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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



The time is flying by and we are coming up on the holiday season sooner than we like.

It seems that all of us know someone or many someones who have everything they need or want and are really hard to buy a gift for. The gift can be for an anniversary, birthday, holiday or just to honor them. The next time you are in this bind, please think of the Animal Welfare League. You can sponsor an animal in someone's name. You can donate to the emergency medical fund for animals that are sick or injured. You can donate to the cell dog program. A donation to our spay and neuter fund is always needed. Or you can just send a gift in someone's honor to be

used for the daily operation of the shelter. We will in turn send that person a note telling them what you have done in their honor. Also you can do this same thing in memory of someone who has passed away. By doing this, not only are you helping the animals but your gift is tax deductible. In these hard times our animals still deserve the care they need. You are their light at the end of the tunnel, because by donating to the Animal Welfare League you help us help them. Without your help we could not do what is right for these homeless animals. Won't you please help us help them?

Director

About the Animal Welfare League

Founded in 1963, AWL is a non-profit organization that provides a temporary home, medical services and caring attention for countless dogs, cats, and other animals housed at the shelter. The shelter exists solely due to the generous contributions of citizens, businesses and the community.

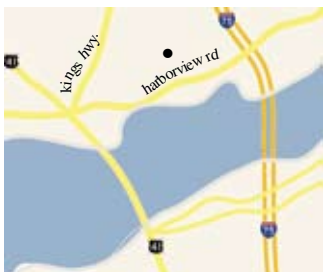
- **Our Vision:** Achieve a community void of homeless animals.
- **Our Mission:** Advocate animal protection and welfare.

To achieve our vision and accomplish our mission, our goals are:

- 1) Protect, care for and nurture homeless and abused animals.
- 2) Help eradicate the need for euthanasia of adoptable dogs and cats.
- 3) Promote responsible pet ownership.
- 4) Support legislation and regulatory changes that benefit animals.

- The Animal Welfare League is a non-profit corporation [Sec. 501 (c) (3)] dedicated to the alleviation of pain and suffering of animals.
- Shelter expenses run over \$1 million yearly. Your donations, bequests, and adoption fees are necessary to help us provide care for the animals.
- Your animal shelter provides safe refuge, nourishment and love to hundreds of homeless animals each month.
- The shelter accepts all animals brought in by Charlotte County residents and Animal Control.
- Approximately 5,500 animals are received at the shelter each year.
- We accept cash, checks, Visa or Master Card for donations, adoption fees and return-to-owner fees

Hours and Location



We are open to the public seven days a week from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed for major holidays. We are located at 3519 Drance Street (off Harborview Rd.), Port Charlotte, FL.

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PAWS FOR THOUGHT

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ON THE COVER



Mimosa, a 1½-year-old spayed female pit bull mix, is playful, energetic and good with children. She's been at the shelter for one year. We hope Mimosa finds her forever home soon! Perhaps with you?

Where There's a Will There's a Way

Your love for animals can live on through a bequest to the Animal Welfare League in your will or trust. Your gift will ensure our ability to continue to care for homeless, abused and neglected pets in the years to come.



A gift annuity takes advantage of favorable tax treatment that is available only to charitable organizations and their donors.

Ask your financial advisor about investing in a gift annuity that will benefit the animals.

OPERATION DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



As AWL's new Operations Director, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all the caring individuals and generous businesses from our community and neighboring cities who have proven to me their deep concern for the plight of homeless cats and dogs. Each and every one of you is an integral part of our work at the shelter. If you support our work, you save a life. ... it is as simple as that. You allow us to do what is necessary to accomplish our mission: to relieve the suffering of abandoned, abused and neglected animals and to change their very future.

Your continued support allows us to care for the five thousand cats and dogs that enter our facility each year. Your commitment inspires our shelter programs to expand and reach out into the community. One of these programs, humane education, embraces the minds and hearts of children. We are devoted to teaching our youth to become compassionate adults, aware of the orphaned animals and how they need our

help and respect. Your patronage helps to reinforce our foster friends program and volunteer base, which makes a tremendous difference in the lives of all our shelter animals.

