



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

The Center for Animal Welfare & Education

October News from the FKSPCA!

Have you heard the news?



October 2024

FROM OUR DIRECTOR, TAMMY FOX



**Please Help Treat Our
Animals Like Royalty**

Dear Friends and Supporters of
the FKSPCA,

I hope this letter finds you well
and filled with the joy that our
shared love for animals brings.

As you may know, last year, the
FKSPCA was proud to be the
designated charity for the 2023
Fantasy Fest King and Queen
Campaign, where five incredible
candidates helped raise over
\$500,000 for our organization.
This unprecedented amount
allowed us to purchase a mobile

spay, neuter, and wellness clinic, which will provide accessible and

affordable routine and preventative veterinary care beginning November 2024 to numerous pets and families facing access challenges. We are so grateful to the community for making this possible, and we want to assure you that your donations are making a real difference in the lives of animals and their owners.

However, it is important to remember that this extraordinary success was an unexpected windfall and not something we expect every year. The fundraising goal for the 2024 campaign is \$250,000—half of what we were blessed with in 2023. These funds will be used to support safety net programs like the safe haven program, the spay, neuter and wellness program, adoption, and the Oscar's Fund, along with ensuring the FKSPCA has the resources it needs to continue its lifesaving mission for homeless pets in the Florida Keys. While many were thrilled by our success, there were some who questioned whether the funds should have gone elsewhere. Sadly, this has led to some of you who may believe that the FKSPCA no longer needs your support.

This could not be further from the truth.

The FKSPCA operates on a 2024 budget of \$3,115,160, and every dollar is vital to sustaining the programs and services that help both the animals and the people of our community. From our free and affordable spay/neuter and wellness services to the Safe Haven program that provides emergency shelter for pets in crisis to Oscar's Fund, which gives homeless pets access to life-saving surgeries, our work depends on the generosity of supporters like you. Each year, we provide a safe shelter for over 2,000 animals; without *your* support, none of this is possible.

This is why it is more important than ever for the FKSPCA's friends and family to support the 2024 Fantasy Fest King & Queen candidates. The cost of living in the Florida Keys continues to rise, forcing many pet owners to surrender their beloved companions due to the inability to find affordable, pet-friendly housing. In 2024, we have seen an alarming 120% increase in surrendered pets, while adoptions have declined as families face the same housing challenges. The situation is urgent, and we need your help now.

We need your help to make the 2024 Fantasy Fest King and Queen Campaign a success. By supporting our dedicated candidates, you will not only contribute to their heartfelt efforts but also ensure that the FKSPCA can continue to be a lifeline for pets and pet owners in need.

Please click [HERE](#) to make a gift to any of the 2024 candidates. Each candidate is a truly special human steadfast in their love and compassion for the pets and their families, of the Florida Keys.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Your contributions are not just financial; they are a testament to your love and care for the

animals in our community. Together, we can ensure that every animal in need receives the care, shelter, and love they deserve.

With gratitude,

Tammy



Thank You For Our 2024 Best of Marathon 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](#) Best of Marathon Awards! 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 the other nominees in our category for their outstanding work. We are honored to have been nominated alongside such valuable and impactful organizations in our community.

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.

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Get Your Coronation Tickets Before It's Too Late!

Be sure to get your tickets NOW to join us next Friday, October 18th for Royal Coronation 2024 Presented by The Perry Hotel and Marina Key West!

Tickets will *not* be sold after 11am this Monday, October 14th, so be sure to get your today!

Who will be the next King and Queen of Fantasy Fest? Come and enjoy the fun beginning at 6pm at the Coffee Butler Amphitheater. Enjoy carnival games and excitement before the show! Enjoy a seated 3 course meal by Catered Affairs as you watch the show brimming with local talent! Each \$100 ticket also includes two votes for your favorite candidate as well as 2 drink tickets!

This is an evening you don't want to miss!

Buy Your Tickets Here Now!



Our Key West Youth Club is the Place to Be!

Calling all kids between the ages
of 10 and 15!

Do you love animals and want to
be more involved?

Sounds like our Youth Club would
be a great fit!

Come join us during the school year! Held twice a week at our Key West Shelter from 4pm-5pm, our Youth Club is an after-school program for Youth Volunteers! They will learn about the animals at our Shelter and help enrich their lives by making craft projects to keep them entertained, snacks, and toys the animals can eat and use!

