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# Humane Times

Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County





# MESSAGES

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PRESIDENT'S AND DIRECTOR'S

The benefits of having a pet as a companion are well known. The decision to obtain a pet, like that to have a child, is a commitment to care for the animal for its lifetime. However, with the current economic turmoil and home foreclosures, some families are finding it more difficult to care for their pet(s).

A program to help those in need provide food for their pets has been created. However, there are limited resources available, and it is designed to help those truly in economic distress. It is not a new entitlement. Those who wish to support this program may contribute to the ANGEL FOOD program.

If you are considering acquiring a pet, please consider the many hundreds of wonderful animals available at HSVB&IRC as the first place you look. Each day we have new animals arriving looking for a home. Instead of adopting a kitten or a puppy, consider the benefits of adopting an older animal.

I have had six dogs in the last 35 years. The last one came from this Humane Society and was several years old. By having been around so many other animals and handled by so many people, this dog was the best socialized with other dogs and people of any of my dogs as well as being housebroken and trained. We often overlook this benefit of adopting an adult animal from a shelter.

The shelter is continually looking for volunteers to help with the animals, fundraising, and administrative tasks. In this issue we highlight our two thrift shops. Volunteering at the thrift shops is an opportunity to meet many new friends as well as to help the animals.

Hopefully, you and your family had a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you at many of the exciting events we have planned in the fall to benefit the critters.

In these difficult economic times, animals are suffering too. Each day more and more people come to the Humane Society seeking help. They are struggling to provide their pets with food and medical needs. Sadly, as people are losing their homes, so are their animals. The number of people surrendering their pets has increased dramatically as they face financial challenges. In the past six months, we have helped nearly 2000 people with pet food, medical care, and spay/neuter assistance. But we can only do so much.

More than ever we need your help. The Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County is supported only by our generous donors. We DO NOT receive any ongoing financial support from any outside agency – not the government, not the Humane Society of the United States, not the SPCA.

Please, won't you help us feed and shelter these homeless and abandoned animals and find them permanent loving homes? Your generous gift will truly make a difference.

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COVER PHOTO: *Looking for a Treat - "Ashley" Stanley* by Linda Scott


# Thrift Shop or Treasure Chest?

The Vero Beach and Sebastian Thrift Shop revenues are consistently the largest single source of income for the Humane Society. The receiving, sorting, and pricing operation is like a treasure hunt. Surprises range from wads of cash stuffed in shoes to Highwayman paintings. High-end finds from Ralph Lauren, St. John's, J. Crew, Lily Pulitzer, etc. have provided a steady supply of merchandise for our popular designer racks. New thrift shoppers are often amazed to find fine jewelry, antiques, first edition books, and new clothing - tags still attached.

The 150 volunteers are clearly the heart of the operation. Volunteers are asked to commit to 3 hours a week, but there are reasons most work many more. They have a special camaraderie. It's a blend of warmth, friendship, and togetherness – lunch and coffee breaks – a positive working atmosphere – a social network that often extends beyond the job. It's that

powerful interaction of accomplishment and friendships that magically turn the Thrift Shops into a fun place to volunteer.


Thrift Shop revenue comes from your generosity through donations. Clothes are extremely important, generating about half of the revenue. Books, shoes, jewelry, linens, household items, and furniture are some other product categories. The two stores have about 12,000 sq feet of space, with truck pickups available on request. Our Thrift Shops are truly "green" retail. Items that can't be used or sold go on to other non-profit organizations. Even the cardboard is recycled. Your donations help the Humane Society and continue on to help humanity.

You can help by volunteering, donating, or shopping. Whether you find a treasure or make a treasured friendship, the Thrift Shops are providing the treasure for the welfare of the animals. 



**Annette Barcus – Vero & Sebastian Operations Manager**  
 With a wonderful husband and 5 great kids, 3 dogs, and 2 cats, you have to wonder how she does it all and manage the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County's two very busy and very successful thrift shops. Before coming to the Humane Society, Annette had a background that included 20 years working in retail sales which prepared her for managing these two stores. She's managed the Vero Beach store for the past 8 years and became the overseeing manager of the Sebastian store when it opened in 2004.



**Patti Blackwell – Manager Sebastian Thrift Shop**  
 The Sebastian Thrift Shop's new Manager, Patti Blackwell, brings a wealth of experience managing hundreds of volunteers over 15 years as the Volunteer Coordinator for a major hospital group. She also worked with the sheriff's Victim Crime Service Unit, taught court-mandated anger management classes for parents and their children, and was a hotline counselor/advocate for domestic violence. With background in retail sales, she is well prepared for managing the Sebastian Thrift Shop. 



# PAW PATTERN



## Choosing a Pet Sitter



For pet owners, finding the right resort, booking flights, and convincing the kids that not all of their friends have to come along are just typical parts of vacation planning. Another concern is what to do with the family pet. For those of us sharing our homes with family pets, pet sitters may be a way to resolve that worry. If you would rather have someone come to your home and care for your animals instead of boarding them at a kennel, this could be a solution.

