



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA

The Center for Animal Welfare & Education

August News from the FKSPCA!

Have you heard the news?



August 2025

FROM OUR DIRECTOR, TAMMY FOX



A Note from the Executive Director: *Helping Pets Through Summer's Final Stretch*

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe, but August is already here. As we soak up the golden rays of summer; whether it is a quick getaway, a lazy day on the clear blue Florida Keys water, or getting the kids ready to head back to school—this time of year often feels like a whirlwind of change for many families.

And, while we are caught up in the busy excitement of wrapping up the season, our pets are quietly adjusting behind the scenes.

New schedules, unfamiliar visitors, shifting routines... even the energy in the home feels different. For our furry

companions, these changes can be confusing or overwhelming. You might notice your dog barking more, chewing on things they usually wouldn't, or your cat hiding under the bed longer than usual. These behaviors are signs that your pets are trying their best to cope with a world that suddenly feels unfamiliar.

If your pet seems a little "off", you are not alone—and we are here to help.

At the Florida Keys SPCA, we understand that pets experience life transitions just like we do. That's why we offer a free

Behavior Helpline. Our team, who truly cares about you and your pets, is here to support you during these moments of change. Whether you have a quick question, need reassurance, or want to discuss a new challenge, we are here for you.

As we say goodbye to summer and ease into the rhythm of fall, here are a few gentle reminders to help your pets thrive:

- 🐾 Stick to familiar routines as much as possible – Consistency brings comfort.
- 🐾 Offer extra patience and affection – Your pets may need a little more love right now.
- 🐾 Watch for changes in behavior – And don't hesitate to reach out if something seems off.

If you are feeling overwhelmed or unsure about how to help your pet navigate this transition, please don't wait. It's okay to seek help.

Let Us Support You and Your Pets.

Contact Our FKSPCA Behavior Helpline:

📞 Call: 305-294-4857

✉ Email: Behaviorhelpline@fkspca.org

🌐 Visit: <https://fkspca.org/what-we-do/behavior-counseling>

Let's make the end of summer a smooth, safe, and sweet transition—for the whole family, paws included.

With gratitude,

Tammy

Tammy Fox, Executive Director

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2025 Grant Recipient
SAVING SENIOR DOGS ♥ TOGETHER

Grey Muzzle SENIOR DOG Clinic Event

We're thrilled to announce that we are one of 119 grant recipients awarded funding from the \$1.57 million distributed by [The Grey Muzzle Organization](#) to support lifesaving efforts for senior dogs including preventative wellness, dental care and emergency visit fees for community pet owners in the Middle and Lower Keys. A huge thank you to Grey Muzzle and their supporters for making this possible for our loved senior pets.

Thanks to this grant, we're excited to offer our first **FREE Senior Dog Clinic** for Monroe County residents at our **Key West Campus on Monday, August 4th, 2025, from 9am to 12pm**. This event is focused on helping community pet owners and their senior dogs get the care they need.

Requirements:

Senior Dogs ONLY. Dogs must be 8 years of age or older with proof of age.

For Monroe County Residents

When: Monday August 4th from 9am-12pm

Where: Key West Campus, 5711 College Rd, Key West

What:

Free Vaccines Offered-

- **Rabies Vaccination** which is required for all dogs in Monroe County and prevents rabies.
- **DHPP Vaccinations** which protects against Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza and Parvovirus.
- **Bordetella Vaccination** which protects against Kennel Cough that can be contracted by other dogs.

Other Free Services Offered-

- Wellness Exam
- Heartworm Testing
- Additional Wellness Care

Services Offered at Our Regular Pricing-

- Nail Trims
- Microchipping

August is National Immunization Awareness Month! A

purrfect time to get your pets vaccinated!

For additional questions on our Grey Muzzle clinic, please contact the Clinic Team directly at 305-294-4857, then dial 2, or email them at clinic@fkspca.org.

Clinic Program Details



Free Senior Dog Clinic!

For Monroe County residents with a dog 8 years or older

Date & Time: Monday, August 4th, 2025 From 9am-12pm

Where: Florida Keys SPCA- Key West Campus: 5711 College Rd.

What's FREE: Exams, Vaccines, Heartworm Testing, and Additional Wellness Care.

Additional Services: Nail Trims (\$20-\$30), Microchipping (\$25)
No appointment necessary. First come, first served.

