

PET PARADE

HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREATER MIAMI AND ADOPT-A-PET

SPRING 2006

HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY, SOFFER AND FINE ADOPTION CENTER!

It's hard to believe the Humane Society of Greater Miami/Adopt-A-Pet's Soffer and Fine Adoption Center has turned one year old! After many years of planning and fundraising, the \$5 million dollar, state-of-the-art Center's grand opening was celebrated February 19th, 2005. In honor of the occasion, Mayor Jeffrey A. Mishcon of the City of North Miami Beach declared February 19th "Humane Society of Greater Miami Soffer and Fine Adoption Center Day." The Center, located at 16101 West Dixie Highway, joined the Society's two other locations serving Miami-Dade County: the Palmetto Bay Center and the historic 95th Street Center.

Initiated thanks to the generosity of the Don Soffer Family and Ted and Jeanette Fine, the 26,510 square foot Soffer and Fine Adoption Center provides shelter for more than 200 cats and dogs on a daily basis, saving the lives of numerous homeless pets by creating additional space to house them until they are adopted into loving homes, no matter how long it takes. Since its opening, more than 1,382 dogs and cats have found loving homes at the Soffer and Fine Adoption Center!

Design services for the Center were donated by The Home of Fine Decorators, the largest residential design firm of its kind in the country. The dog and cat housing areas were designed to create a unique and inviting home-like environment for pets, with cozy furnishings, natural light from windows and skylights and beautiful artwork donated by local and world-renowned artists including Romero Britto, Marc Tetro, Xavier Cortada and photographer Deborah Samuel.

The Soffer and Fine Adoption Center is a hub of programs, services and activities for animal lovers of all ages. Activities include affordable dog training by top local trainers, pet loss counseling and engaging volunteer opportunities. The Center's Martin and Constance Silver Humane Education Center offers children's educational programming and after school activities such as "Confidence through Canines" read-

ing classes, animal-themed art classes and pet care and responsibility lessons. Unique to the Soffer and Fine Adoption Center is a grooming salon where the public can bring their pets to be primed and pampered at a reasonable price. While at the Center, pet lovers can browse the Bow Wow Meow Pet Boutique, which offers the latest in pet accessories and products.

The Center also features a low-cost clinic that provides preventive health care for pets including spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchip identification, flea and tick control and heartworm prevention. Since the Center's opening, more than 1000 dogs and cats have received vaccinations, and 101 lucky dogs and cats have received microchip identification to help them find their way back home should they become lost. Most importantly, 823 dogs and cats have been spayed or neutered at the Center's clinic since its opening, preventing the birth of thousands of unwanted puppies and kittens!

If you haven't yet visited the Soffer and Fine Adoption Center, we welcome you to stop by for a tour or to take advantage of our affordable clinic and pet grooming services. We're certain that you will love the new Center as much as the animals do!



Our birthday wish is to find life-long, loving homes.

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16101 West Dixie Hwy • North Miami Beach, FL 33160

North Adoption and Receiving Center

2101 N.W. 97th Street • Miami, FL 33147

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The Society's New Executive Director Emily Marquez and President Rick Mello

A Message from the Society's New Executive Director and Board President

We are delighted to join the amazing team of the Humane Society of Greater Miami/Adopt-A-Pet. The time could not be more relevant as we enter our seventh decade of finding loving and nurturing homes for adoptable cats and dogs in Miami-Dade County.

With such an honorable past, it only makes sense to take on the future head-on. We are committed to moving forward and to do so, we will take a close look at our past performance, review what other humane societies and animal welfare organizations are up to, and determine our path to follow into the future. We know that change will come; it is inevitable in today's day and age. Our county has changed - more people from many different backgrounds have made Miami their home. We need to adjust and keep up in order to meet the new needs of South Floridians. It may take some shuffling of priorities, and the creation of new and exciting programs - all for the best!

We hope that each and every one of you will join us as we embark on our journey of continuing to improve ourselves so that we can help more and more homeless cats and dogs. Thanks for all your past support and remember that now we need you more than ever! Please consider donating your time, talent or treasure to the Humane Society of Greater Miami/Adopt-a-Pet. We need you, our animals need you!

Thanks! And, here's to 70 years of greatness!