There's no better time to become involved than now!
Click the button below or email our Volunteer Coordinator at
crystal@fkspca.org

Sign Up for Youth Club Here

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.



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

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

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!

Cooler Weather is on the Way!

It's true! Weather that won't have you sweating on the walk to your car is arriving soon! Get ready for those 75 degree chilly days and nights with our hoodies, long sleeved tees and more!

Look cool while you stay warm!

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!



It's the Itchy and Scratchy Show!

Meet Itchy and Scratchy, bonded brothers looking for a home together. Itchy and Scratchy are two of the most kind, loving, and affectionate cats you'll ever meet. They love to be held, pet, brushed, scratched and cuddled. When these two aren't cuddling with staff and volunteers, you'll find them cuddling with each other. Having come in together, they are truly bonded, finding comfort and solace in one another while they adjust to the new sights, smells and sounds of Catio.



If you're looking for not just one, but two cool cats, then you absolutely have to meet Itchy and Scratchy! Scratchy is pictured here - and we can promise that Itchy is just as adorable! Check out Itchy on our website [HERE](#)

You can come visit them, and all of our adoptable cats, in our Catio located at [10550 Aviation Blvd.](#), in Marathon behind the airport. For more information, give us a call at 305-743-4800.



Did Someone Say Puppies!?!

We will soon have puppies available at our Marathon Campus! 3 female, and 1 male small breed mixed puppies were recently surrendered to our Marathon Campus as part of an unwanted litter. The puppies are currently in foster, and will be available soon.

Please read all of the below before applying!

Please read the following carefully:

- *There are 4 puppies available for adoption at our Marathon Campus
- *They are small dog mixes but we are unsure of the exact breed
- *They are two months old and pending spay/neuter before being available
- *You must have a pre-approved adoption application to meet the puppies

Please ask yourself the following questions, before applying:

- *Do I have the time, patience, commitment and understanding to give a puppy the proper socialization it needs and deserves over the next two months?
- *Following the socialization period, do I have the time and patience to commit to potty training, positive training, continued socialization and needs?
- *Do I have the ability to financially care for routine medical costs such as annual exams, vaccinations, monthly prevention and unexpected medical expenses such as surgeries or dentals?
- *Am I committed to this animal for the next 15+ years, no matter what?
- *If I have unexpected life changes, such as moving, loss of a job, or starting a family, am I committed to keeping this dog as my companion,

no matter what?

*Am I willing to seek resources for unexpected, or unwanted behaviors, consult professionals, and pay for consultations and training vs. giving up on my dog?

If you've answered "YES" to all the above and you're ready to bring a puppy into your home and heart, FOREVER, then please visit us online at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/> to download our online adoption application and email it to Tara@fkspca.org. Still have questions? Give us a call at 305-743-4800.

Don't Hedge Your Bets on These Guys!

We have hedgehogs available for adoption! Hedgehogs are arguably one of the more unique "pocket pets" and are truly exotic small animals. Although their housing requirements are similar to that of a guinea pig, everything else puts them in a class all their own!



Hedgehogs are insectivores and love to eat mealworms, and crickets. Live food is enriching, as they love to hunt down their prey. They are nocturnal, spending most of their day sleeping under a structure and burrowed into their bedding. Come night time, these guys can run on a wheel for miles! Being active is important to their mind, and body, preventing them from becoming overweight, or getting depressed.

But what about those spines? Unlike a porcupine, they do not throw their quills, and only use them as defense. In the wild, hedgehogs are prey animals. It's important to socialize and hold your hedgehog, the more you do, the more they will enjoy your companionship! When scared, they will roll into a ball. There are so many wonderful, unique and fascinating characteristics of the pygmy hedgehog. **If you're interested in learning more about our hedgehogs, you can stop by our Marathon Campus at [10550 Aviation Blvd.](#), behind the airport, or give us a call at 305-743-4800.**

Indy is Ready For Her Next Adventure: A New Home!



Meet Indy, the sweetest 7-year-old Pit Bull mix you'll ever encounter!

Weighing in at a petite 47 pounds, Indy is on the smaller side for her breed but makes up for it with a heart full of love. Her calm demeanor makes her the perfect companion for someone looking for a laid-back buddy. Indy absolutely adores treats, friendly humans, and anyone who's willing to shower her with attention.

If you're searching for a loving, easygoing dog, Indy could be the

perfect match! To meet her, schedule a meet and greet at our Key West campus by visiting <https://fkspca.org> or stop by in person at 5711 College Rd, Key West, FL. Indy is ready to bring sweetness and love to her forever home—could it be with you?