Terms & Conditions: This is a **FREE** senior dog clinic for dogs **8 years** of age or older **ONLY**. Owners **MUST** provide proof of dog's age (veterinary records, adoption papers or Bill of Sale from breeder to prove age; Scanning a microchip will **NOT** tell the age of your dog). Owners **MUST** be full-time residents with a valid Monroe County ID. Dogs **MUST** be on a non-retractable leash. Owners **MUST** provide proof of a current rabies vaccine for nail trims.

Questions?

Call us at: (305) 294- 4857 Or email: clinic@fkspca.org



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA



THE GREY MUZZLE ORGANIZATION
2025 Grant Recipient

SAVING SENIOR DOGS ♥ TOGETHER

Nominate Us for the Best of Marathon Awards!

The Florida Keys SPCA would love your **NOMINATION** for the

Best Non Profit under the 'Our Community' category for the
2025 Best of Marathon Awards!

Nominations continue through Midnight on Monday August 9th,
so please Nominate each day! Be sure to complete at least
75% of the categories for your vote to count. Thank you for
your support!

Click Here to NOMINATE Us!

BEST OF MARATHON IS BACK!

**NOMINATE FLORIDA
KEYS SPCA FOR
BEST NON PROFIT**



Thank you for supporting
our lifesaving mission!

10550 AVIATION BLVD, MARATHON 305.743.4800
5711 COLLEGE RD, KEY WEST 305.294.4857



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA





2025 Fantasy Fest King and Queen Candidates
Floyd Jenkins / Joe Wooten / Cindy Bensen / Mina Valdez

Meet Our Royal Candidates!

Our 2025 Candidates are ready to become Royalty for the official Fantasy Fest King & Queen Campaign! It is with great honor and appreciation we introduce you to:

Floyd Jenkins- King Candidate

Joe Wooten - King Candidate

Cindy Bensen- Queen Candidate

Mina Valdez- Queen Candidate

You will be able to meet these candidates in person, learn how you can support their campaign and where their events will take place at our official King & Queen Kick Off Event on Friday September 5th from 6-8pm. We could not be more grateful for their dedication to the animals and our community! Stay tuned for more to come!

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We're Hiring at the Florida Keys SPCA!

Love animals? We have multiple full-time positions open at both our Key West and Marathon Campuses!

Key West Campus

Openings:

- Marketing & Event Coordinator
- Clinic Admin/Foster Coordinator
- Clinic Veterinary Assistant
- Guest Care Associate
- Canine Animal Care Associate

Marathon Campus Openings:

- Canine Animal Care Associate

The FKSPCA offers great benefits like paid medical insurance, 401(k) match, and vacation time!

Apply today:

- For Key West: Email Info@fkspca.org
- For Marathon: Email Tara@fkspca.org
- Apply in person at either campus!

Learn More About Each Position [HERE!](#)

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**Thank YOU for
Completing our
\$20,000 Match
Campaign!**

We cannot be more grateful to our community and supporters for completing our \$20,000 Mobile Unit Match that was generously led by the Dogwood Foundation. We raised a total of **\$21,477**, surpassing our goal, which will allow us to impact even more pet owners that need it most and overcome the barrier of transportation. Thank you for being a hero and partner in our lifesaving mission!

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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!

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Looking for Your Next Summer Outfit?

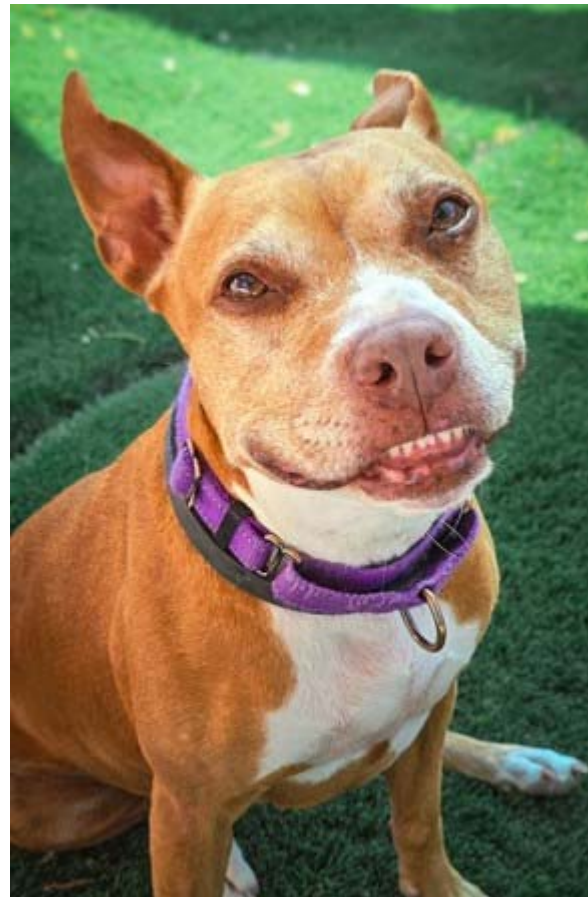
Look no more! Cool off this summer and show your love for the animals with our t-shirts, tanks, mugs and totes. Support the homeless animals and keep your temperature low by saving a life!

