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Director's Message

by Michael Mandel



> "I'll take a risk
> Take a chance
> Make a change
> And break away."
>
> – Kelly Clarkson

Dear Supporters, Potential Supporters and Community Members,

This has been a year of breakaway change at HSVB as all of us -- board, staff and volunteers have come together around a wide array of initiatives, all designed to improve the lives of people and pets in Vero Beach and Indian River County.

Modern sheltering has moved beyond the traditional "dog pound" model of simple intake and "return to owner" or adoption. Today's best practices include new behavioral and socialization techniques, extensive intake and adoption counseling to make better matches and keep people and pets together, innovative and proactive medical care, sheltering without walls through community outreach, and sheltering without borders through worldwide rescue networks. Over the past year, HSVB has made giant strides in each of these areas.

- We've created new behavioral assessment tools to maximize the number of dogs available for adoption.
- We've initiated "Play Dogs Play", a canine playgroup designed to increase adoptions, empower staff and volunteers, educate the public, and keep HSVB on the cutting edge of canine behavioral evaluation.
- We've initiated a new volunteer cat and kitten foster program to increase the number of cats and kittens available for adoption.
- We've expanded and integrated volunteer services throughout our departments.
- We've taken permanent space in Fellsmere to increase our outreach efforts there.
- We've participated in numerous international rescues in partnership with the Humane Society of the United States, including rescues from South Korea and Puerto Rico.
- We've opened an expanded animal wellness clinic to provide increased, expanded services to our shelter pets and pets from the community.
- We've removed breed labels from our dogs, joining progressive shelters across the country who have stopped breed guessing, which is a hindrance to successful adoptions.

While many of these changes are innovative and some may even prove transformational over time, we could not have reached our current level of achievement without the foundational building blocks that have been laid since 1953 by our former leaders, staff, volunteers and supporters. Theirs is a legacy that all of us at HSVB will continue to strive to uphold.

To all of you who have supported the Shelter - whether it be in the last year or over the last nearly 65 years, we continue to be grateful that you join us in our vision to care for all animals in need, be they around the corner or across the globe.

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– Andy Rooney



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Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.

– Roger Caras



Cats are connoisseurs of comfort.

– James Herriot



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Annual Awards

HSVB honors community members for their commitment to animals.

By Janet Winikoff



Laura Guttridge and Ilka Daniel.

Each November, the Humane Society's Annual Meeting honors local individuals who have worked with us to improve the lives of Indian River County animals and their families. The following individuals were recognized for their compassion and commitment to animal welfare in 2017.

Nancy Benedict Leadership Award
For her outstanding leadership and dedication to the Humane Society.
Mary Ryan

Lillian Becker Volunteer Award
For their help mentoring our many new volunteers.
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Kelley Brost
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Cindie Ekren
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Becca Russell
Kathleen Simpson
Cathy Starvish
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President's Award
For her benevolence and longstanding commitment to the Humane Society.
Bobbi Miller

Media Award
For sharing stories that shine a spotlight on animals in need.
Eric Hasert, Indian River Press Journal

Joan G. Carlson Animal Protection Award
For her commitment to helping all animals and spreading messages of compassion.
Laura Guttridge

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For their corporate contributions to the Humane Society that allow us to fulfill our mission of helping animals.
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Volunteer coordinator Tracey Soethe with Volunteers of the Year Kathy Greene, Wendy Trimarche, Becca Russell and Chris Woods.



Director of development Sara Smith with Corporate Award honorees Susan Schuyler Smith and William Hudson.

Play, Dog, Play.

HSVB's playgroups are a fun way to save lives.

By Janet Winikoff

It's a brisk morning at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County (HSVB) as three dogs romp around in a new canine play yard in front of the shelter. The yard has been specially designed as part of Play Dogs Play! (PDP!) an exciting new program developed by the Humane Society that focuses on using canine playgroups to create more social, happier dogs.

While the casual observer might think playgroups merely allow the dogs to have some fun and expend a little energy, the program actually provides a much richer array of benefits. Playgroups result in overall better behavior, stress reduction and quieter kennels. The payoff? A greater number of dogs are adopted. The bigger payoff is that the effects are long lasting: Dogs wind up learning vital canine "manners" they can use long after adoption. Adopters are pretty happy too. After all, who wants to walk a dog who barks, bares teeth and pulls at the leash every time another dog crosses his or her path?

