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The Animal Welfare League
of Charlotte County, FL

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MEET ROSIE

Hi, I am Rosie. I am the shelter's mini-mascot...rather opinionated but charming. Read my "Rosie Column" every Wednesday in the Port Charlotte Sun Herald and discover what a difference volunteering and fostering can make in an animal's life.



Special Thanks

A special thanks to the Port Charlotte Sun Herald editor, Laura Schmid, for making the "Rosie Column" possible.

About the Animal Welfare League

Founded in 1963, AWL is a non-profit organization that provides temporary home, medical services and caring attention for countless dogs, cats, and other animals. 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 animals protection and welfare

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

- * Protect, care for and nurture homeless and abused animals
- * Help eradicate the need for euthanasia of adoptable dogs and cats
- * Promote responsible pet ownership
- * 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 5,000 animals are received each year.

We accept cash, checks, Visa, or MasterCard 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. to 5 p.m. We are closed for major holidays. Our shelter is located at 3519 Drance Street (off Harborview Road) in Port Charlotte, Florida.

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ON THE COVER

Foreground: Tara explores the outdoors in the Animal Welfare League's new outdoor "Oasis" cat area.

Background: Popsicle looks on as he awaits his turn on the tree in the outdoor "Oasis" cat area.

Our mission at The Animal Welfare League (AWL) of Charlotte County is the advocacy of animal protection and animal welfare through the goals of protecting, caring and nurturing homeless and abused animals; helping to eradicate the need for euthanasia of adoptable animals; promoting responsible pet ownership; and supporting legislation and regulatory changes that benefit animals. We take our mission very seriously. The AWL of Charlotte County is committed to never euthanizing an adoptable animal, and some of the animals in our shelter may require over a year to be adopted. On occasion, our staff and volunteers, and others in the community, have even adopted some of the harder to adopt animals that are old and in poor health, and our gratitude reaches out to these very special people.

The AWL is the only shelter in all of Charlotte County that accepts animals from the county...the lost, abandoned, and sick animals that you and I sometimes see wandering the streets without food and shelter. It is extremely costly to maintain and provide the medical care for these animals, and so we reach out to the community for help through charitable donations and the many fundraisers that are so vital to meeting our mission. Our dedicated staff and volunteers work hard to ensure that every animal receives the best care possible by putting their hearts into fundraisers, such as the Golden Memories and Party in the Park. We rely on you, the citizens of Charlotte County, for volunteer and monetary support to make this possible, and our thanks and gratitude go out to those of you who are able to help us.



Barry Moldoff
President of the Board
Animal Welfare League

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Sharon Thomas
Executive Director
Animal Welfare League

Dearest Supporters,

Animal shelters are not solely in the business of taking excellent care of animals. They are also in the business of meeting the humane needs of the communities that they serve. This is exactly what the AWL strives for each and every day. We must educate the general public

about responsible pet ownership, raise awareness of animal suffering and abuse, emphasize the positive benefits of companion animals, and help to reduce the problem of pet overpopulation by ensuring that each of our adoptable cats and dogs are altered before adoption placement.

To accomplish these goals, we must reach out for the support of our community and beyond. We have to constantly find ways to change the way people view animal shelters as a whole. Unfortunately, too many people avoid visiting a shelter because they believe all shelters have not progressed and think that they are all overcrowded, dirty, smelly, and have surly staff overwhelmed by desperately sick animals. This is definitely not the case at our facility.

A huge part of any shelter's mission is debunking these old myths

and presenting itself to the public as a humane, user-friendly facility staffed by compassionate professionals and volunteers. Changing old attitudes is never easy; a good reputation must be earned.

That is why everyone involved with the AWL is constantly evaluating our shelter and joining forces to ensure that we are a bright, welcoming place to find a healthy companion pet and to be an excellent source of related information and education. Please, visit our facility and ask for a tour and we encourage you to share your thoughts about innovative ways to better serve the needs of homeless animals and our community.

Sincerely,
Sharon Thomas

Happy Tails



Ricochet, a 1 ½-year old female Cattle Dog mix, is the newest member of the Gauthier family.

For Ron and Ann Marie Gauthier of North Port, the decision to adopt a dog was an easy one. “We saw Ricochet’s picture online and visited the shelter,” said Ron. “My wife fell in love with her. It was as simple as that.”

Ricochet, who will be the couple’s first dog together, will have many roles to fill. “We wanted a dog for protection and companionship,” said Ann Marie. “We’re going to do a lot of walking,” she continued, “there will be plenty of time for that.”

The couple had nothing but kind words to describe the entire adoption process. “It was great! This is one of the best shelters we have ever been to,” said Ron. “Most shelters barely let you look at the dogs.” The Animal Welfare League allows complete interaction between dogs and the people interested in adopting.

The Gauthiers made the decision to microchip Ricochet, which will provide permanent identification for the dog should she ever become lost. The AWL offers this invaluable service to the public for the small fee of \$30.

Before heading to her new home, Ricochet was unable to contain her excitement. She wouldn’t stop jumping up to give kisses to her new family. When asked if Ricochet would be renamed, Ron answered with a firm no. “With the way she bounces around, Ricochet absolutely fits!”

Annie, a 1-year old Calico cat, is now a member of the Dolembo family.

John and Susan Dolembo of Venice were trying to fill a void in their lives. “After our pet Calico cat of 14 years passed away, we were looking for a new friend to share our lives with,” said John Dolembo in a recent letter to the shelter.

Annie, formerly known as Rainey, was staying at the Animal Welfare League shelter in Port Charlotte. “We went online and found a picture of Rainey,” continued John. “The next day we drove to Port Charlotte.”

The Dolembos were impressed with their visit to the Animal Welfare League. “We found the shelter to be very clean, and all the animals were well cared for,” stated John. During their visit, the couple looked at a number of cats but ultimately decided to adopt Rainey.

John and Susan had nothing but praise for the shelter staff, especially Donna Campisi who takes care of the adoptable cats. “Before we took her home, Donna cleaned her ears and clipped her nails,” said John of Rainey.