Check out our Online Store Today!



Will Anyone Give Ms. Teri a Chance?

We've told you about Ms. Teri many, many times before. In fact, we've featured her fifteen times on our social media. She's been a pet of the week on our radio show with Tiny in the afternoons on US1 Radio and Conch Country three times. Ms. Teri has been featured in our Weekly Newspaper segment "Take Me Home" 8 times. She has a personal trainer and her own YouTube video on her website, she had a foster mom for over a year, and now has a slew of volunteers and our entire team of staff that absolutely love and adore her.



So where is Ms. Teri's adopter?

For over **500 days** Ms. Teri has been waiting as we've watched her face grow greyer. At 10.5 years old it's heartbreaking watching a senior shelter dog get completely overlooked, especially since we think she's so great.

Ms. Teri's ideal situation would be one in which she was the only pet. Ms. Teri can not be placed in a house with other animals. She absolutely adores all people, and is the most cuddly, affectionate and loving dog to any person. Her favorite place is in your lap. Ms. Teri is smart, engaging and motivated to please which has made training her a breeze. Thanks to her personal trainer, former foster mom and our kennel staff, she's learned so much that we guarantee she's more well behaved than average and you're sure to be impressed with her skill set. She loves car rides, long walks, and is always down for an adventure. At home, she's more than happy to cuddle on the couch and curl up to watch a movie with her favorite thing, humans.

Please don't let Ms. Teri wait another day, or gain another grey hair without a family to call her own. You can meet Ms. Teri at our Marathon Campus, or call us at 305-743-7800 today for more on Ms. Teri. We would love to tell you all about how great she is!



Cosmo Could be the Cat for You!

Meet Cosmo! A 1 ½ year old beautiful shiny, sleek black male cat with mesmerizing sunflower yellow eyes.

Cosmo was surrendered to the shelter with his brother due to no fault of their own. There he struggled to adjust to our Catio, and he felt lost, confused and insecure.

He was taken into foster where he has absolutely blossomed. Almost overnight he transformed into a loving,

playful, curious, outgoing and trusting kitty who craves human contact. He loves being pet, and will at times give a little

“chirp” asking for pets. He’s energetic, playful and makes morning zoomies a regular thing, He wants to be in the thick of household activities because he doesn’t want to miss out. He follows his foster around, preferring to be right there, underfoot.

Cosmo is a fastidious kitty who loves to have lots of toys around. The perfect home for this kitty would be one where there’s someone who will give him lots of attention, play with him, and make him feel important and loved. In return, Cosmo promises unending loyalty and love given the chance. He truly is a remarkable kitty, and the person, or family, who adopts him will have a loving companion in return.

Since Cosmo is in a foster home the first step to adoption is to complete an online adoption application at <https://fkspca.org/adopt/adopt-a-cat/>. Once received an adoption counselor will contact you with the next steps, and to schedule a meet in greet. For more on Cosmo give us a call at 305-743-4800.

This Beardie is Looking for Love!

Meet Toothless the Bearded Dragon available for adoption at our Marathon Campus. Did you know the Florida Keys SPCA cares for any and all domesticated pets, which includes exotic animals such as birds, reptiles and even fish!

Bearded Dragons are docile and enjoy being interactive with their owners. They have distinct personalities and can be quite entertaining to watch. There are special requirements for such a unique companion, such as a large tank with basking areas, a special diet that includes live food and fresh veggies.

If you're prepared and ready for the responsibility of caring for a Bearded Dragon, then stop by our Marathon Campus to meet Toothless today!





Is Leo Looking at YOU?