Rick Mello, *President*

Emily Marquez-Dulin, *Executive Director*

It's Puppy and Kitten Season! Here's How You Can Help Us Help Them...

Springtime is a common time for litters of orphaned puppies and kittens to be abandoned at the Society. These tiny bundles of joy often must be nurtured for several weeks until they are old enough to be placed up for adoption. Such long-term care limits the number of new animals the Society can allow into our adoption centers and presents a hefty financial commitment with each litter we receive. As a non profit organization, we depend on our community to help us help the animals year round, but springtime is an especially busy time when support from our community is truly a blessing.

Here's How You Can Help:

Spay or neuter your pets! It is a well-known fact that spayed/neutered dogs and cats live longer, healthier, happier lives. Plus, spayed/neutered pets do not add to the pet overpopulation problem. Prevent the suffering of generations of unwanted dogs and cats by making sure ALL of your pets, even those that live indoors, are spayed or neutered. Visit our website for information on our low-cost services: humanesocietymiami.org/clinicservices.htm

Become a foster care volunteer. The Society is in desperate need of volunteers to provide temporary foster homes for puppies and kittens. Foster parents will receive the instructions and supplies needed to care for the puppies or kittens. For more information about becoming a volunteer foster parent, please call Sahily at 305-749-1805.

Make a donation to allow us to continue offering foster care for orphaned pets. Monetary donations are desperately needed and always welcome! Make a donation anytime on our website (humanesocietymiami.org) or by calling 305-749-1833. Donations of foster care supplies are appreciated too: KMR, Puppylic, Nutrical, pet nursing bottles, heating pads and canned kitten and puppy food are always needed. For more information about donating supplies, please visit our website: humanesocietymiami.org/wish_list.htm.

KEEPING YOUR PET SAFE, COMFORTABLE AND FLEA-FREE

WITH TIPS FROM BARRY "THE BUG GUY"

Fleas are a year-round problem in South Florida due to our warm, temperate climate. Besides being undesirable and uncomfortable, fleas can present more serious, sometimes fatal health problems for dogs and cats. For example, fleas can transmit tapeworms to pets if the flea is consumed. Flea infestation can lead to anemia and secondary infection from scratching. Some dogs and cats can have allergic reactions to flea bites resulting in skin inflammation and hair loss. And, some of the diseases and parasites carried by fleas can infect humans as well.

When people realize that their pets have fleas, they often run to the store to purchase chemicals and pesticides to get rid of the tiny, unwanted pests. However, when it comes to fighting fleas with chemicals and pesticides in and around your home, the experts warn that less is better. Barry "The Bug Guy" Murray, National Spokesperson of Truly Nolen of America Inc. and Society Board Member, urges pet owners to be thoughtful when it comes to using pest control on and around your pets. "Rather than bombard your home, yard and pet with potentially harmful pesticides" says Murray, "it is smarter and safer to understand the life cycle of the creatures you are up against and then choose products, preferably natural products, specifically made to target the pest you are trying to eliminate."

Many of the readily-accessible, inexpensive pest control products available

in stores are not necessarily the safest choices, warns Murray. "Many of the products on the market are stronger than they need to be to be effective, which could mean that you are exposing your pets and family to excessive chemicals for no reason." Instead, Murray suggests a targeted approach for flea infestation, including vacuuming your home thoroughly each day (discarding the vacuum bag daily) and washing the pet's bedding each day. This will remove many of the flea eggs, larvae and pupae. Then, a natural borate-based flea product for indoor use can be used to kill any that remain, breaking the life cycle of the fleas. Outdoors, simply wetting down your lawn, shrubs and patio with water will kill many of the eggs and larvae. To kill adult fleas in your yard, purchase a flea-killing product such as permethrin, specifically for use outdoors. To protect your pets and family, be sure to follow all package instructions.