Whether you read about us in the newspapers, hear us on the radio or see us on television reaching out into the community, you can be assured that the Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County is quietly and patiently continuing its work meeting all the challenges of the future for the betterment and well-being of animals waiting for that second chance. The only thing that I can personally offer in return for your generous support is a promise ... a promise to carry out our mission. My debt and the shelter staff's debt to those who believe in our work will not be satisfied and our work will not be complete as long as there is one cat or one dog homeless and in need of our help.

Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas
Operations Director

Sponsor a Pet

The Animal Welfare League needs your help. For \$25 a month - less than a dollar a day - you can give the gift of life by sponsoring a homeless dog or cat. This money helps defray the cost of food, care and medical expenses of the shelter's numerous orphaned animals. The staff and volunteers work tirelessly to care for and nurture these animals. The number of cats and dogs that enter the shelter never seems to lessen. One by one, day after day, one hundred a week! Your support and generosity gives them each that second chance.

Your sponsorship includes a picture of the animal, a copy of the current newsletter and a courtesy call when your sponsored pet is adopted.

You can sponsor a pet in memory of or in honor of someone. It's a wonderful way to remember a beloved person or pet. It also makes a unique gift for any animal lover. You will also receive a thank you letter for tax purposes and the recipient will receive an acknowledgement as well.





A Day in the Life of Our Shelter

... A Look Behind the Scenes

No account of a day at the shelter would be complete without mentioning our dedicated volunteers who give so generously of their time.

Most people visiting the Animal Welfare League come in to look at the animals or drop off donations. They stay for a short time and, therefore, only see the tip of the iceberg, never realizing the amount of hard, endless and often dirty work that goes on behind the scenes by our devoted staff. Here's a peek at a "typical" day at the shelter:

Every morning, AWL staff members wake up wondering what the day will bring. Our shelter consists of two buildings: the old building holds hundreds of animals waiting to be blood tested, vaccinated and prepared for spaying or neutering or hoping to be reunited with their "lost" owners; the new building houses many more animals waiting for placement into permanent, loving homes.

As soon as we enter the shelter parking lot, we notice a cardboard box next to the front door. Inside are five little kittens, barely

four weeks old, too young to be separated from their mom and already sneezing and sick. They are signed in with any available info and brought directly to our "special needs" infirmary.

Both buildings begin to care for all our dogs, cats, puppies, kittens and the occasional bunnies or birds. There are hundreds of mouths waiting to be fed, cages to be cleaned, litter boxes to be scooped, dogs to be walked, medications to be administered, load after load of dirty laundry to be washed and dried and, of course, kisses to be doled out to all our furry residents. Everyone works frantically to get their areas spotless and taken care of by the time we open to the public. It is a race against the clock and it seems the clock always wins.

The general chaos increases as the public begins arriving at eleven o'clock ... asking questions, taking tours, bringing in much-needed and appreciated donations of cash and supplies, and petting, playing with and

hopefully adopting a pet. The staff is kept busy informing our customers all about responsible pet ownership. They explain the idiosyncrasies of each animal — that this cat doesn't like to be picked up, that one will never leave your lap, that this dog is a very picky eater, while that one will eat anything, including your couch! The entire staff tries their best to find the perfect match for each of our furry pals. Each of us realizes that we are the voice of our animals ... in many ways, our judgment determines their very future.. Meanwhile, the phones are ringing and ringing and ringing. We all hope the calls are to tell us "what a great dog I adopted last week:" or "the cat I brought home yesterday is such a blessing", but nine times out of ten, it is someone wanting information on surrendering their family pet to us or someone who just found a feral cat and her litter of seven kittens. Other times, we're asked questions like "how do I housebreak my dog" or "do you board pets". Oh, well we can handle them all, good or

BOW WOW CRUISE



bad.

No account of a day at the shelter would be complete without mentioning our dedicated volunteers who give so generously of their time. Day after day, they spend quality time with the animals, walking dogs, cuddling cats and helping the staff in innumerable ways.