Since moving into her new home, Rainey has been renamed “Annie” and seems to be adjusting well. “She has been a wonderful friend,” continued John. “She is very well behaved and affectionate. She obviously had good care while at the shelter.”

It seems like there are nothing but happy days ahead for the Dolembos, especially Annie, whose “Rainey” days are a thing of the past.



Tank, a 10-week old male Labrador Retriever puppy has found a forever home with Joseph Nein of Port Charlotte.

Joseph was attending the 3rd Annual “Taste of Punta Gorda” event held at Laisley Park when he saw the Animal Welfare League’s tabletop display. The very next day, Nein paid a visit to the shelter. “I walked into the room and BOOM,” said Joseph of little Tank. “He kissed my ear and nibbled my chin and I was suckered right in.”

Tank has a lot to look forward to, including getting baths and learning some new tricks. “I’m definitely going to teach him how to do handshakes and give high-fives,” said Joseph.

Little Tank also has an important role to fill: He will be taking the place of Roxie, Joseph’s Lab/Pointer mix who passed away. “She was 13 years old and she would look like she was smiling all the time,” said Joseph. “It’s finally time that I find someone to take her place.”

Roxie’s smile may be gone, but it will definitely live on through Joseph who was nothing but smiles on the day Tank was adopted.

Thousands of Charlotte County’s homeless animals are brought to the Animal Welfare League each year. Many are still patiently waiting for a new home. If you are interested in adopting a pet, please visit the shelter at 3519 Drance Street in Port Charlotte, or log on to www.awlshelter.org to learn more.

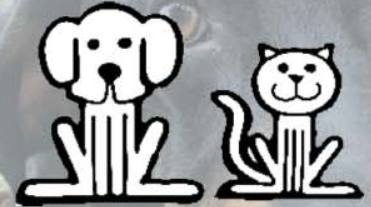
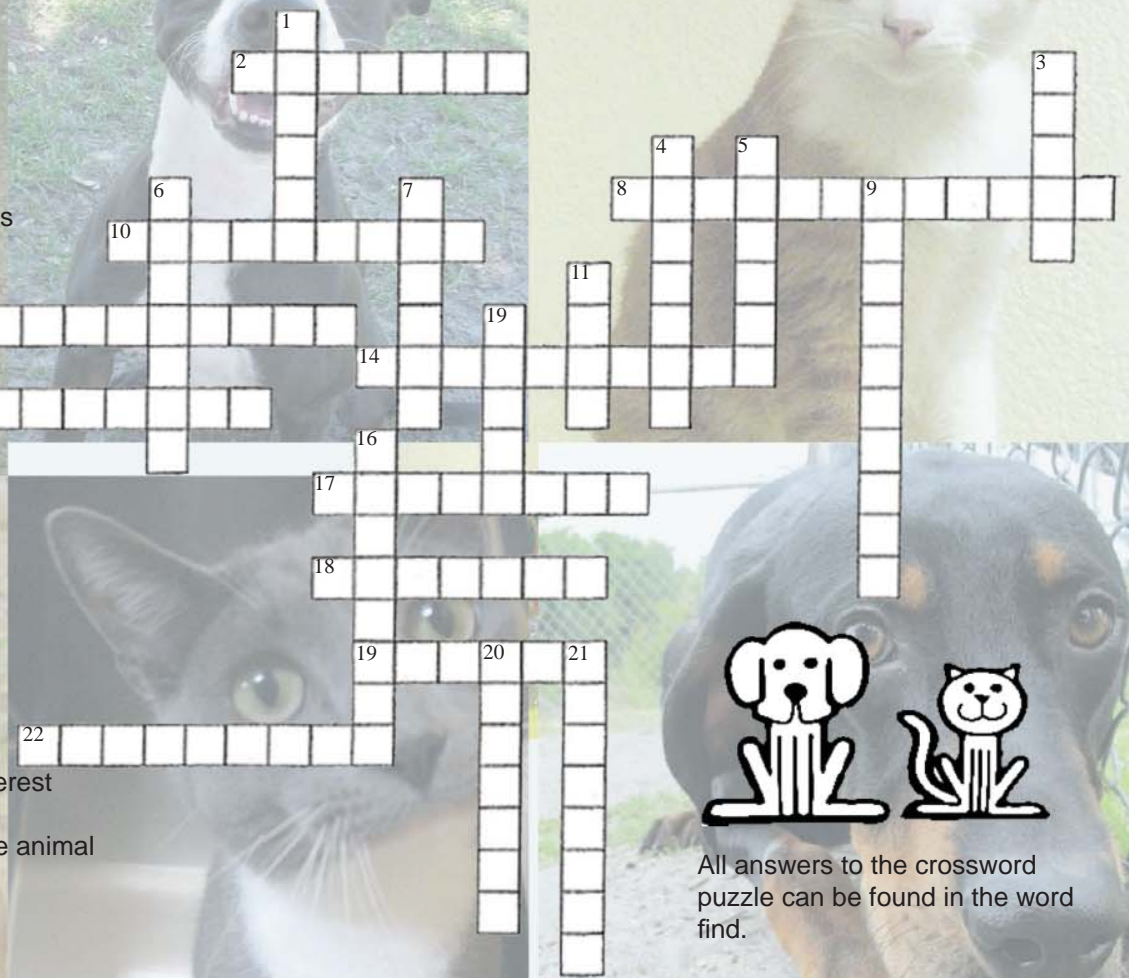
AWL's PUZZLE FUN

Across:

- 2. to nourish or train
- 8. medically/surgically treats animals
- 10. ignored or disregarded
- 12. a shield from injury or danger
- 14. a bake sale or a car wash
- 15. to serve of one's free will
- 17. a gift or a contribution
- 18. state of well-being
- 19. mistreated
- 22. people living in a specific area

Down:

- 1. kind or merciful
- 3. parasitic, blood-sucking insects
- 4. a legacy
- 5. to castrate a male animal
- 6. saved from injury or danger
- 7. a group promoting a common interest
- 9. an organization's periodical
- 11. to remove the ovaries in a female animal
- 13. to take or accept as one's own
- 16. relating to money
- 20. a place of protection
- 21. profound dedication



All answers to the crossword puzzle can be found in the word find.

