, we need your support.

If you want to help the homeless pets in the Florida Keys, please visit your local shelter first in Key West, Marathon, or Key Largo. Please talk with us about what you are looking for in a pet and be open to exploring all breeds or sizes with a focus on the temperament and who the pet is rather than what they look like. If you are not ready for a pet and would like to help in other ways, consider fostering to get pets out of the shelter, volunteer, donate, or be a steadfast advocate in spreading the word about our mission, programs, and services.

If you have questions about adoption or care for any animals we serve, please call us at 305-294-4857 in Key West and 305-743-4800 in Marathon.

If you would like to help us at the shelter by fostering an animal to relieve some pressure on the number of animals currently housed here, please email Torie at torie@fkspca.org in Key West and Tara at tara@fkspca.org in Marathon.

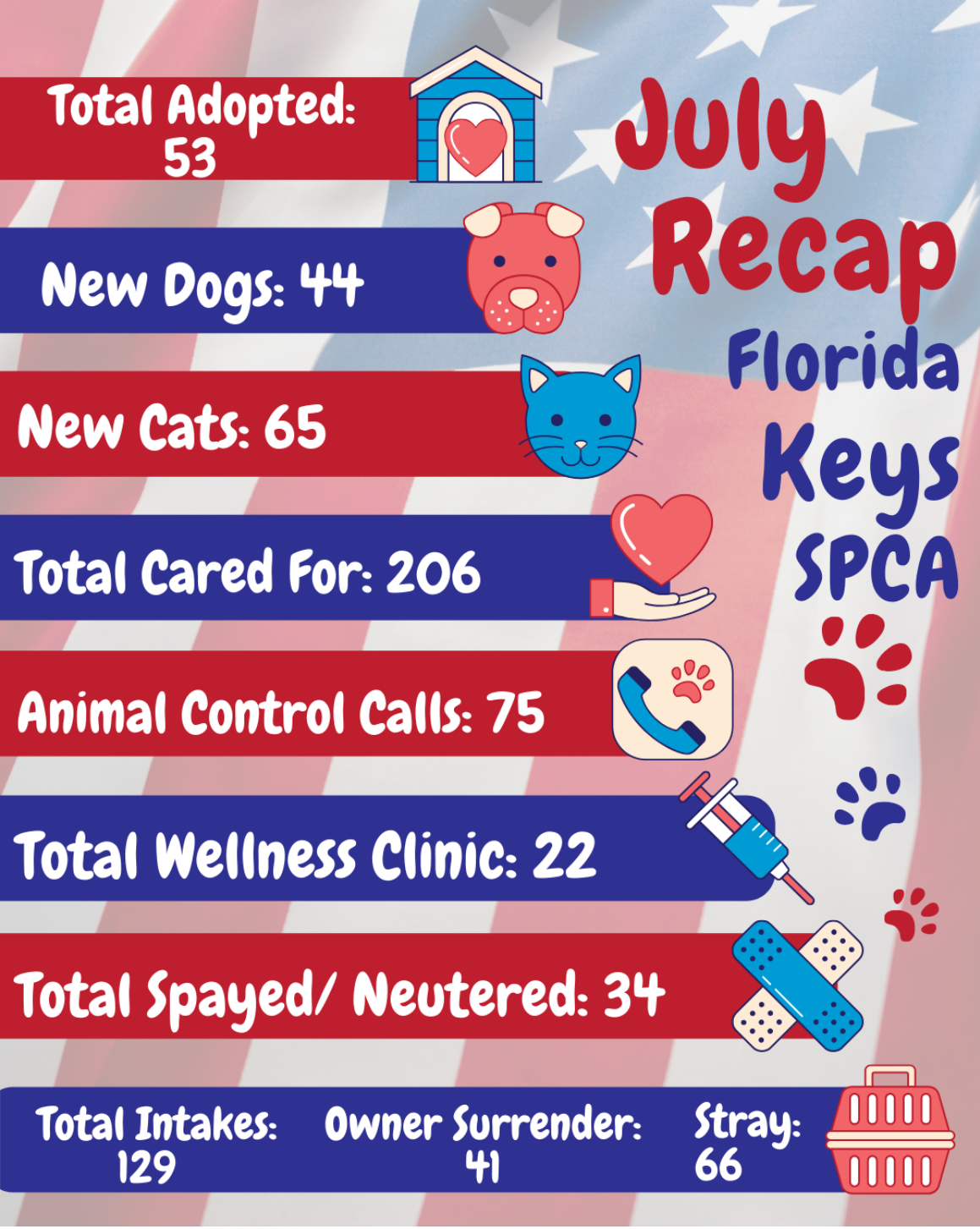
Thank you for your care of the animals,

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Tammy Fox

Executive Director





Thank You For Our 2024 Bubbas Win!