"I believe the benefits after adoption are many," reveals Marcel Goncalves, HSVB's Pet Behavior and Enrichment Manager. Goncalves is the driving force behind PDP! and helped design HSVB's program. "Dogs who spend time in playgroups have better dog skills. They get along better with other dogs, have more confidence and are happier dogs." Another benefit to working on a dog's behavior before adoption is that adopters who know their dog plays nicely with others may be more inclined to adopt a second dog as a companion.

PDP! requires close staff and volunteer involvement, with Goncalves and colleague Joy Szaz at the helm. Both Goncalves and Szaz carefully observe the dogs and continuously communicate with PDP! volunteers to make sure everyone is happy and safe. Each playgroup is monitored by one team leader and two or more well-trained volunteer assistants. Assistants provide help with moving the dogs in and out of the play yard and also offer valuable feedback such as deciding which dogs should join each group. All PDP yard volunteers wear a holster that holds a water bottle, small air horn and shake can to discourage any



mischief or roughhousing and dogs wear leashes in the yard so scuffles can be ended quickly.

"All dogs in the shelter should be in a playgroup," explains Goncalves. "Each morning we rotate dogs in and out of the play yard at different times for a different dynamic," he added. Just as we humans need to learn how to live and work harmoniously with different people, dogs need to do the same. "I don't want to create 'mini playgroups' with the same dogs. I want dogs who have varied experiences with as many different dogs as possible." According to Goncalves, carefully introducing different dogs into each playgroup allows all of the dogs to learn how to develop better relationships and introduces them to a wide range of canine personalities.

Shelter visitors and prospective visitors can sit outside and watch the dogs as they run, roll, jump and hang out during their PDP! session. Each playgroup provides the PDP! team with greater insight into each dog's personality and quirks. Interactions between the dogs are carefully recorded so prospective adopters can receive detailed behavior information and any concerns can be quickly addressed.

Although Goncalves is a new face at the Humane Society, he's hardly new to the field of animal protection. Originally from Brazil, Goncalves graduated with a degree in Animal Science from the Universidade Federal Rural do Rio de Janeiro in 1997 and headed up the playgroup program at Palm Beach Animal Care and Control until last July.

While the shelter's playgroups are designed strictly for shelter dogs, Goncalves urges pet parents to socialize their dogs by walking them regularly and taking them to training classes and doggy daycare where staff are proficient in how to select dogs for play groups. Pet-friendly events such as the Humane Society's "Bark in the Park" dog-friendly festival is another great opportunity for canines and their human families to hang out together. According to Goncalves, the secret to a happy, well-behaved dog is staying involved in Indian River County's canine community. "Keep it social. Don't isolate your dog. Expose him or her to as many other dogs and people as possible."

The Humane Society offers several low-cost dog training classes. Call (772) 388-3331 ext. 110 for more information.







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Page Franzel, owner and designer with her beautiful English cocker spaniels, Ziggy and Ali.



World Rabies Day

Free Drive-Thru Clinic Vaccinates Community Animals.

By Janet Winikoff

Cars were lined up in our parking lot last September 24 as the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County (HSVB) prepared for our World Rabies Day Event. We vaccinated over 129 animals in just 2 hours during our annual World Rabies Day free drive-thru rabies vaccination clinic. This year we saw 85 dogs and 44 cats – our greatest number of cats at this event. A special "thank you" to our wonderful donors who funded this year's program, our volunteers and staff who all donated their time, and our community members who brought their animals in to be vaccinated.

Rabies is a deadly virus that is typically contracted from a bite. Once the virus enters the body of a mammal it wreaks havoc on the nervous system and eventually kills its host. Since dogs, cats and farm animals typically contract rabies from wildlife and then can, in turn, infect humans, a simple vaccination can create a barrier that protects our community members and other animals. Raccoons and bats are considered the most common species to carry and transmit rabies in Florida. Since pets may accidentally encounter rabid wildlife, it's imperative that dogs, cats and ferrets be vaccinated.

Held in honor of Louis Pasteur, who created the first rabies vaccine, World Rabies Day is an international event designed to eradicate this deadly disease. Rabies is 99% fatal but 100% preventable, thanks to safe and effective vaccines. As we were vaccinating the animals of Indian River County, animals across the globe were also being vaccinated.