Don't miss out on meeting this gentle girl!

This Kia is Ready to Hit the Road!

Meet Kia, a 4-year-old master of relaxation! Kia is FIV+, but don't let that discourage you - FIV+ cats can live long, happy, and healthy lives with proper care. Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) affects a cat's immune system, but it doesn't require any special treatment beyond regular vet visits and a healthy lifestyle.

Kia spends most of her days doing what she loves most—sleeping! She's the perfect companion for anyone who enjoys a peaceful, laid-back vibe. If you're searching for a calm, low-maintenance cat to share your quiet moments, Kia could be the one.



Interested in meeting her? Visit Kia at our Key West campus located at 5711 College Rd, or check her out online at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/>

adopt-a-cat. Kia's ready to find her forever home and bring some calm to your life!



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

Meet Canela!

This adorable 1-year-old bunny is ready to hop into your heart and your home! Canela is as sweet as her name suggests, with just a hint of sass to keep things interesting. She's got the cutest little nose twitches and loves to explore her surroundings like the curious cutie she is!

If you're looking for a fluffy companion who can bring some spice to your life, Canela is your

gal.

Swing by to meet Canela in person at our Key West Campus, 5711 College Rd, or check her out online at fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-small-animals. Let's help this sweet bun find her forever home!



Sunday, October 13th

Royal All Candidate Event at The Gardens Hotel

2:30pm - 3:30pm

The Gardens Hotel, 526 Angela Street, Key West

Spend the afternoon at the beautiful Gardens Hotel supporting our 4 Royal Candidates!

Join us on Sunday, October 13th from 2:30 to 4:30pm!

Admission is free! Light bites and cash bar!

This race is for the Neonimals, and the Royal King and Queen Candidates who are the top fundraisers of the afternoon by 4:30pm will win \$2,500 towards their campaign!

Meet the Candidates! Enter raffles! Check out the Silent Auctions!

Come support your candidate – every dollar of your support could mean another \$2,500 towards their title, and for our animals!

NEONIMALS
Fantasy Fest Royal Campaign 2024

CALL CANDIDATE EVENT

Sunday | **2:30** | **The Gardens Hotel** | **Benefiting:**
OCT 13th, 2024 | **4:30** | **526 Angela St.** | **FLORIDA KEYS SPCA**
 | **PM** |

TOP KING & QUEEN FUNDRAISERS OF THE NIGHT
WILL WIN \$2,500
TOWARDS THEIR CAMPAIGN!

Friday, October 18th

Royal Coronation Presented by The Perry Hotel and Marina

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Coffee Butler Amphitheater, [21 Quay Road, Key West](#)

Tickets Only Available Until 11am Monday, October 14th!

Join the Florida Keys SPCA at the

2024 Royal Coronation Presented by The Perry Hotel & Marina Key West

where we will celebrate all 4 candidates at the culmination of their 6 week fundraising campaign.

Kick off Fantasy Fest to see who becomes the King & Queen of Fantasy Fest 2024!

This fabulous 2-hour stage show includes entertainment by local celebrities and the candidates themselves! Tickets include reserved seating, a 3-course plated dinner and two votes for the candidates of your choice.

General Admission Entry is FREE with open lawn space for self-seating. Join the carnival with stilt walkers, jugglers, games and more!

Cash bar for all. This evening is hosted at Key West's Coffee Butler Amphitheater. 6PM Doors, 7PM Show.

Click [HERE](#) and get your tickets today.

For more info, contact Jennifer@fkspca.org.

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Tuesday, October 22nd

Cocktails for Animal Tails

8:00pm - 11:00pm

Rick's Complex, 202 Duval Street, Key West

Come to the official charity Fantasy Fest event to benefit the homeless animals of the Florida Keys SPCA.

Your \$40 entry fee will include Unlimited Drinks in the entire Rick's Complex. Dress in your best animal costumes for the costume contest with a **\$500 grand prize!**

Party for a purpose where the entire Rick's complex will be transformed into a different Animal Kingdom around the world.

Purchase your pre-sale tickets below and get early entry to start the party at 7:30pm! Warm up your tutus and get ready to party like an animal!

When you purchase your tickets below you will receive an informational email on how to pick up your tickets the day of the event. For additional questions please contact Jennifer at Jennifer@fkspca.org or at (305) 294-4857, press 5 for the Development Director. Proceeds will benefit the animals of the Florida Keys SPCA!