On behalf of the staff, volunteers, board of directors, and animals, we are deeply honored to have been voted best nonprofit in this year's [The Keys Weekly](#)

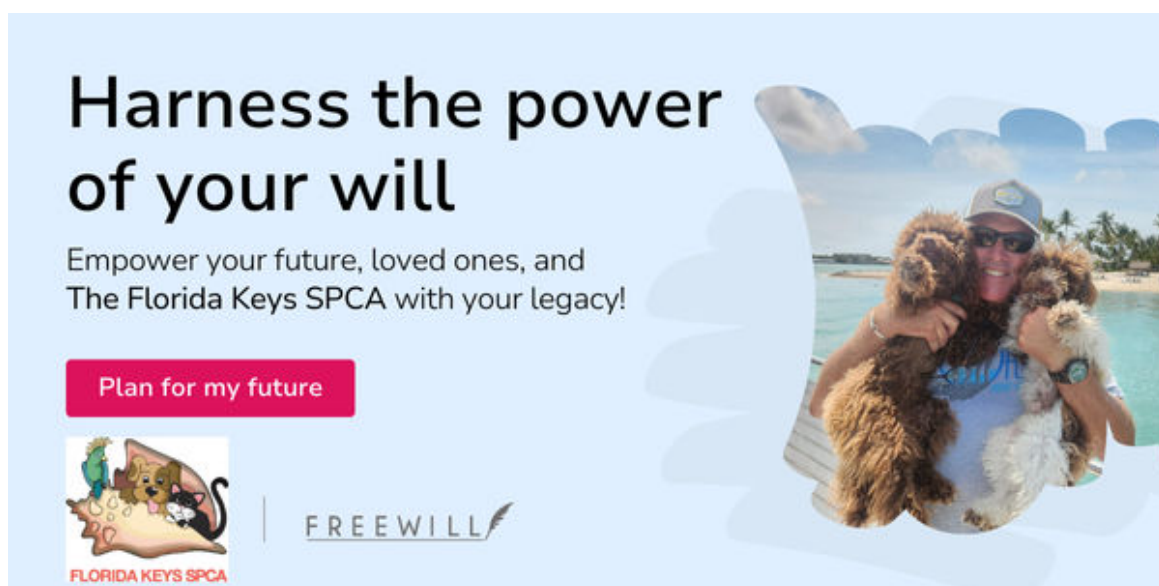
[Newspapers](#) Bubba Awards for the 11th year! This incredible recognition is a testament to our amazing community's unwavering support and



dedication. Your votes have not only honored us but also reaffirmed the importance of our work in the community. Thank you to each of you who took time out of your day to vote.

We also want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Queer Keys and Reef Relief for their outstanding work. We are honored to have been nominated alongside such valuable and impactful organizations in our community. The advocacy of Queer Keys for the LGBTQIA+ Community and the conservation efforts of Reef Relief for the coral reef ecosystem is truly inspiring. Their efforts are not just appreciated, but they are a source of admiration and inspiration for us all.

Thank you for being heroes and partners in our lifesaving mission and helping us to continue our work. Together, we are part of a collective effort that makes a significant difference in our community.



Harness the power of your will

Empower your future, loved ones, and The Florida Keys SPCA with your legacy!

[Plan for my future](#)

FLORIDA KEYS SPCA | FREEWILL

Make Time, Make Plans, Make a Will!

Did you know that August is National Make-A-Will Month? It's an annual observance that emphasizes the importance of creating a will.

There are several important reasons why you might want to complete this important task:

- **Security:** Creating your will and estate plan allows you to communicate important financial and healthcare decisions so you're prepared for whatever the future may hold.
- **Peace of mind:** A will allows you to provide for the people and pets you love, so you know that no matter what, they will be supported.
 - **Impact:** By including a legacy gift in your will, you can sustain our efforts to Protect Pets in Paradise for generations to come.