If you missed our World Rabies Day event don't worry. We offer this drive-thru clinic every September. If your pets need to be vaccinated in the near future, HSVB offers low-cost shots year-round at our Animal Wellness Clinic. Our clinic is located at the shelter: 6230 77th St., Vero Beach. Call (772) 388-0801 to make your appointment.



Veterinarian Tanya Ciaciarelli vaccinates a dog with staffer Ashley Fugate.



Humane Society staffer Maria Valencia with volunteers Karen Hettinger and Maureen Feaster.



Executive director Michael Mandel prepares vaccines.



Director of Operations Maria Ramirez registering pet parents for the drive-thru rabies vaccination clinic.



Veterinarian Tanya Ciaciarelli and assistant Emily Hartin vaccinate a dog.



Director of Animal Protection Ilka Daniel prepares items in the vaccination tent.



Grace McGuignan

In Memoriam

Humane Society mourns the loss of treasured staffer.



The Humane Society is saddened to announce the passing of staff member Grace McGuignan who passed away on October 31. Grace had a special love for all animals, especially horses and dogs and served with the shelter as one of our adoption counselors. Her greatest joys were daughter Lexi, 16, and son Landon, 7. Grace also leaves behind her mother, Lesley Johnson; father, Mike McGuigan; stepmother, Susan McGuigan; maternal grandmother, Patricia Johnson; and her loving sister, Kate McGuigan. She is also survived by her stepsister, Nicole and stepbrothers, Josh, Kelsey and Brody. Grace was also loved by many aunts, uncles and cousins.





Volunteer Spotlight:

HSVB's Cat Volunteers are Purrrfect

By Tracey Soethe



Cat volunteer Paula Snyder with Moses.

Humane Society Volunteer Mary Robins comes in to the shelter each week to visit her babies in Cat Room E. As she approaches the door, they come running when they see her. She knows each one of them and their unique personalities. "Juliette is a sweet tabby and can be shy with visitors but she gets sweeter every day," says Mary, who is like mom to all of her kitties. Mary's goal is not to take them home but to get to know them so when potential adopters come in to the shelter she can say, "Do I have the cat for you!"

Our Cat Socializer volunteers are vital to successful cat adoptions here at the shelter. They get to know the personality traits of each cat and are able to match cats to the Purr-fect person or people. We currently have cats in 10 different rooms so we rely on our volunteers to help make them feel loved and cared for on a daily basis. Paula Snyder has been a volunteer in our cat rooms since 2010 and mentors new volunteers coming to lend a hand. "It is so rewarding to watch our felines transform from fearful to friendly in a relatively short time," she said. All it takes is equal parts patience and love."

If you are looking for a new feline friend, come in and visit our volunteers and they will be happy to assist you. If you are interested in volunteering with our cats, we offer monthly orientations at the shelter. Please check out hsvb.org for upcoming volunteer orientations or call (772) 388-3331.

Celebrating People, Pets and Events

Fall at HSVB



Volunteer Debbie Osterhoudt snuggles with a bunny. Debbie and her family are regular volunteers at the shelter, helping us with our farm animals and small pets. Thanks to the Osterhoudt family, our animals large and small receive plenty of love and affection.



Welcome to new Director of Retail Sales Susan Dauenhauer! Susan hails from Back Bay in Boston and Cohasset on the south shore of Massachusetts. She brings a wealth of retail experience to HSVB's Thrift Store operations and she is passionate about fashion and sales. She was most recently a District Manager at Jockey and has been a Store Manager for White House Black Market, Jones New York, J.C. Penny, Ann Taylor and Yankee Candle. She was a sales leader and a buyer for J.C. Penny as well.

Susan lives in Vero Beach with her three sons and dog Roscoe. She loves sailing and skiing and says that the best part of her new job is that it combines her love of animals with selling and serving her community.



HSVB is extremely grateful to the children from the Early Education Center. These adorable tots were so sweet to stop by and donate food and toys. Afterwards, the children toured the shelter and met the animals. Many thanks also to their parents and teachers for being so considerate!