Some will perform other necessary chores while you're gone, should you desire. In addition to listings in phone books and local newspapers, ask your veterinarian and friends for referrals. Should you decide to use a pet sitter, you want one that is reliable and trustworthy.

PetSitters.biz, a web source that lists and advocates on behalf of pet sitters, suggests that you ask a potential hire at least the following questions: How many clients do they have? (Insist on referrals) – Is the business licensed with the county, bonded, and insured? – How long have they been in business?

– What types of jobs did they have before pet sitting? – What training do they have to have to handle emergencies? – Why did they want to do this job and why is it enjoyable? Before hiring, ask for a printed resume, a fee schedule, and cost estimate.

Provide the sitter with photos and names for each animal (should the worst happen and they're lost), your travel phone numbers, a written description for care and feeding, a supply of necessary foods, and your veterinarian's phone number and location. It's also good to leave

the name and number of a knowledgeable friend or neighbor in the event of an emergency. Ready your home for being absent.

Below are a couple of web sites that provide background on pet sitting businesses in your zip code area. Also, Google Earth can list and map pet sitters in your area using their "Find Businesses" command at the top of the opening page.

- National Association of Pet Sitters (NAPPS), [www.petsitters.org](http://www.petsitters.org)
- Pet Sitters International (PSI), [www.petsit.com](http://www.petsit.com)



## A FATHER'S DAY TAIL



It was Father's Day 2000, a day for our Dad to be pampered by his family. We were enjoying our nice Father's Day breakfast when we heard a knock at the door. When we opened it, there was a little boy offering us a yellow Lab puppy he was holding in his arms.

My parents' first reaction was "NO WAY," but after some deliberation they decided we could keep her. Our dog Higgins, who we had adopted from the shelter, was

getting old and everyone thought it would be nice to have a puppy around.

As soon as they said yes, this cute weeks-old puppy with the big brown eyes went from a dog to our dog. We named her Abby, and later on Abby was joined by Fletcher,

who we adopted from the Humane Society at age 10. Sadly, Fletcher was only with us for about four years.

On Father's Day 2009, exactly nine years after Abby had arrived on our doorstep, we received a call asking if we'd be interested in adopting another older Lab from the shelter. When we went to the Humane Society to see her, Emily looked identical to Abby. How could we resist?

We'll never know for certain if Abby and Emily are littermates, but what could be a better Father's Day gift than man's best friend.

\*This first person story information was provided by Melissa Forgham, a former Humane Society Care Cadet. Melissa, an incoming freshman at Indian River State College, will pursue her dream of helping animals through the field of Animal Rescue.

### No-Flea Market

Saturday, September 19th  
8:00 am 'til 2:00 pm

We've saved the best for this event.



"No fleas  
No junk"



Jewelry

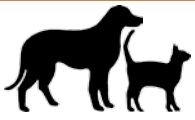
New clothing



Collectibles

Books

Don't miss this bargain shopping opportunity!



# TO THEIR HEALTH...

by Dr. Elizabeth M. Bybee, DVM

## Litter Box Problems

The number one problem reported by cat owners is inappropriate elimination; that is, not using the litter box as expected. There are different causes for this, but they are usually divided into two categories, medical or behavioral, or a combination of the two.

The most common medical causes of feline inappropriate elimination are: (1) cystitis – This is inflammation of the bladder due to a bacterial infection, urinary stones, tumors, or even stress. (2) Pain - This can be bladder pain from urinary stones, but more commonly it is arthritis of the spine or hips, especially with older cats. Constipation pain can also result in litter box accidents. (3) Polyuria - Increased amounts of urination. The most common causes are

diabetes, kidney disease, or hyperthyroidism. Once you and your Veterinarian have ruled out medical causes, it is time to look at behavioral issues.

Any issue that can create stress or insecurity for your cats can cause them to stop using the litter box properly. Some of the common changes are (1) A new pet or person entering or leaving the household (2) New or rearranged furniture (3) A new home or new drapes or carpet (4) Perceived threats by other animals or children (5) Too many cats in the household. However, one stress is by far the most common issue...the cat may just dislike the box, its type of sand, its odor, or its location. The size of the litter box must be proportional to the size of the cat.

Many cats hate a hooded box or liners. There should be at least one litter box per cat, and they should be scooped clean at least daily, more often if necessary. Finally, cats like privacy. Their litter box should be in a secluded, quiet area where they feel safe.

If your kitty has lost his/her litter box manners you can help them by correcting any "box issues," eliminating stress, and addressing any medical conditions. Removing the scent of accidents is critical and is possible with products like Zero Odor or Nature's Miracle Spray. Also, products like Feliway may help to calm a stressful situation. Don't delay, the sooner the cat is happy, the sooner everyone will be happy.