The Florida Keys SPCA invests in FreeWill to support our community in making a positive impact on the next generation. So far, over one million

people have trusted FreeWill to help them create a will and protect all they love at no cost.

You can join in and make a difference by creating your will today!

Make Your Will Today

We Need Your Nomination!

Thanks to your votes we won the Bubbas, but now we are asking for your vote for the nomination of "Best Non-Profit" for the Best of Marathon Award! Our services cover from MM0 to MM70 and we would love to show the love to our Marathon Campus as well!



Please help us show all of Marathon and beyond how hard we work each and every day Protecting Paws in Paradise by voting for us each day from now through Sunday, August 18th at midnight.

Click the button below to vote!

Steps to take:

- 1) Click on the button below;
- 2) Scroll down to 'Best Non Profit';
- 3) Fill in: Florida Keys SPCA;
- 3) While you're there, please take the time to vote for your favorites in other categories as well! 75% of the survey MUST be filled out for your vote to count! It's also nice way to support our entire community!

Thank you for all you do for our animals!

Vote For Us Here!



Meet Our Royal Candidates!

It's official! We have our Candidates for The Fantasy Fest Royal Campaign 2024!

It is with great honor and appreciation we introduce you to (from left to right):

Michael Vernon - For King
Marjory Lee (holding her dog Buffett) - For Queen
Lisa Zee - For King
Elle Taylor - For Queen

Be sure to come and meet these fabulous and diverse members of our Key West community as they begin their 6 week commitment to the Crown!

Kick Off takes place at the Key West Theater on Friday, September 6th from 6pm - 8pm. There will be light bites, a cash bar, and air conditioning! Meet the candidates, get to know why the FKSPCA is important to them, and check out their upcoming events and merchandise!

Be sure to keep an eye on our website beginning September 6th to see all of the ways you can support our Royal Candidates!



Storm Tips for You and Your Animals!

Storms are a way of life here in the Florida Keys. That's why it's so important to have a plan for yourself AND your animals in case of emergency. Be sure to

visit our website for tips on how to prepare for this eventuality.

There you'll find information on such topics as evacuation plans. For example, if you find the need to evacuate your home due to a hurricane, make arrangements to always have a safe place both you and your pet can go. **NEVER LEAVE YOUR PET WHEN EVACUATING!**

While the FKSPCA shelters are *not* able to house owned animals during a storm, if you plan on staying in the Keys during a Category 1 or 2 storm, Monroe County offers 4 Pet Friendly shelters:

- **Key West High School**
- **Sugarloaf School**
- **Marathon High School**
- **Coral Shores High School**

However, your pet **MUST** be registered beforehand. To learn details about this and **EVERYTHING** pet related you should know regarding your pet and storms, click the button below. Stay safe!!!!

Be Prepared NOW!

Our Wellness Clinics Will Keep Your Bank Account AND Your Animals Healthy!

Don't forget about our affordable preventative care options at the Florida Keys SPCA!

Please note that Wellness Clinics are now by appointment only!

Clinic Details:

To make an appointment for the Marathon Wellness Clinic please call our Marathon Campus at (305) 743 - 4800. Only phone calls will be accepted for scheduling; *please do not email.*

To make an appointment for the Key West Wellness Clinic please call our Key West Campus at (305) 294 - 4857, then dial 2 for the Clinic. Only phone calls will be accepted for scheduling; *please do not email.*

We ask that your dogs are on a non-retractable leash and any other animals are in a carrier when you arrive at either Clinic.

For *questions* please email the medical team at Clinic@fkspca.org

Wellness Clinics:

Marathon:

The **LAST** Wednesday of each month; by appointment only.

Key West:

The **SECOND** and **FOURTH** Thursdays of each month; by appointment only.



DOGWOOD VACCINE CLINIC

FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

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

Volunteers Needed in Marathon!

Calling all animal lovers, our Marathon campus is looking for volunteers! We have a variety of ways to volunteer so there is a place for animal lovers of all kinds!

If you're a cat lover, you can help us clean our Catio in the AM, socialize with our cats in the afternoon or tidy up at the end of the day. Not only

will you be ensuring a clean and safe environment for the cats, but you'll also be enriching their lives with much-needed human interaction and affection. Whether it's a playful pat, a gentle brush, or simply sitting quietly with a shy kitty, your presence is invaluable.