Buy Your Tickets Here!

COCKTAILS
for
ANIMAL TAILS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024

RICK'S BAR: 202 DUVAL ST

8PM-4AM

Tickets on Sale Now!

ALL YOU CAN DRINK 8PM-11PM

OFFICIAL CHARITY EVENT TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS ANIMALS OF THE FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

DRESS IN YOUR BEST ANIMAL COSTUME FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A
\$500 GRAND PRIZE!

\$40 ALL YOU CAN DRINK
(Any Cocktail \$8 & Under)

FURY
ANIMAL SERVICES

FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

25th ANNIVERSARY

DIRTY MONKEY
BANANA PEANUT BUTTER WHISKEY

RICK'S BAR
202 DUVAL STREET

Sunday, October 27th

Halloween Pup Pawty

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Morning Joint, 22864 Overseas Highway, Cudjoe

Please join us on October 27th from 2-4pm at [Morning Joint](#) for a spooktacular Halloween Pup Pawty!

Here's what's in store:

Costume Contest: Dress up your pup in their spookiest, silliest, or cutest costume for a chance to win a prize!

Photo Booth Area: Snap adorable pics of your costumed pups and take home unforgettable memories.

Ice Cream for Dogs and People: Treat yourself and your furry buddy to some delicious ice cream.

Doggie Pools: Let your pups splash around and cool off in our doggie pools. It's the perfect way to burn off some energy and beat the heat.

Bring your four-legged friends and join us for an afternoon filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of tail-wagging excitement.

We can't wait to see you there!

FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

MORNING JOINT

Photo Design
Natalie

HALLOWEEN PUP PAW-TY

MORNING JOINT OCTOBER 27TH 2024

22864 Overseas Hwy 2PM-4PM
Cudjoe Key, FL 33042

Put on your finest costumes and join the Halloween celebrations with your furry companion to support the Florida Keys SPCA! Participate in the costume contest for a chance to win amazing prizes, or capture a spooky photo against a Halloween backdrop. Photography services are kindly offered for a suggested donation of \$20 by Photo Design by Natalie.

FOOD & DRINKS - COSTUME CONTEST - DOG POOLS- PHOTOBOOTH - PUP CUPS

Tuesday, November 19th

Wining for the Animals

5:30pm - 7:30pm


Double Tree Grand Resort, 3990 South Roosevelt, Key West

Our annual Wining for the Animals presented by the Sunset Rotary Club is back!


Join us on Tuesday November 19th at the Double Tree Grand Key Resort from 5:30 – 7:30pm for Beer & Wine Tasting sponsored by Faustos Food Palace, snacks, plus a great silent auction!

Tickets are \$25 per person and available at the event or you can contact Cynthia from the Sunset Rotary directly at (305) 294-3297.

We will see you there!




**Rotary Club of
Sunset
Key West**



INVITES YOU TO A WINE TASTING

Wining for the Animals

**DoubleTree Grand Key Resort
Tuesday, Nov. 19th, 2024 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
\$25 per person**




Silent Auction

**Beer and Wine Tasting Tables
Sponsored by Faustos Food Palace**

**All proceeds benefit FLORIDA KEYS S.P.C.A.
and the Rotary Club of Sunset Key West**

(Donations Welcome)

For Tickets and more information, contact Cynthia at (305)294-3297



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!



Connect with us
on Facebook!



Follow us on
Instagram!





The Artist Formerly Known As Coco!

Coco, the deaf basset hound puppy who nearly broke the internet, was adopted by her foster mom Mallory.

She says, "everyone meet Mavis! This sweet, sassy girl found her forever home with the Martin/Feitz crew. Yes. You read that correctly. We have added another one to the bunch. After trying to find the perfect home for this unique girl, she realized before I did, she was already home. She has brought me so much happiness during this dark time and I am happy we found her."

We couldn't be happier for Mavis or her new family! We wish them many years of play time, snuggles, and adventure.

Good girl, Mavis. Good girl.

*****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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Florida Keys Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
5711 College Rd Key West, FL 33040 10550 Aviation Blvd Marathon, FL 33050

Vanessa Willis <vanessa@fkspca.org>
To: Jennifer Rockford <jennifer.rockford@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 1:32 PM

Yes I can! Did you also need September?

On Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 1:32 PM Jennifer Rockford <jennifer.rockford@gmail.com> wrote:
Can you do this one too?

Thank you!!!

Sent from my iPhone. Thanks Steve.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Tammy Fox, Executive Director" <info@fkspca.org>
Date: October 12, 2024 at 7:00:23 AM EDT
To: Jennifer Rockford <jennifer.rockford@gmail.com>
Subject: **October News From the FKSPCA**
Reply-To: Tammy Fox <Jennifer@fkspca.org>



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This could not be further from the truth.

The FKSPCA operates on a 2024 budget of \$3,115,160, and every dollar is vital to sustaining the programs and services that help both the animals and the people of our community. From our free and affordable spay/neuter and wellness services to the Safe Haven program that provides emergency shelter for pets in crisis to Oscar's Fund, which gives homeless pets access

to life-saving surgeries, our work depends on the generosity of supporters like you. Each year, we provide a safe shelter for over 2,000 animals; without your support, none of this is possible.

This is why it is more important than ever for the FKSPCA's friends and family to support the 2024 Fantasy Fest King & Queen candidates. The cost of living in the Florida Keys continues to rise, forcing many pet owners to surrender their beloved companions due to the inability to find affordable, pet-friendly housing. In 2024, we have seen an alarming 120% increase in surrendered pets, while adoptions have declined as families face the same housing challenges. The situation is urgent, and we need your help now.

We need your help to make the 2024 Fantasy Fest King and Queen Campaign a success. By supporting our dedicated candidates, you will not only contribute to their heartfelt efforts but also ensure that the FKSPCA can continue to be a lifeline for pets and pet owners in need.

Please click [HERE](#) to make a gift to any of the 2024 candidates. Each candidate is a truly special human steadfast in their love and compassion for the pets and their families, of the Florida Keys.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Your contributions are not just financial; they are a testament to your love and care for the animals in our community. Together, we can ensure that every animal in need receives the care, shelter, and love they deserve.

With gratitude,

Tammy





Thank You For Our 2024 Best of Marathon 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](#) Best of Marathon Awards! 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 the other nominees in our category for their outstanding work. We are honored to have been nominated alongside such valuable and impactful organizations in our community.

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.



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Get Your Coronation Tickets Before It's Too Late!

Be sure to get your tickets NOW to join us next Friday, October 18th for Royal Coronation 2024 Presented by The Perry Hotel and Marina Key West!

Tickets will *not* be sold after 11am this Monday, October 14th, so be sure to get your today!

Who will be the next King and Queen of Fantasy Fest? Come and enjoy the fun beginning at 6pm at the Coffee Butler Amphitheater. Enjoy carnival games and excitement before the show! Enjoy a seated 3 course meal by Catered Affairs as you watch the show brimming with local talent! Each \$100 ticket also includes two votes for your favorite candidate as well as 2 drink tickets!

This is an evening you don't want to miss!

**Buy Your Tickets Here
Now!**



**Our Key West
Youth Club is the
Place to Be!**

Calling all kids between the
ages of 10 and 15!

Do you love animals and
want to be more involved?

Sounds like our Youth Club
would be a great fit!

Come join us during the school year! Held twice a week at our Key West Shelter from 4pm-5pm, our Youth Club is an after-school program for Youth Volunteers! They will learn about the animals at our Shelter and help enrich their lives by making craft projects to keep them entertained, snacks, and toys the animals can eat and use!

There's no better time to become involved than now!
Click the button below or email our Volunteer Coordinator at
crystal@fkspca.org

**Sign Up for Youth Club
Here**

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.



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

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

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!

Cooler Weather is on the Way!

It's true! Weather that won't have you sweating on the walk to your car is arriving soon! Get ready for those 75 degree chilly days and nights with our hoodies, long sleeved tees and more!

Look cool while you stay warm!

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!



It's the Itchy and Scratchy Show!

Meet Itchy and Scratchy, bonded brothers looking for a home together. Itchy and Scratchy are two of the most kind, loving,

and affectionate cats you'll ever meet. They love to be held, pet, brushed, scratched and cuddled. When these two aren't cuddling with staff and volunteers, you'll find them cuddling with each other. Having come in together, they are truly bonded, finding comfort and solace in one another while they adjust to the new sights, smells and sounds of Catio.