## On Their Best Behavior

by Connie Ellis, Pet Behavior Consultant

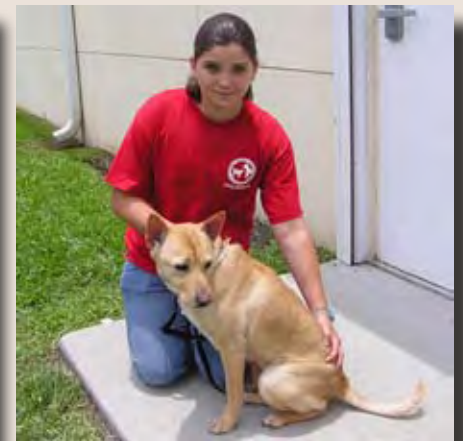
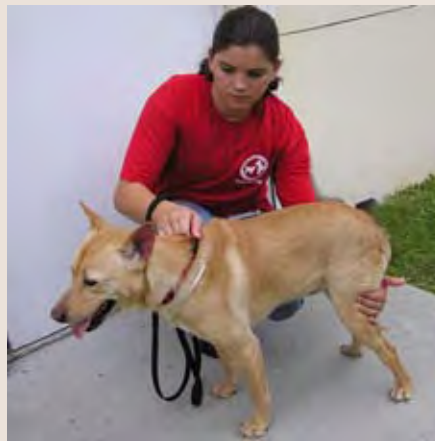
### Social Structure - Entering and Exiting Doors

Establishing an appropriate social structure for the dog within the home is critical to avoid future dog behavior problem. From the dog's point of view, whoever goes through a door first is the leader, and most dogs think all door openings were made for them to go into or out of FIRST!

In the adoption kennel, volunteers begin teaching the dogs to allow people to enter or exit their runs without trying to escape or bolt out the door. Dogs also learn that sitting "makes the door open."

This behavior applies to car doors and gates, as well. The dog should learn to SIT-STAY while you open the door, until you release him to enter or exit. As training progresses, the goal is to have the dog stay seated while their owner steps out the door, until they are verbally released from their sit position.

This progression of training should be part of the new owner's goal for the dog to begin establishing an appropriate social structure within the pet's new home.



Pictured above is Care Cadet Ashley, manually placing Annie into a sit position by holding onto her collar at the top of her neck with one hand – placing the other hand/wrist behind her knees; gently pulling the collar along her back toward her rear, putting soft pressure on the muscles in back of her legs, and folding her into a sit position. This manual placement also conditions Annie for handling of her body. Do not press down on the dog's rear as there is a possibility of injuring the dog if he resists the downward pressure.



# MULLIGAN'S BEACH BAR & GRILL FEEDS HSVB&IRC COFFER



June 25th was an evening of fun and feasting when Mulligan's hosted a family fun night from 5:00 – 8:00 for friends of the Humane Society. Not only did kids eat free, but Mulligan's donated a portion of the sales to benefit the shelter.



Enjoying food and helping animals



Hugging Shelter mascot "Max"



Children are natural born pet lovers



A patron feeds donation dog house



Smiling with her pet face-painting



Is he hugging "Max" or Mom Connie?

## SHADE FOR THE SHELTER



The Humane Society wishes to thank the Garden Club of Indian River County's "Seagrape Circle" members for donating a Bald Cypress tree to our Shelter's Bark Park. A special thanks to Jan Knight, Marilyn Richardson, and Naomi Jewett for coordinating and presenting the Shelter with this special gift to commemorate Arbor Day.



# WAVES AUTO SPA AWASH WITH GENEROSITY TO SHELTER



On July 25th Waves Auto Spa held a benefit for the Humane Society. Coupons were issued for a donation value of \$3.00 - \$20.00 for using various washing services. Additionally, they generously donated \$1.00 for every car washed that day.



Iika waves at Waves to passing cars



Promoting "My Dog is Cool" campaign



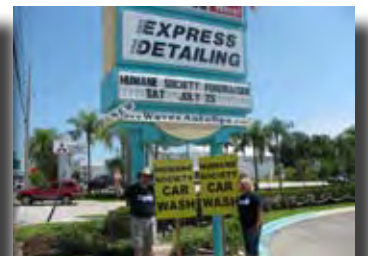
Did "Max" think it was a dog wash?



Staff & volunteers at the info table



Clean car with license tag MEOU2U



Chalmers & Connie spread the word

## KIDS HELPING ANIMALS



Over 100 children attended Humane Education classes where they learned how the Shelter helps animals and how they can help animals in our community. Five classrooms filled the HSVB&IRC vehicle with donated food and supplies for the Shelter. Pictured are some of the 2nd graders from Liberty Magnet.

# Volunteers of the Month

The Humane Society could not survive without the thousands of hours given each year by its volunteers. Congratulations to these recent honorees.



Top row l-r: Carolyn, Joan, Frank, Marilyn, Eileen, & Bonnie  
Bottom row l-r: Don, Kimberly, Mary Ann, & Juanita

## JUNE

### Shelter – Don Brown

Don has been a volunteer with HSVB&IRC since 2004, logging in over 1500 hours of service as an Adoption Counselor Assistant. He is also a trainer for new Adoption Counselor Assistants. Thank you Don for your dedication and time!