If you have a continuing problem with fleas, Murray suggests that you consider a home and yard maintenance program which would allow you to use very small amounts of long-lasting pesticides rather than using larger amounts of pesticides each time the fleas reappear. Should you decide to use flea control on your pet, ask your veterinarian which brand of the long-lasting, topical flea control products would be best for your pet (many of which are available at the Society's clinics at a low cost). Whichever products you choose,

Murray recommends that you compare the labels of the products used on your pet with the labels of the products used in your home and yard to make sure you are not using two products with similar active ingredients together, which could potentially be harmful to your pet. For example, if you treat your yard with a permethrin product and the flea spray you use on your pet also contains permethrin, you could be exposing your pet to dangerous amounts of the pesticide. "It's important to be thoughtful about types and amounts of products you use," says Murray. "Doing so will allow your pet to be safe, comfortable and flea-free."

FLEA FACTS

- Fleas are more attracted to men than to women. Fleas, like many insects, are attracted to CO2 emitted by living things. Since men are often physically larger than women, they emit more CO2 and therefore are more noticeable to fleas.
- The most common type of flea that affects dogs and cats in the US is the cat flea
- Fleas do not have eyes
- A female flea can consume 15 times her own body weight in blood in a single day
- Some fleas can jump a distance 150 times their body length. That is the equivalent of a 6 foot tall person jumping 900 feet!



Volunteer Freddi Hyman
with Office Cat Jake
Supervising

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: FREDDI HYMAN

Freddi Hyman began volunteering with the Society in March 2005. Having been an animal lover all her life, she had looked forward to her retirement years when she would be able to devote lots of her time to helping animals. Freddi spends on average 10 to 12 hours each week volunteering - whether it be helping with data entry in the administrative office or helping at outreach events. Her enthusiasm, knowledge and cheerful personality make Freddi a huge asset to the animals and staff at the Society. Of course her favorite part of volunteering is being around the animals. "I just love spending time with them," says Freddi. "They really need our help and I'm glad to be able to be here for them." Freddi and her husband share their home with a lovable mixed breed dog named Moonbeam that they adopted from Pets in Distress.

Putt for Paws Golf Tournament

The Society's second annual "Putt for Paws Golf Tournament" was held on March 10th 2006. This Pro AM tournament featured pros from the South Florida Golf Association who played as the fourth team mate in each foursome. Located at the beautiful Miami Shores Golf Club, each player enjoyed a delicious lunch, a relaxing game of golf and supper at the evening reception which included the awards ceremony, a silent auction and more...all to benefit the homeless pets of Miami-Dade County!



Winning Foursome:

Pedro Lanza, Lenny Whan, Johnny Garrasgazu and Pro Charles R. Smid

Lights! Camera! Action! It's Pawpurrazzi!



Pawpurrazzi guests Katrina Campins (of NBC's The Apprentice) with husband Matt and their "kids" Sake and Jax.

On January 19th 2006, people and their pets came together for Pawpurrazzi, a high-end photography exhibition showcasing the pets of local celebrities including Donald J Pliner, Michelle Pommier, Jason Taylor, Ken Gorin and Lauryn Williams, at the beautiful Village of Merrick Park in Coral Gables. Three of South Florida's hottest photographers, Carlos Baez, Carl Juste and Tomas Lansky, photographed the four-legged darlings and the stunning portraits were offered to the highest bidder during a silent auction with 100% of the proceeds benefiting the Society. Guests enjoyed delicious food by Thierry's Catering, cocktails provided by Dewar's 12, Southern Wine and Spirits and Bistro Dog Wine.

ZEUS ANGEL AWARD TO HONOR RESCUED PETS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Special to the Society's 2006 Pet-A-Paw-Looza and Walk for the Animals was the first-ever Zeus Angel Award, which recognizes rescued animals in our community that touch the lives of people through their work. The award was presented by Kelly Grimm, former Society Deputy Director for Society Advancement, in memory of her family's dog Zeus Grimm. Zeus, a large mixed-breed dog that the Grimms adopted from the Society, spent many years reaching out to school children and nursing home residents, brightening their lives and teaching valuable lessons about kindness and compassion towards animals. Zeus passed away in June 2005.



Zeus Grimm, Humane Ambassador

The first Zeus Angel Award was awarded to the Society's Humane Education Dog Madison who, along with her mom Humane Educator Madelyn Valle, has visited hundreds of

Miami-Dade County Schools and taught an estimated 32,000 children about the importance of being kind to animals and about the realities of responsible pet ownership.



