



Shelter News

Summer 2010



\$55,000 raised at this year's Spring Social

For the second year running, a private hangar at Key West International Airport was the setting for 2010's Spring Social, to raise money for our building fund to build a much-needed new shelter for our animals.

Board members **Christopher Rounds** and **Patricia Eables** co-chaired a dedicated committee and did a phenomenal job. As owner of one of Key West's finest restaurants, Antonia's, Christopher, together with other local restaurants and beverage suppliers, provided a feast of hors d'oeuvres, pasta and pizza, beer and wine. Patricia's team outdid themselves and collected over 600 items for silent and live auctions.

A big Thank You to everyone who helped make the event one of this season's most talked-about.



Hunter



Ruuh



Anyone who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog.

Franklin P. Jones

Three young women who care



**Amber Mendoza
Shelby Lollis
and Lennen Ingram
with some of their
gifts for the
animals.**

One Saturday afternoon, a few weeks ago, three young women arrived at the shelter bearing gifts:

- 3 bags dog food
- 31 cans dog food
- 12 bags dog biscuits



Lena



Ms. Bee



Salty



It's summer time!

It's hot!

Never, ever leave your pet in

- 2 bags cat food
- 20 cans cat food
- 14 bags cat treats
- 17 containers kitty litter
- 19 blankets
- 16 sheets
- 21 pillow cases
- 60 stuffed animals
- 8 towels
- 12 rolls paper towels
- 22 tennis balls
- 8 dog toys
- 12 cat toys
- 2 bottles shampoo
- 2 pooper scoopers
- 4 doggy outfits
- 5 kitty trays
- 3 dog trays
- 5 litter boxes
- 2 tuxes
- 1 cage
- and a \$50 donation!

To say we were overwhelmed by their mountain of gifts is an understatement! **Amber Mendoza, Shelby Lollis and Lennen Ingram** are students at Coral Shores High School and held a fundraiser at their school, called Hounding for Blankets.

It is so heartening to see members of the younger generation step up to help the less fortunate animals in our community and we feel very proud that they chose our organization for their fundraiser. Amber, Shelby and Lennen are shining examples of good citizens who care about their communities and a great credit to their families and their school. Bravo, girls, and thanks again!

Meet the shelter's longest resident dog

In just a few weeks, it will be a year since Ari arrived at the shelter. Sadly, his owner had died and her family entrusted her beloved dog to the Florida Keys SPCA. The family lived in California and were unable to offer Ari a home with them. Needless to say, this was an difficult time for Ari but with the love and patience of the shelter's staff he came out of his shell and now has a fan club of his own, who have donated two large beds for his comfort in the "royal suite" and the toys and chews that are his preference. In fact, he never leaves his kennel without carrying one of his favorite toys, not even when he marched in Key West's Christmas Parade!



the car!

(Better still, leave your pets
at home!)



June



Daisy Mae



Naomi

Ari, seen here with one of his favorite toys, has been waiting patiently for his forever home for almost a year.

He is a very sweet, handsome boy so we asked FKSPCA dog trainer, **Cathy Baier**, why he hasn't been adopted yet. "Ari is an older, big dog," she said, "and big dogs aren't as easy to place in our community of small houses and apartments. And he hates cats! Ideally, Ari would do best as the only dog in the family, although he enjoys his daily walks with his shelter pals."

So, while he waits for his forever home at the shelter, Ari is a happy dog. "Have you seen his smile?" volunteer **Georgia Favelli** asked the other day. "He really does smile!"

Lisa and Georgia -- Superwomen



Lisa (left) and Georgia (right) with pals Abe and Hunter

The FKSPCA owes a huge debt of gratitude to **Lisa Cowan** and **Georgia Favelli**. This powerhouse pair of women have been volunteering their time to help the animals and the organization since our beginning in 1999. Longtime friends, Georgia and Lisa often work together in their volunteer efforts for the shelter, which include everything from walking dogs to organizing and doing much of the leg work for our very successful annual fundraiser, the Spring Social. This event would not happen if it weren't for the countless hours and relentless efforts of Lisa and Georgia. We are so fortunate to have them as friends of the shelter.

Several times a week, they faithfully come in to bathe or walk dogs. They are always a welcome sight when they walk through



Tigger



Henrietta



Charlie



the door, Georgia with her sun hat and Lisa with her bag of biscuits or a colorful new collar for one of the dogs. Georgia has been known to stand in the hot summer sun for over an hour, holding her umbrella, just so one of our water-loving dogs can enjoy a leisurely swim! Lisa regularly donates her time and money so that any dogs who need professional grooming get it, whether to make them more comfortable or simply more appealing to adopters. Not only does she provide for this service but also drives the dogs to their appointments. Her generosity knows no bounds when it comes to her four-legged friends at the shelter.

Georgia and her husband **Tom Favelli**, another loyal volunteer, recently bought several new beds for our dogs from money Tom raised from doing a yard sale. They also bought materials and spent time refurbishing many of our old beds so now any dog that enjoys an elevated soft sleeping area has one. They also donated new washers and dryers or covered the expense of repairs if needed.

It's impossible to list all the big and small things that Lisa and Georgia do for us and we want to recognize and express our gratitude for their steadfast support. The shelter is a better place because of them.