Now, back to the old building. It is ten minutes to eleven and people are already lined up outside ... a senior citizen with a frightened pug found wandering in a store parking lot; a young couple moving out of state, unable to bring along their five-year-old cat and two pups ... and Animal Control rolling in with three more feral cats. Day after day, week after week, the animals arrive at our door, until they number in the thousands (5,000 a year to be precise). Each one receives the love and care it desperately needs and deserves. It is now early afternoon and blood testing has begun. After testing for heartworm, Lyme disease, FIV and FeLV, these dogs and cats are vaccinated, wormed, flea treated, bathed and are ready to be moved into the new building for spaying or neutering. Here they will meet our vet and receive their last preparation before entering our adoption area. Once placed in this area, they will remain until they find their forever home. Sometimes this great event happens in a few hours, sometimes a few days or weeks and sometimes a few months ... but it WILL happen and that's all that matters. We all know in our hearts that they will receive the second chance they have all been patiently awaiting.

Well, it's now around two o'clock and time to re-feed and clean again, medicate again, do laundry again, scoop litter boxes again, temperament test again, fill out cage cards again, complete medical and other paperwork again, and pass out hugs and kisses again.

It's the end of the day, five o'clock.. We check out our areas and make sure all animals have adequate water and bedding for the night. We give our good-night waves and leave the building. We all look a little frazzled and unkempt — and probably don't smell so good! — but off we go until tomorrow when we will all be back, ready to face another day and another set of challenges. You and the animals who place their trust in us can be sure that no matter what we have to face, each of us will always be there in a HEARTBEAT!

— Sharon Thomas

Canines -- please bring your humans to Laishley Park Marina, Slip E-2, for the Bow Wow Cruise. Capt. Louie Desguin will host a trip on board his boat "The Peggy Jean".

There will be bowls for dog and bottles for humans. We encourage dogs and people to dress the part.

Cruise Date	Departure Times	Cruise Theme
Oct. 2 nd	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Barktoberfest
Oct. 29 th	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Howl-O-Ween
Nov. 5 th	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Barkgiving Cruise
Dec. 3 rd	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pictures with Santa and Xmas light tour
Dec. 10 th	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Xmas light tour
Dec. 17 th	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Xmas light tour
Dec. 31 st	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Barking in the New Year with Bone Drop

Boat ride is only \$10.00 per person.

Beverages available for a donation.

Dogs are free.

December tours are \$15.00

(Seats are limited to 26 people)

For more information or to reserve your space call the shelter at (941) 625-6720



People Who Love Animals

... Love Life!

Cats really can love you and two times love is twice as good! Shelter cats make wonderful, loving pets. Cats that have constant companionship are happier and more engaged.



We underestimate the animals around us. Have you ever watched an eagle soar? If you know anything about thermals (hot air rising) and how they work and ever tried, as a human, to catch a thermal, either as a pilot in a full-size sailplane or model glider, you would know how difficult this is to achieve. Eagles, seagulls and other birds do this with ease! This not only requires instinct but intelligence and fast thinking ... yes, I said thinking!

I place cats and dogs above these birds in the animal community, don't you? Why, therefore, should we discount simple emotions like love, affection and sorrow and simple feelings like pain and pleasure? When your cat looks at you and "squints" their eyes, believe it ... they are telling you they care! When they cry ... they are upset or in pain. Don't underestimate the animals in your life. Sometimes I think they are smarter than us!

I've had cats throughout my entire adult life and I made the decision early that having two cats, not one, was the way to go. Our lifestyles today keep us on the go during the day and on weekends. The benefits of cats vs. dogs in your life is the "freedom" you

can have with cats. Cat boxes and feeders can be automatic but a cat by itself is still a cat alone.

You don't like being alone for long periods, right? If what I said about animals and their feelings is true ... then your cat doesn't like it either and it will affect its attitude and personality. If you complain that your cat is "aloof", ask yourself how alone are they, most of the time?