August 26th is **National Dog Day** and Leo would love nothing more than to celebrate it in a home of his own! Leo is a 2 1/2 years young Mixed Breed and looking for a patient home that is ready to give lots of love. Leo is shy at first, so it may take a visit or two before he warms up, but once he trusts you, he is your new best friend. He loves being an 80 pound lap

dog for anyone willing to stand his cuteness! He will need a home that can handle his size and willing to move slow at first. Stop by the Key West Campus to meet Leo and see if he's the perfect fit for your family!

Jaguar Could be Just Right for YOU!

Jaguar has been waiting 3 years for a home, and we are not sure why! Jaguar is a complete cuddle bug. He may only be 4 years old, but he is an old soul at heart. Jaguar would love a soft lap to snooze on, a human that wants a cat who loves attention and a quiet home he can enjoy life in.

Jaguar came in with other cats and he is the last one left to find a furever home. If you want a mellow kitty, can appreciate the soft shuffle of paws behind you and a purrfect pal who loves being near and on you, stop by the Key West Campus to meet Jaguar today!





Shemp is Searching for YOU!

Shemp is a 6-month-old Guinea Pig who was surrendered with his 3 litter mates in April and has been waiting for a home since! Shemp has a surprisingly big personality packed into his

tiny frame. He's super friendly, loves being held and always seems curious about the world around him. Whether he's munching on veggies or chirping softly when you walk by, Shemp is a sweet little companion who's ready to bring some joy into your life. If you've been thinking about adding a small pet to your family, Shemp might be the perfect fit. Stop by the Key West Campus to meet him today!

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Thursday, August 28th

Bark & Brew Event

5pm - 7pm

Oceans Edge Resort & Marina, 5950 Peninsular Ave, Key West

Join us for the Bark & Brew Kickoff for Brewfest! You and your four-legged friends are invited to enjoy a night of fun at the Yellowfin Bar to support the Florida Keys SPCA. Your \$35 ticket includes OPEN BAR, light bites, a complimentary raffle ticket which includes a stay at Oceans Edge and the pups get treated to Doggie Ice Cream.

There will be a cool-down station and special treats for pets to keep them happy! Questions? Contact Jennifer@fkspca.org.

To buy tickets, click the button below! Local discount for this

event (10%) using the code **LOCALBREW** for any Monroe County resident who purchases a ticket from now through August 15th.

We will see you there!

Purchase Tickets HERE!

BARK & BREW

SUPPORTING THE
FLORIDA KEYS SPCA
The Center for Animal Welfare & Education

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH
5PM - 7PM | \$35 per human

*Ticket purchase includes a raffle ticket, light bites,
open event bar, & pup cool-down station.*

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

ISLAMORADA BEER COMPANY
oceans edge RESORT + MARINA
Key West BREWFEST LABOR DAY WEEKEND

A promotional poster for a 'BARK & BREW' event. The top half features the event title in large, blue, outlined letters. Below it is a teal banner with the Florida Keys SPCA logo and name. To the right, a small airplane flies in the sky. The middle section contains the event date and time in large, blue, outlined text, followed by the price. Below this is a line of italicized text describing what is included in the ticket. The bottom half of the poster shows a brown dog wearing red sunglasses and a blue patterned shirt, sitting next to three beer bottles on ice. At the bottom, there are logos for Islamorada Beer Company, Oceans Edge Resort + Marina, and Key West Brewfest Labor Day Weekend. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner, with the text 'SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION' above it.

Friday September 5th

Save the Date: Fantasy Fest King & Queen Kick Off

6pm-8pm

Key West Theater, 512 Eaton Street, Key West

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 animals, buy candidate swag, donate to their campaign and get the full candidate event list.

FREE EVENT! Light Bites Offered! Cash Bar! Performances! Air conditioning!

Do you want to be a Royal Coronation Sponsor? Click the button below to find out more!

We look forward to seeing everyone there! Questions?
Contact Jennifer@fkspca.org

King & Queen Sponsor Information [HERE!](#)

Happily Ever After
Fantasy Fest Royal Campaign 2025

Kick Off!

**MEET & GREET YOUR
2025 ROYAL CANDIDATES!**

Benefiting:



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA



**Sept 5th
2025**

6-8pm

**Key West Theater
512 Eaton St.**

• Free Snacks • Cool AC • Cash Bar •



COMMUNITY & OUTREACH



Thank you SO much to our
amazing supporters,



adopters and community members for making us this year's **Best Non Profit** for the **2025 Bubba Awards!** We are so proud to have received this recognition 12 years in a row!