### Vero Thrift – Juanita Smith

Juanita has been volunteering with HSVB&IRC for over 17 years with more than 2500 hours for that time period. Juanita is a day manager for our Vero Thrift Store. Thank you Juanita... we couldn't do it without you!

### Sebastian Thrift – Bonnie Pendleton

Bonnie, a volunteer with our Humane Society since 2004, has accumulated over 1000 hours of service. Bonnie is a day manager for our Sebastian Thrift store. Thank you Bonnie for your dedication and service!

## JULY

### Shelter – Joan Lehning and Carolyn Duncan

Joan Lehning and Carolyn Duncan have been volunteering with the Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County since 2005. They are dedicated to providing love and attention to our shelter cats as Feline Enrichment Volunteers. Joan has over 2200 hours, and Carolyn has more than 2500 hours of service over the past four years. We want you to know how much we appreciate all you have done and continue to do for us!

### Vero Thrift – Marilyn Powers

Marilyn has been a volunteer with HSVB&IRC since 2007. She has given almost 1000 hours of service time. Thank you Marilyn for all your hard work!

### Sebastian Thrift – Frank Ademo

Frank, a volunteer with our Humane Society since 2005, has devoted over 1300 hours. Frank is the designer behind the vignettes in our Sebastian store. Thank you for your creative influence Frank!

## AUGUST

### Shelter – Kimberly Mudge

Kim has been volunteering with us since 1999 and has accumulated over 2500 hours of service. Kim helps clean the cat rooms and small animal cages every morning. Thank you Kim for your dedication to the community's animals!

### Vero Thrift – Eileen Derrick

Eileen has been a volunteer with HSVB&IRC for almost 19 years. She is a wonderful, dedicated asset to this organization. Thank you for everything Eileen!

### Sebastian Thrift – Mary Ann Terrell

Mary Ann has been a Humane Society volunteer for 3 ½ years logging over 400 hours. We appreciate your devotion to the animals Mary Ann!

## PICNIC UNDER THE PAVILION

On Saturday, May 9th volunteers and staff were invited to share a picnic under the recently donated Volunteer Legacy Pavilion. Everyone enjoyed a barbecue lunch and visiting with friends, old and new. Reading the inscriptions on the newly placed commemorative pavers, available for purchase to honor or memorialize people and pets, was both fun and heartwarming. The Humane Society is fortunate to have such devoted volunteers and staff.



# New Beginnings and

*Artie Ekin*



Who says you can't be a "top dog" in spite of a high-pitched meow? Adopted from HSVB&IRC, this one and only male cat enjoys his special status among three female feline companions.

Every day is a play day, with his playmates chasing and catching colorful yarn pom-poms that eventually are snatched away only to reappear next to Artie's food dish...a signal it's time for dry concoctions that are preferable to people food.

Another preference of Artie's is an ordinary cardboard box. A security blanket adds to his comfort and contentment when catnapping on his back with his paws facing upward in a blissful do-nothing state.

Artie's antics are a source of family amusement, particularly when he responds vocally to their voices or uses the bathtub, minus the water, for a mini-playground. In spite of what Artie does or doesn't do, he has no need to claw his way to the top...he is top dog in the Ekin household.



*Bagel Short*



There were a few retrievers at the shelter that day in 2005, but it was Bagel who captured the hearts of Carrie and Larry Short. The Shorts thought they'd won the lottery when they found Bagel and couldn't believe someone had given him up since he was so gentle and had such wonderful manners.

In their household, the day doesn't begin until Bagel trots down the driveway to retrieve the morning newspaper and then helps Larry feed the deer. When he's not chasing things, retrieving tossed bones, or giving high five, he's swimming laps in the pool. He also enjoys riding in the pontoon boat to the island. He loves lying on the sofa with his head in Carrie's lap, or having Larry use him as a pillow while watching TV.

However, he has one little quirk; point something out and he'll always run in the opposite direction. But for the past four years he has enriched their lives in so many ways.



*Kitty Lehouef*



Kitty, a typically feisty two-year-old male cat, lives happily with his equally feisty eighty-five year old owner, a retired New England area French teacher. Kitty's accent still isn't up to par, but he carries on with passable French in their daily conversations.

Kitty has a variety of favorite activities about the house. Temporarily he's lost interest in climbing his carpeted cat tower, instead focusing his considerable energies inside the screened-in patio watching the lizards on the outside of the screen.

After tough days patrolling the house, Kitty retires to sleep on his back with all legs skyward, modesty not an apparent strength. His owner admits her and Kitty's only argument centers on his new diet. Like most teenagers, Kitty has never met a meal he didn't love. Petite or not, Le Chat is a welcomed addition to her home.



# Good Happy Endings

If you ask Liz Good about “man’s best friend,” she will tell you emphatically and enthusiastically, it is unquestionably her family dog, Baxter. He’s a nine-year-old mixed breed from the Humane Society. It was love at first sight according to Liz, and there hasn’t been a person yet who hasn’t loved Baxter and vice-versa.