The solution is simple. Two cats are better than one and the additional cost is minimal vs. the rewards. We like kittens because it's fun to watch them play. My cats stayed "kitten like" for their entire lives. They ran to me when I came home and insisted I acknowledge them. My spouse would get jealous because I acknowledged the cats first! I suggested that she might try greeting me with the same enthusiasm. As you can imagine, that didn't go over very well. By the way, my cats were almost always "shelter cats". Shelter cats get a lot of love and it shows!

So, what have I learned ... what have we learned? Cats really can love you and two times love is twice as good! Shelter cats make wonderful, loving pets. Cats that

have constant companionship are happier and more engaged. You can have two cats in your home and you can still enjoy your freedom ... try that with dogs!

So what are you waiting for? If you are considering adding a pet to your family, come visit the shelter and see what a great variety of gentle, affectionate felines we have available. Spend some time with them and take home a pair. Your life will be enhanced. Your house will be more of a home and you'll feel a great sense of satisfaction knowing you gave these gentle creatures a loving home.

The rewards are endless. You give so little and get so much back.

Remember ... People who love animals ...love life! Are you one of them? I bet you are!

-- R. Philip Hart

Mr. Hart is a volunteer at the Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County.

Submissions of pictures and articles are welcome. However, they may not necessarily be used.



MICROCHIPPING

We offer microchipping for your pets. This is a simple procedure that provides pets with permanent identification.



The \$25 cost, which includes registration of the chip, is modest when compared to the possibility of losing your pet forever.



Appointments are available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please call the shelter at 625-6720 to schedule your appointment.



Cell Dog Program

This time around both men and women inmates are training dogs. They are responsible for the care and training of the dogs.

Our Cell Dog Program has been a huge success! I have had the privilege of attending the training program from start to finish. Our first group of "jail hounds" were released for good behavior at the end of July. They were all adopted and are doing wonderful in their forever homes. Their new owners have told us that they have never had a dog as nice as these dogs are. They have been taught by some of the best trainers around. Inmates are taught that these dogs will be trained only by giving them respect and love. They are taught to never use the word "no" to them. The dogs stay with the inmates 24

hours a day. Inmates are responsible for the care and training of the dogs. This time around both men and women inmates are training dogs. The largest dog in the program, a Rottweiler/shepherd mix, is being trained by the smallest girl in the program. They are close to the same weight! Sheriff Bill Cameron is very pleased with how the program is working. We thank him very much for allowing us to train some of our dogs in need. I also would like to thank AnimaLuvrs of Punta Gorda for all their help with supplies for these dogs.

Dee Ann Roberts

Wish List

Dogs

- Canned dog/puppy food
- Dry dog/puppy food
- Washable toys
- Rope dog toys
- Blankets - Pillows - Beds

Office Supplies

- Postage stamps
- Gift certificates (Wal-Mart, Lowe's, Home Depot etc..)
- Copy paper (8 1/2" x 11")
- Scissors

Cats

- Canned cat/kitten food
- Dry cat/kitten food
- Kitten chow (Purina)
- Cat Litter
- Cat treats and toys

Laundry

- Bleach
- Laundry powder/liquid
- Liquid detergent



Building

- Brooms
- Garden hoses
- Trash bags #40 or larger
- Dustpans with whisk brooms



SENIOR PETS FOR SENIOR PEOPLE

Senior dogs and cats make terrific companions for senior people

Whether of the two-legged or four-legged variety, the Animal Welfare League is launching a new program in hopes of connecting seniors of different species. This program will match dogs and cats, ages seven and older with senior citizens, ages sixty two and older, who then can adopt the animal at a significant lower adoption fee.

Senior dogs and cats make terrific companions for senior people. There is a kind of true understanding they share about growing older and of course wiser. Older animals housed at the shelter are often overlooked, but typically make great companions for seniors, as the majority of them are housebroken and are calmer than younger pets.