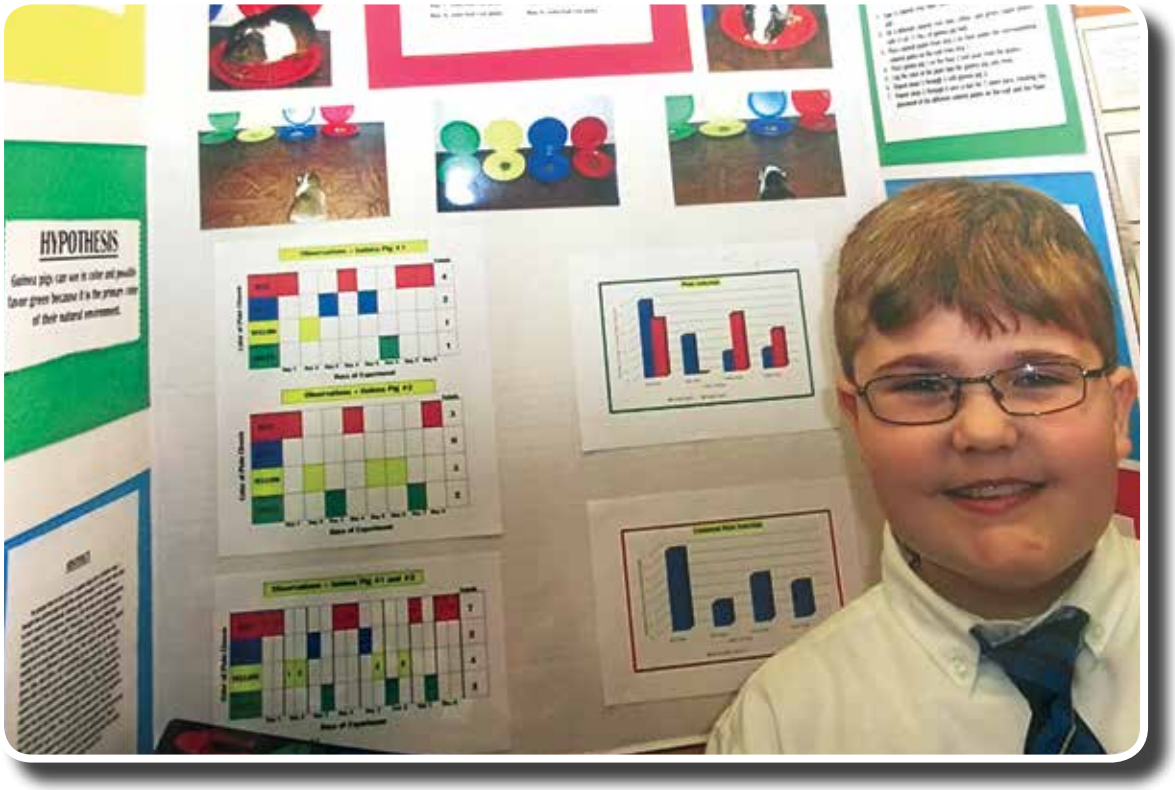
Congratulations to outstanding HSVB staffers Alisha Zaleuke and Noel Adams. Both are our 2017 Employees of the Year. A 12-year veteran of HSVB, Alisha assists the public in our Receiving Department while Noel has served for two years as a counselor in our Adoption Department.



Here's Liya Law-Smith putting her talents to good (and compassionate) use. Liya presented our Adoption Staff with this lovely painting of a pup and they were absolutely delighted to receive this lovely gift. Thank you for the kind creation, Liya!



HSVB would like to thank Liya Law-Smith, Olivia Hawkins and Maria Hawkins for raising $61.06 along with pet food and toys for our community's animals. The girls recently paid us a vist at the shelter so they could drop off their donated supplies. Thanks, ladies!



We're so proud of Osceola Magnet student and Humane Society supporter Christopher Spalding. Working with his two guinea pig assitants Einstein and Rocky Road (both are shelter graduates) Christopher tested his hypothesis to determine if guinea pigs have a favorite color. Using different colored plates with food, it seems as though Rocky Road and Einstein preferred red dinnerware!

Wine Women & Shoes Reaches New Heights











A Legendary night to remember was our 3rd annual Wine Women & Shoes which was a fabulous success. Guests walked down the red-carpeted runway, held in the lavishly decorated Avionics hanger at Sunjet Aviation. The attendees were treated to a uniquely designed aviation theme inside the hangar that included a fantastic cloud installation of balloons created by Michael Naffiziger of East Coast Encore and students from Indian River Charter High School. As planes landed smoothly into the Vero Beach Airport, the Humane Society's sold-out crowd of 500 guests relaxed and enjoyed a fantastic evening of wine tasting, shopping, bidding on silent and live auction packages, raffles on the Key to the Closet and Key to the Doghouse, a wine wall, plus a Tito's Ice Bar and a glamourous fashion show.