The secret to his people friendly personality is very simple; he’s a happy, happy dog. His very good nature is reflected in his tail wagging, for which he was awarded best in this category a few years ago at the Humane Society Mutts Show.

Baxter loves chumming around with Liz’s great-grandson, with whom he has developed a mutual admiration bond, while accompanying him back and forth to school. Otherwise, he is busy rendering his stuffed animals squeakless or indulging in his very favorite food, cantaloupe, for which he would do almost anything for a juicy slice.


Baxter Good is the perfect name; he’s too good to be true. 

*Baxter Good*



When Anne Barnes first saw Ollie in one of the Shelter’s cat condos, he had his back to the glass. She knocked on it to get his attention and says, “He gave me a look with such attitude, that it made me laugh.” The attitude didn’t end there.

When she brought Ollie home, she wasn’t sure how he would react to Winston, her young Golden Retriever. Ollie looked him right in the eye and set the ground rules by swatting him on the nose! Anne describes Ollie as curious and sweet, but with a little bit of a wicked side to him.


Shortly after adopting Ollie, Anne found Sophie, a little female kitten. Ollie took to her right away and they’ve become best buddies. They both adore Winston, and he reciprocates by sharing his big bed with them. Anne is careful with kitty toys, as Winston chews them. The cats don’t care – they’re happy just playing with each other! 

*Ollie Barnes*



Treats? Got treats?? It’s easy to see what these three sweet pit mixes were thinking! Each was adopted just months after the other.

Liz and Pete Walsh were (just looking) at the shelter when little red nosed Laney put her paws under the cage door, licking and nuzzling Pete’s hand. Off to the adoption room, where she crawled into Liz’s lap, kissing and snuggling her way into a wonderful home. Laney is loving and trusting in spite of having survived skull & nose fractures inflicted by her first owner.

Then friends at the shelter called them to come and meet Cayman. This people-loving puppy bounced out full of affection and found a home too. Lastly, there’s Diesel, who got his name because he was “on the road” when picked up. Sort of an unplanned child, poor homeless Diesel wiggled his little bobtail into this big happy family as well and claimed his spot in the ever shrinking king size bed. 

*Diesel, Cayman, and Laney Walsh*






## Care Cadets Promote "My Dog is Cool" Campaign

With help from our Care Cadets, The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County is promoting the "My Dog is Cool" campaign to educate the public about the dangers of leaving pets in hot cars. Humane Society Care Cadets and staff have been distributing flyers to Indian River County businesses as a reminder that a pet left unattended in a car, even briefly, can be life-threatening. The "My Dog is Cool" campaign is coordinated by the national organization United Animal Nations and is designed to increase awareness about this serious issue.

The Shelter frequently receives calls about dogs in distress that have been left in cars by pet owners who were "just running into the store for a minute." Such situations often prove tragic for the animal. Why? On a mild 73 degree day, the temperature inside a car can reach 120 degrees in minutes.

If you have errands to run, HSVB&IRC encourages pet owners to leave animals at home where they'll be safe and cool – even during the fall and winter months. **If you see a dog in a car and in distress, immediately call The Humane Society at (772) 388-3331 or your local law enforcement agency.**

If you would like copies of our hot car posters or flyers for distribution, please contact the Humane Society at (772) 388-3331 ext. 18. 



Humane Society Care Cadets Kaitlyn, Jessica, and Alex help to educate the public about the danger of pets left in hot cars.

See the shelter pets online at: [www.verobeach.com/AnimalsForAdoption](http://www.verobeach.com/AnimalsForAdoption)

## HELPING WILDLIFE

by Ilka Daniel, Director of Outreach

The Humane Society is seeking volunteers to transport injured or orphaned wildlife to wildlife rehabilitation facilities. If your personal goals include helping animals and the environment we need your help! Just a few hours a week can make a difference.



This orphan will one day be released into the wild.

Indian River County doesn't have a wildlife rehabilitation center. The nearest facilities are in Brevard and Martin County. Healthy wildlife received at HSVB&IRC is released into the wild after a short stay with us. Any requiring veterinary treatment or supportive care are transported to a rehabilitator where the animal can regain its strength before being released.

Please call HSVB&IRC before bringing an injured or orphaned animal to us. Many times what you are seeing is the natural process a fledgling bird, baby bunny, or newly hatched turtle. While it may appear that the youngster has little or no chance of survival, in fact Mother Nature is doing an excellent job. Trained staff will ask you questions to determine if human intervention is necessary. If not, suggestions will be given to assist or remedy the situation.

Anyone who has a good driving record and is interested in becoming a wildlife transport volunteer will receive a shelter orientation. A vehicle will be provided by the Humane Society, if necessary. Together we can make Indian River County a more humane place for both people and animals to live. For more information, call Phaedra Kohler (772) 388-3331, ext. 20.