Humans benefit from this program as well as the animals. Caring for a pet affects an older person's health:

- * Pets lower blood pressure
- * Decreased depression
- * More active (all that dog walking and cat cuddling)

In addition, older dogs and cats will form a distinct bond and ward off loneliness and give a sense of security knowing that someone they love and trust is always nearby. So, please visit the Animal Welfare League, meet the animals and talk with shelter staff and volunteers about finding a perfect match. There is always a selection of gentle, older animals in need of a home and a loving friend.

FOSTER FRIENDS PROGRAM

Many of the thousands of homeless animals that enter our shelter doors every year need a little extra loving care. Some arrive sick, injured, or too young to survive on their own. These

animals need special attention and a stress-free environment. The Shelter will supply the necessary supplies and equipment. We also stay in contact with the foster family to address any concerns that may arise. It is truly a "team" effort to find each and every animal a new, loving and permanent home.

Fostering is not only a rewarding experience, it is saving an animal's life ! if you are interested in becoming a foster parent for an animal needing special care, please call us at 941-625-6720 and ask about our "Foster Friends" program or simply stop by the shelter. You'll be glad you did !!! Thank you, for helping us.....to help the animals



Volunteers at the Animal Welfare League are a valuable part of our Shelter family.

All the orphaned dogs and cats appreciate the affection and attention.

Socializations the shelter residents experience with people help them become more trusting and attuned to humans.

After suffering traumas in their lives, they each deserve to be the recipients of gentle interactions with compassionate caregivers. Practicing walking politely on a leash and internalizing a owner. Being cuddled and groomed allows a cat or kitten to be so much more at ease.

Volunteers can also assist with miscellaneous tasks such as labeling letters, working on fundraiser projects, meet and greets and much more.

Each and every volunteer's service is extremely important to the Animal League's ability to care for homeless animals and share programs with the community. The joy and affection you will receive in the form of wags and purrs are just some of the indescribable rewards you will cherish as a AWL "Volunteer."

Our Volunteer Orientations are the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Held at noon at the shelter.

See you there!



Golden Memories

"The Great Pretender"
"Smoke Get's In Your Eyes"
"Only You"



**WILSON WILLIAMS
& HIS PLATTERS**

"Just My Imagination (Running Away With Me)"
"Papa Was A Rolling Stone"
"My Girl"



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"Please Mr. Postman"
"Don't Mess With Bill"
"Beechwood 4-5789"



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MORE INFORMATION TBA

Ask the Vet

Q My dog is terrified of loud noises, such as thunder and fireworks. Is there anything I can do to help alleviate this fear?

A Fear response to loud noises such as thunder or fireworks is more common in dogs than cats. We classify noise phobia into 3 categories: mild, moderate and severe as described by Dr. Rolan Tripp a veterinarian behavioralist.

A mild response is somewhat anxious during noise stimulus. In these cases we like to try the "Fireworks Party". Starting 2 to 3 days before the 4th of July or before regular thunder storm season, feed only ¼ of the pet's meal that morning. Then at the first faint sound of thunder or fireworks, respond with, "It's a fireworks party!"; then run to the treat box and give your pet a treat (preferably a low fat treat if your pet is overweight). Then keep the snacks on you and every loud boom that is heard triggers a party snack. Continue this until your pet is happily waiting for the next "boom". The next step is to begin a 1-minute down-stay before each treat. Some dogs will benefit from a D.A.P. collar, which is short for Dog Appeasing Pheromone, which is a calming collar.

In the moderate level of anxiety category are those dogs that have no response to the "party plan" that is described for the mildly anxious pets. These pets may benefit from medications to help calm them while implementing your "noise party". Dr. Tripp recommends medicating for several hours on days when thunder or fireworks are expected. Drugs like Prozac are available but are not likely to work in these situations since they need to be given 2-4 weeks before beginning your "noise party". A good dog calming medication is Lorazepam, which is similar to Valium.