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Community Programs

The Animal Welfare League is proud of the numerous community based programs that we offer to young and old in Charlotte County. Many of these programs teach the importance of responsible pet ownership and encourage all to make the world a more humane environment for all living creatures. Others enrich our bond with this great community. Together we touch each other's lives in a significant way which in turn touches the lives of all our homeless animals. Thank you, Charlote County, for supporting our shelter.

Volunteers

Become a part of our Shelter Family and make a difference in the lives of homeless animals.

Humane Education

Reaches out to the youth of our community to teach proper pet care and to respect all living creatures.

Classroom Critters

Enriches the lives of students and teachers by fostering a small shelter animal and discovering the responsibilities of its care.

Canine Manners

You CAN teach an old dog new tricks. This program is held at the shelter every first and third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. It's free to all dogs adopted from the shelter.

Pet Therapy

Brings seniors and animals together for a rewarding physical and emotional experience.

Senior Pets for Senior People

Matches senior pets over seven years with senior people over sixty-two for a reduced adoption fee and a lifelong bond.

Foster Friends

This is a vital program that truly saves lives. You can foster a mom and her litter until they are old enough for vaccines and altering. You can also foster an animal who needs quiet time after surgery or treatment.

If you are interested in any of our programs, contact us at: (941) 625-6720 or e-mail us at info@awlshelter.org

AWL's New Edition: The Oasis

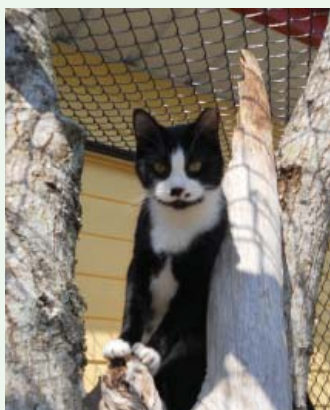


The Oasis: AWL's new cat area

Thanks to the generosity of a devoted AWL supporter, our adoptable cats now have the opportunity to play, rest, and stretch their furry little legs in the fresh outdoors. This 12' x 20' outside cage is designed with a natural flair...real trees, scratching posts, drinking fountains and soon-to-be-added tiki huts for additional shade.



Cheetoh finds some shade outside

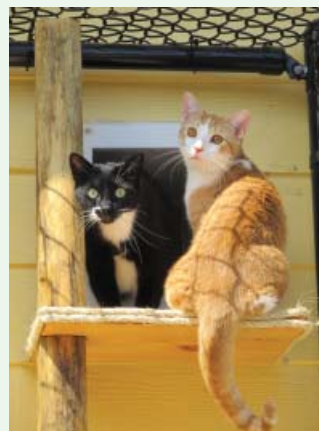


Tara enjoys the view from atop a tree in the Oasis

All the cats are able to come and go as they please during regular operation hours. Visit our shelter and see for yourself how this special environment proves that cats are truly the connoisseurs of comfort.



Walkways allow the cats to come and go freely



Diane and Doobie explore the world outside of the shelter walls

Volunteers are a vital part of any animal shelter and the Animal Welfare League is no exception. It is a wonderful way to utilize your time and talents. Whether you walk shelter dogs, brush cats, clean cages, stuff envelopes or assist at fundraisers, you can make a tremendous difference in the lives of orphaned animals. Our Volunteer Program also enables individuals to be involved in our "Pet Therapy" program visits, "Humane Education" presentations and even caring for our most needy animals in our "Foster Friends" program. It also gives individuals, families or groups the opportunity to get involved according to their own personal interests, talents and time. By volunteering at our shelter, you will be giving all the animals the precious gift of your time...time well spent.

There are benefits to volunteering at the AWL:

- You become a part of the solution to make the world a more humane place.
- You will never find a more grateful friend than an animal that you have comforted.
- You make new friendships (two-legged and four-legged)
- You may discover skills that you never thought possible.
- You will actually change a life and help to keep "hope" alive for so many animals.

Each and every volunteer's service is extremely important to the Animal Welfare League's ability to care for homeless dogs and cats and to share our programs with the community. Your assistance and compassion allows shelter staff to properly care for the numerous animals that call the shelter home. Remember... when you give an animal the gift of "time and attention" you will get back as much as you give...even more!

One of the most common comments I receive from people thinking about becoming a volunteer is, "I will want to take all of the animals home and I just can't do it." What many people don't realize is that there are so many opportunities available for those interested in volunteering, some of which involve never even setting foot in our shelter. We need volunteers to attend special events and fundraisers. We also need volunteers to help run our booth at the Sun Flea Market each weekend. If you are interested in volunteering, we will find an activity that is fit just for you.

Pat Francis
Volunteer Coordinator
volunteers@awlshelter.org



Foster Friends Program

Fostering a pet is a rewarding experience

Kitten and puppy season is upon us. Our "Foster Friends" Program utilizes volunteers to provide temporary care for kittens, cats, pups, and other small animals.

By offering your time, energy, and home to an animal in need, you prepare an animal for adoption into a permanent, loving home, as well as prevent overcrowding at the shelter.



Microchipping for Your Pets

Microchipping provides pets with permanent identification.

The \$30 cost, which includes registration of the chip, is modest compared to the possibility of losing your pet forever.

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

Please call the shelter at (941) 625-6720 to schedule your appointment.



"Give-a-Dog-a-Bone" Medical Fund

This critical fund helps defray the cost of non-routine medical procedures such as hernia, dental work, and heartworm

Many of the unwanted animals who arrive at our shelter have been injured, neglected, or abused. All adoptable cats and dogs are given their necessary vaccination and are then altered. But many have non-routine medical issues that need to be addressed such as hernias, cherry eye, broken bones, tumor removals, and heartworm treatment.