## PET PAGES

Book Review

Curl up with your pet & a good book


One at a Time

by Diane Leigh and Marilee Geyer

At a time when hundreds of wonderful family pets are being turned in to our Shelter because the owners have lost their homes, their jobs, or their income, we need to become aware of the greater challenges facing our Humane Society. We strive



even harder, if that is possible, to secure loving, responsible homes for all. *One at a Time*, sends a powerful message through stories of unwanted, homeless animals and the shelters that accept and care for them all.

We can only hope that by reading the book: (1) you will be empowered to facilitate change through understanding the lifesaving services that shelters provide (2) that your next opportunity to obtain a pet would result in a visit to the Shelter and (3) as our county's financial help in fulfilling its contract with HSVB&IRC has decreased in relation to the spiraling costs of animal care, you will speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves. 



# Speaking for the Animals



## The Legacy Circle...Your Gift of a Lifetime

Through the Humane Society's Legacy Circle you can share our vision as we strive to create a more loving and just world for animals. The Legacy Circle is our way of paying tribute to those who have chosen to include the Humane Society in their wills, because we believe such an important commitment to the animals deserves special honor and recognition. The Legacy Circle will also leave your family and community with a lasting impression regarding your dedication and generosity to help those who cannot help themselves.


As we confront the challenges of the future, we know that the generosity of those who assist the Humane Society will make all the difference in our success. Through creative gift planning you can help secure your own financial future, as well as ours. Perhaps you have been considering a gift to us, but your cash flow prevents an outright gift at this time. One of the simplest ways for you to make a future contribution is through your will. With a planned gift one leaves a personal legacy of commitment to the goals of the Humane Society and animal welfare for decades to come.



Requests are made by provisions in your will, or a codicil to your will. You can bequest a specific amount of money, a percentage of your estate, or specific property, such as securities, real estate, tangible personal property or other assets. Your estate will receive a charitable estate tax deduction upon your death, when the gift is actually made. A bequest enables you to make a significant gift to the Humane Society while retaining full control

of your assets throughout your life.

Join others who share the desire to leave a legacy of hope to the Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County by making the Humane Society one of your beneficiaries in your will. When you include the Humane Society in your will or living trust, you are entitled to join our Legacy Circle, and your gift will be honored on our lobby Tree of Life.

We hope we have started you thinking about how you can make a difference for animals in need. For more information about our Legacy Circle, contact Keith Hinton, Director of Development at 388-3331, x 27 or e-mail [khinton@hsvb.org](mailto:khinton@hsvb.org). 

### Give Your Loved Ones A Lasting Treasure

Our Commemorative Brick Pavers are a wonderful way to honor your loved ones. The pavers make meaningful and cherished gifts and are a great way to remember:

- Memorials – Holidays**
- Birthdays – Anniversaries.**



Dixie Nichols

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### COUNTING THE DAYS

The 2010 Humane Society Calendar will go on sale October 1st. The requested donation is \$6.50.

We would like to thank everyone who submitted photos for the calendar. The 2010 calendar is full of pictures of your pet pals. While we regret that not all photos could be used, they may appear in the Humane Times and other publications throughout the year.



Cookie Whitman  
2009 Calendar Pet

**Calendars will be available in the Adoption Lobby, Thrift Shops, area bookstores, & various other locations throughout the community**

# In Memory of and In Honor of Family & Friends

Donations given from April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009

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## In memory of...

Mr. William Wright

## In honor of...

The Staff at Live Oak  
Animal Hospital  
Ms. JoAnn Becker  
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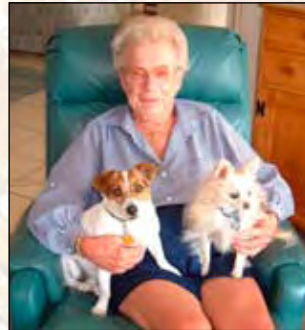
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## In Memoriam



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Marge Everett, a dear friend and supporter of the Humane Society. She had been a volunteer for the Humane Society since the late nineteen eighties and walked the adoptable dogs one day a week for several years. Then she began to do "pet therapy" by taking small dogs, puppies, guinea pigs, and rabbits to see shut-ins at local nursing homes (Rosewood Manor, Royal Palm, and Indian River Estates). After adopting her little long-haired Chihuahua, Penny, the two were inseparable, and both Marge and Penny loved the therapy trips.

When Lockheed Martin Company allowed each of their Directors (her husband, Lee, was a Director) to donate \$1,000,000 to qualified charities of their choice, he gave Marge the option of donating half to her favorite charity, the Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County. That \$500,000 grant was used to install much needed air-conditioning in buildings occupied by the animals in both the Receiving and Adoption buildings. Hundreds of animals now, and thousands in the future, will be far more comfortable because of Marge's thoughtfulness. We will miss her!