Severe cases are the dogs that panic. In these cases combination medications of Lorazepam and the sedative Acepromazine may help in



Answered by: Dr. Cynthia Fiore D.V.M.
The Animal Clinic
3300 Tamiami Trail #103, Port Charlotte, FL

combination, then try to implement the "noise party". One must keep in mind that all these medications may take 2 to 4 hours to take effect but could take longer, especially if your pet is already anxious (the digestive system slows down). We live in Florida and who can predict a storm 2 to 4 hours prior? I suggest to my clients to work with their pets on bright sunny days and use a CD of thunderstorms or fireworks so you can time the medications. The whole idea is to desensitize your pet to the noise and lower the anxiety level. There are side effects to these medications, for example some dogs may become more hyper-excitable with Lorazepam. The sedative Acepromazine should not be given to dogs with heart disease or seizure disorders. All these medications need to be discussed with your veterinarian to see if they are appropriate for your pet. The State laws require pet examinations within 12 months in order to receive an RX medication. In older animals I recommend exams and blood work before starting any medications to make sure there are no underlying health issues.

Meet Our New Vet

AWL's first on-site vet, Dr. Groves, has left us to open his own practice in Port Charlotte. We thank him for his hard work and enthusiasm, specially in setting up our Spay and Neuter clinic. We wish Dr. Groves well in his new endeavor.

We also would like to welcome Dr. Lavinia Tulcan, our new vet. Dr. Tulcan was born in Romania and attended veterinary school there. She's a member of the AVMA and currently resides in Punta Gorda with her dog and cat.

Local Area Veterinarians

All Creatures Veterinary Hospital
941 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL
(941) 625-9900

Animal Medical Clinic of Punta Gorda
324 Cross St, Punta Gorda, FL
(941) 639-9600

Animal Medical Clinic of North Port
13608 Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL
(941) 426-6882

Animal Medical Clinic of Port Charlotte
2716 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL
(941) 629-2126

A Pet's Friend Animal Hospital Inc.
110 Shamrock Blvd, Venice, FL
(941) 493-6240

Burnt Store Animal Hospital
1002 Nathan Ct, Punta Gorda, FL
(941) 637-6006

Collingswood Animal Hospital
1419 Collingswood Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL
(941) 625-7500

Charlotte Animal Hospital
23041 Harborview Rd, Port Charlotte, FL
(941) 625-6111

Dr. Karen's Animal Hospital
1940 Kings Hwy Unit 3, Port Charlotte, FL
(941) 766-8555

Englewood Animal Hospital
340 N. Indiana Ave, Englewood, FL
(941) 474-1295

Groves Veterinary Clinic
848 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL
(941) 391-5251

Lemon Bay Animal Hospital
3060 McCall Rd, Englewood, FL
(941) 474-7711

Loving Care Animal Hospital
2011 Englewood Rd # A, Englewood, FL
(941) 474-7771

New Hope Pet Hospital
24901 Sandhill Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL
(941) 764-4673

North Port Animal Hospital
14487 Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL
(941) 426-0661

Pampered Pet Health Center
1851 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL
(941) 624-4004

Peace River Veterinary Clinic
327 Cross Street, Punta Gorda, FL
(941) 205-5400

Punta Gorda Animal Hospital
25120 East Marion Ave, Punta Gorda, FL
(941) 639-8717

Sunnybrook Animal & Bird Hospital
4089 S. Access Rd, Englewood, FL
(941) 474-6393

Southwest Florida Veterinary Services
12288 C.R 769 Kings Hwy, Lake Suzy, FL
(941) 625-6610

The Animal Clinic
3300 Tamiami Trail #103, Port Charlotte, FL
(941) 625-0742

Lights, Camera, Action!

Comcast and the Animal Welfare League Launches Pet Adoption on Demand

Animal lovers looking for a friendly, four-legged companion can now turn to Pet Adoption ON DEMAND, a new service that allows Comcast Digital Cable customers throughout the Port Charlotte-Punta Gorda area to view profiles and videos of pets that are in need of a good home.

Through the partnership with the Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County, Comcast customers can view short video

profiles of dogs, cats and other pets looking for new families any time they want from the comfort and convenience of their own home. The videos feature important information about each furry guest star, including its breed, age, personality, temperament, medical background and ideal living environment. Profiles of adoptable pets are refreshed monthly with new faces as the animals are adopted into loving homes.