This year's event had a fantastic line up of "Shoe Guys" who raised over $36,000 to help homeless animals at the shelter and animals throughout Indian River County. Raising the most money for last year's event, "King of Sole" Bobby Guttridge crowned fellow Shoe Guy Chris Sullivan as 2017's King of Sole.

Save the Date for our 4th annual Wine Women and Shoes which will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018. If you would like to join the Wine Women and Shoes committee, please contact Jennifer Downes at jdownes@hsvb.org.

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Santa Paws takes a moment to relax with a furry friend.



HSVB volunteer Sharon Carlquist and her two canine companions took some time to visit with Santa Paws.



HSVB's animal care staff with shelter pets send Season's Greetings.



The Fosters and their pets pose with Santa Paws.

Tooth Fairies

Ms. Jo Ann Becker
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Mr. and Mrs. Agustin Salina

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Gifts listed were received from August 1, 2017 to October 31, 2017.

"Animals are like little angels sent to earth to teach us how to love. They don't get angry or play silly games. They are always there for us."
– Whitney Mandel



This holiday season or any special occasion, honor or remember a beloved person or pet with a gift that never has to be returned.



Guardian Angel or Tooth Fairy sponsors provide dental care, special medical needs, and some of the extras for the Shelter animals for a full year for $250. Please call 388-3331 or visit our website at www.hsvb.org/angels-and-fairies.

Weathering the Storm

Volunteers to the rescue.

By Janet Winikoff



Sandy Mandel

This year when Hurricane Irma struck Indian River County, HSVB knew we could count on our awesome volunteers to help us care for the 349 animals who were housed at the shelter during the storm. As the hurricane raged outside, staff and volunteers worked together to walk, feed, clean and medicate animals available for adoption, lost animals and animals belonging to our community's First Responders and special needs residents. Many thanks to more than 20 HSVB volunteers who helped us prepare in advance of the storm, stayed with us at the shelter and assisted immediately after.

Hurricane season may be over but it's never too late to prepare. If you would like information about how to get ready for hurricane season, please visit our website for important tips at http://www.hsvb.org/emergency.html



Agustin Salina



Cathy Starvish



Karen Hettinger

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By Janet Winikoff



Volunteer Cathy Starvish cuddles with an adorable dog rescued by HSVB after Hurricane Maria ravaged St. Croix. The day after this photo was taken, Cathy flew to the island to help other animals in need.



HSVB Director of Operations Maria Ramirez and Veterinary Technician Emily Hartin discuss the health needs of one dog just arriving from Puerto Rico.





HSVB staffer Tonya Martinez offers some TLC to a puppy arriving from Puerto Rico.

Staffer Ashley Fugate with two pups who were rescued from St. Croix and flown to Florida. Ashley had cared for the two dogs during her deployment and was overjoyed to see they had been transported to HSVB.



HSVB Executive Director Michael Mandel gently unloads a dog from a plane arriving from Puerto Rico.



HSVB staff member TJ Lachance cares for a dog arriving from St Croix.

We know what it's like to need help after a hurricane strikes. That why The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County immediately offered its support after hurricanes Harvey and Maria impacted Texas, Puerto Rico and St. Croix. HSVB collected much-needed supplies for animal shelters in Texas soon after Harvey struck, and just weeks later, staff member Ashley Fugate and volunteer Cathy Starvish deployed to St. Croix. Ashley and Cathy deployed with an ASPCA animal rescue team and spent two weeks providing much-needed care for the island's displaced dogs, cats and horses after the local animal shelter was damaged.

Back in Vero Beach, HSVB's staff and volunteers were busy welcoming homeless dogs and cats flown to Florida from Puerto Rico and St. Croix. Many thanks to our compassionate community for allowing us to help animals outside of Indian River County..

Did you know HSVB offers classes in animal disaster response? If you are interested in learning how you can become a disaster responder for animals, please like our Facebook page and check our website hsvb.org for upcoming classes.

Out of the Shelter and Into a New Family



Su Ling Heath has proven to be the perfect feline fit in the Heath household.