# In Memory of and In Honor of Companion Pets

Donations given from April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009

## In memory of...

Mookie Armentano

Abby Benedict  
Abigail Benedict  
Mr. Marty Black-Kalie  
Jodi Boulos  
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Dot Bullington  
Gunner Bynum  
Betty Camburn  
Rocky Carillion  
Jenny Cooney  
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Noah Nix  
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Bailey Page  
Rosie Perez  
Tiger Principe  
Blanche Rothardt  
Tristan Salina

Sugar Bear Schasane  
Luke Shamoo  
Sam Shanley  
LeeBee Shaw  
Roxie Siragusa  
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Lucy Spaulding  
Missy Spielberg  
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## TOOTH FAIRIES



Our newest fairies (as of 6/30/09) help to provide dental procedures for adoptable dogs and cats for a year. \*Renewals in blue



Honoring "Bailey" Perez  
Mrs. Elliot Baines  
Tri-County Dental Hygiene Association

## FOOD ANGELS



Our newest food angels (as of 6/30/09) help to provide pet food for needy family pets in our community.



Dan & Randi Dempsey  
Kay L. Distefano  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Duress  
Rich & Jacqueline Muller  
Rene & Cornelia Perez  
Marc & Cynthia Soucy  
Jennifer Spell

## GUARDIAN ANGELS



Our newest angels (as of 6/30/09) help to provide important extras for the pets for a year. \*Renewals in blue



## Archangels

Nancy Ireland

## Guardian Angels

Gloria Corsoro – In Memory of "Ziggy" Corsoro  
Mary Catherine Jackson – In Honor of "Lilly"  
Evy Lynch – In Memory of Our Many & Very Loved 4-legged Children  
Carolyn & Tom Mergens – In Memory of "Miss Kitty", "Tabby" & "Chalsea"  
Jean Messer – In Memory of "Lady" & Thad Wilkins  
Dawn & Ted Michael – In Loving Memory of Kirsten Swanson  
Ms. Michele Pope – In Memory of "Belle"  
Bob Reed – In Memory of Betty Reed  
Ray & Beth Smith – In Memory of "Dash"



## ANGELS AND FAIRIES CAN SPEAK

Perhaps you have never talked to an angel or fairy, but they can speak. At least the ones at the Humane Society do; they are speaking for the animals. A Tooth Fairy, Guardian Angel, or Food Angel sponsorship means your donation goes directly to funding the care of animals. Become one today. As an Angel or Fairy it can be **YOUR** voice that gives life to a pet.

Call 388-3331 x 26 or E-mail CCootherman@hsvb.org

## ☆☆☆ PETS ON PARADE ☆☆☆



The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County was colorfully represented in the Sebastian Independence Day parade. Since bringing Shelter animals to appear in person would be too stressful for them, staff and volunteers offered to be stand-ins. Donning fake pet noses and ears, they manned the float to call attention to the many fine animals available for adoption at the Shelter.

The float was decorated with flags, bunting, holiday tinsel, and photo cutouts of some of the Shelter's pets. We thank Outreach Director Ilka Daniel for her assistance in coordinating this effort. We are especially appreciative of Connie Fafeita for providing the float trailer along with furnishing and doing the decorations.



**PHOTOS WITH  
 SANTA PAWS**  
**NOVEMBER 7th & 8th  
 11am to 4pm**



**Please call 388-3892  
 to schedule your appointment**

## Blessing the Animals

The Blessing of the Animals was held on May 9, at the Shelter in conjunction with "Be Kind to Animals Week." The celebration honors the human/animal bond and the protection of all animals. A non-denominational service, conducted by the Rev. Lew Gwynn and Rev. Susan Bubbers, provided an opportunity for each pet to be blessed and receive a commemorative medallion. Musical accompaniment was provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Bill Mead. Although there was no charge to attendees for the heartwarming service, people were encouraged to donate to the spay/neuter fund if possible.



The Rev. Lew Gwynn blesses Petey the cat

This annual event is dedicated to companion animals, wildlife, as well as abandoned, lost, or mistreated animals. Following the service, Humane Society staff gave tours of the shelter.

## If in Doubt - Throw it Out!

Most pet owners are guilty at one time or another of handing out a treat of people food to their pets. Many of these are harmless, but some are dangerously toxic to animals. With Halloween and Thanksgiving just around the corner, remember if you aren't certain about what people foods cause trouble for pets, it's better not to feed them to the pet. The list below contains some of the worst food substances for pets to consume.

- Alcohol** – abnormal blood acidity, coma, and even death
- Avocado** – (especially bad for birds & rodents) - can cause vomiting and diarrhea in dogs
- Bones** – can splinter and puncture your pet's digestive tract
- Chocolate, Coffee, Caffeine** – can cause vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, and even death
- Grapes & Raisins** – the toxic substance is unknown, but can cause kidney failure
- Macadamia Nuts & Walnuts** – vomiting, tremors, and hyperthermia in dogs
- Milk** – pets lack the enzyme to break down lactose, causing upset stomach
- Onions, Garlic, Chives** – damages red blood cells – cats are more susceptible
- Raw Meat & Eggs** – can contain bacteria
- Seeds of many fruits** – especially apricots and peaches, as they can cause cyanide poisoning
- Xylitol** – a sweetener in many products - can lead to liver failure in dogs

The Annual Meeting of the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County, FL, Inc. will be held on Wednesday, November 4, at 7pm.