The Society's Humane Education Coordinator Madelyn Valle with Education Dog Madison, artist Marc Tetro and award creator Kelly Grimm

Madelyn and boyfriend Lenny Whan adopted Madison from the Society when she was a puppy. "Everyone who meets Madison falls in love with her because she is so gentle and sweet," says Madelyn. "I hope people realize that they too can adopt an awesome dog like Madison - just visit your local animal shelter."

Madelyn was presented with a gorgeous portrait of Madison painted and donated by artist and long-time Society friend Marc Tetro. To learn more about the Zeus Angel Award, including how you can nominate a dog or cat for the award, please visit our website: humanesocietymiami.org/ZeusAward.htm.

Thanks to Everyone Who Helped Make The Society's Pet-A-Paw-Looza and Walk for the Animals 2006 a Huge Success!

More than 3,000 animal lovers and their dogs united on the morning of February 25th 2006 at Bayfront Park, Downtown Miami for the Humane Society of Greater Miami/Adopt-A-Pet's Pet-A-Paw-Looza and Walk for the Animals 2006. The Walk, presented by Purina, helped to raise more than \$136,000 for the Society's important programs and services that benefit the homeless animals of Greater Miami. Neither rain nor wind could stop Society supporters from strutting their stuff and, with help from our sponsors and our very special hosts Jennifer Santiago of UPN 33, Lonnie Quinn of NBC 6 and Susan Wise of 101.5 Lite FM, a gr-r-r-reat time was had by all!



The Top Individual Fundraiser was Anthony Richards. The Bank Atlantic Pack and Ryder Pack tied for the Top Adult Pack Fundraiser and the Miami Country Day School Key Club was the Top Kids Pack. Throughout the morning, Walkers enjoyed treats from Starbucks, Costco, Bob's Lemonade and Mama Mia's Italian Ice, demonstrations by the Miami-Dade Urban Search and Rescue

Team and All About Paws, and dog-friendly activities like paw art and Doggie Fun Zone. At the Society's microchipping booths, more than 40 lucky dogs received microchip identification to ensure they can be identified if they ever should become lost.



The Walk begins with a lucky dog biting through the rib-bone made of crunchy dog cookies



...And they're off! Ready for a stroll around Bayfront Park to raise money for homeless pets!



Event hosts UPN 33's Jennifer Santiago with dog Nakita, 101.5 Lite FM's Susan Wise, the UM Ibis and NBC 6's Lonnie Quinn



Top Adult Pack Co-Winner Ryder



Top Kids Pack Miami Country Day School Key Club



Members of Top Adult Pack Co-Winner Bank Atlantic

REMEMBER A SPECIAL PERSON, PET OR OCCASION WITH PET PARADE

For a special way to remember a person, pet or special occasion, we make a donation to the Humane Society of Greater Miami/Adopt-A-Pet! For \$25 or more we will list your memorial or dedication in Pet Parade. All memorials and dedications accompanied by a donation of \$100 or more will be represented in bold print. For all donations, we will send an acknowledgement to the bereaved or honored upon your request. Please send your memorial or dedication in the envelope provided noting whether you are making your donation for a person or companion animal, or call Betty at 305-749-1833. Please make all checks payable to the Humane Society of Greater Miami/Adopt-A-Pet.

People Memorials

Person
Adam Levy
Annie Feltan
Audra Winston Bonadio
Audrey J. Green
Barbara M. McKee
Barbara Schwartz

Barbara W. Murray
Bobbie Schwartz
Brad
Doris Warren Hayes

Dr. Marsha Phillips Black
Edward Pastroff
Erick Hunter

Gabriel Davis
Gilbert Blum

Ines Gomez
Jeanne Anderson

Jo
Kathy Lubel

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Margaret Morgan
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Susan

Shirley August

Anne Ross

Loree Peters

Abbey and Merry Peljan and Karen and Chuck Bernitt

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Rally Ann Frenk

Richard, Iva, Christine, and Jessie

Alison Nash

Mr. & Mrs. James A. Cronarty

Pet Memorials

Pet

Atmos

Baron Boy

Casey

China

Clair

Cocheese

Garbo

Gigi

Hans Solo

Jackson Pugh

Litto

Mortana

Morgan

Mrs. Miller, Juanita & Scarlett

Oliver

Pascha

Pitzalish

Ruben Pilder

Shal

Shelba and Shadow

Skye and Autumn Rayne

Stirling Jaquet

Zeus

People Honorariums

Person

Arnie Gregory
Catherine Phillips
Claudia Bird (Happy Chanukah)
Conrad Daich
Danielle Biallow
Debbie Casperino