Our Medical Fund

Our "Give-a-Dog-a-Bone" medical fund helps defray this expense. For just \$1 you can become a proud sponsor of this vital fund. Thank you for helping us to save lives and improve the quality of life for animals that otherwise may have no hope.

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
4200 Kings Hwy, Port Charlotte, FL
(941) 625-7500

Charlotte Animal Hospital
4200 Kings Hwy, Port Charlotte, FL
(941) 625-6111

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

Englewood Animal Health Center
1830 Placida Road, Englewood, FL
(941) 474-8881

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

Groves Veterinary Clinic
848 Tamiami Trl, Port Charlotte, FL
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Lemon Bay Animal Hospital
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Loving Care Animal Hospital
2011 Englewood Rd, #A, Englewood, FL
(941) 474-7771

New Hope Pet Hospital
24901 Sandhill Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL
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North Port Animal Hospital
14487 Tamiami Trl, North Port, FL
(941) 426-0661

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

Peace River Veterinary Clinic
327 Cross St, 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 Trl, #103, Port Charlotte, FL
(941) 625-0742

Doctor's Note

Hi, my name is Dr. Tulcan and I am the veterinarian here at the Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County. Working at the shelter allows me to meet hundreds of different animals each month. Some of these animals require extreme medical attention. I'm going to share a few of their stories with you.

Romeo, a 3-year old red-haired male feline, came to us with his right rear leg permanently extended. His leg had been nothing more than a prop for a very long time. He carried the leg like a burdensome stick, making him unable to jump or walk normally. Regardless, Romeo was still warm, kind, and quite a funny character with lots of personality. We x-rayed him and decided to totally amputate the leg.

After the amputation, Romeo needed a quiet environment in which to heal. He was fostered with Jennifer, a technician who works with us. Now, Romeo is completely healed and for the first time in a long time he is able to jump and walk like a normal cat. He truly deserves a great family of his own and we are hoping that he will find one.

In the picture, Romeo is showing off his 14 toes – yes, Romeo is also a Hemmingway cat!



Willy, a male Poodle that is approximately 4 years old, was abandoned at the shelter several months ago. When I first met him, he was unable to use his back legs normally and appeared to be very malnourished and weak. Because of his legs not functioning, Willy would drag his pelvis on the ground which resulted in serious wounding of his anal and scrotum area. An x-ray showed that nothing could be corrected surgically with great success.

While searching for solutions I was recommended to a chiropractor, Dr. Mark D'Amato, who is also certified to practice on animals... so off we went! At our first appointment, Dr. D'Amato started to adjust Willy. By the end of our second appointment, Willy was able to walk! We continued with several more visits and each time Willy felt better.

Now, Willy is able to walk steady on his little feet. He resides with me in my home and is loved very much. A special thank you goes to Dr. D'Amato for his charitable work – we are very grateful.



Muffin, a 7-year old Maltese, was abandoned at the shelter sometime last year. We began to notice that she would drip blood when urinating. While operating on her to perform a spay procedure, we discovered that her urinary bladder was full of large round stones. We removed all of the stones and after the surgery she was put on antibiotics and a special diet.

Muffin recovered very well. Although she will need to remain on a special diet for the rest of her life, she will be able to carry on like a normal dog. Muffin was able to find a very good family that loves her and gives her the best.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

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Sydney
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Muffin
Rose Vulpis
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Owen Lee Phillips
Smoke & Shadow
Lillian Pils
Cleopatra & Luci
Joan Hoffman
China
Lee Llewellyn
Mrs. Tee
Bob & Barbara Morrell
Rusty
William & Jacqueline Southwick
Gus
Sally Jones
Misha
Constance Thayer
Abbey
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Carla
Susanne & Bernd Ahrens
Sam & Tom
Kathryn King
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Ellen Kinney-Stavrou
Keith Stewart
Ruth Decker
Kathy Schmidt
David Schmidt
Edward Culver
Lana Culver
Maxine & Robert Richard
Joan I. W. Kachergis
Susan Reeves
Britt Clements
Donald Clements

Ray Treadway

Mildred Treadway
James Birchfield
Teresa Birchfield
Nick Vulpis
Mary Vulpis
George & Jerry Fontaine & Charlie
Barbara Fontaine
Raymond Lippens
Shirley Lippens
Stacy Moye
Shelia Moye
Margaret Stricker
Margie Hain
Mrs. F. G. Smith
M/M Julian Hodges
Carl Bath
Frances Bath
Claude Lewis
Helen Lewis Saitd
Florence Grenow
Michael & Marty Wallans
Mike Warner
Karol Brunger
John Grazewski
Jean Noyes
Richard Nakiwaika
Maria & Mr. Lucky
Alton Pence
Carol Pence-Yost
David M. Janus & Critters
Susan Gauchat
Stella Fellows
Rita Kagan
Richard
Edwina Morton
Ilonka "Lonny" Slade
Veronica Suttles
Barbara Briandi
Bernard & Bob Briandi
Marisol Valentine
Rick & Betty Napoli
Renata Traficante
Alice Diederich
Cliff & Pat Skalberg
Marian Parker
Hazel Brown
Rudolph & Beverly Snable
Clyde & Carol Webb
Delbert & Sandra Crook
Villa Esta I - Tom Walsh
Matthew Basilone
Elizabeth Johnston
Eileen Thompson
Rita & Ron Kagan
David Carleton Stovel
David & Susan Baird
Carl Gerry
Dee Weisenberg
Margaret Michael
Don & Mary Pike
Jack Shibley
George & Ann Hubbs
Barton Childs
Pete & Virginia McLewin
Dorothy Pike
Donald K. Pike

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Earl Drayton Farr Jr.