Geiger Key Marina pet parade benefits the shelter

The restaurant and bar at Geiger Key marina were packed on Saturday, May 8, for the second annual pet parade. Dogs large and small, and one cat, came dressed for the occasion and competed for prizes.





Wink



Wish List

Scoopable Kitty Litter

Gas Cards
(for transporting animals to and from the vet and foster homes)

Dog and Cat Treats

Dog and Cat Toys



Simon



Fluffy



A grand total of \$625 was raised for the shelter and a wonderful time was had by all, including shelter dogs Hunter and Simmons, who strutted their stuff and were much admired.

Update on Charlie

Thank you to everyone who sent money to **Oscar's Fund** to pay for Charlie's knee surgery. Dr. Doug Mader is very pleased with the little Italian greyhound's progress and removed the cast a few weeks ago. He was confined to his kennel until last week when Dr. Mader confirmed that healing is complete. During his recuperation Charlie had lots of TLC with his foster mom, **Sharon Moore** and her family.

Charlie is now back at the shelter and is up for adoption. The future now looks bright for Charlie and he can look forward to a pain-free life thanks to **Oscar's Fund**, the special fund that provides medical care for animals that arrive sick or wounded at the shelter.

Curves of Key West collects toys and treats for our animals

Every month, Curves of Key West picks a charity to support and in May, the FKSPCA was fortunate to be chosen. When shelter director **LuAnn Huff** stopped by to pick up the goodies, she was amazed at how much the women at Curves had collected for our animals -- another demonstration of the generosity of the community we serve, no matter what the economic climate. Bravo, ladies, and thank you!



Sammy



O'Sirus



Abe



Kathleen Gillis (left) owner of Curves, presents shelter director LuAnn Huff with a basket of toys for our animals, part of the array of treats, toys, leashes and food bowls Curves collected during May.

Cockfighting

It's cruel, it's illegal and it's happening right here in our community. In the last three months, several incidents of cockfighting have been reported and the Florida Keys SPCA has been caring for seized birds, some of which were emaciated, at an undisclosed location.

How can you tell a rooster has been subjected to this horrible fate? A quick look tells the tale: His comb (filled with blood which circulates to cool the bird) has been cut off and crudely cauterized, and the feathers on his back and legs have been plucked. If you suspect a rooster has been subjected to this barbaric treatment, call the Florida Keys SPCA, or police, right away at 305.294.4857 -- never attempt to deal with it yourself.

If you have information about cockfighting, or about anyone who is involved in the practice of fighting roosters, call the Sheriff's Office at 305-289-2351. If a caller wishes to remain anonymous, they can call Crime Stoppers of the Florida Keys. If a caller's information leads to a felony arrest, the caller would be eligible for a cash reward. The Crime Stoppers hot line number is 1-800-346-TIPS. On line tips can be submitted at www.tipsubmit.com.

By the way, owning a bird prepped for cockfighting is a felony offence, as is attending a cockfight as a spectator.

The birds that were rescued by the FKSPCA will be taken to the mainland for rehabilitation and eventual relocation at a sanctuary.

Birthday party benefits our animals

When **Kimberley Denney**, a reporter for Key West the Newspaper, had a "big birthday" coming up she decided to celebrate in style with a wine tasting party at Grand Vin on Duval Street and make it a fundraiser for the FKSPCA.



Jemima



Ari

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Key West, FL

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Monday - Friday

10:00am to 6:00pm

Saturday

10:00am to 2:00pm

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April 22nd was one of those lovely Key West spring days and picture perfect for an outside party. The wine flowed, local restaurateurs, including FKSPCA board member **Christopher Rounds**, provided food and a local band added to the festivities with lively music. The proceeds, totalling an amazing \$5,000, certainly brought music to our ears -- thanks Kimberley!



Birthday girl Kimberley Denney with FKSPCA executive director, Connie Christian

Did you know...

...that dogs, cats and ferrets four months old or older must (yes, that's *must*) be vaccinated against rabies? It's the law.

Not only that, but those same dogs, cats and ferrets must also have a Monroe County license when they are six months of age or older. Licenses and license tags are issued by veterinarians and local animal shelters such as the FKSPCA when proof of an up to date rabies certificate is produced. The license is valid for the number of years that the rabies vaccination covers.

So, check your pet's rabies certificate and license and if they are not current, make an appointment with your veterinarian now to get up to date and legal. (While you are there, get your pet microchipped, too, if you haven't already done so. It makes sense.)

Unique gifts for graduations and weddings

At cafepress.com/FKSPCA you'll find **t-shirts** in all sizes and colors and **mugs** and more, all sporting our very special Jeff McNelly-designed logo.

Here's an affordable way to give that will eventually be a permanent part of our new shelter: **An inscribed brick** will honor

that special person or couple. Bricks cost just \$75 (or \$150 for a larger one) Call 305.294.4857 for details.

If you have a specific gift in mind, before you buy check [iGive.com/FKSPCA](https://www.give.com/FKSPCA) and see if that retailer participates in this wonderful program. They probably do!

Our Mission

The Florida Keys SPCA is dedicated to promoting the humane treatment of all animals through compassionate care, adoption, education, population control and humane law enforcement.

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