Don Meyer

Eve Clementi and Hank

Greta Koppel

Judy Drucker

Marla

Marla Aledo

Mary Beth Melchior

Michael De Carlo

Michelle Headley

Monica Auslander

Mr. Benny Schechter

Mr. Cesar DiFazio

Mr. William Meyers

Mrs. Perley M. Moll

Natalie Freedman

Phil Edel

Robert Jenkins and John Fahey

Sandra Darnall

Senator J. Alex Vallalobos

Thom Baggitt

Tom Rivarigan

Pet Honorariums

Pet

Coco

Grizty Mendel

Homdog

Donor

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Michelle Grossman

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Elise Coren

Christine Sk

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Danielle Biallow

Sarah Cooper

Jack Tapert

Karen Klein

Shirley Tam

Gilda Gevis

Louise Todaro

Sam Paelegor

Mrs. Sobel and Mrs. Bernman's Kindergarten Class

Mrs. Barbara Cromarty

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Susan M. Kliney

Lauren Peltier

Janice Zuckerman

Phar Britton and Family

Evi Pinder

Joni James

Jackie, Kevin, and Finn

Bob and Audrey Hartwell

Donor

Ricardo Ortiz

Debra Mendel

Jane Horn

THANK YOU'S The Society is "mutts obliged" to:

Jared Horvitz for making the Society the beneficiary of his bar mitzvah.

Car Wash Kids - Hard working Miami Beach kids who raised \$300 for the Society's "Paws for Relief" fund to help pets left homeless by Hurricane Katrina.

Aly Garfinkle who donated 20 large baskets of much-needed items from our wish list as part of her bat mitzvah.

Brothers Robbie and Davey Frankel set up a lemonade stand in their Bay Harbor neighborhood and raised \$100 for the Society!

Tracy Leimbach for asking for donations for the Society in lieu of gifts for her retirement from Ryder System, Inc.

Dade Community Foundation for a much-appreciated grant.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

HAPPY TAILS

Budda Bear (formerly Woffie)

"When we made the decision to adopt a dog we knew it would be from the humane society. The moment we met Budda Bear we knew immediately he was the dog for us. Despite his size, he is so kind and gentle. We could not be happier with our decision to open our hearts and home to this wonderful dog!" - Cyndi and Jorge Gonzalez



Duma (formerly Strellita)

When Lourdes Ruiz came to the Society to adopt a cat in December 2005, she was immediately drawn to Duma, a sassy kitty with big gold eyes. "Duma has made herself quite at home at my house," says Ruiz. "She follows me everywhere I go and is my alarm clock that wakes me up at 7am each day." Ruiz says she definitely recommends adoption to friends who are looking for pets. "There are so many great pets at shelters looking for homes."



Ruffus

Ruffus, a terrier mix, patiently waited several months at the Society for his turn to find a loving home. His lucky day came in October 2005 when eleven year-old Paulina Litter successfully convinced her parents (after months of trying!) that their family needed a dog. "He is a great dog and the kids are crazy about him" says dad Albert Litter. "They can't wait to come home from school and play with him."



Jake

Jake, a handsome one-and-a-half year-old kitty, longed for a loving family and a warm bed to call his own. His dreams came true when he was adopted by Etain Connor in February 2006. Now Jake has everything he has ever wanted and more - a doting mom, a feline sister named Maisey to play with, a huge, warm bed and a life-long, loving home.



THE SECOND CHANCE FUND SAVING PETS THAT NEED SPECIAL CARE

Traveling on Miami's Palmetto Expressway can be exasperating and overwhelming at best. Now, imagine you are twelve inches tall and trying to find your way around the Palmetto - you're scared, confused, terrified - you try to run away to safety and then BAM! You're hit by a car. So describes the late-January experiences of a three year-old kitty that came to be known as Palmer. Fortunately for Palmer, Society Veterinary Technician Saskia Henriquez was also traveling on the Palmetto that day. After spotting Palmer on the side of the highway, his hind end badly injured, Henriquez scooped him up and brought him to the Society.