Paula Farr
Patti Maggiore
Guy & Annette Emerich
Lori Cavallaro
Edward & Jean Hartman
Sue Jones
Paul & Emma Derr
Peter & Virginia McLewin
Marlene Penrod
Michael J. Rooney
Mack Law Firm
Rebecca Holmes
Betty Brandon
Rhonda Ortmyer
Mary Anne Johns
Darol & Lamoon Carr
Charlotte State Bank
Wilkins Frohlich
Joan & Charles Lapidus
The Frank Wotitzky Revocable Trust
Frank Desguin
Byron and Muriel Brower
Social Service Resource Center, Inc.
The Brookdale Foundation Group
Maty & Anthony Van Clief
Thomas A. Huff Architect, Inc.
Brigham Moore
The Bollard Group, LLC
B.R. & J.P. Moseley
Peter & Amy Gravina
William T. Harrison
Edward & Virginia Hall
Ann Kelly Gateff
Francis Livezey
Baker Center
Jerry Girinesi
Gail & Craig Langway
Babcock Charitable Trust
Jone E. & Prudence A. Potts
Steve & Mary Chupak
Debbie M. Koster
Ralph & Carol McKinney
Joann P. Helphenstine
Rick & Linda Amsden
Geraldine M. Shedd
Englewood Area Board of Realtors
Evelyn Morrow-Palmer
John and Patricia Sunseri
George & Bonnie Doeren
Erin Suueeri
Paula Farr
Charles & Rebecca Kovaleski
Anne Simpson
Brian Grant
Attorneys Title Fund Service, LLC
Robert & Mary Proost
Sankey & Ellen Webb
Chris & Carol Nasby
Fireman's Fund Insurance
Peter M. Nicholas
John A. Hillenbrand
Keith & Terry Pratt
Archie & Ruby Grant
Gaylin Behling
Cosette L. Lang

Gladys J. Cocino

Kathleen Cocino
Clyde Prier
Judith Prier
Cleve Brooks
Annie Simpson
Barbara Griffin
Joyce & Peter
Petros & Ginger Snap
Josh Dibble
Joann & Jim Lewin
Heather Hughes
Joanne Stratos
Peggie & Kip Cutaia
Beth Furman
Glivia Bessire
Jeffrey & Glenda Fehr
Bill & Penny Sims
Michael J. Rooney
Mary & Mike Treworgy
Kathleen Brooke Temple
Guy & Annette Emerich
Marcia Lovett
Bonnie & Bob Elliot
Dan & Pat Doby
Ken & Paula Snyder
Harry "Butch" Griswold
Fisk & Joan Bacon
Adele La Pearl
Ruth Arnold & Mary Kay Hawkshead
Johnson Controls N.E. H. R. Team
Christopher Parent
Tom Steinhauer
Patricia Steinhauer
Helen E. Movsesian
B.A. Hendricks
Julie & W.F. Cody
J.P. & H.L. Marenas
Dr. Harry & Charlene Morris
Malcom & Teri Brumwell
Bob & Mary Zdanowski
M/M Henry Spiechowicz
M/M Larry Leason
Marvin & Margaret Luecke
Mario & Maureen Tarantino
Leonard & Norene Weismiller
Julian C. Hodges
Janice & William Yoe
Bruce & June Edwards
Kelley Bowen
Phillip Norcross, Jr.
Linda Insley
John Zodda
Enid & Vince Difini
Phyllis Harlan
Edward Rinckel
Rina Telli
Norma & Romolo Oliva
Ashley Stewart
Elizabeth Johnston
Jonathan Kruzal
Janet & Dennis Walker
Loretta Mathison
Lori Howard
Harvey Laughlin
J. Jackson

Thomas Peebles

Ann Peebles
Edward & Constance Blanchard
Ralph & Theresa Jackman
Bud Duckett
Donald & Diane Menig
Barbara Griffing
Mr. Griffing
Aaveos
John & Geraldine Rozier
Russell & Beverly French
Freddie & Marsha Lewis
Dorothy
Mildred Caltabiano
Robert Edward Denell
Susie Marshall
Joan Kachergis
Paul & Susan Reeves
Mary Heisland
Jasica, Raymond, & Joann
Miles Chvila
Thomas & Mary Lou Fritz
Lorraine & Charlie Sheerin
Cindy Deel
Shirley Hummer
Leonard & Betty Myszkowski
Harold & Donna Wayson
Robert & Gillian Mould
Bob Hockett
Rita Hockett
Jim & Joan Nash
Evelyn King
Amy Birchfield
Frank Schmidt
Pedro "Pete" Triana
Shirley & Jack Mearns
Anne Simpson
Linda Layman
Brenda Schlotzhauer
Michael Schlotzhauer
Stephen Schlotzhauer
Holly & Gary Gunsher
Joe & Dianne Bode
Carol Adair
Ray & Loretta Kendrick
Kathleen Casey
Laura Hamelau
AG COOP Services Inc.
Maryellen Scannell
Ronald & Laura Hoppes
Virginia & Phillip Monsees
John & Margaret Hanlon
Rea Funeral Chapel

PET MEMORIALS

In Memory of Pet
Given By

Missy & Duke

Dr. & Mrs. Vernon Blaha
Misty
Loretta Mathison
Bridget, Biscuit & Peaches
Pamela Elms Scott
Ray
Robert & Mary Jo Caster