SU LING THE SECOND HEATH

The beautiful chocolate-point Siamese mix who Susan Heath adopted from the Humane Society last year has a lot to be thankful for. At only a year and a half old, she had already had two homes and a litter of kittens. But in spite of a shaky start to life, this little feline, now named Su Ling the Second, has formed a loving relationship with Susan and her niece Lisa.

Susan brought her home just before the holidays. Su Ling had her very own stocking filled with goodies any cat would love. She also received toy mice, three stick toys and her very own scratching post. Enticed by so many lovely Christmas ornaments, Susan knew they might prove to be too much of a temptation and made the kind decision to remove them. After all, Su Ling was her baby!

Su Ling jumps and runs around the house like a kitten. She loves her window perch and at night she sleeps with Susan. This lucky cat has made herself quite at home in the Heath household.



Bailey Artlip now leads a blissful life in the Artlip household.

BAILEY ARTLIP

Kim Artlip's husband Jeff describes his wife Kim and newly adopted shelter dog Bailey as "magnets." "Jeff says 'If one is around the other one isn't far behind,'" Kim explained with a chuckle. It's been like that since Kim saw Bailey at the Humane Society. "I'd been looking for a dog for a long time. I came into the shelter and saw her. One look at her face and I knew she was my dog."

Adopted at 8 months of age, Bailey was a shy shelter pup who needed an outgoing couple like Jeff and Kim to help her develop some confidence. "When we got her she was so timid, you would not have recognized her. Now she's so out of her shell. She's playing and running with other dogs. The change in her personality is like night and day," revealed Kim. In addition to playing with dogs, Bailey is attached to her "brother," the Artlip's cat Gator. When they're at home, this adorable feline and canine duo love to roll, wrestle and play.

It's been three months of bliss in the Artlip household and Bailey is living the life of a loved dog. "The first night I brought her home she crawled into bed with me and from then on that's where she sleeps," Kim said.

Editor's note: If you have adopted from the Humane Society and would like us to publish your pet's story, please contact Joan Patota at regpat1@msn.com.

How to Pet Proof Your Home

Valuable tips to keep Fido and Fluffy safe.

By Steven Schlitt, Co-Owner and Broker, Coldwell Banker Paradise



If you have a pet who chews on household objects, products such as Grannick's Bitter Apple can help deter potentially dangerous behaviors. Photo courtesy Grannick's' Bitter Apple

When pet-proofing one's home, it is important to look at items from the pet's standpoint and consider what things they are likely to play with, chew, or get into. If these items are potentially dangerous, they should be removed or relocated into an area that the animal cannot access. When done properly, pet-proofing takes time. It can save your precious belongings as well as your pet's life. Here are a few things to keep in mind when pet-proofing your home.

Bathrooms and Laundry Rooms

Bathrooms and laundry rooms are filled with a number of items that can prove to be hazardous. Keep your toilet cover closed since small pets may accidentally fall into the bowl and drown and toilet bowl cleaners and fresheners can be toxic to those pets who may try to drink the water. Safely store medications, both prescription and otherwise, along with bathroom cleaners, chemical drain openers, and deodorizing sprays and plug-ins.

Laundry rooms should also be secured since they are another area where dangerous chemicals such as bleach and detergent are stored. Fabric softener sheets may seem harmless; however, they are full of chemicals. And please keep washing machine and dryer doors closed. Open washers and dryers are tempting to pets that may climb inside to sleep, stay warm, or hide. This can be perilous if the door is accidentally shut and the machines are turned on.

Living Rooms

In the living room, there are several items that are a threat to one's pet. Secure unstable or top-heavy furniture that can fall if jumped on or bumped hard by a playful animal. Many types of potted house plants are known to be toxic if chewed or swallowed so check which plants are kept in your home. Secure drapery and window blind cords which can become a choking hazard if they accidental loop around a pet's neck.

Put away candles or electrical cord. Both are a very real risk to our furry friends. Keep furniture scratch-free by temporarily placing double-sided tape on spots where a cat may like to scratch. Routinely trimming your feline's nails and using humane nail caps for cats called Soft Paws are some other great options for protecting furniture. Do you have a pet who likes to chew? The unpleasant taste of products like Bitter Apple can be an excellent option.

If you have children in the house please talk with them about the importance of keeping pets safe. Regularly check the floors for small dolls, crayons, LEGOs and game pieces, as they are a potential choking hazard. Certain toys that contain batteries can be swallowed and will poison a pet or cause internal burns.