With money from the Second Chance Fund, Dr. Swann was able perform surgery on Palmer, allowing him to regain normal function in his hindquarters.



Thanks to the Second Chance Fund, Palmer will live a long and happy life. Interested in adopting Palmer? Please call Linda at 305-749-1812.

Thanks to the Society's Second Chance Fund, a special donation account set up to pay for the treatment of homeless dogs and cats in need of special veterinary services, Society veterinarian Dr. Maureen Swann was able to perform reconstructive surgery on Palmer to save his life. Palmer's friendly nature and good spirits throughout his painful ordeal caused him to win the hearts of all Society staff. If not for the Second Chance Fund (and of course the efforts of Saskia Henriquez and Dr. Swann!), Palmer most certainly would not be with us today.

If you would like to make a donation to the Second Chance Fund to help give a second chance to deserving pets like Palmer, please send a donation using the enclosed envelope, noting you would like your donation to go to the Second Chance Fund or call 305-749-1833.

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The Society Helps Create Fund to Aid Hurricane Katrina Pets with Heartworm Disease

After Hurricane Katrina, the Humane Society of Greater Miami/Adopt-A-Pet created the "Paws for Relief" fund to raise money for the many pets affected by Hurricane Katrina. The Society was thrilled when a generous donor in our community offered to match all donations received up to \$20,000! In less than two weeks, the Society met and exceeded that goal, thanks to the kindness of animal lovers in Greater Miami and beyond. In total, more than \$50,000 was raised to help pets affected by Hurricane Katrina!

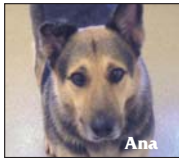
As the hurricane-affected animals were rescued, documented and transported to shelters around the country to be cared for and reunited with their families or adopted, it was realized that a large number of the pets rescued suffered from heartworm disease, a potentially fatal condition. To help these down-on-their-luck dogs and cats, the Society partnered with the Humane Society of the United States, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) to establish and fund the Hurricane Heartworm Treatment program to pay for the medical care of these deserving dogs and cats.

Animals eligible for the Hurricane Heartworm Treatment program were dogs and cats taken from the disaster zone through two emergency animal shelters that were established in Louisiana and Mississippi. Grants of up to \$500 were awarded for heartworm treatment through AAHA-accredited veterinary practices for each affected pet. To date, more than 350 dogs and cats have been given a "third chance" at life because of the Hurricane Heartworm Treatment program.

Thank you to all who gave to the Paws for Relief Fund that helped make this program possible!

Did you know that Florida ranks #2 in the nation for the greatest number of heartworm positive dogs?
Did you know that heartworm is 100% preventable?
Purchase heartworm prevention for your pet at an affordable price at one of the Society's clinics.

3 Hurricane Katrina Orphans Still Looking For Homes



Despite suffering structural and financial losses from the 2005 hurricane season, the Society was fortunate to be able to take in and care for more than a dozen pets left homeless by Hurricane Katrina.

On September 21st 2005, Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League of Palm Beach County flew in approximately 100 hurricane-affected pets to the Palm Beach International Airport. The Society, along with other rescue groups from as far as Vero Beach, met the airplane that transported the pets from the Lamar-Dixon Exposition Center in Louisiana.

Ten dogs and four cats were brought back to the Society and, while still a little scared, thin and bewildered, the pets received much-needed medical care, shelter, food and TLC from our staff and volunteers. The pets were listed on

Petfinder.com in case their owners were looking for them. The Society agreed to keep and care for the animals for several weeks (to allow their owners a chance to claim them) before making them available for adoption in early November.

The Society was able to reunite six of the animals with their owners, transporting one of them as far away as South Carolina, so they could be back in the arms of their displaced families. Several of the animals were adopted. And, at the time of this publication, three of them were still searching for new homes: Ana and Lou who are German Shepherd mixes and Martí, a Domestic Short Hair kitty. If you are interested in learning more about any of these three deserving animals, please contact Sandy at 305-749-1821.