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Max
Eddie Beezley

Max
Karen Hoefling

Gretchen
Esther Schaumleffel

Bandit, Pepi, Joey, Little Bits & Sam Etta Edwards

Pepper
Coco & Sadie & Roslyn Nooney

Noel
David Schmidt

Nicky
Maryann & Carl Stottlemeyer

Comet & Charlie
Gerri Hauka

Trixie
William & Cindy Taylor

Sam
Ree Wells

Captain Crunch
June Gile

Boy, Daisey Mae & Daisey

Rose
Doris Bartnick

Lily & Tommy
Christine Shannon

Molly
Mary & Tom Scudder

Spooky
John Nagy

Nana, Casey & Sammy
Denise & John Nause

Casey
Tom & Leslie Groht

Scruffie
Karen Lynn Caddell

Greif
Robert & Edith Bennett

Raxie
Howard Wisch

Elvis Stark
Valerie Stark

Mindy
Rita

Zephyr
Christine McCarthy

Beauregard
Ann Peebles

Big Boy
Rufus & Jacquelyn Lazzell

Rusty
Kathleen Kellinger

Samantha
Byron & Betsy Wauters

Bramley
Beverly Stachowicz

Max
Patricia Forgione

“All My Pets”
Louise Weber

Rufus
Marsha Normoyle

Chitty & Mimi
James Pua

Chippie & Manoy
Rose Vulpis

Pierre, Kelly & Scamp
Marjorie Robinson

Poncho
Owen Lee Phillips

Jack-O-Lantern
Robert & Carolyn Dibble

Whiskey, Brandy, Buddy Boy, Nikki & Cassie
Barbara Fontaine

Ricky & Asia
Lee Llewellyn

Bruno, Daffy & Waylon
Barbara Whyatt

Molly
Sheila Moye

Esca
R. Sullivan

Feo
Donald Clements

Sugar
Marita & George Noe

Felix
Shirley Eubanks

Kimra
Dotsie Berner

Buford
Len & Diane Gruszka

Boris
Helen Lewis Saidt

Sandy
Michael & Marty Wallans

Peggy
Karol Brunger

Buttons
Frau Menten

Orion
Ann & Vernon Beck

Brandy
Lillian Nebbeling

Bernie
Sarah & Paul Newheld

Coco & Max
C. M. Ankeney

“Burnett Kids”
Brenda & Dave Burnett

Jack & Dutch
Barbara Smith

Bo, Shad, Sammy & Mav
Freeman & Brenda Shaw

Boo Boo
Betty & Frank Rullo

Minnie & Daisy
M/M Richard Vane

Ruby
Phillip Sengel

Addie, Levi & Strass
Edward & Constance Banchard

Dakota
Shirley Fultz

Charlie, George & Sam
Michael & Barbara Sullivan

“All My Precious Pets”
Mari Kevorkian

“All Our Pets”
Margaret McGraw

Murphy
Nancy Hulderman

Brandy & Riley
Barbara Poulsen

Gizzy
Sue Loechel

Cicero
Ron & Joy Wentworth

Sydney
Jami Thompson

Mee Too
Diane Oldmixon

Feathers
Maryann & Phil Bucci

Cinder
William Switzer

Lucky
Luz Finocchiaro

Tuffy
Karen Tammen

Tyne
Ruth Kruger

Soco
Joanne Ziemer

Beamer
M. Kearney

Shadow
Clayton & Vilma Connors

Chatsworth, Samson & Delilah
Gene & Mary Chiocchi

Lily
John & Mary Pravdica

“All Our Pets”
Tom & Jane Pafford

Tommy
Richard Orris

Jason
Sal & Toni Anzalone

Ziggy
Ed & Fern Czuk

Spookie, Sniffer, Scamper & Tiger
Marlene Penrod

Puff
Jack & Dorothy Cresko

Shadow
Chris Koronski

Sam
Susan & David Baird

Bailey
Sabin & Katrie Taylor

Pita, Gus, & Harry
James & Almarae Pertz

Sam, Joey, Little Bits, Pepi & Bandit
Etta & Ronald Edwards

Sweetie
Mildred Sistanich

Boots
Joseph & Roberta Gasparri

Angel
Gene & Carol Yagley

Chelsea
Darlene Rankin

Miz Bow
Lucille Consol

Taffy & Fella
Bob & Penny Stiffler

Dixie
Corliss & Keith Allen

Tootsie
Elsie Maikowski

Solomon
Mary Browning

Tipper
Helios Flanigan

Bumble & Rocky
Jack & Betsy Sharbaugh

Ginger
Bette Coopland

Zeus
Richard Goetz

G. G. Jessica
Pam Munz

“All Our Pets”
Stan Brzozowski

Rocky & Sioux
Robert & Patricia Kristich

Denim
Dar Nuckols

Crackers & Meeka
Joella Receveur

Hudson
Patti Sutcliffe

Chelsea
Lindy Schindler

Buffy & Lucy
Vicki Lear

Bear
Sandy Cauley

Prancer, Sugar & Sugar Ray
Hazel Hurd

“All My Past Dogs”
Richard McGraw

Kyra
M/M David Fasciano

Jamie
Barbara McConville

Lollipop
Pat Pomo

Hooter
Wilma Johnston

Foggy & Kathy
Sam Levin

Brady & Dakotah
Scott Stewart

Mindy
Jim & Joan Nash

Zoey
Patricia Kuechmann

Casey
Loretta Henson

Harley & Davidson
Joann Leanza

Lady, Princess & Samantha
Burton Golden

Ebony
Dorothy Arvelo

Pierre
Diane Suchan

“All My Pets”
Virginia Gliwa

Henry & Jake
Carol Batzold

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Max

Gloria Swanson

Baltra

Gerilyn Domingo

Mindy

William Ogden

Rudder & Aileron

Jim Andrews

Snickers Mills

Linda Mitchell

Hannah Kantor

Teddy Kantor

Keisha, Nikki, Susi & Sebastian

Herta Adamo

Buck

Nancy Sharpless

Barbara Barrett

Muffy

Pam & Doug Ayres

Thunder

Roland and Julie Daniels

Foxy

Roland and Julie Daniels

Pumpkin

Karen Elmquest

Rudy

Vivki Delle Donne

Dusty & Zippy

Hazel Hurd

Cody

Kathy Kelle & Karl Fedrona

Lucy

Linda Teelon

Lucy

Doug Yaehrling

Wrigley

Ann & Don Carmin

Sophie

William & Constance Robinson

Phoebe

Harry Hughes

Rudy

Rita & Ron Kagan

Inkspot

Rita & Ron Kagan

Pepper

Rita & Ron Kagan

Micah

Rita & Ron Kagan

Magic

Rita & Ron Kagan

Duchess

Randy, Toni, Osco, Cally & Trevor

Buster

Cousin Gator

Lucy

Vickie Cheever

Louie

Anne Bastianelli

Rex

Suzanne Sneddon

Cody

Karl Fedron

Zoey

Carol Michel

Magic

S & H Wenger

Louie the Lab

Daniel & Martha Ferraris

Munzi

Eleanor & Ed Schartner

Brandy

Lillian Nebbeling

Buddy

Dondrue Harrington

Tippy

Frances Menten

Dutchess

Anne Simpson

Inkspot, Rudy & Calico

Norma & Romeo Olivia

Calico

Rita & Ron Kagan

Gracie

Rita & Ron Kagan

Barney

Rita & Ron Kagan

"Inky"

Buffy & Paul Bohach

Cooper

Tiffany Dodge

Patty

Marilyn Mead

Oscar & John

Dave & Becky Ziegler

Rambo

Beth Prico

Judy Gillian

Bouchett

Dorothy Sweet

Buy-a-Brick Program

Buy a brick and make a tribute set in stone.