If you're looking for not just one, but two cool cats, then you absolutely have to meet Itchy and Scratchy! Scratchy is pictured here - and we can promise that Itchy is just as adorable! Check out Itchy on our website [HERE](#)



You can come visit them, and all of our adoptable cats, in our Catio located at [10550 Aviation Blvd.](#), in Marathon behind the airport. For more information, give us a call at 305-743-4800.



Did Someone Say Puppies!?!

We will soon have puppies available at our Marathon Campus! 3 female, and 1 male small breed mixed puppies were recently surrendered to our Marathon Campus as part of an unwanted litter. The puppies

are currently in foster, and will be available soon.
Please read all of the below before applying!

Please read the following carefully:

*There are 4 puppies available for adoption at our Marathon Campus

- *They are small dog mixes but we are unsure of the exact breed
- *They are two months old and pending spay/neuter before being available
- *You must have a pre-approved adoption application to meet the puppies

Please ask yourself the following questions, before applying:

- *Do I have the time, patience, commitment and understanding to give a puppy the proper socialization it needs and deserves over the next two months?
- *Following the socialization period, do I have the time and patience to commit to potty training, positive training, continued socialization and needs?
- *Do I have the ability to financially care for routine medical costs such as annual exams, vaccinations, monthly prevention and unexpected medical expenses such as surgeries or dentals?
- *Am I committed to this animal for the next 15+ years, no matter what?
- *If I have unexpected life changes, such as moving, loss of a job, or starting a family, am I committed to keeping this dog as my companion, no matter what?
- *Am I willing to seek resources for unexpected, or unwanted behaviors, consult professionals, and pay for consultations and training vs. giving up on my dog?

If you've answered "YES" to all the above and you're ready to bring a puppy into your home and heart, FOREVER, then please visit us online at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/> to download our online adoption application and email it to Tara@fkspca.org. Still have questions? Give us a call at 305-743-4800.

Don't Hedge Your Bets on These Guys!

We have hedgehogs available for adoption! Hedgehogs are arguably one of the more unique "pocket pets" and are truly exotic small animals. Although their housing requirements are similar to that of a guinea pig, everything else puts them in a class all their own!

Hedgehogs are insectivores and love to eat mealworms, and crickets. Live food is enriching, as they love to hunt down their prey. They are nocturnal, spending most of their day sleeping

under a structure and burrowed into their bedding. Come night time, these guys can run on a wheel for miles! Being active is important to their mind, and body, preventing them from becoming overweight, or getting depressed.



But what about those spines? Unlike a porcupine, they do not throw their quills, and only use them as defense. In the wild, hedgehogs are prey animals. It's important to socialize and hold your hedgehog, the more you do, the more they will enjoy your companionship! When scared, they will roll into a ball. There are so many wonderful, unique and fascinating characteristics of the pygmy hedgehog. **If you're interested in learning more about our hedgehogs, you can stop by our Marathon Campus at 10550 Aviation Blvd., behind the airport, or give us a call at 305-743-4800.**



Indy is Ready For Her Next Adventure: A New Home!

Meet Indy, the sweetest 7-year-old Pit Bull mix you'll ever encounter!

Weighing in at a petite 47 pounds, Indy is on the smaller side for her breed but makes up for it with a heart full of love. Her calm demeanor makes her the

perfect companion for someone looking for a laid-back buddy. Indy absolutely adores treats, friendly humans, and anyone who's willing to shower her with attention.

If you're searching for a loving, easygoing dog, Indy could be the perfect match! To meet her, schedule a meet and greet at our Key West campus by visiting <https://fkspca.org> or stop by in person at 5711 College Rd, Key West, FL. Indy is ready to bring sweetness and love to her forever home—could it be with you?

Don't miss out on meeting this gentle girl!

This Kia is Ready to Hit the Road!

Meet Kia, a 4-year-old master of relaxation! Kia is FIV+, but don't let that discourage you - FIV+ cats can live long, happy, and healthy lives with proper care. Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) affects a cat's immune system, but it doesn't require any special treatment beyond regular vet visits and a healthy lifestyle.



Kia spends most of her days doing what she loves most—sleeping! She's the perfect companion for anyone who enjoys a peaceful, laid-back vibe. If you're searching for a calm, low-maintenance cat to share your quiet moments, Kia could be the one.

Interested in meeting her? Visit Kia at our Key West campus located at 5711 College Rd, or check her out online at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-cat>. Kia's ready to find her forever home and bring some calm to your life!

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

Meet Canela!