Kitchens

Kitchens are an overall dangerous place for pets. Animals can get into trouble by jumping onto a countertop or poking around in an unsecured garbage can. Both can provide a smorgasbord of bones or harmful foods such as chocolate, fatty foods, bones, grapes, onions or other harmful foods. A curious pet who gets too close to the stove can accidentally be burned or get into trouble around the sink. That's why it's a good idea to keep a squirt gun or coffee can filled with pennies nearby. These items offer an inexpensive, humane way to scare pets away from dangerous spots.

F*or over 100 years, Coldwell Banker has helped people find homes, and now our mission extends to man's best friend. Because there's nothing like coming home — especially when there's a furry friend waiting on the other side of the door. That's why Coldwell Banker Paradise is participating in a national effort to encourage pet adoption*

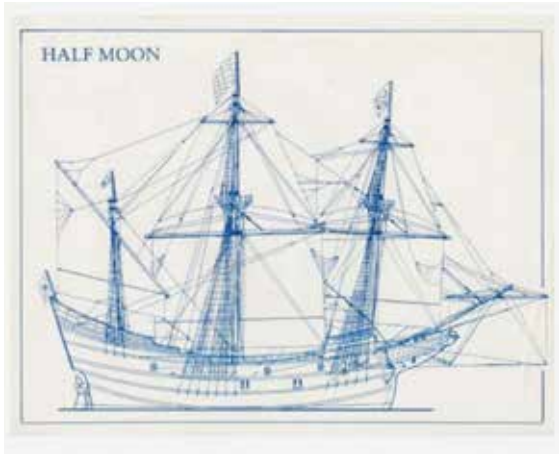


Keep furniture scratch-free by trimming your pet's nails, using double-sided tape or nail caps. Here's HSVB staffer Maria Valencia calmly applying Soft Paws nail caps to humanely curb one shelter kitty's scratching. The nail caps are safe to use and only need to be reapplied every 6-8 weeks.

Pet Safety Reminders:

- Store all medications your medicine cabinet.
- Close the doors to the washing machine and dryer when not in use.
- Check inside the washing machine and dryer before starting, particularly if it was left open and unattended.
- Store laundry and bathroom cleaners and other chemicals inside of a cabinet. If a pet can nudge open a cabinet, use child locks or higher cabinets.
- Close the lid to the toilet when not in use.
- Move or cover cords and electrical wires so that they are not easily reached or cannot be chewed on.
- Never leave candles unattended.
- Place a fire screen in front of fireplaces that are in use.
- Keep a toy chest for children's toys and put them away when they are not being played with.
- Properly dispose of old batteries and keep all others in a closed drawer or cabinet.
- Check what plants are and are not poisonous to the type of pet in the home.

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Great Grants

Generous contributions help HSVB fulfill its mission.

By Sara Smith







HSVB was grateful to be the recipient of a grant from the ASPCA to promote adoptions through Subaru Loves Pet. HSVB teamed up with Dyer Subaru and held an adoption event on Saturday, October 21st. Adoption fees for 10 dogs and 10 cats were paid for through the grant. The animals went to new homes fully outfitted with collars, leashes, carriers for the cats, food and Subaru toys.

"This is a great way to match animals in need of homes," said HSVB Executive Director Michael Mandel, "with people in our community who are looking to add to their family." All of the animals available for adoption are spayed or neutered, all have age-appropriate vaccinations and are in good health. Family and individuals with pets already in the home were invited to bring in their pets to greet and meet the HSVB animals and experienced adoption counselors were on hand to make the best match for both adopters and the animals.

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The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County is delighted to announce that it is a recipient of a Florida Animal Friend grant in the amount of $15,540.

The grant will be used to spay and neuter 400 cats and 150 dogs belonging to economically insecure residents living in Fellsmere, Gifford, Wabasso and South County for one dollar per animal. The program is funded through August 31, 2018.

"Providing high-quality, high-volume sterilization is the most important component for combating animal cruelty and neglect," HSVB Director of Development Sara Smith said.

According to Smith, the program will target pets belonging to residents living in the 32948, 32967, 23970 and 32962 ZIP codes. "Thanks to the Florida Animal Friend grant we'll be able to target the areas where we receive the greatest number of surrendered and stray animals," Smith explained

This is the third time HSVB has been a recipient of the Florida Animal Friend grant, which generates funding from the sale of specialty license plates that promote spay/neuter services. Twenty-five dollars from each license plate goes directly to funding free or low-cost animal sterilization programs provided by Florida animal organizations. This year, HSVB was one of 28 programs to receive financial support.