# Humane Happenings

September						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

- Sept. 9 - Puppy & Dog Training Classes Start (11-Noon)
- Sept. 10 - Puppy & Dog Training Classes Start (7-8pm)
- Sept. 12 - We're at the mall with Shelter pets  
Puppy & Dog Training Classes Start (1-2pm)  
Volunteer Orientation (9am-11am)
- Sept. 19 - No Flea Market - at the Shelter (8am-2pm)
- Sept. 26 - We're at the mall with Shelter pets

- Oct. 1 - October is Adopt-a-Dog Month
- Oct. 10 - We're at the mall with Shelter pets  
Volunteer Orientation (9am - 11am)
- Oct. 24 - We're at the mall with Shelter pets
- Oct. 31 - Howl-o-ween at the Shelter (11am-4pm)  
Family fun for people and pets - (See below)

- Nov. 1 - November is Adopt-a-Senior-Pet Month
- Nov. 4 - Annual Meeting of the Humane Society (7pm)
- Nov. 7 - Photos with Santa Paws (11am-4pm)
- Nov. 8 - Photos with Santa Paws (11am-4pm)
- Nov. 14 - We're at the mall with Shelter pets  
Volunteer Orientation (9am - 11am)
- Nov. 26 - Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov. 28 - We're at the mall with Shelter pets

## HOWL-O-WEEN

The Humane Society is hosting  
"HAPPY HOWL-O-WEEN"

October 31st  
11 am - 4 pm

Fun for the entire family (both 2 & 4 legged)

FOOD

FUN

PRIZES

GAMES



Come on out and join us for some fall fun!

### WAGS & PURRS

to these businesses for their support...

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Big Lots                     | Pet Supermarket          |
| Butler Animal Health         | Press Journal            |
| Crossroads Animal Hosp.      | Schumann Printing        |
| East Coast Equine            | Sebastian Animal Hosp.   |
| Florida Veterinary League    | Smart Practice           |
| Ft. Dodge Pharmaceutical     | St. Francis Animal Hosp. |
| Highlands Animal Hospital    | Vero Beach 32963         |
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| Hometown News                | Vero Beach Police        |
| I'll Never Tell              | VeroBeach.com            |
| IRC Sheriff's Dept.          | VeroNews.com             |
| Indian River Mall            | Vero Estate Jewelers     |
| Ironside Press               | WGYL - WTTB - WOSN       |
| Live Oak Animal Hospital     | WQCS                     |
| Luminaries                   | WWCI TV10                |
| Majestic Theatre             | WalMart                  |
| Mulligan's Beach Bar & Grill | Waves Auto Spa           |
| PetSmart                     | Your Hub.com             |



### It's Not a Trick...It's a Treat

Create frozen, healthy treats for your canine ghouls.  
Take 1-15 oz. can of 100% pumpkin and mix with 2-32 oz. bottles of Kefir Cultured Milk - probiotic, unsweetened, plain. Stir to blend with mixer. Pour into small cups or muffin tins & freeze.

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Receiving Center open Mon. - Fri. 8am - 6pm, Sat. 8am - 5pm, Sun. 8am - 4pm (NEW)

**Adoption & Education Center**

6230 77th Street, Vero Beach

**(772) 388-3331**

**Open Daily**

Monday-Saturday 11:00am-4:00pm

Sunday 10:00am-3:00pm

Susan Kelly, Adoption Program Coordinator - ext. 10

**Pet Behavior & Training**

Connie Ellis, Pet Behavior Program Coordinator - ext. 19

**Volunteer Program**

Phaedra Kohler, Volunteer Coordinator - ext. 20

**Animal Receiving**

**Open 7 Days**

Monday-Friday 8:00am-6:00p

Saturday-8:00am-5:00pm

Sunday-8:00am-4:00pm

Barbara Reed, Lost and Found Coordinator - ext. 30

**Thrift Shops**

Annette Barcus, Manager

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**Donations Received 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Vero Beach** - 4445 20th Street

(772) 567-2044

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**Sebastian** - 441 Sebastian Blvd.

(772) 589-0323

Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Emergencies - (772) 388-4592**

Visit the Humane Society - From US1 turn west on 77th St. (Hobart Rd.). We're one block west of 58th Ave. Come and see the wonderful pets available for adoption or take a tour.



*The Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County is a non-profit organization that operates the only open admission animal shelter in Indian River County. This Humane Society's mission is to make a better community for the people and animals by:*

- Providing humane care and shelter for homeless animals*
- Placing adoptable pets into permanent loving homes.*
- Promoting spaying and neutering of companion animals.*
- Promoting responsible pet ownership and respect for all life through Humane Education.*
- Protecting animals from cruelty.*
- Pledging to be advocates for animal protection.*

*We are dependent upon your financial support as a steady source of operating income. Please help us "speak for those who cannot speak for themselves" by your donations and your support of the Thrift Shops.*

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