If you are interested in working with dogs, we offer various opportunities such as socializing, providing enrichment activities like playtime, training, walking, bathing, and taking them on outings. We provide training for all volunteers, ensuring that both you and the dogs have a safe and enjoyable time together.

Whether you are an experienced dog handler or a newcomer eager to learn, there is a place for you in our canine community.



We are also seeking volunteers interested in assisting with events or helping out at our front desk. This could involve completing essential tasks before events or participating in the excitement during events by bringing along an adoptable animal. At the front desk, responsibilities may include answering phones and handling office duties. If you have a love for animals and like engaging with the community, this is a fantastic chance to have a positive impact.

If you can't come in to volunteer but would like to foster we have a need for foster volunteers as well. Foster volunteers have the unique opportunity to volunteer from their own home! Whether it's a playful kitten, an energetic puppy, a sweet senior pet, or an animal with special medical needs, your care and attention can make a significant difference in their lives. During hurricane season, fostering becomes even more crucial. In the event of any hurricane, regardless of its category, we need fosters, as we must evacuate our shelter. We provide all necessary items for our fosters, all you need to do is provide them with a temporary, loving home!

Volunteering with us is a rewarding way to give back to the community and make a difference in the lives of animals in need. If you can spare a few hours a week or more, your contribution will be greatly appreciated. For more information or to sign up, please visit our website <https://fkspca.org/volunteer/how-to-volunteer/> or contact our volunteer coordinator Glennis at g.walters@fkspca.org. We can't wait to welcome you to our team!



Honk If You Love Our Animals!

*Asked a dog what she wanted to
be
She said, "Baby, can't you see?
I wanna be adopted, a star on the
scene"
But you can do something in
between...*

The Florida Keys SPCA participates in a vehicle donation program with CARS, which is a unique - and easy - way to make an impactful gift to benefit our animals while they await their second chance at a new life.

CARS will pick up your car, truck, scooter, boat, motorcycle, SUV - or even plane - for FREE! No matter the condition!

They will then complete the sale of your donated vehicle which will directly benefit the homeless animals of the Florida Keys SPCA! All you have to do is take the first step. The sale of even a single vehicle can make a BIG difference!

You receive a tax deduction, and proceeds from your vehicle sale directly help the Florida Keys SPCA and our mission!

Call 1-855-550-GIVE (4483) or click the button below to complete the online form.

**Click Here to Donate Your Vehicle
Today!**

**Keep Looking Cool During the Dog Days of
Summer!**

You may be feeling hot, but are you looking cool? Your sartorial splendor will be the talk of the town as you saunter around in one of our amazing tanks or tees! Ladies, children's and men's sizes are all available. Heck, we even have onesies for our tiniest supporters

Show your love for the animals with our T-shirts, tanks, and more! We also have mugs, totes, hats and more to keep you looking cool whether on the water or at home!

There's nothing cooler than helping to save a life!

Check out our Online Store Today!



Celebrate Summer All Year Long!

Meet Summer, the gorgeous grey kitty with green eyes that will steal your heart! Summer is a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day. She's always sweet and happy to greet all the nice new people that stop by to visit our Marathon Catio. You can scoop this girl into your arms for a gentle embrace, or be sure to give her plenty of gentle head pets for her purr-motor to start running.



At 3 years old Summer was blessed with the natural ability to never age! With her petite stature and small frame, adopting Summer would almost be like having a forever kitten. She would make a great addition to a home with other cats, and kids, making her the purrfect family companion. You can meet Summer at our Catio in Marathon, or visit us online at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-cat/> to complete an online adoption application today!



Meet a Very Good Boy!

Meet Remmy!

At 8 months old this handsome pupper checks all the boxes for a perfect Keys dog. His foster mom has been working hard to help him navigate this big new world. She says "Remmy is settling well, he gets along with our dogs and the cat. He absolutely loves the pool, he will even stick his head under the water to grab his toys. He went to doggy day care and he played so well with the other dogs. He loves to snuggle and

will even crawl in your lap and snuggle your neck. Remmy has accomplished so much in just one week. Happy boy!"



Loves the beach, pool, and water



Gets along with all dogs



Loves to cuddle and nap



Not too big, not too small, but the perfect size!

Remmy is learning to trust strangers, and men, and will need slow introductions. To adopt Remmy please visit us online at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-dog> to complete an online adoption application. Once received, an adoption counselor will contact you to set up a meet n greet since Remmy is in foster and not currently at the shelter. For more on Remmy call 305-743-4800.