This adorable 1-year-old bunny is ready to hop into your heart and your home! Canela is as sweet as her name suggests, with just a hint of sass to keep things interesting. She's got the cutest little nose twitches and loves to explore her surroundings like the curious cutie she is!



If you're looking for a fluffy companion who can bring some spice to your life, Canela is your gal.

Swing by to meet Canela in person at our Key West Campus, 5711 College Rd, or check her out online at fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-small-animals. Let's help this sweet bun find her forever home!



Sunday, October 13th

Royal All Candidate Event at The Gardens Hotel

2:30pm - 3:30pm

The Gardens Hotel, 526 Angela Street, Key West

Spend the afternoon at the beautiful Gardens Hotel supporting our 4 Royal Candidates!

Join us on Sunday, October 13th from 2:30 to 4:30pm!

Admission is free! Light bites and cash bar!

This race is for the Neonimals, and the Royal King and Queen Candidates who are the top fundraisers of the afternoon by 4:30pm will win \$2,500 towards their campaign!

Meet the Candidates! Enter raffles! Check out the Silent Auctions!

Come support your candidate – every dollar of your support could mean another \$2,500 towards their title, and for our animals!

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Fantasy Fest Royal Campaign 2024

CALL CANDIDATE EVENT

Sunday | **2:30** | **The Gardens Hotel**
OCT 13th, 2024 | **4:30** | **526 Angela St.**
PM

Benefiting:  FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

TOP KING & QUEEN FUNDRAISERS OF THE NIGHT
WILL WIN \$2,500
TOWARDS THEIR CAMPAIGN!

Friday, October 18th

**Royal Coronation Presented by The Perry
Hotel and Marina**

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Coffee Butler Amphitheater, 21 Quay Road, Key West

Tickets Only Available Until 11am Monday, October 14th!

Join the Florida Keys SPCA at the

2024 Royal Coronation Presented by The Perry Hotel & Marina Key West

where we will celebrate all 4 candidates at the culmination of their 6 week fundraising campaign.

Kick off Fantasy Fest to see who becomes the King & Queen of Fantasy Fest 2024!

This fabulous 2-hour stage show includes entertainment by local celebrities and the candidates themselves! Tickets include reserved seating, a 3-course plated dinner and two votes for the candidates of your choice.

General Admission Entry is FREE with open lawn space for self-seating. Join the carnival with stilt walkers, jugglers, games and more!

Cash bar for all. This evening is hosted at Key West's Coffee Butler Amphitheater. 6PM Doors, 7PM Show.

Click [HERE](#) and get your tickets today.

For more info, contact Jennifer@fkspca.org.

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Tuesday, October 22nd

Cocktails for Animal Tails

8:00pm - 11:00pm

Rick's Complex, 202 Duval Street, Key West

Come to the official charity Fantasy Fest event to benefit the homeless animals of the Florida Keys SPCA.

Your \$40 entry fee will include Unlimited Drinks in the entire Rick's Complex. Dress in your best animal costumes for the costume contest with a **\$500 grand prize!**

Party for a purpose where the entire Rick's complex will be transformed into a different Animal Kingdom around the world.

Purchase your pre-sale tickets below and get early entry to start the party at 7:30pm! Warm up your tutus and get ready to party like an animal!

When you purchase your tickets below you will receive an informational email on how to pick up your tickets the day of the event. For additional questions please contact Jennifer at Jennifer@fkspca.org or at (305) 294-4857, press 5 for the Development Director. Proceeds will benefit the animals of the Florida Keys SPCA!

Buy Your Tickets Here!

COCKTAILS
for
ANIMAL TAILS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024

RICK'S BAR: 202 DUVAL ST

8PM-4AM

Tickets on Sale Now!

ALL YOU CAN DRINK 8PM-11PM

OFFICIAL CHARITY
EVENT TO BENEFIT
THE HOMELESS
ANIMALS OF THE
FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

DRESS IN YOUR BEST
ANIMAL COSTUME FOR
YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A
\$500
GRAND PRIZE!

\$40
ALL YOU
CAN DRINK
(Any Cocktail \$8 & Under)

FURY
FLORIDA KEYS SPCA
25th
ANNIVERSARY
DIRTY MONKEY
BANANA PEANUT BUTTER
WHISKEY
RICKS
BAR

Sunday, October 27th

Halloween Pup Pawty

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Morning Joint, 22864 Overseas Highway, Cudjoe

Please join us on October 27th from 2-4pm at