For more information about the Florida Animal Friend License Plate Program or to learn how to purchase a specialty license plate, visit floridaanimalfriend.org or call (813) 968-4364.

HSVB Dedicates Miriam D. Oberkotter Animal Clinic



The ribbon cutting for the newly expanded and completely renovated Miriam D. Oberkotter Animal Clinic was held on Monday, November 13, 2017 with members, trustees, donors and volunteers in attendance. Mr. Hal Oberkotter, whose generous gift made the expansion and renovation possible, did the honors of cutting the ribbon. In recognition of his generosity, HSVB dedicated the clinic in memory of Miriam Dickey Oberkotter.

Miriam D. Oberkotter was the daughter of Rev. John Priest Dickey, Dr. of Divinity. As an ordained minister and pastor, the Rev. Dickey taught his children the importance of caring for the welfare of all of God's creatures. In turn, Miriam showed her three children how to treat, care for and provide a loving home for companion animals and showed them how animals can enrich peoples' lives.

Also in attendance was Mrs. Millicent Allen, in whose honor a surgical suite was named by the Calvin and Marisa Allen Foundation. The gift in honor of Mrs. Allen and a generous gift from Bobbi Allen allowed HSVB to install much needed equipment in the clinic, including an x-ray machine, an ultrasound machine and a laser therapy machine.



HSVB Veterinary Technician Emily Hartin prepares a cat for surgery.



Miriam D. Oberkotter

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Looking Ahead: December, January and February

Bark in the Park

Mark your calendars – Saturday, January 20th, 2018 we'll be holding our 6th annual Bark in the Park! The event will be held at Riverside Park from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please join us for a family friendly, dog friendly day. Get ready to watch the amazing Disconnected K9's as these former shelter dogs perform their world-famous Frisbee-catching feats. Check out the incredible Ultimate Dock Diving Dogs, our Kids Zone, and fun lure course. Bark in the Park will have loads of vendors, food booths, and much more! Admission is free for all to enjoy. Riverside Park is located at 3001 Riverside Park Drive in Vero Beach.

To learn about Bark in the Park sponsor or vendor booth opportunities, please contact Jennifer Downes at jdownes@hsvb.org or call (772) 388-3826.

World Spay Day

World Spay Day is an international campaign committed to reducing the number of homeless pets through spaying and neutering. In honor of this event, HSVB provides our community's pet parents with incentives to get their pets sterilized. If you are an Indian River County resident who needs to have your pets spayed and neutered (or if you know someone needing help), please check our shelter's website hsvb.org and follow our social media pages for details on our upcoming World Spay Day spay/neuter promotions.

Cause for Paws

Save the date for our annual Cause for Paws Gala. CFP will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at Oak Harbor Club. Join us for a fantastic evening, which includes a three-course meal, open bar, and wonderful silent and live auction item. All proceeds allow HSVB to provide vital animal care and protection services to animals at the shelter and throughout our community. If you would like to purchase tickets to the event or become a sponsor, please contact Jennifer Downes at jdownes@hsvb.org or call (772) 388-3826.



December 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
CHRISTMAS EVE 24	CHRISTMAS DAY 25	26	27	28	29	NEW YEAR'S EVE 30

*Training dates are subject to change, please check the HSVB & IRC website for updates.



January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	NEW YEAR'S DAY 1	2	3	4	NATIONAL BIRD DAY 5	Volunteer Orientation 10-11 a.m. 6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	BARK IN THE PARK 20
SQUIRREL APPRECIATION DAY 21	Volunteer Orientation 4-5 p.m. 22	Feline Foster Orientation 5-6 p.m. 23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



February 2018 Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				NATIONAL SERPENT DAY 1	GROUNDHOG DAY 2	3 Volunteer Orientation 10-11 a.m. Cook for Your Pet with Dr. Cousino Noon-2 p.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	VALENTINE'S DAY 14	15	16	17
18	19	LOVE YOUR PET DAY 20	21	22	23	24
25	26	SPAY DAY USA 27 Volunteer Orientation 4-5 p.m. Feline Foster Orientation 5-6 p.m.	28			

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- Promoting spaying and neutering of companion animals.
- Promoting responsible pet ownership and respect for all life through humane education.
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