A beautiful brick walkway paves the way to the front door of our Adoption Center. Memorials and honorariums for pets and people are set in stone for all to see.

Whether you miss your pet, want to say thanks to someone special, or simply want to show your love of animals, there's no better way to do so than with a brick.

To order a brick, please visit our website at www.awlshelter.org to download an order form, or stop by the shelter at 3519 Drance Street in Port Charlotte any day of the week between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Thank you, from all of our animals!

HOW TO INCLUDE ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE IN YOUR WILL

The Animal Welfare League works hard to protect, care for, and nurture homeless and abused animals. We know that it is the consistent annual and legacy giving of those who treasure our mission that remain paramount to our very existence and will continue to provide the foundation of all giving. When you support our shelter, you demonstrate your commitment that you stand behind our ability to serve the needs of orphaned animals today and for years to come.

A gift for the AWL in your Will or living Trust is a loving and lasting way to help homeless animals in need. Many of our programs and services to domestic animals has been accomplished thanks to caring people like you who wanted their true love of animals to go on.

Thank you for remembering the animals in your Will. No animal is too small to help and no gift is too small to make a difference.



Your attorney will need to know:



* AWL is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization



* Our legal name is the Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County Florida Inc.

* Our facilities are located at 3519 Drance Street, Port Charlotte, Florida 33980



Your decision to support our mission and leave a lasting impact on the needs of homeless animals entitles you to become



"Friends of the AWL"



You will receive an Official Recognition Package to show our deep appreciation.



For information about including the Animal Welfare League in your Will, please contact Sharon Thomas at (941) 625-6720 or online at stthomas@awlshelter.org

Animal Welfare League's "Barnyard Buddies" Adoption Placement Program

All of the cats that arrive at the Animal Welfare League deserve a second chance. Some make placement quite a challenge. They are frightened and do not adjust well to spending time in a cage; many have never lived in a home environment at all. They too deserve a second chance. These "special" cats are why our "Barnyard Buddies" program originated.

Most of these cats are acclimated to the outdoors...that is their home. We are trying to place them, one at a time into permanent homes. The best choice of a new surrounding would be a farm or ranch setting.

What a better way to rid your barns and sheds of unwanted rodents than with a cat. If you own a country farm and would be willing to add a new mouser to your family, please consider one of these very special felines.

They have all been blood-tested, vaccinated, and altered. All they need is a home. There will be NO adoption fee because the AWL considers this a rescue. Please, help us place these cats and know that by doing so...you TRULY are Saving a Life!



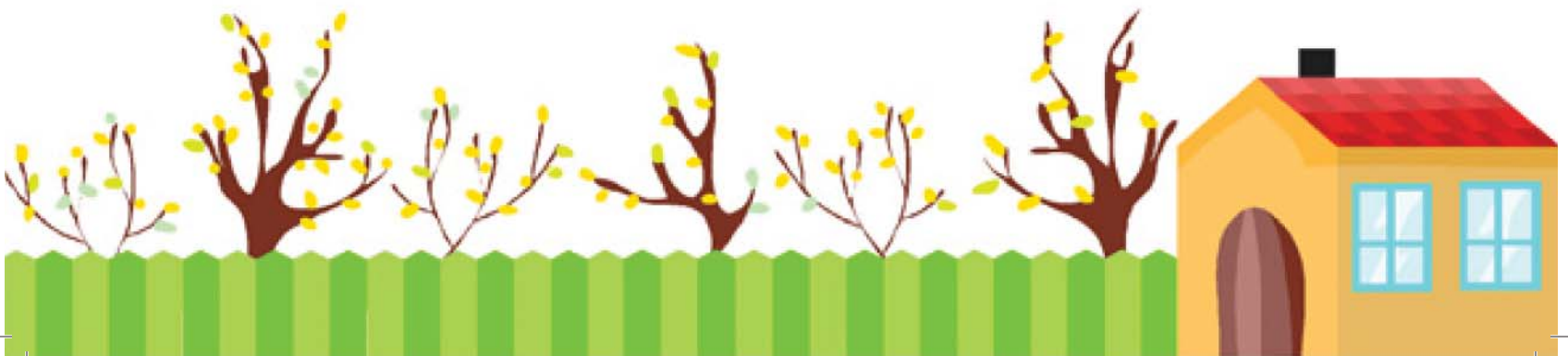
You're right Dorothy...there's no place like HOME

It's such a tiny, little word...home. But to those of us who work or volunteer at the AWL it's the biggest word of all. That simple word encompasses our minds day after day, hour after hour, minute after minute. In our shelter, as in any shelter, the search for a loving, forever home is our goal...for every wayward dog whose owners never claimed, for every wee kitten and puppy born into an overpopulated world, for every cat relinquished by its owner, home is now their ultimate goal too.

We wish that by putting on a pair of ruby slippers and clicking our heels three times our goal would be reached, but obviously that's not the case. The AWL works so very hard to promote adoptions and to put our numerous, homeless dogs and cats into the public eye by newspaper articles, television, radio, storefronts and community events. Our website www.awlshelter.org is constantly updated showcasing our adoptable friends. We have a helpful adoption package that includes items such as micro-chip info, vaccinations, free veterinarian exam, spay / neuter surgery for our animals, training classes, pet food, information brochures, etc.