Big Love in Two Small Packages!

Meet Daddy Peanut and Mama Foo Foo, two adorable dwarf rabbits available for adoption at our Marathon Campus!

Found as strays, these two unexpectedly became parents shortly after they were found by a Good Samaritan, who has lovingly fostered them

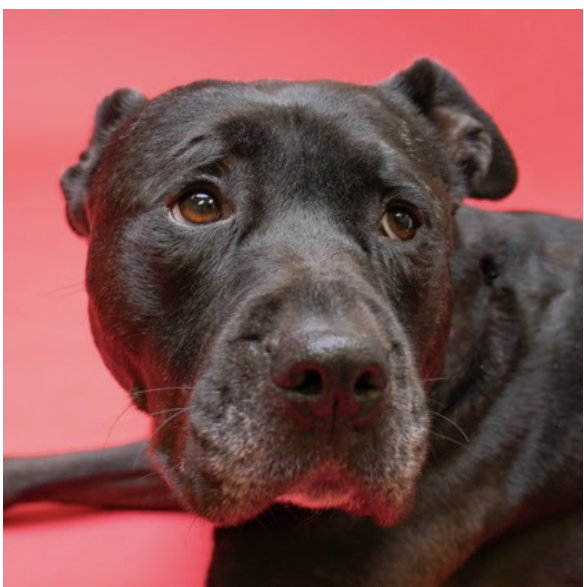
over the last 10 months. Together, the bonded pair of bunnies raised their babies which have all since been adopted. Now fixed, these two are in need of their furever home before they spend an entire year in foster!

Daddy Peanut and Mama Foo Foo are house rabbits, which means they have free range of their foster moms house. They are well socialized with the canine brother, and their human siblings, making them fantastic family companions. They are potty trained, primarily eat Timothy Hay and are 100% free range. Because they are dwarf rabbits, they are both under 3lbs, even fully grown.



If you're interested in adopting these two adorable little rabbits, please visit us online at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-small-animals/> and click their photo for a link to our online adoption application.

Since these rabbits are in foster, and not at our Marathon Campus, once we've received your application, an adoption counselor will reach out to schedule a meet n greet with you, and the foster, to ensure it's a good fit. For more information call our Marathon Campus at 305-743-4800.



She's Really Rosie!

Looking for a loyal buddy who will always be by your side? Meet Rosie, our 4-year-old mixed-breed sweetheart at the Key West campus! She's a professional cuddler and loves to stick close to her favorite humans.

Rosie has a bit of separation anxiety, which means she prefers not to be alone for long. If you're someone who's home a lot or can

take her with you, Rosie will be the happiest dog in the world!

She's perfect for anyone who wants a constant companion. Whether you're watching TV, working from home, or just hanging out, Rosie will be right there with you.

Ready to meet your new best friend? Come visit Rosie at 5711 College Rd. Or check her out online at fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-dog.

Don't miss out on this chance to bring endless love and joy into your life. Rosie is ready to be your loyal buddy forever!

Cool Dude in a Loose Mood!

Meet Herman!

Hey, cool cats and groovy humans! Meet Herman, the ultimate chill dude of the feline world. This 4-year-old tuxedo cat is hanging out at our Key West campus, waiting for someone just as laid-back and awesome to come scoop him up.

Herman's style is more hammock-in-the-sun than high-speed chases. He's the kind of cat who knows how to relax and enjoy the finer things in life—like a sunbeam on the carpet or a really good belly rub. You can find him at 5711 College Rd, just taking it easy and living his best life.



This cool cat isn't one to stress over the small stuff. He's got the whole "purr and chill" thing down to an art. If you're looking for a feline friend who will binge-watch your favorite shows with you or just vibe in the same room while you do your thing, Herman is your guy. He's not demanding; he's just happy to be there, man.

Ready to meet Herman?

Head on over to our website at [FKSPCA Adopt a Cat](https://fkspca.org/adopt-a-cat) to see more of this laid-back legend. Or, swing by 5711 College Rd and experience the chill vibes in person.

There's No Sweeter Buns at Our Key West Shelter!

Meet Licorice!