We are incredibly honored that so many of you believe in our life saving mission and that we continue to earn your trust each and every year. We are humbled and grateful!

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HEAT PET SAFETY!
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SHADE & WATER
Protect your pets from the sun's rays and keep them hydrated.

NO CARS
Never leave a pet in the car, not even with the window cracked.

NO ASPHALT
If it's too hot for bare feet, it's too hot for bare paws.

LIMIT EXERCISE
Don't let playful pets over exert themselves in the heat.

HEAT STROKE
Excessive panting, discolored gums, and mobility problems are signs. Seek veterinary attention immediately!

August is HOT! Protect your pet's health and paws!

Be sure to protect your pets during the hottest times of the day

as heatstroke can occur quickly due to the result of exposure to high temperatures or exercise in the heat.

To ensure the prevention of a life-threatening emergency, be sure to follow these tips:

* Offer shade and plenty of water when they go outside.

* **NEVER** leave a pet unattended in a car.

* Keep their paws **OFF** of Hot Asphalt. If you can't touch it for 7 seconds without burning your feet or hands, they can't be on it either.

* Limit exercise and exposure to heat as much as possible.

Let's keep our pets safe this summer!

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Hurricane Fosters Needed!

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 contact our Marathon Campus at Tara@fkspca.org or our Key West Campus at Info@fkspca.org.

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The Vet's Corner:



Itchy Pets

Monthly we will be bringing you a NEW column from our very own Dr. Whipple. She will be offering expert advice for our community pet owners.

Many pets suffer from itchy skin, which includes symptoms such as: licking, chewing, scratching, and rubbing their body against an object. Dogs and cats may even itch themselves so much that they create open sores that can get infected and require additional

medications. While determining the root cause of the itch can be difficult to determine, it is very important so that the proper treatment can be implemented, and the animal's suffering relieved.

Some common causes for itching include: external parasites (fleas, mites, ticks, mosquitoes), allergies (several types), and infection (bacterial, fungal, other). Types of allergies include inhalant/environmental allergies (most common), food allergies (due to the protein source), contact allergies (due to chemicals, plant oils, etc.), or flea allergy (due to flea saliva). Your veterinarian will help you determine what is causing your pet to itch, usually through a series of questions, as well as some physical tests that may need to be performed on your pet to rule in/out medical causes.

Treatments for your pet's itchy skin may include oral allergy medication or steroids, oral antibiotics or anti-fungals, flea treatment and preventatives, topical shampoos, sprays, mousse, or ear ointments. Ask your veterinarian about how to help with your pet's itch!

Can't Adopt? Sponsor a Homeless Pet!

Our Sponsor-A-Pet program gives you a chance to help



change the life of one of our pets in need. Your monthly \$25 donation to a specific pet's needs, whether it's medical, an animal that is a senior and has less likelihood of being adopted, like **16 1/2-year-old Cleo** pictured here, or a special needs animal. Each pet that is available for sponsorship can be found by clicking the button below.



Each sponsor will receive a welcome letter, a picture of their pet, a sponsorship certificate and updates on your sponsored pet. You can also give the gift of saving a life in honor of someone special. Pets like Cleo need a little extra love and you can be that support for them! Questions? Contact Jennifer@fkspca.org.

Sponsor a Pet Here!

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August is National Make-A-Will Month!

Everyone from 18-80 needs a Will to protect what matters most to them. August is Make-a-Will Month and the perfect time to make important decisions about your assets as well as who will care for your furry friends.

The Florida Keys SPCA is honored to share this FREE resource from our friends at FreeWill to make it easy and accessible for every member of our community. Use this FREE will-writing tool to get started in 20 minutes or less, at no personal cost, and join thousands who are currently participating in Make-A-Will Month now!

Protect Your Future Today by Clicking [HERE!](#)

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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!

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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!





Zeus Found His Furever Family!

“Zeus the Moose” as Garrison and Mari, Zeus’ adopters, like to call him, has found his family! After 2 months in his new home, his personality is now shining. He loves the beach, playing with other dogs at the dog park, hogging the bed with his 70 pound body and just being a good boy. Garrison and Mari wanted to make sure to say “Thank you to ALL of our adopters...together we are changing lives, one paw at a time.” We feel the exact same!

***** 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 Jennifer@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**

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