Staff and volunteers work together with all the shelter animals to increase their chances of finding their new, permanent homes. They socialize and interact with each animal, they teach the dogs good behavioral skills, they bathe and groom them to always look their best. They commit to reduce stress, so that potential adopters can see each animal's unique personality. This is done seven days a week, all striving towards the same goal. The animals work just as hard because I believe they know that this is their second chance..the chance to share their love with a lifelong family of their own.

We are not sure if the wonderful folks who choose to adopt from our shelter are aware of our continual struggle to find each a home, but we do know this...a shelter dog or cat, if given the opportunity, will undoubtedly bring loyalty and love to a new family who loves them back. By adopting a homeless pet you display an expression of compassion and of true respect for the value of animals, you have taken a stand for life and most importantly you have answered the prayers of precious, orphaned dogs and cats...a home.



SPECIAL EVENTS



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER
July 16, 2011 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
at the AWL Shelter

HUGE YARD SALE	ADOPT-A-THON
Refreshments	Adoption Fee Specials
Vendors	Grooming Van
Music	Raffles
Dog Demos	... and more!



Party in the Park

November 19, 2011
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Laishley Park Marina
Punta Gorda, FL

Enjoy a variety of activities including:

Vendors • Education Exhibits • Agility and Obedience Demonstration • Entertainment • Silent Auction • Refreshments • Meet and Mingle with Lots of Canines and their Families!



Deck the Halls
with Boughs of Oldies

Featuring **TIMELESS** (Music from the 40's - 70's)
Thursday, December 15, 2011 • 7 PM • Cultural Center

AWL's CAN DRIVE

The AWL grounds are beautifully landscaped thanks to our group of Master Gardeners. All the gorgeous flowers and shrubs are purchased by the recycling of aluminum cans. Please, donate your empty cans to the shelter...and watch our garden grow!



Animal Welfare League: A Year in Pictures



Through Their Eyes



Every day, staff, volunteers and I see the real faces behind all the numbers. We experience the miracles, the triumphs, and the heartbreak that plays out each and every day at the shelter...one animal at a time.

Whether it is a lost fluffy cat quickly being reunited with its grateful owner or a frightened young pup given up by folks who didn't understand the commitment of his

care or the happy hound finally being adopted, each orphaned animal has a vital lesson to teach and a powerful message to share.

But most significantly is the look in their eyes; their faces give us true hope. They reveal to us that we each can be a part of something more...offering us the chance to become better people, to rekindle our connection with other living beings, and to embrace the sanctity of life itself.

Upon my work desk sits a frame and within it the words of Kenneth White...words I will remember forever...

"The hope for animals of tomorrow is to be found in a human culture which learns to feel beyond itself. We must learn empathy, we must learn to see into the eyes of an animal and feel that its life has value because it is alive. Nothing less will do."

-- Sharon Thomas

Animal Welfare League's "Canine Manners" Program

Most of the dogs that arrive at the Animal Welfare League are not completely trained nor are they perfectly behaved. Some have never experienced being walked on a leash. Others don't understand that jumping up onto a person is considered unruly. Most have been inadequately socialized, ineffectively trained and sometimes badly treated. But all staff and volunteers know that each dog has the potential and know-how to learn basic good manners.

Speaking of good manners, the shelter offers a wonderful program for shelter dogs residing there, as well as any dog adopted from the shelter. The program "Canine Manners" is a one hour class for basic dog training skills that is held the first and third Saturday of every month. Classes begin at 9am in front of the new building. Best news is that this service is FREE to all dogs that have been adopted from the AWL.

Classes are under the supervision and skills of two accomplished

dog behaviorists, Birenda Russell and Janet Calder. Their techniques express both their knowledge and compassion for dogs of all breeds. Dogs of every shape and size attend from wee pups to gray faced seniors. Working as a group and also some one-on-one allows for simple commands to be easily learned. Sitting, staying, walking calmly when leashed are just a few of these canine participants' accomplishments. Socializing with other dogs and people is an important objective as well.

This beneficial program assists new adopters on proper training methods that enhance their personal relationship with their new furry family member. It definitely improves the shelter dog's abilities to achieve important behavioral and social attitudes that will greatly improve their chances for adoption. They graduate from this program with heads held high...and tails awaggin'.

You CAN teach an old dog new tricks!



Thank You

The Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County can only exist with your help. Limited space prevents us from naming everyone, but we would like to highlight a few.

- Sun Herald editor Laura Schmid for publishing our “ROSIE” column every Wednesday.
- Sun Herald editor Pamela Staik for publishing our “Adoption Success Stories” every Wednesday.
- The Bean on 41 for their “Presents for Pets” fundraiser
- Clear Channel Radio...Jeff & Tom of the “Hippo” show, Charlie Shoe, and Beach 98.9
- Kingsmen Motorcycle Club for their 100 mile poker run benefiting our shelter pets
- Cameraman Bill Wagy for all the taping of our adoptable cats and dogs showcased on Comcast's “Pet Adoption on Demand”

- Charlotte Community Foundation
- Hoffer Foundation
- Applebee's Restaurant
- Carraba's Restaurant
- Visani's Restaurant
- PetSupermarket
- PetSmart
- PetCo
- Tractor Supply
- Wal-marts
- Regions Banks, First Community Banks, Charlotte State Banks, Busey Banks
- Southwest Florida College
- Edison College
- Saint Vincent DePaul
- Pampered Pets Health Clinic
- Girl Scout Troop 680
- Deep Creek Elementary School's Honor Society students
- ALL our dedicated Volunteers and devoted Foster Friends

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. 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 a second chance.

You can sponsor a pet in memory 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.

Wish List

Dogs

- Canned dog/puppy food
- Dry dog/puppy food
- Blankets – Pillows – Beds

Cats

- Canned cat/kitten food
- Dry cat/kitten food
- Purina Kitten Chow
- Cat litter
- Cat treats and toys

Laundry

- Laundry powder/liquid detergent
- Bleach
- Towels / Comforters
- Cleaning Supplies

Office Supplies

- Used Computers / Laptops
- Copy Paper
- Postage Stamps
- Gift Certificates
(Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Lowes, etc.)



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