This dashing man hopped into our Key West Campus in March of this year, and he's been charming the socks off everyone ever since. Licorice is a small animal with a BIG appetite! He spends his days engaging in his favorite activities, which include chewing on cardboard tubes, munching on fresh, crisp lettuce, and gobbling up popcorn, his absolute favorite treat. It's safe to say that Licorice loves to eat and keeps himself



busy with his culinary adventures.

Licorice has quickly become a beloved resident at our Key West Campus. Visitors often remark on how entertaining it is to watch him go about his day, especially when he's in the middle of one of his enthusiastic eating sessions. If you're looking for a small animal that brings a lot of personality and charm, Licorice is the one for you.

Go to <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-small-animals/> to learn more about him and find out how you can adopt him. Or better yet- come meet this little vacuum

cleaner at our Key West Campus today!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday, August 23rd

Dog Daze Yappy Hour

5:00pm - 7:00pm

The Marker Hotel, 200 William Street, Key West

Join us for the Dog Daze of Summer Yappy Hour sponsored by El Bandido Tequila at the Marker Resort, 200 William Street, from 5-7pm for an afternoon of fun with you and your pup!

We are celebrating Summer with local friendly swimming, the “Puparita” drink special by El Bandido Tequila, and raffles!

We will be bringing doggy pools for your pups to be able to splish splash as well!

Let's cool off your pups with a pool party to benefit the animals of the Florida Keys SPCA!



The Florida Keys SPCA's
**DOG DAZE OF SUMMER
YAPPY HOUR**

Friday August 23rd from
5-7pm

The Marker Resort
200 William Street, Key West

Sponsored By:



**LOCALS WELCOME TO SWIM!
SEPARATE DOGGY POOLS WILL BE PROVIDED!**

**SPECIALTY DRINK: "THE PUPARITA" BY EL BANDIDO
TEQUILA, RAFFLES AND LOTS OF FUN FOR YOU AND
YOUR PUP!**

**ALL PROCEEDS, INCLUDING A PORTION OF PUPARITA
SALES, DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE FKSPCA!**



Friday, September 6th

Royal Candidate Kick Off!

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Key West Theater, 512 Eaton Street, Key West

Save the Date!

Join us at the Key West Theater for the King & Queen Kick Off to benefit
the Florida Keys SPCA!

Friday, September 6th from 6pm – 8pm

Meet & greet your Royal Candidates who will be starting their 6 week
campaign to become Key West's next Royal pair. You can learn about why
the candidates are raising money to care for our homeless and
community's animals, buy candidate swag, and get the full candidate event
list.

Hors D'oeuvres! Cash Bar! Performances! Air Conditioning!

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Questions? Contact Jennifer@fkspca.org.

NEONIMALS

Fantasy Fest Royal Campaign 2024

KICK OFF!

*Meet & Greet
The Royal Candidates!*



Benefiting:



Sept 6th
2024

6-8PM

Key West Theater
512 Eaton St, Key West



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

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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  **HAPPY TAILS**  



Ivar and Jeffrey: A Love Story

We couldn't be more excited to announce that exactly one year after entering Foster, Ivar was adopted by his foster Dad! At 8 years old, Ivar was surrendered to our Marathon Campus by the only family he ever knew. The transition was detrimental to Ivar's mental, and subsequently, physical health: his separation anxiety was extreme and unmanageable. Ivar quickly became a danger to himself and was entirely inconsolable. As a final effort to get him out of the shelter, we begged for a foster to step up and take an old, anxious pit bull that was fearful of new people.

That's when we met our Unicorn, Jeffrey.

It was a lot to ask, and having never fostered an animal before, there was a lot of counseling, but also a lot of crossed fingers and hope. It would either go really, really badly, or really, really well. Thankfully, it was the latter.

Over the last year Jeffrey and Ivar fell head over heels for each other. Ivar clearly showed his gratitude by quickly becoming the absolute best snuggler. They've spent the last year together deep down knowing they were meant for one another. So 365 days later, there was no way these two could ever be separated, and Ivar officially became family. Way to go Ivar! We couldn't be happier for you, and we couldn't be more grateful to your new Dad.

Good boy, Ivar. Good boy.

*****Did you adopt an animal from our Key West or Marathon campus and have an update for us? Let us know! We love hearing your success stories and updates on the animals who have come and gone at our shelter. You can email vanessa@fkspca.org to share your story. Please include photos as well!*****

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

**Donate Today!
Click here for more info**

Check out our Marathon Amazon Wishlist for our greatest needs!



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