Comcast Digital Cable customers can view the animal profiles at no additional cost by going to the "Get Local" section of the On Demand menu and selecting "Pet Adoption On Demand." Profiles are categorized by animal type and size.

Pet Adoptions ON DEMAND is

one in a long line of signature "Get Local" programming available to Comcast Digital Cable subscribers. "Get Local" ON DEMAND provides a forum for local community-based programming such as film and music festivals, high school sports, local news, dating and more. All "Get Local" content is free to Comcast Digital Cable subscribers and allows them to utilize ON DEMAND's interactive technology to fast forward, pause and rewind their favorite programs.

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"Give a Dog a Bone"

MEDICAL FUND

Buy a bone...and become a proud sponsor...\$1.00

Every dollar is used to pay for non-routine medical expenses for our dogs and cats.

This fund is used to save lives, provide medical care and surgeries, and improve the quality of life for animals that otherwise may have no hope.

Charlotte County businesses are helping us with this vital campaign. Each month a different business joins us to promote this cause. Our huge wooden dog bone is displayed and sponsorship "bones" are collected.

Your \$1.00 "bone" can be purchased in

honor of or in memory of a pet, family member, friend or co-worker. All donations are greatly appreciated and go directly to this critical fund to benefit animals in need.

We would like to thank Tractor Supply for their support during the month of July, Morton's Ace Hardware (August) and Region's Bank located on Kings Hwy. (September).

If your business would like to help us help the animals, please call Sharon Thomas at (941) 625-6720 for more information.



Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials

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Thank you!

To the Christian Motorcyclist Association (local chapter 548 named the Son Chasers) for their animal food run held on Aug. 1, 2009

We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to Charlotte Community Foundation and Frank Bykowski of U.S. X-Ray Sales for their support in the acquisition of an onsite x-ray machine

To the Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda Heralds for publishing photos of adoptable pets.

And, as always, we wish to thank each and every one of our adopters, volunteers and donors for their continuing support of the Animal Welfare League. Without them, we would not be able to provide the best care for the animals that place their trust in us.



AWL in the Community



The Port Charlotte PetCo hosts the AWL's meet & greet on the last Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please stop by to say hello and meet some wonderful dogs who would love to find a home with you!



Many of our beautiful adoptable cats can be seen at Pet Supermarket in Port Charlotte. Please stop in to visit with them — and maybe take one (or two) home!



Meet some of AWL's adoptable dogs and cats at Petsmart on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



At 4:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday of every month, listen to Lisa Laupert on the Carrie Black show at 98.9 FM (The Beach).



On the third Saturday of each month, AWL representatives can be found at Tractor Supply on Kings Highway in Port Charlotte from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We'd love to meet you, tell you about AWL and show you some of our adoptable pets.

Join the Pack

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Tune in to 1580 AM to hear Dee Ann Roberts talk about AWL's adoptable pets on the Jeff Collins Show at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month.



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Hi Everyone,

I'm Rosie, the shelter's mini-mascot. I am rather opinionated, but quite charming. Read my weekly column every Wednesday in the Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda Sun Herald and discover what's happening at the shelter.

In Memory of

Jim Nahl

On June 29th, AWL lost a loyal friend. James H. Nahl, long-time board member, past vice president and head of the committee which directed the construction of our new adoption facility, passed away after a long illness. Despite his failing health, Jim gave unstintingly of his time and talents to the shelter that he cared so much about. The Board of Directors and staff extend their sympathy to Jim's wife, Mary, and the Nahl family. AWL has dedicated the conference room in the new building to Jim's memory and designated it as James H. Nahl Hall. Those of us who knew and worked with Jim will miss him greatly, but will always feel his presence at AWL.

"We miss your devotion, wisdom and humor"

From Sharon, Stephanie, Eileen, Sherry, Moses, Donna, Aggie and E.J.



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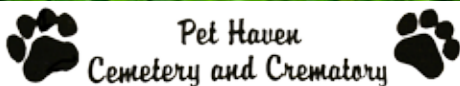
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